

Subsection 2.—Provincial Government Radio Stations

Provincial Governments operate radio stations as follows: New Brunswick, 2; Quebec, 11; Ontario, 202; Manitoba, 26; Saskatchewan, 47; Alberta, 103; and British Columbia, 251 (including 35 operated by the British Columbia Provincial Police).

Police Radio Services.—The British Columbia Provincial Police Department operates 36 radio stations to provide communication between police headquarters and the various units of the force. The Municipal Police Departments of 64 municipalities throughout the Dominion also operate radio stations for the same purpose.

Subsection 3.—Privately Owned Commercial Stations

From Table 1 it will be noted that there were 6 limited coast stations, 52 public commercial stations, and 1,346 private commercial stations in operation in the Dominion at Mar. 31, 1944. A public commercial station situated at Drummondville, Que., provides transoceanic radiotelegraph and radiotelephone services to the United Kingdom and Australia, and a radiotelephone service to Newfoundland. These stations are similar in one respect, in that they are owned and operated by private individuals or companies incorporated under the laws of the Dominion, or of one of the provinces.

The limited coast stations are, as a rule, privately owned and provide a ship-to-shore communication service with ships owned or operated by the licensees only. Two such stations are, however, owned and operated by the Canadian Marconi Company, one situated at Louisburg, N.S., providing a long-range radiotelegraph service to ships at sea, and the other situated at Drummondville, Que., providing a long-range radiotelephone service to ships at sea. The facilities of these two stations are open to the general public. The services performed by commercial stations, both public and private, are many and varied. Generally speaking, these stations are located in areas not served by telephone, telegraph, or other means of telecommunication. The majority perform point-to-point radiotelegraph or radiotelephone service, although an increasing number are being utilized for ground-to-plane communication. These stations provide an invaluable means of contact with mining camps, lumber mills, exploration and survey parties, trading posts, and many points that would otherwise be cut off from the more settled parts of the Dominion.

Private commercial stations may be used only for the handling of messages relative to the private business of the licensee, whereas public commercial stations may be used for the handling of messages for the general public.

Section 3.—Program Broadcasting and Regulation under the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*

Subsection 1.—Administration of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation succeeded the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission on Nov. 2, 1936. This—the first nationally owned and controlled broadcasting corporation in North America—has done much to further the aim of providing as complete a service as possible to residents of every part of Canada. The Corporation operates under the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936, which provides that the Corporation shall consist of a Board of nine Governors

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