

TELEGRAPHS.

1338. 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.

1339. There were 1,254 miles of land lines and 197 miles of cable along the St. Lawrence and eastern coast, 698 miles of land lines in the Territories, and 475 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.

1340. The following table gives the length of the various lines owned by Government on 30th June, 1894:—

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

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES	Land Lines.	Cables.	Total.
	Miles.	Knots.	
Newfoundland—			
Port au Basque, Cape Ray. . . . .	14	.....	14
Nova Scotia—			
North Sydney, Meat Cove (with loops).....	151½	.....	152½
Across Bras d'Or Channel . . . . .	.....	½	
“ St. Ann's Harbour . . . . .	.....	¼	
“ Ingonish “ . . . . .	.....	¼	
Meat Cove, St. Paul's Island . . . . .	.....	20	23
Mabou, Cheticamp . . . . .	3	.....	
Barrington, Cape Sable. . . . .	63	.....	63
Across Bear Point Channel . . . . .	16	.....	17½
“ Light-house “ . . . . .	.....	1½	
New Brunswick—			
Chatham, Escuminac . . . . .	42	.....	42
Bay of Fundy System—			
East Port, Campobello . . . . .	.....	1¾	44½
On Mainland, East Port . . . . .	½	.....	
On Campobello Island . . . . .	7½	.....	
Campobello, Grand Mannan . . . . .	.....	7¼	
On Grand Mannan Island . . . . .	25½	.....	
Grand Mannan, Cheney's Island . . . . .	.....	½	
On Cheney's Island . . . . .	¾	.....	¾
Cheney's Island, Whitehead Island . . . . .	.....	¾	
Quebec—			
Baie St. Paul, Chicoutimi . . . . .	92	.....	92
Murray Bay, Point Esquimaux . . . . .	456¾	.....	496
Across Saguenay River . . . . .	.....	1¼	
Bersimis to Manicouagan . . . . .	.....	12	
Manicouagan to Godbout . . . . .	.....	26	