

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 1894 to 1903 :—

| COMPANIES.                        | Year. | Miles of Line. | Miles of Wire. | Number of Messages. | Number of Offices. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Great North-western Telegraph Co. | 1894  | 13,165         | 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              |
|                                   | 1902  | 17,838         | 35,721         | 2,795,278           | 1,455              |
|                                   | 1903  | 17,838         | 34,705         | 2,812,090           | 1,392              |
| Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....  | 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              |
|                                   | 1902  | 9,736          | 41,354         | *2,050,000          | 1,022              |
|                                   | 1903  | 10,016         | 45,886         | *1,921,893          | 1,132              |
| Western Union .....               | 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                |
|                                   | 1902  | 2,642          | 9,132          | 471,072             | 219                |
|                                   | 1903  | 2,632          | 9,843          | 484,317             | 221                |
| Total .....                       | 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              |
|                                   | 1903  | 30,486         | 90,434         | 5,218,300           | 2,745              |

\* Not including press messages.

† Including 61 miles of cables.