

With the exception of the Pacific every ocean and sea is now girdled with cables. The latest statistics of the Berne Convention show that there were, in 1901, in operation 1,769 cables having an aggregate length of 189,014 nautical miles, or about the united mileage of Canada and the United States. 420 of the 1,769 cables belong to private companies; 1,349 are under government administration. The private companies aggregate 168,691 miles of cable, and the governments 20,323 miles.

Government telegraph lines in Canada—earnings and working expenses, 1901.

| LINES. | Expenditure. | Revenue. |
|---|--------------|----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces :— | | |
| Anticosti Island lines | 2,260 | 769 |
| Bay of Fundy " | 1,676 | 772 |
| Cape Ray " | 250 | |
| Cape Sable " | 33 | |
| Cheticamp " | 783 | 1,378 |
| Escuminac " | 463 | 163 |
| Low Point Agency | 50 | |
| Magdalen Island lines | 2,638 | 766 |
| Meat Cove line (including St. Paul's Island) | 2,469 | 525 |
| North Shore, St. Lawrence (East of Bersimis) | 5,785 | 1,842 |
| North Shore, St. Lawrence (West of Bersimis) | 3,725 | 1,194 |
| Quarantine line | 731 | 573 |
| Cable ship <i>Newfield</i> , renewals of plant, &c | 1,175 | |
| Subsidies, stationery, line and office material and contingencies, chargeable to appropriation for Gulf lines | 10,214 | |
| Ontario, Pelee Island line | 596 | 148 |
| North-west telegraph lines | 16,461 | 2,672 |
| British Columbia, Comox (including Alberni line) | 3,959 | 2,844 |
| Alberni-Cape Beale | 1,181 | 10 |
| Kamloops-Nicola | 1,069 | 433 |
| Golden-Windermere line | 6 | |
| * Barkerville line | 2,644 | |
| * Victoria-Cape Beale line | 3,441 | |
| (Yukon) Bennett-Dawson & Athn | 111,932 | 108,272 |
| Telegraph service generally | 2,355 | |
| Total | 175,896 | 122,361 |

The messages of the Signal Service, Meteorological Service messages and reports, and the Fisheries bulletins are handled free of tolls.

* The C. P. R., operating these lines, retains the revenue and the Government reimburses them the excess of expenditure over revenue.