

346. 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 3,045½ miles built or subsidized by Government.

Telegraph lines built and subsidized by Government.

347. 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, 1890:—

Revenue and Expenditure of Government telegraph lines, 1890.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES IN CANADA—EARNINGS AND WORKING EXPENSES, 1890.

LINES.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure.
Gulf of St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—	\$	\$	\$
Anticosti Island	202	1,879	1,677
Magdalen Islands (including Meat Cove lines).	1,666	3,968	2,302
Cheticamp—Mabou	204	868	664
Cape Sable—Barrington	50	312	262
Chatham—Escuminac	106	433	327
Grosse Isle Quarantine	37	1,039	712
Bay of Fundy	361	1,024	663
North Shore, St. Lawrence	2,567	8,408	5,841
Subsidies, office materials and contingencies		8,312	8,312
Ontario, Pelee Island	119	90	
North-West system	6,379	23,036	16,657
	11,981	49,369	37,417
Excess of Revenue			29
Total excess of Expenditure			37,388

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348. The following table gives particulars of telegraphs in all the principal countries in the world:—

Telegraphs in principal countries.