

Telephone Systems.—The 2,479 telephone systems existing in 1926 (Table 73) include the three large provincial systems in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and two smaller governmental systems in Ontario, together with the system operated by the Parks Branch of the Dominion Department of the Interior. There were also 142 municipal systems, the largest operated by the cities of Edmonton, Fort William and Port Arthur. Out of the 1,560 co-operative telephone companies, no fewer than 1,187 are in Saskatchewan alone, and 209 in Nova Scotia. Besides the above, there were 490 stock companies, 107 partnership and 174 private systems.

The steady growth of the use of telephones from 1911 on is indicated in the summary statistics of Table 72, showing an increase from 302,759 in 1911 to 1,201,008 in 1926, or from 4.2 to 12.8 telephones per 100 of the population. By provinces, the number of telephones in 1926 was as follows:—Ontario 533,192, Quebec 240,914, British Columbia, 106,701, Saskatchewan 102,894, Manitoba 71,272, Alberta 70,996, Nova Scotia 40,104, New Brunswick 30,237, Prince Edward Island 4,562, Yukon Territory 136. The number of instruments per 100 estimated population was as follows:—British Columbia 18.8, Ontario 17.0, Saskatchewan 12.5, Alberta 11.8, Manitoba 11.2, Quebec 9.4, Nova Scotia 7.4, New Brunswick 7.4, and Prince Edward Island 5.2. In the proportion of telephones to population Canada as a whole, with 12.8 telephones per 100 population, ranks second to the United States, which has 15.0 telephones per 100 population.

Statistics of the number of telephone companies operating in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are given in Tables 73 and 74. Special attention may be given to the growth of co-operative companies.

72.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, years ended June 30, 1911-1918, and Dec. 31, 1919-1926.

Yrs.	Capitalization.	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 population.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	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	40,276,852	56,887,799	12,278,627	9,094,689	2,659,642	683	889,572	370,584	13,783	5.0
1913	59,847,005	69,214,971	14,879,278	11,175,689	6,839,399	1,075	1,092,556	463,671	12,867	6.2
1914	70,291,384	80,258,356	17,297,269	12,882,402	8,250,253	1,136	1,343,090	521,144	18,799	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	125,017,222	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	28,044,401	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	179,062,152	42,132,956	32,390,370	18,182,429	2,459	2,574,083	1,009,203	21,002	11.1
1924	160,015,020	193,894,378	44,322,598	33,615,688	18,293,234	2,466	2,765,722	1,072,454	21,685	11.6
1925	168,167,291	210,535,795	47,238,617	35,566,947	19,106,383	2,498	3,019,773	1,142,876	21,331	12.3
1926	179,151,098	227,135,900	50,522,859	38,141,360	20,413,173	2,479	3,306,214	1,201,008	22,567	12.8

73.—Number of Telephone Companies in Canada, by Provinces, Dec. 31, 1926.

Provinces.	Government.	Muni- cipal.	Stock.	Co-op- erative.	Partnership.	Private.	Total.
Prince Edward Island.....	-	3	13	29	1	6	52
Nova Scotia.....	-	-	15	209	18	14	256
New Brunswick.....	-	-	20	4	3	9	36
Quebec.....	-	2	165	40	21	49	217
Ontario.....	2	124	296	58	53	72	605
Manitoba.....	1	9	3	5	5	11	34
Saskatchewan.....	1	2	20	1,187	2	3	1,215
Alberta.....	2	1	7	27	4	10	51
British Columbia.....	-	1	10	1	-	-	12
Yukon.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total.....	6	142	499	1,560	107	174	2,479