

## RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 17,250 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1899, and 17,358 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 1899.
	1867.	1899.	
Ontario .....	1,275	6,798	32·31
Quebec .....	523	3,345	102·97
New Brunswick.....	196	1,434	19·59
Nova Scotia .....	93	909	22·61
Prince Edward Island.....		210	9·52
Manitoba .....		1,603	39·96
The four North-west Territories.....		1,930	277·76
British Columbia.....		1,129	338·62
Total.....	2,087	17,358	.....

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, 42·97 per cent ;	railway miles, 39·16 per cent.
Quebec	" 30·20 "	" 19·27 "
Nova Scotia	" 8·63 "	" 5·24 "
New Brunswick	" 6·05 "	" 8·26 "
P. E. Island	" 2·06 "	" 1·21 "
Manitoba	" 4·25 "	" 9·23 "
Four N. W. Ter.	" 2·59 "	" 11·12 "
British Columbia	" 3·25 "	" 6·51 "

Canada has 165 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 115 have more or less consolidated. Two of these are bridge companies with 3¼ miles of rails ; one is a tunnel, with 2¼ miles of rails, and nine are electric railways, with 135 miles of rails.

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

Canadian Pacific .....	6,682·91
Grand Trunk.....	3,161·98
Intercolonial, P. E. Island and Drummond Co'y.....	1,510·96
Other railways.....	5,862·58
Electric railways* (nine).....	134·61
Bridges and tunnel.....	5·56
Total .....	17,358 60

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