

7.—Financial Statistics of Telephone Systems by Province 1955 and 1956

Year and Province	Capital Liability	Cost of Property and Equipment	Income	Expenditure	Em- ployees	Salaries and Wages
	\$	\$	\$	\$	No.	\$
1955						
Newfoundland.....	5,284,275	7,568,743	1,491,983	1,194,239	336	630,785
Prince Edward Island....	2,730,286	3,811,413	986,030	862,463	144	304,552
Nova Scotia.....	34,755,000	44,223,846	11,065,553	9,430,525	1,774	4,429,166
New Brunswick.....	30,343,530	39,780,444	9,099,372	7,697,558	1,494	3,708,920
Quebec.....	627,503,783 ¹	388,041,215	256,721,038 ¹	223,526,203 ¹	15,594	53,365,653
Ontario.....	14,643,812	607,848,356	9,225,127	7,870,331	22,048	69,995,324
Manitoba.....	55,756,093	83,214,578	13,562,157	13,229,452	3,173	8,497,110
Saskatchewan.....	55,749,521	75,418,346	16,248,199	13,745,333	1,862 ²	5,573,530 ²
Alberta.....	59,388,900	87,508,845	20,563,676	18,141,001	3,141	9,006,119
British Columbia.....	102,142,475	133,230,447	37,740,684	33,166,924	6,103	18,397,210
Yukon.....	65,000	33,200	15,832	16,645	4	14,604
Totals, 1955.....	958,362,675	1,470,679,433	376,716,651	328,880,674	55,673	173,922,973
1956						
Newfoundland.....	7,087,125	9,226,970	1,817,218	1,310,649	384	735,584
Prince Edward Island....	3,112,529	4,257,948	980,291	957,901	159	385,865
Nova Scotia.....	38,234,592	49,796,226	12,078,818	10,226,172	1,838	4,884,365
New Brunswick.....	35,484,523	46,624,588	10,023,491	8,607,014	1,609	4,197,119
Quebec.....	715,194,636 ¹	439,530,522	287,595,908 ¹	251,325,598 ¹	16,853	59,710,920
Ontario.....	16,929,421	681,001,461	9,871,608	8,306,497	24,086	78,565,599
Manitoba.....	62,735,069	95,214,785	16,122,476	14,405,628	3,213	9,034,565
Saskatchewan.....	63,833,661	87,060,388	18,098,725	15,311,982	1,948 ²	6,178,253 ²
Alberta.....	64,909,289	98,896,213	23,088,309	18,659,270	3,371	9,930,496
British Columbia.....	125,476,219	160,721,269	42,677,731	36,988,374	6,657	20,355,002
Yukon.....	65,000	33,200	15,631	18,549	3	14,374
Totals, 1956.....	1,133,062,064	1,672,363,570	422,370,206	366,117,634	60,121	193,992,142

¹ Statistics of The Bell Telephone Company for both Quebec and Ontario are included under Quebec.

² Excludes wages and employees for rural systems.

Section 3.—Federal Government Telegraph and Telephone Service

There are some scattered settlements throughout Canada where commercial telephone and telegraph companies do not furnish service, yet where adequate communication must be provided in the public interest. The Federal Government, therefore, through the Minister of Transport, has assumed responsibility for such services as: telegraph and telephone connections to scattered settlements on Cape Breton Island; cable services to islands in the Bay of Fundy and Prince Edward Island; certain telegraph lines and a telephone service in the Peace River district of Alberta; and a telephone service on the Magdalen Islands and in other areas of the Province of Quebec.

At Dec. 31, 1956, the telegraph and telephone service comprised 1,745 miles of pole line, 3,244 miles of open wire, 30 miles of aerial cable, 95 miles of submarine cable, and eight radio stations. It provided telephone service for 1,732 subscribers with telephones, of whom 444 were served through lines connected to other company exchanges. There were 89,064 telegraph messages handled by this service in 1956, operating expenses were \$444,871 and net revenues \$129,817.

The Northwest Communication System is operated for the Government by the Canadian National Telegraphs. It extends northwesterly from Edmonton to the Yukon-Alaska border and comprises 1,859 miles of pole line, 71,550 circuit-miles for telegraph purposes and 35,354 circuit-miles for telephone connections. The System provides commercial telephone and telegraph services at airports, settlements and communities in