

In the whole Dominion of Canada, there are over 3,200 separate telephone systems serving 2,213,000 telephones. Of these, eight might be said to be the major systems. They are:

The British Columbia Telephone Company serving	193,736 telephones
Alberta Government Telephones	53,646 "
Saskatchewan Government Telephones	58,987 "
Manitoba Telephone System	110,012 "
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada ..	1,306,975 "
The New Brunswick Telephone Company ..	52,426 "
Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company ..	74,012 "
Island Telephone Company (P.E.I.)	7,721 "
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	1,857,515 "
The remaining 3,027 systems serve	355,829
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	2,213,344

Relating these 2,213,000 telephones in Canada to the population of Canada we find there is 1 telephone for every 6 persons.

In Great Britain there is 1 telephone for every 12 persons.

In the United States there is 1 telephone for every 4½ persons.

In the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in which the Company serves, there are a total of 923 separate telephone systems. The total number of telephones in these provinces is 1,533,000 of which the Company serves 1,307,000. Of the remaining 226,000 telephones, some 225,000 are served by 903 connecting systems with which we interchange service; the balance of 1,000 telephones are served by 19 small systems which do not connect with the Company's lines.

	Connecting		Non-Connecting	
	Systems	Telephones	Systems	Telephones
Ontario	588	152,000	8	400
Quebec	315	73,000	11	600
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	903	225,000	19	1,000

It is due in great measure to the Company's long distance lines that all but 19 of these systems in Ontario and Quebec are interconnected so that a subscriber of any particular system may communicate with the subscriber of any other system.

There are approximately 8,000,000 people in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec with 1,533,000 telephones. That gives a ratio of 1 telephone for every 5 persons. In the other provinces of Canada, the ratio is:

British Columbia	1	telephone	for	every	5	persons
Alberta	1	"	"	"	8	"
Saskatchewan	1	"	"	"	8	"
Manitoba	1	"	"	"	7	"
New Brunswick	1	"	"	"	9	"
Nova Scotia	1	"	"	"	8	"
Prince Edward Island	1	"	"	"	11	"

In the territory served by The Bell Telephone Company of Canada there is one telephone for every four and one-half persons of population. In 1920, there was only one telephone for every 10 persons.

The foregoing statement as to development does not mean that all the telephones are concentrated in the large centres. The Company's records show that in 1945, thirty-nine per cent of the establishments in the rural territory the Company serves had telephone service. In 1945, the Company installed 6,425 additional telephones in the rural areas it serves; in 1946, it installed some 12,465 additional telephones and in 1947, 12,062 additional telephones, so that at the present time 55 per cent of the establishments in the rural territory the Company serves have telephone service. This extension of rural facilities in the past three years to provide for the installation of some 30,952 additional rural services involved the expenditure of some \$6,738,000 of capital funds for the extension of pole lines and wires alone.