

## CHAPTER XV.

Railways of Canada.—Distribution by Provinces.—Capital Invested in Railways.—Railway Statistics.—Earnings and Expenditures.—Rolling Stock.—Freight Carried.—Accidents.—Government Railways.—Their Financial Position.—Principal Articles Carried.—Analysis of Business Done.—Canals.—Chronological Statement.—History of Canal Building in Canada.—Traffic on Canals of Canada.—Cost of Canals.—Revenue of Canals.—Transit and Intransit Trade.

1163. Chapter VII. contains special references to the early history of railways in Canada and deals with general questions connected with our railways.

Canada is fairly well supplied with railways. These, in connection with the canal and river system of the country, afford exceptional facilities for internal communication.

There were 15,627 miles of railways in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1894, and 15,768 miles of track laid.

1164. The distribution by provinces is as follows :—

MILEAGE OF TRACK LAID AND SQUARE MILES OF AREA TO EACH MILE OF RAILWAY.

PROVINCES.	Miles of track laid.	Square miles of area to each mile of track laid.
Ontario.....	6,267	35
Quebec.....	3,024	75
New Brunswick.....	1,396	20
Nova Scotia.....	825	25
Prince Edward Island.....	210	9½
Manitoba.....	1,471	44
The four North-west Territories.....	1,772	225
British Columbia.....	800	478

In the older Provinces of Quebec and Ontario the southern portions are covered with a net-work of lines. Several railway centres have been established. Thus, six lines of railway centre at Quebec city, seven at Montreal, seven at Toronto and six at Ottawa. Nine railways centre at Winnipeg.

Of the older provinces New Brunswick is better supplied with railways in proportion to area than any of the others.