

Operation of the Canadian National Railways.—The Canadian National system steam mileage at Dec. 31, 1926, was 22,189.43. Including the Central Vermont, 492.52, and the Thousand Islands railway, 6, controlled by constituent companies but separately operated, the total steam mileage was 22,687.95. Including 183.63 miles of electric lines, the grand total was 22,871.58. For convenience of local administration and operation the system's steam mileage is divided into four regions:—the Atlantic, lying east of Rivière du Loup and Monk, Quebec; the Central, lying between the last-named points and Current River, at Port Arthur, and Armstrong; the Western region, extending from the head of the Lakes to the Pacific; the Grand Trunk western lines, American mileage between the Detroit and St. Clair rivers and Chicago. The mileages, in the above order, are 2,879.15, 7,601.73, 10,717.84 and 990.71. Of this system mileage, 20,791.83 is owned, 1,221.32 is leased and 176.28 operated under trackage rights.

The Quebec bridge across the St. Lawrence above Quebec city, with a main span of 1,800 ft., the longest in the world, and carrying a double track railway and accommodation for pedestrian traffic, forms a connecting link in the Canadian National Railway system and is operated as a part of it.

Table 19 shows some of the more important train traffic statistics of Canadian National (including the Central Vermont) railway operation for the years 1925 and 1926.

19.—Canadian National Railways¹ (Canadian and U.S. Lines) Train Traffic Statistics for the calendar years 1925 and 1926.²

Items.	1925.	1926.
Train Mileage—		
Passenger trains.....	24,204,708	24,049,719
Freight trains.....	31,169,730	33,462,719
Mixed trains.....	3,712,544	3,503,725
Special trains.....	25,156	39,301
Unit cars.....	734,130	1,199,298
Total Train Miles.....	59,846,268	62,254,762
Car Mileage—		
Passenger—		
Coaches, parlour, sleeping and dining cars.....	115,754,897	119,585,752
Baggage, mail, express, etc.....	61,525,804	61,474,471
Total Passenger Train Car miles.....	177,280,701	181,060,223
Freight—		
Loaded freight car miles.....	821,890,565	895,169,898
Empty freight car miles.....	418,943,747	449,410,792
Caboose miles.....	33,080,811	35,190,726
Total Freight Train Car Miles.....	1,273,915,123	1,379,771,416
Passenger Traffic—		
Passengers carried (earning revenue).....	22,372,724	22,240,390
Passengers carried (earning revenue) one mile.....	1,417,635,163	1,477,755,975
Passenger train miles per mile of road.....	1,112	1,120
Average passenger journey—miles.....	63.36	66.44
Average amount received per passenger.....	\$ 1.69686	\$ 1.77278
Average amount received per passenger mile.....	\$ 0.02678	\$ 0.02668
Average number of passengers per train mile.....	55.32	57.07
Average number of passengers per car mile.....	12.99	13.09
Revenue from passengers per passenger car mile.....	\$ 0.34774	\$ 0.34931
Total passenger train earnings per train mile.....	\$ 3.28	\$ 2.84
Total passenger revenue per mile of road.....	\$ 2,609.66	\$ 2,685.65

¹Including Central Vermont railway but exclusive of electric lines.

²For detailed statistics of the operation and finances of the Canadian National Railways during 1926 see the annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1927, and Steam Railway Statistics, 1926, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, also the annual report of the railways.