

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 1893 to 1902 :—

COMPANIES.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	
Great North-western Telegraph Co.	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	2,506,011	1,451	
	1902	17,838	35,721	2,795,278	1,455	
	Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	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		8,386	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	
1902		9,736	41,354	*2,050,000	1,022	
Western Union		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	2,943	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	
	1902	2,642	9,132	471,072	219	
	Total	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	
1902		30,216	86,207	5,316,350	2,696	

\* Not including press messages.

† Including 61 miles of cables.