

interests required that there should be communication, especially in connection with the signal and other stations established by the Marine Department along the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, and also for the advancement of settlement in the North-West Territories.

336. There were 1,394 miles of land lines and 174 miles of cable along the St. Lawrence and eastern coasts, 903 miles of land lines in the Territories, and 294 miles of land lines in British Columbia. The principal cable lines on the eastern coasts are in connection with the Island of Anticosti and the Magdalen Islands; and in British Columbia, across the Straits of Georgia, and between Vancouver's Island and Washington Territory.

337. The following table gives the length of the various lines operated by Government on 30th June, 1889:—

LAND AND CABLE TELEGRAPH LINES IN CANADA, OWNED AND OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT IN THE SEVERAL PROVINCES.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES.	DISTANCE IN MILES.		Grand Total.
	Intermediate.		
	Land.	Cable.	
Newfoundland (subsidized line)— Port aux Basques to Cape Ray	14		14
Nova Scotia— Sydney to Meat Cove	127 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	214
Low Point to Lingan	5		
Barrington to Cape Sable Island	16	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Mabou to Cheticamp	63		
New Brunswick— Bay of Fundy Lines	29	9 $\frac{1}{8}$	80 $\frac{1}{8}$
Chatham to Escuminac	42		
Quebec— Magdalen Islands	83 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,086 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anticosti Island	242	44 $\frac{1}{4}$	
North Shore of St. Lawrence	460 $\frac{1}{4}$	39 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Chicoutimi	92		
Quarantine, Grosse Isle	46	6	
Ontario— Pelec Island	23	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	31 $\frac{3}{4}$
North-West Territory	903		903
British Columbia	294	$\frac{1}{2}$	294 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total	2,440 $\frac{3}{4}$	183 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,623 $\frac{7}{8}$

Situation of lines.

Particulars of Government telegraph lines.