

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 16,717 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1898, and 16,870 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 1898.
	1867.	1898.	
Ontario.....	1,275	6,674	33·3
Quebec	523	3,315	104·7
New Brunswick..	196	1,447	19·5
Nova Scotia.....	93	933	22·1
Prince Edward Island.....	..	210	9·5
Manitoba.....	..	1,621	45·6
The four North-west Territories.....	..	1,778	223·7
British Columbia.....	..	892	429·7
Total.....	2,087	16,870

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, 39·6 per cent.
Quebec	" 30·8 "	" 19·7 "
Nova Scotia	" 9·3 "	" 5·5 "
New Brunswick	" 6·6 "	" 8·6 "
P. E. Island	" 2·3 "	" 1·2 "
Manitoba	" 3·2 "	" 9·6 "
Four N. W. Ter.	" 1·4 "	" 10·5 "
British Columbia	" 2·0 "	" 5·3 "

Canada has 166 railways. Twenty-five of these have been amalgamated and form the Grand Trunk railway system. The consolidation of 23 others has produced the Canadian Pacific railway system. The remaining 118 have more or less consolidated. Two of these are bridge companies with 3½ miles of rails ; one is a tunnel, with 2½ miles of rails, and nine are electric railways, with 114 miles of rails.

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

Canadian Pacific.....	6,300·71
Grand Trunk.....	3,161·98
Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island.....	1,355·46
Other railways.....	5,932·88
Electric railways * (nine).....	113·61
Bridges and tunnel.....	5·56
Total	16,870·20

* See page 353 for general statement of electric railways. The nine referred to above are the only ones included in the returns to the Department of Railways.