

Telephone Equipment.—In telephones per 100 population Canada ranked fourth in 1940 with 12·83, the three leading countries being the United States with 15·85, Sweden with 13·64, and New Zealand with 13·28.

Out of a total of 965,582 telephones in 51 largest cities of Canada 723,952 were operated from automatic switchboards. The remainder, or 241,630, were operated from manual switchboards. Automatic switchboards have completely displaced manual switchboards in the principal cities of the Prairie Provinces and are displacing them in the other provinces.

3.—Mileages of Pole Line and Wire, and Telephones in Use, as at Dec. 31, 1931-40

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1911-30 will be found at p. 724 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year	Sys-tems	Pole-Line Mileage	Mileage of Wire	Telephones in Use					
				Business	Resi-dential	Rural ¹	Public Pay	Total	Per 100 Popu-lation
				No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1931....	2,399	222,196	4,985,076	369,281	723,868	245,485	25,566	1,364,200	13·1
1932....	2,414	220,459	5,089,261	351,509	663,815	220,680	25,241	1,261,245	12·0
1933....	2,403	219,753	5,134,871	341,063	617,532	209,611	24,124	1,192,330	11·2
1934....	2,388	208,131	5,123,521	349,892	605,206	217,182	24,749	1,197,029	11·1
1935....	2,833	207,916	5,120,610	351,427	615,052	218,818	23,518	1,208,815	11·1
1936....	3,063	210,926	5,197,042	371,401	641,229	229,940	23,658	1,266,228	11·5
1937....	3,191	209,767	5,307,884	386,669	676,001	235,763	24,361	1,322,794	11·9
1938....	3,203	211,895	5,397,244	396,975	695,961	240,204	26,277	1,359,417	12·1
1939....	3,212	212,603	5,518,329	406,279	720,043	243,730	27,220	1,397,272	12·3
1940....	3,193	212,680	5,681,594	421,050	762,331	248,982	28,675	1,461,038	12·8

¹ Includes telephones on rural exchange lines and urban exchange lines that have more than four parties.

The density of telephones in the different provinces is naturally influenced by the urbanization of the population because the number of telephones used for business purposes is much greater in cities and towns than in rural areas.

4.—Telephones in Use, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1940

Province	On Individual Lines		On 2- and 4-Party Lines		On Rural Lines		Private Branch Exchanges and Extensions		Public Pay Stations	Total	Tele-phones per 100 Popu-lation
	Busi-ness	Resi-dence	Busi-ness	Resi-dence	Busi-ness	Resi-dence	Busi-ness	Resi-dence			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
P.E.I....	796	1,103	124	563	176	2,166	485	99	69	5,581	5·9
N.S.....	6,540	14,516	615	9,881	864	9,938	6,419	2,412	1,066	52,251	9·3
N.B.....	4,417	7,920	825	8,679	880	5,934	4,950	1,382	811	35,798	7·9
Que.....	44,412	86,634	3,956	74,248	5,660	26,009	61,512	12,132	9,656	324,219	10·0
Ont.....	74,589	147,252	6,792	187,016	4,904	102,486	96,854	28,465	11,944	660,302	17·5
Man.....	9,850	27,981	74	8,157	1,155	13,468	12,582	1,879	2,192	77,338	10·6
Sask.....	12,005	20,733	342	94	Nil	45,210	5,705	684	390	85,163	9·2
Alta.....	13,423	30,821	48	404	1,229	15,979	10,481	3	1,034	73,422	9·3
B.C.....	18,861	10,635	449	73,744	823	11,977	23,892	4,842	1,510	146,788	18·5
Yukon..	31	2	21	Nil	34	85	Nil	Nil	3	176	4·4
Totals..	184,924	347,647	13,246	362,786	15,730	233,252	222,850	51,898	28,675	1,461,038	12·8