

The latest world's statistics show that there were, in 1903, in operation 1,764 cables having an aggregate length of 204,527 nautical miles, 364 of the number belong to private companies and 1,400 are under government administration. The private companies aggregate 174,453 miles and the government cables 30,074 miles.

Government telegraph lines in Canada—earnings and working expenses, 1903.

Lines.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
	\$	\$
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces—		
Anticosti Island lines.....	4,395	1,667
Bay of Fundy ".....	2,749	744
Cape Ray ".....	500	
Cheticamp ".....	2,654	1,306
Escuminac ".....	635	138
Magdalen Islands, and Bryon Island lines.....	4,925	1,012
Father Point Agency.....	500	
Meat Cove line (including St. Paul's Island).....	4,784	232
North Shore St. Lawrence (East of Bersimis), including \$346.45 for Bouchard.....	18,258	3,262
" " (West of Bersimis).....	6,027	1,785
Quarantine line.....	4,750	426
Cable ship <i>Tyrian</i> , renewals of plant, &c.....	36,670	
Subsidies, stationery, line and office material and contingencies, chargeable to appropriation for Gulf lines.....	6,569	
Total for Lower St. Lawrence, &c.....	93,446	10,582
Ontario, Pelee Island line.....	397	74
North-west telegraph lines.....	20,000	3,561
British Columbia, Alberni-Cape Beale line.....	1,118	13
Alberni-Clayoquot line.....	1,857	91
Golden-Windermere line.....	2,589	454
Kamloops-Nicola.....	684	710
Comox (including Alberni line).....	3,817	2,430
Vancouver Salt Spring Island line.....	179	
Victoria-Cape Beale line..	4,607	424
Cariboo-Lillooet.....		477
Yukon, Bennett-Dawson.....	242,211	113,606
Telegraph service generally.....	2,443	
Total.....	373,348	132,422

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