

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. Since the establishment of the telegraph service in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and along the Atlantic coast the reduction in Marine insurance premiums has been 50 per cent.

Situation
of lines.

344. There were 1,217 miles of land lines and 173 miles of cable along the St. Lawrence and eastern coast, 903 miles of land lines in the Territories, and 294 miles of land lines in British Columbia. The principal cable lines on the eastern coast 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.

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lines.

345. The following table gives the length of the various lines operated by Government on 30th June, 1890:—

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

| GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES. | DISTANCE IN MILES. | | Grand Total. |
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| | 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Chatham to Escuminac..... | 42 | | |
| Quebec— Magdalen Islands | 83 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 73 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 1,081 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Anticosti Island..... | 242 | 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| North Shore of St. Lawrence..... | 456 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Chicoutimi | 92 | | |
| Quarantine, Grosse Ile. | 46 | 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| Ontario— Pelee Island | 23 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| North-West Territory | 903 | | 903 |
| British Columbia..... | 294 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 294 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Total | 2,436 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 182 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,619 $\frac{1}{2}$ |