

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.

1160. 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 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.

1161. The following table gives the length of the various lines owned by Government on 30th June, 1893 :—

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	234½
Across Ingonish, Harbour, C.B.....	.....	¼	
“ St. Ann's “.....	.....	¼	
*Sydney to Meat Cove.....	127¾	½	
Low Point to Lingan.....	5	.....	
Barrington to Cape Sable Island.....	16	1¾	96½
Mabou to Cheticamp.....	63	.....	
New Brunswick— Bay of Fundy.....	34	10½	96½
Chatham to Escuminac.....	52	.....	
Quebec— Magdalen Islands.....	83½	55½	1,085
Anticosti Island.....	242	65¼	
North shore of St. Lawrence.....	456¾	39¼	
Chicoutimi.....	92	.....	
Quarantine, Grosse Isle.....	46	4¾	
Ontario— Pelee Island.....	24	8¾	32¾
North-west Territories.....	834	.....	834
¶British Columbia.....	412	½	412½
Total.....	2,502	207	2,709

\* Operated by Western Union.

¶ Operated by C. P. R.