

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 18,988 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1903, and 19,078 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 1903.
	1867.	1903.	
Ontario	1,275	7,142	30·87
Quebec	523	3,492	97·87
New Brunswick.....	196	1,445	19·32
Nova Scotia.....	93	1,050	20·06
Prince Edward Island.....		209	10·45
Manitoba		2,225	28·91
North-west Territories and Yukon Territory.....		2,094	350·11
British Columbia		1,421	260·51
Total.....	2,087	19,078

In addition to the above there are 115·80 miles of railway owned by seven coal and iron companies, six of which are in Nova Scotia and one in British Columbia. This mileage is all of the 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge, with the exception of about two miles with a 3 ft. gauge.

Taken according to population:—

Ontario	population, 39·77 per cent;	railway miles, 37·44 per cent.
Quebec	" 30·52 "	" 18·30 "
Nova Scotia	" 8·35 "	" 5·50 "
New Brunswick	" 6·03 "	" 7·57 "
P. E. Island	" 1·84 "	" 1·10 "
Manitoba	" 5·23 "	" 11·66 "
N. W. Territories	" 4·56 "	" 10·98 "
British Columbia	" 3·70 "	" 7·45 "

Canada has 167 steam railways. Twenty-five of these have been amalgamated and form the Grand Trunk railway system. The consolidation of 30 others has produced the Canadian Pacific railway system. The remaining 112 has more or less consolidated. Three of these are bridge companies with 4¾ miles of rails, and one is a tunnel, with 2¼ miles of rails.

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

Canadian Pacific	7,437·00
Grand Trunk.....	3,154·48
Intercolonial, Prince Edward Island and Drummond Co....	1,519·26
Other railways	6,959·89
Bridges and tunnel.....	6·96
Total.....	19,077·59

The number of miles laid with steel rails was 18,976, of which 695 miles was double track.

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