

PART II.—TELEGRAPHS.

420. The principal telegraph lines in Canada are in private hands, and the Government only own and operate those lines which have been built by them in furtherance of the public service, between places where the traffic could not be expected to be sufficient to compensate private outlay, but where public interests require that there shall 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. 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.

Government telegraph lines.

421. There were 1,222 miles of land lines and 197 miles of cable along the St. Lawrence and eastern coast, 834 miles of land lines in the Territories, and 412 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 Island and Washington Territory.

Situation of Government lines.

422. The following table gives the length of the various lines owned by Government on 30th June, 1892:—

Particulars of Government lines.

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

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES.	DISTANCE IN MILES.		Grand Total.
	Land.	Cable.	
Newfoundland (subsidized line)—			
Port aux Basques to Cape Ray . . . . .	14		14
Nova Scotia—			
Meat Cove, C.B., to St. Paul's Island . . . . .		20	
Across Ingonish, Harbour, C.B. . . . .		$\frac{1}{4}$	
“ St. Ann's “ . . . . .		$\frac{1}{4}$	
*Sydney to Meat Cove . . . . .	127 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Low Point to Lingan . . . . .	5		
Barrington to Cape Sable Island . . . . .	16	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	234 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mabou to Cheticamp . . . . .	63		
New Brunswick—			
Bay of Fundy . . . . .	34	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	86 $\frac{1}{4}$
Chatham to Escuminac . . . . .	42		