

## PART VI.—WIRE COMMUNICATIONS.\*

The statistics regarding rapid communication by wire are classified under two sections—telegraphs and telephones. The division in actual practice may not be quite so clear cut since some of the telegraph services, especially in outlying districts, undoubtedly use telephone rather than telegraph instruments, but with such insignificant exceptions the two types of service are quite distinct.

## Section 1.—Telegraphs.

The early history of telegraphic communication in Canada, given on p. 778 of the 1934-35 Year Book, is not repeated in this volume in order to economize space.

**Dominion Government Telegraph Service.**—This service is operated by the Telegraph Branch of the Department of Public Works. Its general object has been to furnish wire communication for outlying and sparsely settled districts where the amount of business is so small that commercial companies will not enter the field but where the public interests require that there should be communication. Thus these facilities include: telegraph and telephone services to scattered settlements around the coasts of Cape Breton island; cable services to Campobello, Grand Manan and other islands in the bay of Fundy, to Prince Edward Island, Magdalen islands and Anticosti island in the gulf of St. Lawrence; telegraph or telephone services along the north shore of the gulf of St. Lawrence from Quebec to the straits of Belle Isle; cable connections with Pelee and Manitoulin islands in Ontario; some lines to northern outlying districts in Saskatchewan; lines from Edmonton to the Athabaska and Peace River country in Alberta; telegraph or telephone communications around the coast of Vancouver island and to fishing, lumbering and mining settlements along the coast of the mainland of British Columbia, as well as to isolated mining centres in the interior; and finally the overland telegraph line to Dawson and other settlements in Yukon. Statistics of these services are included in the tables which follow.

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## 1.—Summary Statistics of All Canadian Telegraphs, calendar years 1920-35.

Year.	Gross Revenue.	Operating Expenses.	Net Operating Revenue.	Pole Line Mileage.	Wire Mileage.	Em- ployees.	Offices.	Messages, Land.	Cable- grams. <sup>2</sup>	Money Trans- ferred.
	\$	\$	\$	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	15,013,993	1,154,787	5,150,916
1922..	11,018,762	9,846,425	1,172,337	53,096	262,343	8,500	4,762	15,271,410	1,182,053	4,404,407
1923..	11,417,284	9,931,845	1,485,439	53,383	270,782	8,275	4,961	16,150,106	1,302,224	5,326,352
1924..	10,930,020	9,603,620	1,326,400	54,742	268,632	8,909	4,945	15,460,811	1,448,894	6,428,080
1925..	11,520,322	9,681,200	1,839,122	51,726 <sup>1</sup>	284,121	7,224 <sup>2</sup>	4,664	14,460,988	1,557,235	6,680,595
1926..	12,143,388	10,166,040	1,977,348	52,612 <sup>1</sup>	305,933	6,755 <sup>2</sup>	4,801	14,934,683	1,769,513	7,790,127
1927..	12,990,549	10,600,412	2,390,137	52,731 <sup>1</sup>	323,539	7,338 <sup>2</sup>	4,885	15,564,067	1,970,683	9,241,864
1928..	14,740,641	11,647,063	3,093,578	53,771 <sup>1</sup>	337,971	7,639 <sup>2</sup>	4,909	16,857,220	2,279,293	9,776,090
1929..	16,256,441	12,690,364	3,666,077	52,835 <sup>1</sup>	360,883	8,056 <sup>2</sup>	4,766	18,029,973	2,086,549	11,295,857
1930..	14,264,997	11,791,291	2,473,706	52,824 <sup>1</sup>	371,747	7,331 <sup>2</sup>	4,661	15,558,224	2,053,050	10,213,475
1931..	11,641,729	10,720,949	920,780	53,228 <sup>1</sup>	368,583	6,637 <sup>2</sup>	4,474	13,200,198	1,784,787	7,475,928
1932..	9,381,075	9,020,052	361,023	52,362 <sup>1</sup>	366,142	5,788 <sup>2</sup>	4,248	10,519,433	1,514,321	4,698,660
1933..	9,267,715	8,122,964	1,144,751	52,457 <sup>1</sup>	365,489	5,263 <sup>2</sup>	4,115	10,095,061	1,597,044	3,632,910
1934..	9,972,627	8,436,144	1,536,483	52,406 <sup>1</sup>	366,706	5,624 <sup>2</sup>	4,171	10,526,496	1,691,477	3,950,854
1935..	9,741,394	8,416,329	1,028,165	53,034 <sup>1</sup>	365,518	5,903 <sup>2</sup>	4,103	11,138,835	1,297,454	3,834,458

<sup>1</sup> Excluding U.S. lines of Canadian National Telegraphs.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding commission operators.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding messages relayed to the United States. Revised since the publication of the 1936 Year Book.