1153. 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, 1895 :—

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES IN CANADA—EARNINGS AND WORKING EXPENSES, 1895.

Lines.	Revenue.	Expenditure	Excess of Expenditure
	$	$	$
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—			
Anticosti Island	326	2,277	1,951
Bay of Fundy	405	3,015	2,610
Cape Ray	.....	250	250
Cape Sable	14	688	674
Cheticamp	412	778	366
Escuminac	172	656	484
Low Point Agency	420	50	+370
Magdalen Islands	832	2,312	1,480
Meat Cove and St. Paul's Island	956	2,076	1,120
North Shore St. Lawrence (east of Bersimis)	1,584	5,089	3,505
" " (west "	406	3,712	3,306
Quarantine	.....	1,069	1,069
SS. "Newfield" services	.....	2,500	2,500
Subsidies, office materials, contingencies, &c.	.....	668	668
Ontario—Pelee Island	127	1,604	1,477
North-west telegraph lines	1,772	14,139	12,368
British Columbia—Comox line	906	1,871	965
*Bakerville	.....	3,340	3,340
*Cape Beale	.....	4,784	4,784
	8,331	49,878	41,547

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

The revenue in 1895 amounted to $8,331, the expenditure to $49,878, and the excess of expenditure over revenue to $41,547.

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

1154. 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 1895 :—

Company.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.
Great North-western Telegraph Co.	18,174	34,222	2,490,465	1,462
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	7,600	26,000	1,200,000	880
Western Union*	3,041½	8,022	333,834	214
Total	28,815½	68,244	4,024,299	2,556

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