

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 16,550 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1897, and 16,687 miles of track laid.

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 in 1897.
	1867.	1897.	
Ontario	1,275	6,647	33·0
Quebec	523	3,232	106·4
New Brunswick	196	1,453	19·3
Nova Scotia	93	930	22·1
Prince Edward Island		210	9·5
Manitoba		1,575	40·7
The four North-west Territories		1,780	223·7
British Columbia		860	444·5
Total	2,087	16,687	

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 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge, with the exception of seven miles with a 3 ft. 1 in. gauge.

Taken according to population :

Ontario	has population,	43·7	per cent;	railway miles,	39·8	per cent
Quebec	"	30·8	"	"	19·4	"
Nova Scotia	"	9·3	"	"	5·6	"
New Brunswick	"	6·6	"	"	8·7	"
P. E. Island	"	2·3	"	"	1·3	"
Manitoba	"	3·2	"	"	9·4	"
Four N. W. Ter.	"	1·4	"	"	10·7	"
B. Columbia	"	2·0	"	"	5·2	"

Canada has 158 railways. Twenty-five of these have been amalgamated and form the Grand Trunk railway system. The consolidation of 25 others has produced the Canadian Pacific railway system. The remaining 108 have more or less consolidated. Two of these are bridge companies with 3½ miles of rails; one is a tunnel, with 2¼ miles of rails, and eight are electric railways, with 113 miles of rails.

The mileage (rails laid) of these several organizations is :

Canadian Pacific	6,283·36
Grand Trunk	3,161·98
Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island	1,360·50
Other railways	5,763·01
Electric railways (eight)	112·96
Bridges and tunnel	5·56
Total	16,687·37