

## CHAPTER XIV.

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.

983. 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 15,977 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1895, and 16,091 miles of track laid.

984. 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.....	6,403	34
Quebec.....	3,139	72
New Brunswick.....	1,404	20
Nova Scotia.....	891	23
Prince Edward Island.....	210	9½
Manitoba.....	1,472	44
The four North-west Territories.	1,772	225
British Columbia.....	800	478
Total.....	16,091	.....

In addition to the above there are 28 miles of railway owned by five coal and iron companies, all in Nova Scotia. This mileage is all of the 4ft. 8 in. gauge, with the exception of three miles with a 3 ft. gauge.

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.