

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 18,140 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1901, and 18,294 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 1901.
	1867.	1901.	
Ontario	1,275	6,605	32·25
Quebec	523	3,544	100·89
New Brunswick	196	1,444	19·47
Nova Scotia	93	943	21·80
Prince Edward Island		209	9·52
Manitoba		2,056	31·11
North-west Territories		2,085	257·12
British Columbia		1,408	271·52
Total	2,087	18,294

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, 40·65	per cent ;	railway miles, 3·60	per cent.
Quebec	" 30·70	" "	" 19·37	" "
Nova Scotia	" 8·56	" "	" 5·15	" "
New Brunswick	" 6·16	" "	" 7·90	" "
P. E. Island	" 1·92	" "	" 1·14	" "
Manitoba	" 4·74	" "	" 12·24	" "
N. W. Territories	" 2·96	" "	" 11·40	" "
British Columbia	" 3·32	" "	" 7·30	" "

Canada has 165 steam railways. Twenty-five of these have been amalgamated and form the Grand Trunk railway system. The consolidation of 28 others has produced the Canadian Pacific railway system. The remaining 112 have more or less consolidated. Two of these are bridge companies with 3½ miles of rails, and one is a tunnel, with 2¼ miles of rails.

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

Canadian Pacific	7,292·31
Grand Trunk	3,153·98
Intercolonial Prince Edward Island and Drummond Co'y.....	1,510·94
Other railways.....	6,331·64
Bridges and tunnel.....	5·56
Total	18,294·43

The number of miles laid with steel rails was 18,185, of which 634 miles was double track.

For the past few years some electric railways have been included with the steam. They are this year eliminated and their statistics will be found on last page of chapter on railways.