

## TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

**Telephones.**—Tables 57-60 give the telephone statistics of the Dominion. They show that the total number of telephones in Canada has increased from 370,884 in 1912 to 463,671 in 1913, and that the wire mileage has increased from 889,572 in 1912 to 1,092,587 in 1913. The gross revenue from telephones in 1913 amounted to \$14,897,278 ; the total operating expenses were \$11,175,689, leaving the net revenue at \$3,721,589. In 1913 the number of telephone employees was returned as 12,867, compared with 12,783 in 1912, and the salaries and wages paid amounted to \$6,839,309, compared with \$2,659,642 in 1912. The large increase in the salaries and wages is a better indication of the progress during the year than the number of employees, because owing to a change in the wording of the schedule issued by the Comptroller of Statistics, Department of Railways and Canals, the vast majority of the returns gave only the number of operators, all other employees being omitted. The returns otherwise would have shown an increase of several thousand employees.

## 54.—Telegraph Statistics of Chartered Companies, 1905-1913.

Companies.	Year.	Miles of line.	Miles of wire.	Number of messages.	Number of offices.
Great Northwestern Telegraph Co. . . . .	1905	11,775	44,573	2,755,543	1,360
	1908	11,505	47,054	2,810,458	1,288
	1909	11,386	47,483	2,749,378	1,227
	1910	11,134	50,092	2,907,494	1,183
	1911	10,726	50,568	3,812,159	1,194
	1912 <sup>3</sup>	9,582	46,311	4,400,443	1,175
	1913	9,582	30,134	4,559,972	993
Canadian Pacific Railway Co. . . . .	1905	10,669	52,096	2,262,158 <sup>1</sup>	1,343
	1908	11,856	65,508	2,802,216 <sup>1</sup>	1,310
	1909	12,108	69,398	2,004,943 <sup>1</sup>	1,340
	1910	12,257	75,758	3,431,493 <sup>1</sup>	1,372
	1911	12,866	87,703	3,921,477 <sup>1</sup>	1,424
	1912	13,182	96,296 <sup>2</sup>	4,642,820 <sup>1</sup>	1,524
	1913	13,824	102,857	4,831,119 <sup>1</sup>	1,532
Western Union . . . . .	1905	2,620	10,106	542,155	217
	1908	2,591	10,518	520,092	221
	1909	2,638	10,605	534,210	222
	1910	2,639	11,244	551,764	217
	1911	2,598	11,599	572,081	219
	1912	2,576	11,674	618,214	216
	1913	2,278	12,504	621,423	235
Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway . . . . .	1908	205	1,221	95,191	18
	1909	265	1,641	142,985	22
	1910	265	1,865	131,106	22
	1911	294	2,299	211,920	25
	1912	300	2,670	167,326	26
	1913	343	1,407	147,634	27

<sup>1</sup> Not including press messages. <sup>2</sup> Including 962 miles of cables. <sup>3</sup> This Company leased its property and plant in New York State to the Western Union Co. which accounts for the reduction in the figures of 1912.