

During the year 1924, 509 miles of new line were opened for operations, 614 miles were under contract at the close of the year and 156 miles of projected line had been surveyed. In addition, 203 miles of line had been completed but were not yet in operation. Construction was most active in the province of Saskatchewan, as will be seen from Table 2.

2.—Steam Railway Mileage by Provinces, June 30, 1918-1919, and Dec. 31, 1919-1924.

Provinces.	June 30.		Dec. 31.					
	1918.	1919.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Prince Edward Island.....	279	279	276	279	279	278	277	276
Nova Scotia.....	1,428	1,432	1,435	1,438	1,452	1,451	1,447	1,427
New Brunswick.....	1,959	1,948	1,993	1,816	1,948	1,947	1,947	1,942
Quebec.....	4,791	4,860	4,877	4,941	4,971	4,979	4,919	4,882
Ontario.....	11,057	11,000	10,988	11,001	10,976	10,881	10,956	10,948
Manitoba.....	4,168	4,190	4,193	4,403	4,417	4,585	4,521	4,520
Saskatchewan.....	6,162	6,148	6,141	6,220	6,296	6,267	6,517	6,942
Alberta.....	4,273	4,285	4,354	4,474	4,557	4,680	4,784	4,818
British Columbia.....	3,852	3,843	3,892	3,917	3,968	3,961	3,966	3,975
Yukon.....	102	102	100	69	58	58	58	58
In United States.....	413	414	414	418	441	273	273	273
Total.....	38,484	38,501	38,663	38,976	39,363	39,360	39,665	40,061

Capital Liability.—The capital liability of the steam railways of Canada is shown in Table 3 for the years 1876 to 1924. The great increase after 1922 is due to the inclusion of all government loans to railways and investment in road and equipment of government railways as part of the capital liability of the railways.

3.—Capital Liability of Steam Railways, June 30, 1876-1919, and Dec. 31, 1919-1924.

Years.	Stocks.	Funded Debt.	Total.	Years.	Stocks.	Funded Debt.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
1876.....	180,955,657	76,079,531	257,035,188	1902.....	460,401,863	404,806,847	865,208,710
1877.....	182,578,994	79,676,382	262,255,376	1903.....	483,770,312	424,100,762	907,871,074
1878.....	191,331,767	83,710,938	275,042,705	1904.....	492,752,530	449,114,035	941,866,565
1879.....	192,674,553	81,151,628	273,826,181	1905.....	526,353,951	465,543,967	991,897,918
1880.....	189,956,177	80,661,316	270,617,493	1906.....	561,655,395	504,226,234	1,065,881,629
1881.....	199,527,981	84,891,313	284,419,294	1907.....	588,568,591	583,369,217	1,171,937,808
1882.....	214,468,465	92,487,932	306,956,397	1908.....	607,891,349	631,869,664	1,239,761,013
1883.....	269,092,615	102,134,295	371,226,910	1909.....	647,534,647	660,946,769	1,308,481,416
1884.....	285,077,822	109,310,963	394,388,785	1910.....	687,557,387	722,740,300	1,410,297,687
1885.....	312,182,162	141,370,963	453,553,125	1911.....	749,207,687	779,481,514	1,528,689,201
1886.....	317,141,948	169,359,306	486,501,254	1912.....	770,459,351	818,478,175	1,588,937,526
1887.....	324,128,738	194,801,553	518,930,291	1913.....	918,573,740	613,256,952	1,531,830,692
1888.....	327,493,882	228,617,728	556,111,610	1914.....	1,026,418,123	782,402,638	1,808,820,761
1889.....	332,559,672	251,675,226	584,234,898	1915.....	1,024,085,983	851,724,905	1,875,810,888
1890.....	338,177,386	266,885,707	605,063,093	1916.....	1,024,264,325	868,861,449	1,893,125,774
1891.....	339,769,786	292,291,654	632,061,440	1917.....	1,089,114,875	896,005,116	1,985,119,991
1892.....	344,400,282	305,120,200	649,520,482	1918.....	1,093,885,495	905,994,999	1,999,880,494
1893.....	371,877,287	307,225,888	679,103,175	1919.....	1,100,301,195	914,823,515	2,015,124,710
1894.....	361,760,508	327,003,803	688,764,311	1919.....	1,104,409,122	931,756,484	2,036,165,606
1895.....	361,449,590	330,785,546	692,235,136	1920.....	1,323,705,962	846,324,166	2,170,030,128
1896.....	361,075,340	336,137,601	697,212,941	1921.....	1,372,545,165	792,142,471	2,164,687,636
1897.....	367,611,048	348,834,086	716,445,134	1922.....	1,415,623,322	743,653,809	2,159,277,131
1898.....	378,151,790	354,946,865	733,098,655	1923.....	1,385,080,426	1,879,593,612 ¹	3,264,674,038 ¹
1899.....	391,300,360	362,053,495	753,353,855	1924.....	1,401,263,285	2,012,602,328 ¹	3,413,865,613 ¹
1900.....	410,326,095	373,716,704	784,042,799				
1901.....	424,414,314	391,696,523	816,110,837				

¹Includes all government loans to railways and investment in road and equipment of government railways and three coal railways.