

The latest world's statistics show that there were, in 1902, in operation 1,771 cables having an aggregate length of 202,453 nautical miles, 371 of the number belong to private companies and 1,400 are under government administration. The private companies aggregate 202,453 miles and the government cables 30,074 miles. The event of the year 1902, in connection with submarine telegraphy, was the laying of the cable from Vancouver Island, Canada, to Australia and the opening of this the first cable across the Pacific Ocean on October 31, 1902.

Government telegraph lines in Canada—earnings and working expenses, 1902.

Lines.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
	\$	\$
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—		
Anticosti Island lines.....	4,243	2,616
Bay of Fundy ".....	1,378	885
Cape Ray ".....	250
Cheticamp ".....	1,075	1,573
Escuminac ".....	435	179
Magdalen Islands lines.....	2,309	733
Father Point Agency.....	500
Meat Cove line (including St. Paul's Island).....	1,988	115
North Shore St. Lawrence (East of Bersimis).....	5,139	2,694
" " (West of Bersimis).....	2,620	1,369
Quarantine line.....	1,090	553
Cable ship <i>Tyrian</i> , renewals of plant, &c.....	28,278
Subsidies, stationery, line and office material and contingencies, chargeable to appropriation for gulf lines.....	4,229
Total for Lower St. Lawrence, &c.....	53,534	10,717
Ontario Pelee Island line.....	207	220
North-west telegraph lines.....	18,539	2,628
British Columbia Alberni—Cape Beale line.....	1,554	10
Barkerville and Lillooet lines.....	10,590	3,875
Golden-Windermere line.....	1,441	97
Kamloops—Nicola.....	1,020	628
Comox (including Alberni line).....	4,641	2,443
Vancouver—Salt Springs Island lines.....	50
Victoria-Cape Beale line.....	7,927	364
British Columbia Telegraph Service generally.....	555
Yukon, Quesnelle—Atlin.....	66,170	} 93,284
Bennett—Dawson.....	130,220	}
Telegraph service generally.....	2,520
Total.....	208,968	114,266

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