

## TELEGRAPHS.

TABLE CXXXVII. Statistics of Chartered Companies 1896-1909.

Companies.	Year.	Miles of line.	Miles of wire.	Number of messages.	Number of offices.
Great Northwestern Telegraph Co..	1896	18,201	34,413	2,523,302	1,462
	1897	18,206	34,423	2,454,921	1,457
	1898	18,228	34,545	2,400,185	1,457
	1899	18,286	34,794	2,501,641	1,482
	1900	18,290	34,810	2,623,257	1,466
	1901	17,930	35,293	2,596,011	1,451
	1902	17,838	35,721	2,795,278	1,455
	1903	17,838	34,705	2,812,090	1,392
	1904	17,838	34,705	3,366,321	1,366
	1905	11,775	44,573	2,755,543	1,360
	1906	11,920	45,031	2,739,612	1,335
	1907	11,720	46,937	2,904,221	1,303
1908	11,505	47,054	2,810,458	1,228	
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....	1896	7,800	26,500	1,250,000 <sup>1</sup>	880
	1897	8,173	28,263	1,500,000 <sup>1</sup>	880
	1898	8,335	33,143	1,650,000 <sup>1</sup>	921
	1899	8,886	35,006	1,900,000 <sup>1</sup>	970
	1900	9,505	37,112	1,900,000 <sup>1</sup>	996
	1901	9,595	38,124	2,050,000 <sup>1</sup>	1,022
	1902	9,736	41,354	2,050,000 <sup>1</sup>	1,022
	1903	10,016	45,886	1,921,893 <sup>1</sup>	1,132
	1904	10,340	48,992	1,993,968 <sup>1</sup>	1,143
	1905	10,669	52,096	2,262,158 <sup>1</sup>	1,343
	1906	10,892	57,651	2,735,960 <sup>1</sup>	1,182
	1907	11,208	62,458	2,897,299 <sup>1</sup>	1,235
1908	11,856	65,508 <sup>2</sup>	2,802,216 <sup>1</sup>	1,310	
Western Union.....	1896	2,948	8,010	172,442	209
	1897	2,939	8,075	359,004	214
	1898	2,935	8,386	357,080	213
	1899	2,912	8,476	384,560	215
	1900	2,922	8,682	437,157	218
	1901	2,669	8,918	459,269	218
	1902	2,642	9,132	471,072	219
	1903	2,632	9,843	484,317	221
	1904	2,636	9,843	500,858	221
	1905	2,620	10,106	542,155	217
	1906	2,578	10,347	548,299	219
	1907	2,589	10,518	537,981	220
1908	2,591	10,518	520,092	221	
Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry.....	1907	138	883	100,149	15
	1908	205	1,221	95,191	18
	1909	265	1,641	142,985	22
Algoma Central Ry.....	1908	130	174	8,648	4
Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.....	1909	1,122	3,754	49,618	58
The North American Telegraph Co., Ltd.....	1907	605	886	51,475	80
	1908	605	886	49,314	80
	1909	605	763	49,127	61

<sup>1</sup> Not including press messages. <sup>2</sup> Including 704 miles of cables.