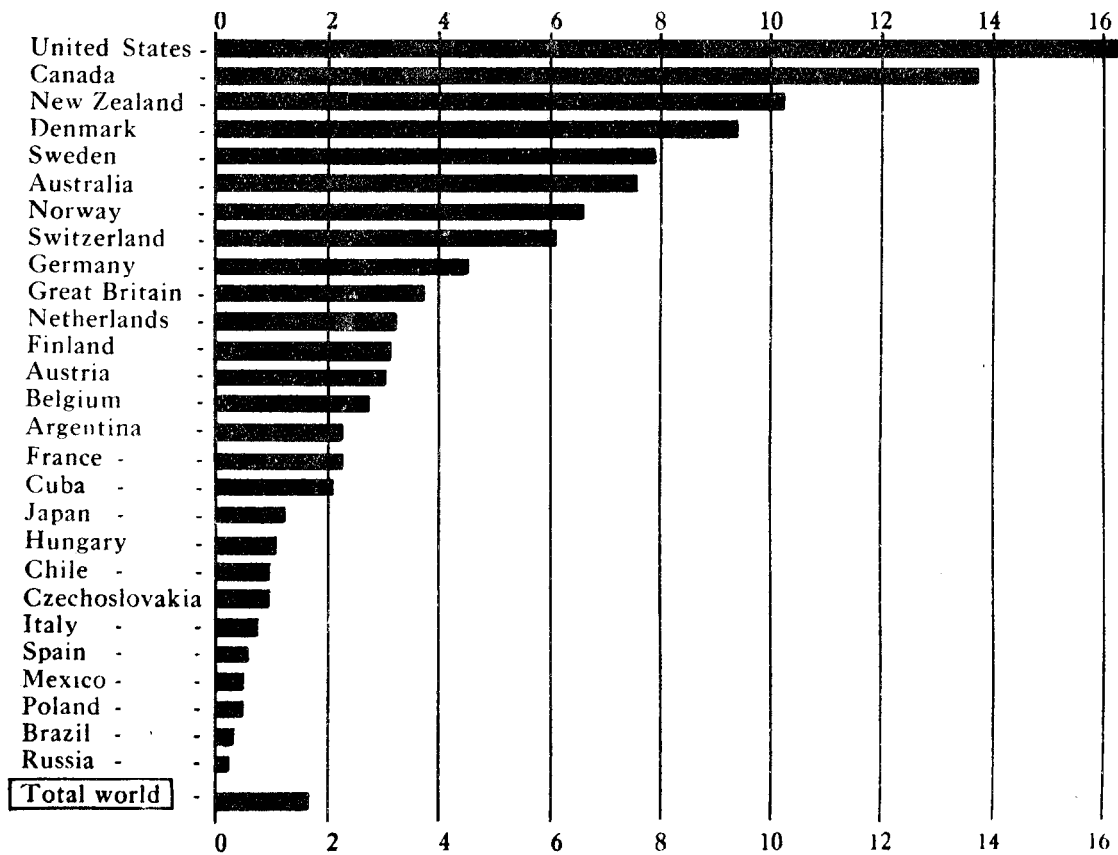


WORLD TELEPHONE STATISTICS.

The official figures for world telephone development (compiled on 1st January, 1929) show that in the matter of telephone density the United States of America continues to lead the world, with 16·3 telephones per 100 of population ; Canada is second, with 13·7 telephones ; while New Zealand is third, with 10·2 telephones. The graph shown hereunder depicts the relationship of the three leading countries with other countries of the world.

GRAPH SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONES PER 100 OF POPULATION IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.



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The steady growth of the telephone system is exemplified in the following table, which shows annually since 1921 the number of exchanges, the total wire-mileage, the revenue, and the total number of telephone-stations, together with the number of telephones for each 1,000 of population of the Dominion :—

Year.				Number of Exchanges.	Miles of Wire.	Revenue.	Number of Telephone-stations.	
							Total.	Per 1,000 Population.
						£		
1921	..	..	..	296	192,027	533,535	88,439	69·80
1922	..	..	..	301	207,529	614,367	94,683	72·78
1923	..	..	..	320	229,882	595,967	107,036	80·78
1924	..	..	..	327	269,421	830,470	111,441	82·67
1925	..	..	..	340	331,453	867,218	120,097*	87·09
1926	..	..	..	341	402,433	980,281	130,186*	94·40
1927	..	..	..	342	440,253	995,071	137,307*	95·48
1928	..	..	..	344	463,356	1,057,177	144,552*	99·40
1929	..	..	..	351	495,470	1,135,795	152,541*	103·72
1930	..	..	..	349	513,096	1,206,714	161,323*	108·37

* Includes approximately 4,000 non-exchange stations.