

THE WORLD'S TELEGRAPHS.

Countries.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Number of Messages per Head of Population.
Great Britain	1903	49,450	480,400	92,471,000	12,129	2·22
Australia	1902	45,343	121,818	8,431,372	3,102	2·23
New Zealand	1902	7,749	22,672	4,713,351	1,103	6·10
India and other Asian Poss.	1902	57,495	190,887	6,749,372	2,006	0·02
African Possessions*	1902	17,885	38,832	7,555,500	.....	1·08
Canada	1903	36,780	96,728	5,313,800	3,004	0·96
Newfoundland and B. W. Indies	1902	3,308	15,187	1,654,000 33,500	300	0·92 0·15
Gibraltar and Malta	1902	67				
Total British Empire .....	.....	218,077	966,524	126,921,895	21,644	.....
Abyssinia	1902	1,056	3,168	158,400	.....	.....
Austria-Hungary	1892	39,372	198,303	31,554,715	9,228	0·69
Argentina	1902	29,397	58,656	7,000,000	520	1·46
Belgium	1902	4,047	21,874	14,252,100	1,372	2·07
Bolivia	1902	2,465	8,625	1,075,000	68	.....
Bosnia	1902	1,803	4,873	427,452	134	0·25
Brazil	1900	14,710	27,720	1,505,942	1,003	0·10
Chile	1902	11,060	68,710	4,879,719	608	1·57
China	1902	14,000	49,000	3,430,000	250	.....
Columbia	1898	8,609	25,800	600,000	448	0·15
Congo Free State	1902	888	3,108	62,160	40	.....
Costa Rica	1902	840	2,940	284,532	68	0·92
Cuba	1902	2,300	3,450	430,125	153	.....
Denmark	1902	2,385	8,555	2,409,365	169	0·98
Ecuador	1902	1,242	4,347	434,470	60	.....
France	1902	90,592	340,180	47,280,070	13,527	1·21
Colonies and Dependencies :—						
Algeria	1901	6,520	18,240	2,360,456	539	0·50
Tunis	1901	2,420	5,500	978,000	122	0·51
Other Possessions .....	.....	10,700	32,100	1,605,000	300	.....
Germany	1902	93,526	309,644	45,216,963	25,621	0·80
Greece	1901	3,830	5,590	1,205,095	241	0·50
Guatemala	1901	3,490	10,470	929,619	157	0·59
Honduras	1902	2,825	8,475	618,000	168	1·05
Italy	1901	28,472	107,810	11,682,366	6,078	0·36
Japan	1903	+16,128	78,710	18,073,407	2,197	0·38
Korea	1902	2,170	6,510	325,500	325	.....
Luxemburg	1902	656	1,390	87,300	196	.....
Mexico	1901	43,675	.....	2,665,998	377	0·19
Montenegro	1902	343	427	29,590	21	.....
Netherlands	1903	4,010	16,158	5,728,222	761	1·08
Colonies, East Indies	1901	7,518	22,554	729,316	389	0·02
Nicaragua	1901	2,440	7,320	140,640	119	.....
Paraguay	1901	500	1,500	97,044	75	0·15
Persia	1901	5,480	8,270	16,540	112	.....
Peru	1903	3,220	.....	152,808	48	0·03
Portugal	1902	5,301	11,688	4,054,229	461	0·73
Portugal, Colonies of	1903	2,368	7,104	142,080	80	0·01
Rumania	1902	4,350	8,780	2,318,683	1,866	0·12
Russia	1902	106,417	325,978	+101,639,542	.....	0·15
Salvador	1902	1,920	5,760	715,084	135	0·71

* The statistics for Africa are very incomplete, many thousands of miles of line being in hands of companies not making returns. † Submarine cable 2,130 miles in addition. ‡ Including railway telegrams numbering 91,635,542.