

Provincial Government Services.—Provincial authorities use radio services in many Departments. Table 4 shows the number of stations operated by the Provincial Governments.

4.—Radiocommunication Stations Operated by Provincial Governments, as at Mar. 31, 1954

Province	Stations	Province	Stations
	No.		No.
Newfoundland.....	28	Manitoba.....	212
Nova Scotia.....	16	Saskatchewan.....	435
New Brunswick.....	30	Alberta.....	253
Quebec.....	318	British Columbia.....	692
Ontario.....	1,145	Total.....	3,129

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 considerably expanded their use of radio 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 460 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, and others, to authorize the operation of aircraft stations and associated ground stations in conjunction with normal business activities.

A total of 2,460 ground stations and 1,415 aircraft stations were operated by commercial air-carrier organizations, individuals and business concerns during the year ended Mar. 31, 1954.

Commercial Point-to-Point Radiotelephone Services.—The North-West Telephone Company operates a radiotelephone service between points in British Columbia not hitherto served by telephone communications. Under licences granted by the Department of Transport, the Company has established a number of permanent public commercial radiotelephone stations in that Province. These stations are authorized to provide communication to private commercial radiotelephone stations located at isolated points in the Province. This Company is also licensed to establish limited coast stations at Lulu Island, Powell River, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria, Harrison Lake, Parksville, Alert Bay, Campbell River, Hardwicke Island, Halberg, Sumas Mountain, and Prince Rupert, B.C., to provide