

## 62.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, 1916-1919.

Items.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capitalization.....	76,920,314	79,121,702	85,274,691	91,004,925
Cost.....	88,520,020	94,469,534	104,368,628	113,296,160
Revenue.....	18,594,268	20,122,282	22,753,290	24,600,536
Operating expenses.....	11,147,201	12,095,426	13,644,524	16,167,992
Salaries and wages.....	7,852,719	8,882,593	10,410,807	13,048,055
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Companies.....	1,592	1,695	2,007	2,047
Wire mileage.....	1,600,564	1,708,202	1,848,467	1,951,562
Telephones.....	548,421	604,136	662,330	724,500
Employees.....	15,247	16,490	17,336	19,057
Persons per telephone.....	14.8	13.8	13.0	12.2
Persons per mile of wire.....	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.5

## 63.—Number of Telephone Companies reporting to the Department of Railways and Canals, by Provinces, June 30, 1918 and 1919, with totals for 1914-15-16-17.

Provinces.	Government.	Municipal.	Stock.	Co-operative.	Partnership.	Private.	Total.
1918.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	—	—	4	31	—	—	35
Nova Scotia.....	—	—	35	109	1	7	152
New Brunswick.....	—	—	18	8	1	4	31
Quebec.....	—	—	95	47	1	27	170
Ontario.....	2	63	218	206	9	55	552
Manitoba.....	1	6	4	25	—	2	38
Saskatchewan.....	1	4	340	652	—	—	997
Alberta.....	1	1	8	6	—	1	17
British Columbia.....	—	1	12	1	—	—	14
Yukon.....	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
<b>Totals, 1918.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,007</b>
<b>Totals, 1917.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,695</b>
<b>Totals, 1916.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1,592</b>
<b>Totals, 1915.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,396</b>
<b>Totals, 1914.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,136</b>
1919.							
Prince Edward Island.....	—	—	5	28	—	—	33
Nova Scotia.....	—	—	24	118	—	2	144
New Brunswick.....	—	—	19	9	—	2	30
Quebec.....	—	—	81	48	2	34	165
Ontario.....	2	69	202	208	9	54	544
Manitoba.....	1	7	8	14	—	4	34
Saskatchewan.....	1	4	336	728	—	—	1,069
Alberta.....	1	1	4	9	—	—	15
British Columbia.....	—	1	10	1	—	—	12
Yukon.....	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
<b>Totals, 1919.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2,047</b>