

The following is a comparative statement of the business done by Canadian railways in the years 1896 and 1897, particulars of the principal lines being given separately.

TRAFFIC RETURNS OF RAILWAYS OF CANADA, 1896 AND 1897.

| RAILWAYS. | MILES IN OPERATION. | | CAPITAL PAID UP. | | PASSENGERS CARRIED. | | FREIGHT CARRIED. | |
|---|---------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | 1896. | 1897. | 1896. | 1897. | 1896. | 1897. | 1896. | 1897. |
| | No. | No. | \$ | \$ | No. | No. | Tons. | Tons. |
| Canada Atlantic..... | 176 | 176 | 8,048,355 | 8,048,355 | 175,191 | 187,887 | 506,806 | 643,293 |
| Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry-Sound..... | 164 | 260 | 3,249,000 | 6,191,778 | 88,384 | 92,419 | 110,252 | 183,376 |
| Canada Eastern.. | 136 | 136 | 2,072,907 | 2,087,365 | 54,137 | 51,095 | 95,090 | 100,980 |
| Canada Southern..... | 382 | 382 | 35,434,206 | 35,435,666 | 406,039 | 491,071 | 3,358,563 | 3,522,052 |
| Calgary and Edmonton..... | 295 | 295 | 6,458,940 | 6,458,940 | 10,361 | 9,476 | 23,001 | 27,018 |
| Canadian Pacific Railway system..... | 6,211 | 6,280 | 309,067,959 | 320,827,541 | 3,036,619 | 2,987,163 | 4,576,632 | 4,640,578 |
| Central Ontario..... | 104 | 114 | 3,170,000 | 3,170,000 | 52,504 | 53,599 | 90,754 | 83,903 |
| Dominion Atlantic..... | 220 | 220 | 7,709,732 | 8,112,409 | 197,102 | 212,347 | 210,730 | 150,148 |
| Grand Trunk system..... | 3,147 | 3,147 | 337,463,857 | 339,848,796 | 5,077,671 | 5,559,105 | 7,587,148 | 7,948,998 |
| Kingston and Pembroke..... | 113 | 113 | 5,993,813 | 5,993,813 | 37,183 | 32,279 | 68,710 | 80,677 |
| Lake Erie and Detroit River.. | 112 | 112 | 1,800,020 | 2,630,492 | 258,083 | 253,387 | 183,801 | 174,021 |
| Manitoba and North-western..... | 250 | 250 | 11,078,174 | 11,078,174 | 27,945 | 33,331 | 105,608 | 146,912 |
| Montreal and Atlantic..... | 201 | 201 | 5,915,374 | 5,915,874 | 169,795 | 158,572 | 637,890 | 540,813 |
| Northern Pacific and Manitoba..... | 265 | 265 | 7,542,250 | 7,542,250 | 38,684 | 36,241 | 166,466 | 138,531 |
| Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan..... | 254 | 254 | 4,010,140 | 4,010,140 | 3,097 | 3,135 | 11,592 | 16,229 |
| Quebec and Lake St. John..... | 281 | 281 | 12,856,663 | 13,173,160 | 128,846 | 130,000 | 144,390 | 150,346 |
| Quebec Central..... | 213 | 213 | 9,878,518 | 9,902,268 | 120,318 | 132,086 | 212,873 | 260,880 |
| Temiscouata..... | 113 | 113 | 4,227,583 | 4,227,583 | 15,752 | 14,693 | 23,362 | 28,995 |
| Drummond County..... | 91 | 91 | 1,144,793 | 1,229,040 | 23,773 | 22,593 | 108,955 | 126,040 |
| Other lines..... | 2,132 | 2,237 | 63,676,546 | 66,807,875 | 3,204,471 | 4,084,662 | 4,618,159 | 4,979,366 |
| Total..... | 14,910 | 15,190 | 840,800,290 | 862,691,509 | 13,215,955 | 14,548,150 | 22,840,812 | 23,952,156 |
| Government Railways..... | 1,360 | 1,360 | 59,017,619 | 59,166,723 | 1,594,452 | 1,623,188 | 1,426,013 | 1,348,175 |
| Total for Canada..... | 16,270 | 16,550 | 899,817,909 | 921,858,232 | 14,810,407 | 16,171,338 | 24,266,825 | 25,300,331 |