

1.—Record of Steam Railway Mileage, 1835-1937.

Year.	Miles in Operation.	Year.	Miles in Operation.	Year.	Miles in Operation.	Year.	Miles in Operation.	Year.	Miles in Operation.	Year.	Miles in Operation.
	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.
1835.....	1	1863.....	2,189	1879.....	6,858	1895.....	15,977	1911.....	25,400	1925.....	40,350
1836-46.....	22	1864.....	2,189	1880.....	7,194	1896.....	16,270	1912.....	26,840	1926.....	40,350
1847-49.....	54	1865.....	2,240	1881.....	7,331	1897.....	16,550	1913.....	29,304		
1850.....	66	1866.....	2,278	1882.....	8,697	1898.....	16,870	1914.....	30,795	1927.....	40,570
1851.....	159	1867.....	2,278	1883.....	9,577	1899.....	17,250	1915.....	34,882	1928.....	41,022
1852.....	205	1868.....	2,270	1884.....	10,273	1900.....	17,657	1916.....	36,985	1929.....	41,380
1853.....	506	1869.....	2,524	1885.....	10,775	1901.....	18,140	1917.....	38,369	1930.....	42,047
1854.....	764	1870.....	2,617	1886.....	11,793	1902.....	18,714	1918.....	38,252		
1855.....	877	1871.....	2,695	1887.....	12,184	1903.....	18,988	1919 ¹	38,329	1931.....	42,280
1856.....	1,414	1872.....	2,899	1888.....	12,163	1904.....	19,431			1932.....	42,409
1857.....	1,444	1873.....	3,832	1889.....	12,628	1905.....	20,487			1933.....	42,386
1858.....	1,863	1874.....	4,331	1890.....	13,151	1906.....	21,423	1920.....	38,805	1934.....	42,270
1859.....	1,994	1875.....	4,804	1891.....	13,838	1907.....	22,446	1921.....	39,191		
1860.....	2,065	1876.....	5,218	1892.....	14,564	1908.....	22,966	1922.....	39,358	1935.....	42,916
1861.....	2,146	1877.....	5,782	1893.....	15,005	1909.....	24,104	1923.....	39,654	1936.....	42,552
1862.....	2,189	1878.....	6,226	1894.....	15,627	1910.....	24,731	1924.....	40,059	1937.....	42,727

¹ First railway construction begun but line not open for traffic until 1836, and prior years.

² As at June 30 for this

³ As at Dec. 31 for this and later years.

In total railway mileage Canada now ranks fourth with 42,727 miles, the United States, Soviet Russia, and British India being the only countries with greater total mileages. In miles per capita only Australia has a greater average, the figure for Canada being one mile of line for each 263 persons (exclusive of 339 miles, chiefly main lines, of Canadian railways crossing over United States territory).

The operated mileage in the different provinces is given for recent years in Table 2. Construction was most active in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta during the period covered while there has been a tendency for mileages to decline slightly in the other provinces, due to the abandonment of unprofitable lines.

2.—Operated Steam Railway Mileage, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1925-37.

Type of Track and Province.	1928.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.	miles.
Single Track—									
Prince Edward Island.....	276	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286
Nova Scotia.....	1,420	1,418	1,418	1,410	1,410	1,406	1,397	1,397	1,397
New Brunswick.....	1,934	1,934	1,934	1,934	1,934	1,930	1,929	1,871	1,871
Quebec.....	4,891	4,891	4,926	4,879	4,863	4,858	4,858	4,777	4,814
Ontario.....	10,872	10,938	10,905	10,908	10,889	10,842	10,821	10,746	10,692
Manitoba.....	4,294	4,420	4,419	4,420	4,433	4,459	4,970	4,860	4,860
Saskatchewan.....	7,761	8,166	8,268	8,438	8,438	8,368	8,556	8,624	8,776
Alberta.....	5,516	5,581	5,630	5,652	5,654	5,696	5,760	5,687	5,751
British Columbia.....	4,024	4,021	4,097	4,085	4,041	4,028	3,942	3,907	3,883
Yukon.....	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
In United States.....	334	334	339	339	339	339	339	339	339
Totals, Single Track	41,380	42,047	42,280	42,409	42,336	42,270	42,916	42,552	42,727
Second track.....	2,658	2,688	2,688	2,682	2,531	2,525	2,507	2,500	2,500
Industrial track.....	1,607	1,623	1,606	1,578	1,534	1,495	1,453	1,401	1,390
Yard track and sidings.....	10,168	10,227	10,277	10,336	10,278	10,229	10,295	10,239	10,218
Grand Totals.....	55,813	56,585	56,851	57,004	56,679	56,519	57,171	56,892	56,835