1342. 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
	$	$	$
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—			
Anticosti Island	390	2,614	2,224
Bay of Fundy	672	1,114	442
Cape Ray	.....	250	250
Cape Sable	54	394	340
Cheticamp	462	944	482
Escuminac	136	504	368
Low Point Agency	.....	50	50
Magdalen Islands	297	4,243	3,946
Meat Cove and St. Paul's Island	1,036	2,861	1,825
North shore St. Lawrence (east of Betsamis)	1,103	4,291	3,188
" " (west "	1,310	3,122	1,812
Quarantine	484	612	128
Subsidies, office materials, contingencies, &c	.....	2,866	2,866
Ontario—Pelee Island	139	750	611
North-west telegraph lines	1,573	14,115	12,542
British Columbia—Comox line	961	1,994	1,033
*Bakerville	.....	2,970	2,970
*Cape Beale	.....	5,028	5,028

*The company operating these lines retains the revenue and the government reimburses them the excess of expenditure over revenue.

The revenue in 1893 amounted to $9,328, the expenditure to $35,950, and the excess of expenditure over revenue to $26,622.

The excess of expenditure was $13,483 more in 1894 than in 1893.

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

1343. The telegraph business of Canada from Quebec, westward, is in the hands of the Great North-western Telegraph Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, while in the Maritime Provinces it is transacted by the Western Union Telegraph Company. The following are particulars concerning these companies in 1893 :—

COMPANY.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.
Great North-western Telegraph Co	18.165	34,628	2,643,318	1,471
Canadian Pacific Railway Co	7,600	26,000	1,200,000	880
Western Union*	3,172½	8,113	344,919	214
Total	28,937½	68,741	4,188,237	2,565

*The number of words of press messages sent in 1894 was 1,410,899.