

2.—Drainage Basins of Canada.

NOTE.—Owing to overlapping and to the fact that minor basins are omitted, 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. The Gulf of Mexico basin is that part of the southern area of the Prairie Provinces drained by the Missouri and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries.

Drainage Basin.	Area Drained.	Drainage Basin.	Area Drained.
Atlantic Basin.	sq. miles.	Hudson Bay Basin—concluded.	sq. miles.
Miramichi.....	5,400	Kazan.....	32,700
St. John.....	21,500	Dubawnt.....	58,500
St. Lawrence.....	309,500		
Saguenay.....	35,900	Total.....	1,486,000
St. Maurice.....	16,200	Pacific Basin.	
French.....	8,000	Yukon.....	145,800
Nipigon.....	9,000	Porcupine.....	24,600
Ottawa.....	56,700	Stewart.....	21,900
du Lièvre.....	3,500	Pelly.....	21,300
Gatineau.....	9,100	Lewes.....	35,100
Total.....	524,900	White.....	15,000
Hudson Bay Basin.		Alsek.....	11,200
Koksak.....	62,400	Taku.....	7,600
George.....	20,000	Stikine.....	20,300
Big.....	26,300	Nass.....	7,400
Eastmain.....	25,500	Skeena.....	19,300
Rupert.....	15,700	Fraser.....	94,700
Broadback.....	9,300	Thompson.....	21,800
Notlaway.....	29,300	Nechako.....	15,700
Moose.....	42,100	Blackwater.....	5,600
Abitibi.....	11,300	Quesnel.....	4,500
Missionabi.....	10,600	Chilcotin.....	7,500
Albany.....	59,800	Columbia.....	39,300
Kenogami.....	20,700	Kootenay.....	15,500
Attawapiskat.....	18,700	Okanagan.....	6,000
Winisk.....	24,100	Kettle.....	3,160
Severn.....	33,600	Pend d'Oreille.....	1,190
Hayes.....	29,000	Total.....	387,300
Nelson.....	370,800	Arctic Basin.	
Winnipeg.....	44,000	Back.....	47,500
English.....	20,600	Coppermine.....	29,100
Red.....	63,400	Mackenzie.....	682,000
Aseinboine.....	62,600	Liard.....	100,700
Saskatchewan.....	158,800	Hay.....	25,700
North Saskatchewan.....	54,700	Peace.....	117,100
South Saskatchewan.....	65,500	Athabaska.....	58,900
Red Deer.....	18,300	Total.....	1,290,000
Bow.....	11,100	Gulf of Mexico Basin.....	12,365
Belly.....	8,900		
Churchill.....	115,500		

The St. Lawrence River System.—Most important of the lakes and rivers of Canada is the chain of the Great Lakes with their connecting rivers, the St. Lawrence river and its tributaries. This chain is called the St. Lawrence River system. The Great Lakes, separating the province of Ontario from the United States and connected by a series of canals with the St. Lawrence river, allow vessels drawing not over 14 feet of water to proceed from the Atlantic ocean to the interior of the Dominion as far as Fort William and Port Arthur, twin cities situated on Lake Superior, practically half way across the continent.

Other River Systems.—Apart from the St. Lawrence, the great waterway of the eastern half of the Dominion, other systems also merit some attention. The Saskatchewan river, for example, flowing eastward from the Rocky mountains to lake Winnipeg and thence northward by the Nelson river into Hudson bay, drains a great part of the plains of the western provinces. In the north, the Mackenzie river, with its tributaries the Slave, Liard, Athabaska and Peace rivers, follows the northerly slope of the Great Plain and empties into the Arctic ocean, its waters having traversed in all a distance of 2,514 miles. The Yukon river, after draining a