

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 1891 to 1900 :—

COMPANIES.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.
*Great North-western Telegraph Co	1891	17,966	33,505	2,846,030	1,523
	1892	17,967	33,437	2,804,631	1,511
	1893	18,000	35,000	2,900,000	1,600
	1894	18,165	34,628	2,643,318	1,471
	1895	18,174	34,222	2,490,465	1,462
	1896	18,201	34,413	2,523,302	1,457
	1897	18,206	34,423	2,454,921	1,478
	1898	18,228	34,545	2,400,185	1,457
	1899	18,286	34,794	2,501,641	1,482
	1900	18,230	34,810	2,623,237	1,457
Canadian Pacific Railway Co	1891	6,700	23,265	*1,003,000	1,466
	1892	7,000	24,700	*1,300,000	750
	1893	7,600	26,000	*1,300,000	800
	1894	7,600	26,000	*1,200,000	880
	1895	7,600	26,000	*1,200,000	880
	1896	7,900	26,500	*1,250,000	880
	1897	8,173	28,263	*1,500,000	880
	1898	8,385	†33,143	*1,650,000	921
	1899	8,886	35,006	*1,900,000	970
	1900	9,505	37,112	*1,900,000	996
Western Union.....	1891	3,200	8,034	368,530	209
	1892	3,175	8,066	360,313	214
	1893	3,175	8,111	350,253	212
	1894	3,172	8,113	344,919	214
	1895	3,041	8,022	333,834	214
	1896	2,948	8,010	*172,442	209
	1897	2,939	8,075	359,004	214
	1898	2,935	8,386	357,080	213
	1899	2,912	8,476	384,560	215
	1900	2,922	8,682	437,157	218
Total	1891	27,866	63,804	4,217,560	2,482
	1892	28,142	66,203	4,464,944	2,525
	1893	28,775	69,111	4,550,253	2,692
	1894	28,937	68,741	4,188,237	2,565
	1895	28,815	63,244	4,024,299	2,556
	1896	28,949	68,923	3,945,744	2,546
	1897	29,318	70,761	4,313,925	2,572
	1898	29,548	76,013	4,407,265	2,591
	1899	30,084	75,276	4,786,101	2,667
	1900	30,717	80,604	4,960,414	2,680

* Not including press messages. † Including 61 miles of cables.

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