

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 1895 to 1904 :—

COMPANIES.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.
Great North-western Telegraph Co.	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
	1904	17,838	34,705	3,366,321	1,366
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....	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
	1904	10,340	48,992	*1,993,968	1,143
Western Union.....	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
	1904	2,636	9,843	500,858	221
Total	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
	1904	30,814	93,470	5,861,147	2,730

* Not including press messages.

† Including 61 miles of cables.