

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 1892 to 1901 :—

COMPANIES.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.
Great North-western Telegraph Co.	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	18,290	34,810	2,623,257	1,466
	1901	17,930	35,293	2,596,011	1,451
	Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	1892	7,000	24,700	*1,300,000
1893		7,600	26,000	*1,300,000	880
1894		7,600	26,000	*1,200,000	880
1895		7,600	26,000	*1,200,000	880
1896		7,800	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
1901		9,595	38,124	*2,050,000	1,022
Western Union.		1892	3,175	8,066	360,313
	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
	1901	2,669	8,918	459,269	218
	Total	1892	28,142	66,203	4,464,944
1893		28,775	69,111	4,550,253	2,692
1894		28,937	68,741	4,188,237	2,565
1895		28,815	68,244	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	78,276	4,786,101	2,667
1900		30,717	80,604	4,960,414	2,680
1901		30,194	82,335	5,105,280	2,691

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