

1170. The following table shows that only eight countries in the world possess a greater telegraphic mileage than Canada, and that with the exception of the Australasian colonies, no other country possesses the same telegraphic facilities :—

TELEGRAPHS IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Number of Persons to each office.
<i>Europe.</i>					
Austria-Hungary.....	31,862	89,344	16,932,577	6,325	6,540
Belgium.....	4,617	22,739	8,445,593	965	6,300
Denmark.....	3,674	10,280	1,673,038	375	5,827
France.....	59,693	197,622	45,328,888	10,589	3,621
German Empire.....	73,198	259,628	31,175,100	18,739	2,638
Great Britain... 1894.....	34,056	209,046	69,907,848	92,108,507	4,463
Greece.....	4,751	5,630	1,164,863	191	11,451
Italy.....	23,665	90,379	9,002,449	4,796	6,378
Netherlands.....	3,398	12,098	4,302,978	473	9,872
Portugal.....	3,985	8,839	1,354,827	366	12,864
Russia.....	88,280	172,360	10,103,810	3,796	33,193
Roumania.....	3,524	8,000	1,590,525	411	14,112
Servia.....	1,941	3,716	653,449	143	15,572
Spain.....	15,988	35,094	4,766,192	1,177	14,924
Sweden.....	5,477	14,600	1,849,533		
Norway.....	5,872	11,405	1,726,227	378	5,293
Switzerland.....	4,515	11,990	3,630,604	1,439	2,028
Turkey.....	20,380			671	41,278
<i>Asia.</i>					
China.....					
India.....	38,625	120,159	3,308,998	1,001	286,936
Japan.....	7,671	22,244	4,523,430	524	77,707
Persia.....	4,150	6,700	125,478	99	90,909
Straits Settlement.....	1,133				
<i>Africa.</i>					
Cape of Good Hope.....	5,789		1,424,361	310	4,927
Natal.....	688				
Egypt.....	1,922	6,763	1,470,000		
<i>America.</i>					
Argentine Republic.....	20,415		2,340,000	‡946	450
Brazil.....	8,620		1,001,535	212	66,049
Canada.....	31,841	69,111	†4,614,944	2,692	1,824
Chili.....	13,730		619,429	411	6,977
Mexico.....	37,880			800	14,553
Peru.....	1,080			36	72,829
United States.....	*205,933	833,189	75,927,150	*21,078	*3,119
Uruguay.....	3,904		224,267	76	9,585

‡ Including Post Offices.

* Western Union Telegraph only. Postal Telegraph Companies not obtained.

† Shipping, fishery and weather reports not included.