

TELEPHONES.

gross revenue was \$17,297,269 as against \$14,897,278, and the net revenue \$4,414,867 as against \$3,721,589. In 1914 the number of telephone employees of Canada was 16,799, as compared with 12,867 in 1913, and the salaries and wages were returned as \$8,250,253, compared with \$6,839,309 in 1913. In several important instances in 1913 the number of employees returned applied only to operators rather than to employees of all classes, so that the number for that year was understated by several thousand employees. In 1914 there was one telephone in use for every 15.5 of the population, which places Canada in a foremost position among the nations with respect to telephone service. Only one other country—the United States—is known to have as large a number of telephones in use on the basis of the population. The general progress of telephones in Canada since statistical information became available is shown in Table 58.

58.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, 1911-1914.

Items.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capitalization	40,043,982.29	46,276,851.74	59,847,004.83	70,291,884.15
Cost	34,737,529.95	56,887,799.15	69,214,971.45	80,258,356.00
Revenue	10,068,220.03	12,273,626.66	14,879,278.23	17,297,268.98
Operating Expenses	6,979,045.06	9,094,688.82	11,175,689.47	12,882,402.32
Remuneration	915,636.14	2,659,641.63	6,839,398.85	8,250,253.19
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Companies	537	683	1,075	1,136
Wire Mileage	687,728	889,572	1,092,586	1,343,090
Telephones	302,759	370,884	463,671	521,144
Employees	10,425	12,783	12,867	16,799
Persons per Telephone	23.8	19.3	16.2	15.5
Persons per mile of wire	10.4	8.1	6.8	6.0

59.—Number of Telephone Companies reporting to the Department of Railways and Canals, by Provinces, June 30, 1914, with totals for 1911-12-13.

Provinces.	Government.	Municipal.	Stock.	Co-operative.	Partnership.	Private.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Isl'd.	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Nova Scotia	—	—	26	41	7	9	83
New Brunswick	—	—	17	4	—	3	24
Quebec	—	—	59	33	6	29	127
Ontario	1	45	152	168	32	70	468
Manitoba	1	6	7	15	3	6	38
Saskatchewan	1	5	331	32	—	—	369
Alberta	1	1	4	3	—	—	9
British Columbia	—	1	13	1	—	1	16
Yukon	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Totals 1914	4	58	611	297	48	118	1,136
Totals 1913	4	52	543	262	63	151	1,075
Totals 1912	3	35	368	133	31	113	683
Totals 1911	3	25	308	101	18	82	537