

TELEGRAPHS.

1150. 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.

1151. There were 1,259 miles of land lines and 227 miles of cable along the St. Lawrence and eastern coast, 698 miles of land lines in the Territories and 505 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.

The following table gives the length of the various lines owned by the Government on 30th June, 1895:—

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

LOCATION OF LINES.	Points connected.	Land Lines.	Cables.	Total.
		Miles.	Knots.	
Newfoundland	Port au Basque—Cape Ray	14		14
Nova Scotia	North Sydney—Meat Cove (with loops)	156½		157½
"	" Across Bras d'Or Channel		½	
"	" St. Ann's Harbour		¼	
"	" Ingonish Harbour		¼	
"	Meat Cove—St. Paul's Island		20	23
"	On St. Paul's Island	3		
"	Mabou—Cheticamp	63		63
"	Barrington—Cape Sable	16		17½
"	" Across Bear Point Channel		1½	
"	" Light-House Channel		¼	
New Brunswick	Chatham—Escuminac	42		42
"	<i>Bay of Fundy System:</i>			
"	Eastport—Campobello		1¾	41½
"	On mainland Eastport		½	
"	On Campobello Island	7½		
"	Campobello—Grand Manan		7¼	
"	On Grand Manan Island	25½		
"	Grand Manan—Cheney's Island		½	
"	On Cheney's Island	¾		
"	Cheney's Island—Whitehead Island		¾	