

Of France, the *Economiste Français* said: "At the present day France is covered from one end of the country to the other with a net-work of telephone lines. France set the example of long-distance telephones by the creation of direct communication between Paris, Lyons and Marseilles (562 miles). This, however, has since been excelled by the telephone line between New York and Chicago (994 miles.)"

1361. The United States in 1894 had 353,480 miles of telephone wire. Canada had 8,800 miles of wire for each million of her people; the United States, 4,700 miles.