

For each 100 of population, there were 11·6 telephones in use during 1924, over 44 p.c. of the total being in Ontario. In this respect Canada ranks second among the countries for which such data are available.

Government ownership of telephone lines has now had a 15 years' trial in the three Prairie Provinces. Financial statistics of their various departments show a deficit in Manitoba of \$967,819 for the year ending Nov. 30, 1923, reserves amounting to \$2,051,157 in Saskatchewan for the year ending April 30, 1924, and a deficit in Alberta of \$123,712 for the calendar year 1924.

**Telephone Statistics.**—The following tables give figures illustrative of the use of telephones and the operations of telephone companies for 1924, the latest year available, and previous years. Certain statistics of radiotelephony are given on page 660.

**73.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, years ended June 30, 1911-1918 and Dec. 31, 1919-1924.**

Yrs.	Capital-ization.	Cost of property.	Revenue.	Operating Expenses.	Salaries and Wages.	No. of Companies	Wire mileage.	No. of Tele-phones.	No. of Em-ployees.	Tele-phones per 100 popula-tion.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No.	Miles.	No.	No.	No.
1911	40,043,982	34,737,530	10,068,220	6,979,045	915,636	537	687,728	302,759	10,425	4·2
1912	46,276,852	56,887,799	12,273,627	9,094,689	2,659,642	683	889,572	370,884	12,783	5·0
1913	59,847,005	69,214,971	14,879,278	11,175,689	6,839,399	1,075	1,092,586	463,671	12,867	6·2
1914	70,291,884	80,253,356	17,297,269	12,882,402	8,250,253	1,136	1,343,090	521,144	16,799	6·8
1915	74,284,991	83,792,583	17,601,673	12,836,715	8,357,029	1,396	1,452,360	533,090	15,072	6·8
1916	76,920,314	88,520,020	18,594,268	11,147,201	7,852,719	1,592	1,600,564	548,421	15,247	6·8
1917	79,121,702	94,469,534	20,122,282	12,095,426	8,882,593	1,695	1,708,202	604,136	16,490	7·4
1918	85,274,691	104,368,628	22,753,280	13,644,518	10,410,807	2,007	1,848,467	662,330	17,336	8·0
1919	100,587,833	125,917,222	29,401,006	20,081,436	15,774,586	2,219	2,105,240	778,758	20,491	9·2
1920	116,689,705	144,560,969	33,473,712	23,044,401	17,294,405	2,327	2,105,101	856,266	21,187	9·9
1921	132,537,771	158,678,229	36,986,913	30,080,035	19,000,422	2,365	2,268,271	902,090	19,943	10·3
1922	143,802,023	167,332,932	39,559,149	29,966,181	17,305,759	2,387	2,396,805	944,029	19,321	10·6
1923	152,673,022	179,002,152	42,132,959	32,390,370	18,182,429	2,459	2,574,083	1,009,203	21,002	11·1
1924	160,015,020	193,884,378	41,322,598	33,615,686	18,293,234	2,466	2,765,722	1,072,454	21,685	11·6

Statistics of the number of telephone companies reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are given in Tables 74 and 75. Special attention may be drawn to the growth of co-operative companies.

**74.—Number of Telephone Companies in Canada, by Provinces, Dec. 31, 1924.**

Provinces.	Govern-ment.	Muni-cipal.	Stock.	Co-op-erative.	Part-nership.	Pri-vate.	Total.
Prince Edward Island.....	-	3	12	30	-	7	52
Nova Scotia.....	-	5	22	204	9	9	249
New Brunswick.....	-	-	21	9	1	4	35
Quebec.....	-	4	84	60	11	37	196
Ontario.....	2	127	317	67	40	65	618
Manitoba.....	1	9	4	13	1	9	37
Saskatchewan.....	1	3	23	1,184	-	2	1,213
Alberta.....	1	1	9	37	1	4	53
British Columbia.....	-	1	9	2	-	-	12
Yukon.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2,466</b>