

Telegraph Systems.—The Canadian telegraph systems are composed of lines owned by the Dominion Government and by chartered railway and telegraph companies. The lines previously owned by the Great North Western Telegraph Co., the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Co., the Canadian Northern Railway Co. and the National Transcontinental Railway are now owned by the Government and are operated by the Canadian National Telegraph Co. (formerly Great North Western Telegraph Co.). The Dominion Government Telegraph Service operates the line to Yukon and other lines in outlying districts.

The Canadian system, in proportion to population, is one of the most extensive in the world, and is operated under considerable climatic and geographic disadvantages. In the operation of railways and in the receipt and dispatch of market and press reports, its services to the nation are invaluable.

Telegraph Statistics.—A brief summary table giving the more important figures of the operation of Canadian telegraphs from 1920 to 1931 follows. For details see the Bureau of Statistics' Annual Report on Telegraph Statistics.

69.—Summary Statistics of All Canadian Telegraphs for the calendar years 1920-31.

Year.	Gross Revenue.	Operating Expenses.	Net Operating Revenue.	Pole Line Mileage.	Wire Mileage.	Em- ployees.	Offices.	Messages, Land.	Cable-grams. ³	Money Transferred.
	\$	\$	\$	miles.	miles.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$
1920	11,337,428	9,589,982	1,747,446	52,393	238,866	7,508	4,825	15,589,711	1,162,204	7,045,661
1921	11,310,989	9,734,299	1,576,690	52,828	250,802	7,818	4,901	15,012,993	1,154,787	5,150,916
1922	11,018,762	9,846,425	1,172,337	53,096	262,348	8,500	4,762	15,271,410	4,736,204	4,404,407
1923	11,417,284	9,931,815	1,485,439	53,383	270,782	8,275	4,961	16,150,106	5,055,115	5,326,352
1924	10,930,020	9,603,620	1,326,400	54,742	268,632	8,909	4,945	15,460,811	5,790,582	6,428,080
1925	11,520,322	9,681,200	1,839,122	51,726 ¹	284,121	7,224 ²	4,684	14,460,988	6,104,025	6,680,595
1926	12,143,388	10,166,040	1,977,348	52,612 ¹	305,933	6,755 ²	4,801	14,934,683	6,421,673	7,790,127
1927	12,990,549	10,600,412	2,390,137	52,731 ¹	323,539	7,338 ²	4,885	15,564,067	6,664,771	9,241,864
1928	14,740,641	11,647,063	3,093,578	53,777 ¹	337,971	7,639 ²	4,909	16,857,220	6,861,195	9,776,090
1929	16,256,441	12,590,364	3,666,077	52,835 ¹	360,883	8,056 ²	4,766	18,029,973	5,210,926	11,295,857
1930	14,264,997	11,791,291	2,473,706	52,824 ¹	371,747	7,331 ²	4,661	15,558,324	6,745,220	10,213,475
1931	11,641,729	10,720,949	920,780	53,228 ¹	368,583	6,637 ²	4,474	13,200,198	6,097,713	7,475,928

¹Excluding U.S. lines of Canadian National Telegraphs. ²Excluding railway employees.
³Including transatlantic cablegrams relayed between Canso, N.S., and the United States.

Table 70 gives figures of telegraph operation and line and wire mileage of various companies for the years 1926 to 1931. Statistics of the Halifax and Bermudas Cable Co., the Canadian Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. and the Pacific Cable Board are not included.