

Telegraph lines built and subsidized by Government.

338. In addition to the above lines the Government have built or subsidized the following lines : From Canso to Halifax, 208 miles, maintained and operated by the Western Union Telegraph Company ; south shore of St. Lawrence, Grand Metis to Gaspé Basin, 206 miles, operated by the Great North-Western Telegraph Company, and the Bath-Amherst Island line, 8 miles, operated by the North American Telegraph Company, making a total of 3,045 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles built or subsidized by Government.

Revenue and expenditure of Government lines, 1889.

339. The next statement gives the revenue and expenditure in connection with the construction, working and maintenance of the different systems for the year ended 30th June, 1889 :—

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES IN CANADA—EARNINGS AND WORKING EXPENSES, 1889.

LINES.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure.
	\$	\$	\$
Gulf of St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—			
Anticosti Island.....	432	4,167	3,735
Magdalen Islands (including Meat Cove lines)...	1,692	6,865	5,173
Cheticamp—Mabou.....	275	778	503
Cape Sable—Barrington.....	64	368	304
Chatham—Escuminac.....	132	243	111
Grosse Isle Quarantine.....	295	7,178	6,883
Bay of Fundy.....	726	1,074	348
North Shore, St. Lawrence.....	2,671	7,940	5,269
Subsidies, office materials and contingencies.....		9,936	9,936
Ontario, Bath—Amherst Island.....	46	45	
"  Pelee Island.....	70	70	
North-West system.....	6,414	25,138	18,724
	12,817	63,802	50,986
Excess of Revenue.....			1
Total excess of Expenditure..			*50,985

\*The Signal Service and Meteorological Service messages are transmitted free of charge, and the cost of construction of new lines, amounting to over \$11,000, is included.

A considerable mileage of new line was built during 1889, and a large amount of repairs and re-poling was done.