

Provincial Government Services.—Provincial authorities use radio services in many Departments. Table 5 shows the number of stations operated by the Provincial Governments.

5.—Radiocommunication Stations Operated by Provincial Governments, as at Mar. 31, 1953

Province	Stations	Province	Stations
	No.		No.
Newfoundland.....	9	Manitoba.....	167
Nova Scotia.....	14	Saskatchewan.....	487
New Brunswick.....	30	Alberta.....	254
Quebec.....	238	British Columbia.....	625
Ontario.....	943	Total.....	2,767

Other Radiocommunication Services.—Radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony are used throughout Canada to provide means of maintaining contact with isolated points beyond the reach of the regular telegraph and telephone facilities.

Municipal government departments have steadily increased their use of radio to facilitate operations. This increase is noted in all categories of municipal services using radio as a medium of communication with vehicles, i.e., police, fire, engineering, hydro, etc. In addition, the trend toward expansion in the employment of radio for urban land mobile communication has continued and has shown no signs of abating. Such services as taxi, heavy construction, ready-mix concrete, oil pipeline construction and operation, veterinarian and rural medical have participated extensively in this increase. Public mobile radio relay message services (telephone answering service) have also been licensed to operate in a number of cities including Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton.

Public utilities, power companies, provincial power commissions, oil exploration and mineral development organizations have expanded their use of radio to a considerable degree; this expansion has occurred in both urban mobile and point-to-point radio fields.

Commercial air-carrier organizations including those performing off-route charter services were licensed to operate 893 ground communications stations, 30 navigational aids stations and 516 aircraft stations. A relatively large number of licences were also issued to individuals, manufacturers, mining and oil companies, etc., to authorize the operation of aircraft stations and associated ground stations in conjunction with normal business activities.

A total of 1,083 ground stations and 1,314 aircraft stations were operated by commercial air-carrier organizations, individuals and business concerns during the year ended Mar. 31, 1953.

Radio Aids to Navigation.—*Marine Radio Stations.*—Detailed information covering all marine radio aids to navigation is contained in the annual publication, *Radio Aids to Marine Navigation*. Copies of this publication and of supplementary *Notices to Mariners* issued in connection therewith may be obtained upon request from the Department of Transport, Ottawa.