

Estimates of the number of telephone conversations during 1931 were 2,532,-443,000 local and 33,198,000 long-distance calls. These estimates were based on estimates made by systems operating almost 90 p.c. of all telephones in Canada; their estimates were based on actual counts made on days of normal business activity, and, after adjusting for uncompleted calls, holidays, Sundays, etc., the average was multiplied by 365. The long-distance calls in practically all cases were the actual long-distance calls put through or completed. The average was 1,856 local and 24 long-distance calls per telephone and 244 telephone conversations per capita as compared with an average of 253.6 in 1930. The estimated per capita average for the United States in 1930 was 226 and for New Zealand, 208.3.

Statistics of the number of telephone companies reporting to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are given in Tables 72 and 73.

**71.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, years ended June 30, 1911-18, and Dec. 31, 1919-31.**

Yr.	Capital- ization.	Cost of Property.	Revenue.	Operating Expenses.	Salaries and Wages. <sup>1</sup>	Com- pans.	Pole Line Mileage.	Tele- phones.	Em- ploy- ees. <sup>2</sup>	Tele- phones per 100 Popula- tion.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No.	miles.	No.	No.	No.
1911	40,043,982	34,737,530	10,068,220	8,979,045	915,636	537	-	302,759	10,425	4.2
1912	46,276,852	56,887,799	12,273,627	9,094,689	2,659,642	683	-	370,884	12,783	5.0
1913	59,847,005	69,214,971	14,879,278	11,175,689	6,839,399	1,075	-	463,671	12,867	6.2
1914	70,291,884	80,258,356	17,297,269	12,882,402	8,250,253	1,136	-	521,144	16,799	6.8
1915	74,284,991	83,792,583	17,601,673	12,836,715	8,357,029	1,396	-	533,090	15,072	6.8
1916	76,920,314	88,520,030	18,594,268	11,147,201	7,852,719	1,582	-	548,421	15,247	6.8
1917	79,121,702	94,469,534	20,132,282	12,095,426	8,882,593	1,695	-	604,136	16,490	7.4
1918	85,274,691	104,368,628	22,753,230	13,644,518	10,410,807	2,007	-	662,330	17,336	8.0
1919	100,587,833	125,017,222	29,401,006	20,081,436	15,774,586	2,219	-	778,758	20,491	9.5
1920	116,689,705	144,560,969	33,473,712	28,044,401	17,294,405	2,327	161,270	856,266	21,187	9.9
1921	132,537,771	158,678,229	36,986,913	30,080,035	19,000,422	2,365	178,093	902,090	19,943	10.3
1922	143,802,023	167,332,932	39,559,149	29,966,181	17,305,759	2,387	184,147	944,029	19,321	10.6
1923	152,673,022	179,002,152	42,132,959	32,390,370	18,182,429	2,459	188,408	1,009,203	21,002	11.1
1924	160,015,020	193,884,378	44,322,598	33,615,686	18,293,234	2,466	193,399	1,072,454	21,685	11.6
1925	168,167,291	210,535,795	47,233,617	35,566,947	19,106,383	2,495	194,370	1,142,876	21,831	12.2
1926	179,151,098	227,155,900	50,523,859	38,141,360	25,219,493	2,479	201,604	1,201,008	23,083	12.8
1927	192,442,495	243,999,135	56,907,338	48,561,916	26,254,606	2,462	204,245	1,259,987	23,437	13.2
1928	207,441,866	263,201,651	61,791,333	51,542,544	28,501,378	2,447	207,566	1,334,534	24,373	13.8
1929	234,943,307	291,589,148	65,240,610	56,559,517	31,673,277	2,415	220,525	1,382,822	27,459	14.1
1930	258,188,983	319,101,191	69,420,459	61,886,340	32,085,948	2,414	222,113	1,402,861	26,575	14.1
1931	273,989,739	333,055,119	66,806,580	60,067,016	28,493,252	2,399	222,196	1,364,200	23,825	13.1

<sup>1</sup>Includes salaries and wages chargeable to capital account.  
in Saskatchewan.

<sup>2</sup>Exclusive of employees on rural lines