

1162. 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 Gaspe 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. They have also built and transferred the following cables : Nova Scotia, 1 1-4 miles ; Ontario, 2 1-2 miles ; British Columbia, 42 miles (sold to Canadian Pacific Railway), making in all a total of 3,176 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles built or subsidized by Government.

1163. 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, 1893 :—

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES IN CANADA—EARNINGS AND WORKING EXPENSES, 1893.

LINES.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Excess of Expenditure
	\$	\$	\$
Gulf of St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—			
Anticosti Island	408	2,151	1,743
Magdalen Islands (including Meat Cove lines)	1,071	3,147	2,076
Cheticamp—Mabou	281	862	581
Cape Sable—Barrington	34	243	209
Chatham—Escuminac	168	416	248
Grosse Isle quarantine	964	688	*276
Bay of Fundy	765	1,242	477
North shore, St. Lawrence	3,694	7,724	4,030
Low Point		50	50
Cape Ray		500	500
Subsidies, office materials and contingencies		1,964	1,964
Ontario—Peele Island	142	635	493
North-west system	1,800	16,328	14,528
Total	9,328	35,950	26,622

* Excess of Revenue.

1164. The revenue in 1892 amounted to \$10,215, the expenditure to \$48,873, and the excess of expenditure over revenue to \$38,658.

1165. The excess of expenditure was \$12,036 less in 1893 than in 1892.

1166. The meteorological service messages and all shipping and fisheries reports are transmitted free of charge.