

TELEPHONE STATISTICS, 1899.

Number of companies in Canada.....	58
" " from whom returns were received....	38
" offices.....	1,500
" sets of instruments.....	43,902
" miles of poles.....	24,933
" " wire.....	82,219
" messages sent.....	*114,953,381

* Out of 38 companies sending returns 19 are unable to give number of messages sent as no record is kept.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANIES IN CANADA.

The following table shows the electric light companies registered under the Electric Light Inspection Act, during the years ended 30th June, 1898 and 1899 :—

PROVINCES.	1898.				1899.			
	Companies.	NUMBER OF LAMPS.		Regis- tration Fees.	Companies.	NUMBER OF LAMPS.		Regis- tration Fees.
		Arc.	Incan- descent.			Arc.	Incan- descent.	
				\$				\$
Ontario.....	165	6,185	238,191	2,295	172	6,297	271,220	2,495
Quebec.....	40	2,609	131,101	625	44	3,060	163,014	710
Nova Scotia.....	20	450	28,697	310	23	401	33,109	320
New Brunswick.....	9	411	13,500	150	10	459	15,101	175
Manitoba.....	6	162	13,800	120	6	155	13,190	120
British Columbia.....	11	457	28,866	200	12	477	39,578	210
Prince Edward Island.	3	90	4,780	45	3	87	6,325	60
The Territories.....	5	25	4,680	65	5	26	5,105	80
Totals.....	259	10,389	463,615	3,810	275	10,962	546,642	4,170

NOTE.—1 arc light is estimated to be equal to 10 incandescents.