

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CANADA

miles. The Yukon river in the Yukon territory also flows northward, passing through Alaska into Behring strait after a course of 2,300 miles. In British Columbia, the Fraser, Columbia, Skeena, and Stikine rivers flow into the Pacific ocean.

Drainage Basins.—The large drainage basins of Canada are the Atlantic (554,000 square miles), the Hudson bay (1,486,000 square miles), the Arctic (1,290,000 square miles), the Pacific (387,300 square miles) and the gulf of Mexico (12,365 square miles). Table 1 gives a list of the river drainage basins, and Table 2 gives the lengths of the principal rivers with their tributaries and sub-tributaries.

1.—Drainage Basins of Canada.

Drainage Basins.	Area Drained.	Drainage Basins.	Area Drained.
Atlantic Basin.		Hudson Bay Basin.—con.	
Hamilton...	29,100	Churchill..	115,500
Miramichi..	5,400	Kazan...	32,700
St. John.	21,500	Dubawnt.	58,500
St. Lawrence.	309,500	Total.	1,486,000
Saguenay..	35,900	Pacific Basin.	
St. Maurice.	16,200	Yukon..	145,800
French.	8,000	Porcupine..	24,600
Nipigon.	9,000	Stewart.	21,900
Ottawa...	56,700	Pelly	21,300
Lièvre.	3,500	Lewes.	35,000
Gatineau.	9,100	White.	15,000
Total.	554,000	Alsek...	11,200
Hudson Bay Basin.		Taku.	7,600
Koksoak.	62,400	Stikine.	20,300
George.	20,000	Naas.	7,400
Big.	26,300	Skeena.	19,300
Eastmain.	25,500	Fraser..	91,700
Rupert.	15,700	Thompson.	21,800
Broadback.	9,800	Nechako...	15,700
Nottaway.	29,800	Blackwater.	5,600
Moose...	42,100	Chilcotin.	7,500
Abitibi...	11,300	Columbia.	39,300
Missinaibi.	10,600	Kootenay.	15,500
Albany.	59,800	Total.	387,300
Kenogami.	20,700	Arctic Basin.	
Attawapiskat.	18,700	Backs.	47,500
Winisk.	24,100	Coppermine....	29,100
Severn.	38,600	Mackenzie.	682,000
Nelson.	370,800	Liard..	1,700
Winnipeg.	44,000	Hay.	25,700
English...	20,600	Peace.	117,100
Red.	63,400	Athabaska...	58,900
Assiniboine.	52,600	Total.	1,290,000
Saskatchewan.	158,800	Gulf of Mexico Basin.	
N. Saskatchewan.	54,700		12,365
S. Saskatchewan.	65,500		
Red Deer....	18,300		
Bow...	11,100		
Belly.....	8,900		

NOTE.—Owing to overlapping, the totals of each drainage basin do not represent an addition of the drainage areas as given. Tributaries and sub-tributaries are indicated by indentation of the names.