

11.—Commodities hauled as Freight on Steam Railways during the calendar years 1922-1924—concluded.

Products.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Animals and Animal Products—concluded.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Poultry.....	72,437	92,523	87,632
Eggs.....	156,611	168,719	159,131
Butter and cheese.....	280,247	273,672	287,786
Wool.....	75,881	72,727	65,835
Hides and leather.....	223,965	216,410	192,394
Other animals and animal products.....	121,219	128,709	128,185
Total.....	3,491,498	3,524,923	3,509,717
Mine Products—			
Anthracite coal.....	4,571,101	7,651,100	6,393,703
Bituminous coal.....	17,867,111	21,376,703	16,992,316
Lignite coal.....	261,732	348,515	393,101
Coke.....	743,767	1,202,129	990,806
Iron ore.....	355,728	594,229	277,837
Other ores and concentrates.....	1,099,793	2,290,101	2,332,390
Base bullion and matte.....	77,227	130,757	167,330
Clay, gravel, sand, stone (crushed).....	4,755,767	4,794,577	4,937,276
Slate, dimension or block stone.....	747,738	973,525	487,134
Crude petroleum.....	232,148	319,562	560,267
Asphaltum.....	164,894	131,574	155,857
Salt.....	436,753	402,841	380,379
Other mine products.....	595,629	581,999	650,902
Total.....	31,959,388	40,797,612	34,719,298
Forest Products—			
Logs, posts, poles, cordwood.....	3,187,239	3,295,349	3,159,232
Ties.....	269,530	260,800	238,625
Pulpwood.....	4,914,220	5,955,051	5,764,023
Lumber, timber, box shooks, heading.....	8,729,649	9,214,364	8,065,473
Other forest products.....	721,437	728,202	599,997
Total.....	17,822,075	19,453,766	17,827,350
Manufactures and Miscellaneous—			
Refined petroleum and its products.....	1,696,095	1,797,539	1,870,942
Sugar.....	941,733	763,330	902,133
Iron—pig and bloom.....	544,269	756,822	458,374
Rails and fastenings.....	347,997	319,300	258,286
Bar and sheet iron—structural iron and iron pipe.....	1,323,942	1,830,911	1,187,075
Castings, machinery and boilers.....	632,728	696,663	541,214
Cement.....	1,266,080	1,264,564	1,192,524
Brick and artificial stone.....	1,173,727	1,072,379	923,216
Lime and plaster.....	499,889	522,577	440,699
Sewer pipe and drain tile.....	140,936	100,611	130,806
Agricultural implements and vehicles other than auto's.....	252,867	333,004	260,213
Automobiles and auto trucks.....	932,457	1,198,499	1,160,836
Household goods.....	140,349	123,488	84,162
Furniture.....	105,537	89,085	86,013
Liquors and beverages.....	165,759	210,417	260,231
Fertilizers, all kinds.....	327,532	304,512	322,706
Paper, printed matter, books.....	2,331,194	2,522,266	2,433,297
Wood pulp.....	2,170,698	2,022,183	1,930,953
Fish, (fresh, frozen, cured, etc.).....	165,471	150,202	130,077
Canned meats.....	11,283	10,540	6,689
Canned goods (all canned food products other than meat).....	381,437	387,910	431,419
Other manufactures and miscellaneous.....	6,503,678	7,893,017	6,837,484
Merchandise.....	4,610,009	4,336,655	4,013,650
Total.....	26,665,667	28,706,474	25,862,999
Grand Total.....	108,530,518¹	118,289,604¹	106,429,355¹

¹ Traffic on the Thousand Islands Rly., 41,489 tons in 1922, 48,503 tons in 1923 and 39,934 tons in 1924, is not distributed, but is included in the totals for the respective years.

Government Aid to Private Railways.—In order that the private railways of Canada might be constructed in advance of settlement as colonization roads, or through thinly settled districts where little traffic was available, it was necessary for Dominion, provincial and even municipal Governments to extend some form of assistance. In our earlier history, when our Governments had plenty of Crown