

TELEGRAPHS IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD—*Con.*

COUNTRIES.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Number of Persons to each Office.
<i>Europe—Con.</i>						
Spain.....	1894	23,636	59,247	5,962,339	1,421	12,361
Sweden.....	1896	8,281	25,578	2,213,444	1,425	3,516
Norway.....	1897	6,646	17,181	2,012,094	.....	.....
Switzerland.....	1897	5,344	20,888	3,729,194	1,997	1,544
Turkey.....	.....	21 800	33,760	.....	1,649	3,463
<i>Asia.</i>						
India.....	1897	48,584	148,136	5,077,584	1,563	141,505
Japan.....	1897	11,720	37,661	10,978,153	1,114	38,338
Persia.....	1897	4,150	6,700	163,134	95	94,737
<i>Africa.</i>						
Cape of Good Hope..	1897	6,609	.....	2,392,503	426	4,146
Egypt.....	1897	2,058	8,770	2,498,834	.....	.....
<i>America.</i>						
Argentine Republic.....	1896	25,345	59,060	4,953,887	1,237	3,197
Brazil.....	1895	10,143	21,936	1,283,695	289	49,598
Canada.....	1898	29,548	76,013	4,407,265	2,591	2,026
Chile*.....	1897	9,832	11,200	1,255,806	229	13,316
Mexico.....	1898	42,150	.....	.....	327	38,593
Peru.....	1897	1,933	.....	121,492	48	54,622
United States.....	1898	189,847	874,420	62,173,749	2,210	3,349
Uruguay.....	.....	4,380	.....	332,447	97	8,173
<i>Australasia.</i>						
New South Wales.....	1897	12,778	33,073	2,728,360	886	1,508
New Zealand*.....	1897-8	6,484	18,024	2,696,233	.....	.....
Queensland.....	1897	10,090	18,472	934,326	367	1,345
South Australia†.....	1897	5,862	14,447	.....	.....	.....
Tasmania*.....	1897	1,884	‡ 3,740	344,980	225	763
Victoria.....	1897	6,947	14,374	1,821,634	778	1,503
Western Australia....	1897	5,958	8,111	1,306,003	142	1,140

* State lines only.

† Includes telephone lines, &c.

‡ Includes 427 miles of cable.

TELEPHONE STATISTICS, 1898.

Number of companies in Canada.....	62
" " from whom returns were received.....	37
" offices.....	1,369
" sets of instruments.....	43,547
" miles of poles.....	19,211
" " wire.....	70,430
" messages sent.....	*89,796,917

* Out of 37 companies sending returns 18 are unable to give number of messages sent as no record is kept.