

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. Sir J. Wolfe Barry states that there are now 225,000 miles of cable, considerably more than one-half of which are British. Forty cables touch England.

Government telegraph lines in Canada—earnings and working expenses, 1904.

Lines.	Expendi- ture.	Revenue.
	\$	\$
<b>Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces :—</b>		
Anticosti lines . . . . .	7,930	1,691
Bay of Fundy . . . . .	1,676	675
Cape Ray . . . . .	250	.
Escuminac . . . . .	412	161
Magdalen Islands . . . . .	3,111	832
Cape Breton lines . . . . .	6,972	1,802
North Shore (E. B.) . . . . .	17,342	3,579
" (W. B.) . . . . .	5,680	1,886
Quarantine system . . . . .	2,158	465
Isle Coudres line . . . . .	150	.
<b>Belle Isle-Chateau Bay :—</b>		
Marconi system . . . . .	189	.
<b>Cable ship <i>Tyrian</i> :—</b>		
Maintenance and renewal of plant . . . . .	23,349	.
Subsidies, stationery, line and office material and contingencies . . . . .	11,125	.
Total for Lower St. Lawrence, &c. . . . .	83,444	11,091
<b>Ontario :—</b>		
Pelee Island line . . . . .	2,302	35
<b>North-west Territories lines.</b>	19,939	4,917
<b>British Columbia—</b>		
Alberni-Cape Beale . . . . .	483	14
Alberni-Clayoquot . . . . .	3,888	266
Golden-Windermere . . . . .	3,623	589
Kamloops-Nicola . . . . .	1,364	673
Nanaimo-Comox (including Alberni line) . . . . .	3,725	2,452
Vancouver-Salt Spring . . . . .	265	29
Victoria-Cape Beale . . . . .	5,605	334
B. C. service generally . . . . .	749	.
<b>Yukon :—</b>		
Ashcroft-Dawson . . . . .	199,226	126,992
Telegraph service generally . . . . .	3,305	.
Total . . . . .	327,918	147,392

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