

62.—Business and Cost of Maintenance of Radiotelegraph Stations for the fiscal years 1916 and 1917.

Stations.	1916.			1917.		
	Messages handled.	Words handled.	Cost of maintenance.	Messages handled.	Words handled.	Cost of maintenance.
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
East Coast.....	45,195	864,020	68,140	37,835	704,469	72,423
Great Lakes.....	13,617	259,366	28,185	16,521	311,800	28,045
West Coast.....	95,048	1,103,395	47,048	121,120	1,732,420	51,333
Hudson Bay.....	7,617	570,281	1	6,264	392,154	1
Totals.....	161,477	2,797,062	143,373	181,740	3,140,843	151,801

¹Borne by Department of Railways and Canals.

63.—Progress of Telephones in Canada, 1914-1916.

Items.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capitalization.....	70,291,884	74,284,991	76,920,314	79,121,702
Cost.....	80,258,356	83,792,583	88,520,020	94,469,534
Revenue.....	17,297,269	17,601,673	18,594,268	20,122,282
Operating Expenses.....	12,882,402	12,836,715	11,147,201	12,095,426
Remuneration.....	8,250,253	8,357,029	7,852,719	8,882,593
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Companies.....	1,136	1,396	1,592	1,695
Wire Mileage.....	1,343,090	1,452,360	1,600,564	1,708,202
Telephones.....	521,144	533,090	548,421	604,136
Employees.....	16,799	15,072	15,247	16,490
Persons per Telephone.....	15.5	15.1	14.6	13.4
Persons per mile of wire.....	6.0	5.6	5.0	4.7

64.—Number of Telephone Companies reporting to the Department of Railways and Canals, by Provinces, June 30, 1917, with totals for 1914-15-16.

Provinces.	Government.	Municipal.	Stock.	Co-operative.	Partnership.	Private.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No..
Prince Edward Island.....	-	-	4	27	-	1	32
Nova Scotia.....	-	-	28	109	1	5	143
New Brunswick.....	-	-	19	8	-	4	31
Quebec.....	-	-	82	55	2	34	173
Ontario.....	2	59	183	205	14	65	528
Manitoba.....	1	7	4	22	-	4	38
Saskatchewan.....	1	5	309	412	-	-	727
Alberta.....	1	1	4	2	-	-	8
British Columbia.....	-	1	11	1	-	1	14
Yukon.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals 1917....	5	73	645	841	17	114	1,695
Totals 1916....	4	67	622	765	23	111	1,592
Totals 1915....	4	62	584	601	28	117	1,336
Totals 1914....	4	58	611	297	48	118	1,136