

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 17,657 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1900, and 17,824 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 in 1900.
	1867.	1900.	
Ontario	1,275	6,812	32·24
Quebec	523	3,414	100·89
New Brunswick	196	1,438	19·54
Nova Scotia	93	927	22·17
Prince Edward Island		210	9·52
Manitoba		1,815	35·29
North-west Territories..		1,901	282·00
British Columbia		1,307	292·50
Total.....	2,087	17,824

In addition to the above there are 60 miles of railway owned by six coal and iron companies, all in Nova Scotia. This mileage is all of the 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge, with the exception of thirteen miles with a 3 ft. gauge.

Taken according to population:—

Ontario	population, 42·83	per cent ;	railway miles 38·22	per cent.
Quebec	" 30·10	" "	19·15	" "
Nova Scotia	" 8·55	" "	5·20	" "
New Brunswick	" 5·98	" "	8·07	" "
P. E. Island	" 2·04	" "	1·18	" "
Manitoba	" 4·40	" "	10·19	" "
N. W. Territories	" 2·66	" "	10·66	" "
British Columbia	" 3·44	" "	7·33	" "

Canada has 169 railways. Twenty-five of these have been amalgamated and from the Grand Trunk railway system. The consolidation of 28 others has produced the Canadian Pacific railway system. The remaining 116 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 twelve are electric railways, with 175½ miles of rails.

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

Canadian Pacific.....	6,874·22
Grand Trunk.....	3,153·44
Intercolonial Prince Edward Island and Drummond Co'y.....	1,510·94
Other railways.....	6,104·61
Electric railways* (twelve).....	175·56
Bridges and tunnel.....	5·56
Total.....	17,824·33

The number of miles laid with steel rails was 17,694, of which 591 miles was double track.

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