

TELEGRAPHS IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.
(Continued.)

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Number of Persons to each office.
<i>Australasia.</i>					
New South Wales.....	11,905	26,443	4,046,251	706	1,696
Victoria.....	7,137	14,000	2,726,000	810	1,408
Queensland.....	9,996	17,646	905,124	354	1,190
South Australia.....	†5,640	10,432
Western Australia.....	3,288	4,013	251,247	47	1,059
Tasmania.....	2,222	3,383	329,334	232	632
New Zealand.....	5,479	13,459	1,904,143

†Including telephones.

1171. The land telegraph lines are usually owned by Governments, the submarine lines by private companies. The United States own no telegraphs, so far as the public is concerned. In the British colonies the telegraphs are, as a rule, under Government control. In 1892 the Government of India controlled 38,625 miles of line, handled 3,308,998 messages, and had a net revenue of nearly \$400,000. At the Cape of Good Hope the telegraphs were built at the expense of the Government. In New South Wales \$4,000,000 have been borrowed to construct the 26,433 miles of wire operated by the state, the net return of which was last year 3.02 per cent of the cost of construction. In New Zealand the telegraph is entirely in the hands of the state, as it is in Queensland. Canada is an exception to most of the British colonies, the telegraph lines being in the hands of companies, only 2,700 miles out of 31,841 miles belonging to the state.

In Europe, the Government control is almost complete. In Great Britain, in 1893, there were ~~209,046~~ miles of line, of which 22,771 were private. In Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland the state owns the lines, excepting those belonging to railways. Denmark owns 2,816 out of 3,674 miles. Russia owns 83,900 miles out of a total of 88,280 miles. In Japan, Government control prevails. In Persia the Government owns about 3,400 miles of wire, and the Indo-European Company, 1,090 miles. Brazil controls her lines. In the Argentine Republic, in 1891, of the 20,415 miles, 11,250 were national ; 1,115 miles of land lines