

TELEGRAPHS IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD—*Con.*

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Number of Persons to each office.
<i>Asia.</i>					
India.....	44,648	133,256	4,391,226	1,362	210,883
Japan.....	9,740	29,302	9,245,173	784	53,333
Persia.....	4,150	6,700	125,478	99	90,909
<i>Africa.</i>					
Cape of Good Hope.....	6,316		1,798,061	360	4,904
Egypt.....	2,269	8,450	2,392,036		
<i>America.</i>					
Argentine Republic.....	20,415		2,500,000	295	13,400
*Brazil.....	10,143	21,936	1,283,695	289	56,506
Canada.....	29,318	70,761	4,313,925	2,572	2,016
*Chili.....	6,965	8,330	1,044,065	194	15,277
Mexico.....	40,990			800	15,713
Peru.....	1,633		52,497	43	70,000
†United States.....	189,918	826,929	58,760,444	21,725	3,200
Uruguay.....	4,380		332,477	97	8,173
<i>Australasia.</i>					
New South Wales.....*	12,316	23,799	2,635,456	834	1,532
*New Zealand.....	6,245	15,764	2,124,211	691	1,011
Queensland.....	9,979	17,790	1,055,615	366	1,258
‡South Australia.....	5,620	13,473	747,563	248	1,441
*Tasmania.....	1,789	3,004	190,277	216	744
Victoria.....	7,091	14,409	2,033,630	772	1,636
Western Australia.....	4,577	5,670	720,992	88	1,150

* State lines only.

† Western Union Company only.

‡ Includes telephone wire, &c.

The telephone system in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba is largely under the control of the Bell Telephone Company of Montreal. In the other provinces a number of companies have undertaken to supply the public needs.

The returns received show that there were connected with the several system 44,000 miles of wire and 33,500 instruments, and that 72,500,000 messages were sent in 1893. The returns for 1897 do not vary greatly from those of 1893.