

The telephone system in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba is largely under the control of the Bell Telephone Company of Montreal. In the other provinces a number of companies have undertaken to supply the public needs.

The returns received show that there were connected with the several systems 44,000 miles of wire and 33,500 instruments, and that 72,500,000 messages were sent in 1893. The returns for 1896 do not vary greatly from those of 1893.

## MILITIA.

The following is a statement of the regimental establishments of the permanent and active militia for the year ended 30th June, 1897 :—

## REGIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE PERMANENT AND ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA, 1897.

*Permanent Militia.*

REGIMENTS OF	Officers.	Staff-Sgts. and Sergeants.	Rank and File.	Total.	Horses.
Royal Canadian Dragoons.....	10	22	113	145	101
Royal Canadian Artillery.....	23	42	275	340	78
Royal Regt. of Canadian Infantry.	20	49	248	317	4
Total.....	53	113	636	802	183

*Active Militia.*

Cavalry*.....	193	231	1,654	2,078	1,904
Artillery, Field†.....	102	121	1,122	1,345	495
Artillery, Garrison‡.....	156	126	2,038	2,320	.....
Engineers§.....	9	10	132	151	.....
Infantry  .....	2,527	1,889	24,503	28,920	351
Total..	2,987	2,377	29,449	34,814	2,750
Grand Total.....	3,040	2,490	30,085	35,616	2,933

\*9 Regiments; Squadron; 3 Troops. †1 Brigade; 15 Batteries. ‡5 Battalions; Companies. §2 Companies. ||2 Battalions: 6 Companies.

A government cartridge factory was established in Quebec in 1882.

The ammunition manufactured during the years 1895 and 1896 was as follows :—

1895—392,700 rounds .303" blank cartridge.  
 1,215 9 Pr. R. M. L. common shells.  
 1,752 9 Pr. R. M. L. Shrapnel shells.

1896—2,272 9 Pr. common shells.  
 304 9 Hr. R. M. L. Shrapnel shells.  
 604 40 Pr. R. B. L. tin caps.