

1.—Record of Steam Railway Mileage, 1835-1939

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	1927....	40,570
1850.....	66	1866....	2,278	1882....	8,697	1898....	16,870	1914....	30,795	1928....	41,022
1851.....	159	1867....	2,278	1883....	9,577	1899....	17,250	1915....	34,882	1929....	41,380
1852.....	205	1868....	2,270	1884....	10,273	1900....	17,657	1916....	36,985	1930....	42,047
1853.....	506	1869....	2,524	1885....	10,773	1901....	18,140	1917....	38,369	1931....	42,280
1854.....	764	1870....	2,617	1886....	11,793	1902....	18,714	1918....	38,252	1932....	42,409
1855.....	877	1871....	2,695	1887....	12,184	1903....	18,988	1919 ² ..	38,329	1933....	42,336
1856.....	1,414	1872....	2,899	1888....	12,163	1904....	19,431				
1857.....	1,444	1873....	3,832	1889....	12,628	1905....	20,487	1919 ³ ..	38,495	1934....	42,270
1858.....	1,863	1874....	4,331	1890....	13,151	1906....	21,423	1920....	38,805	1935....	42,916
1859.....	1,994	1875....	4,804	1891....	13,838	1907....	22,446	1921....	39,191	1936....	42,552
1860.....	2,065	1876....	5,218	1892....	14,564	1908....	22,966	1922....	39,358	1937....	42,727
1861.....	2,146	1877....	5,782	1893....	15,005	1909....	24,104	1923....	39,654	1938....	42,742
1862.....	2,189	1878....	6,226	1894....	15,627	1910....	24,731	1924....	40,059	1939....	42,637

¹ First railway construction begun but line not open for traffic until 1836.

² As at June 30 for this

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

In total railway mileage Canada now ranks fourth, 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 267 persons (exclusive of 339 miles, chiefly main lines, of Canadian railways crossing over United States territory).

Construction has been most active in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the period 1930-39, while there has been a tendency for mileages to decline slightly in the other provinces, because of the abandonment of unprofitable lines.

2.—Operated Steam Railway Mileage, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1930-39

Type of Track and Province	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles
Single Track—										
Prince Edward Island....	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286	286
Nova Scotia.....	1,418	1,418	1,410	1,410	1,406	1,397	1,397	1,397	1,397	1,396
New Brunswick.....	1,934	1,934	1,934	1,934	1,930	1,929	1,871	1,871	1,873	1,873
Quebec.....	4,891	4,926	4,879	4,863	4,858	4,858	4,777	4,814	4,853	4,836
Ontario.....	10,938	10,905	10,908	10,880	10,842	10,821	10,746	10,692	10,657	10,570
Manitoba.....	4,420	4,419	4,420	4,433	4,459	4,970	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860
Saskatchewan.....	8,166	8,268	8,438	8,438	8,368	8,556	8,624	8,776	8,777	8,777
Alberta.....	5,581	5,630	5,652	5,654	5,696	5,760	5,687	5,751	5,751	5,751
British Columbia.....	4,021	4,097	4,085	4,041	4,028	3,942	3,907	3,883	3,891	3,891
Yukon.....	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
In United States.....	334	339	339	339	339	339	339	339	339	339
Totals, Single Track...	42,047	42,280	42,409	42,336	42,270	42,916	42,552	42,727	42,742	42,637
Second track.....	2,688	2,688	2,682	2,531	2,525	2,507	2,500	2,500	2,498	2,499
Industrial track.....	1,623	1,606	1,578	1,534	1,495	1,453	1,401	1,390	1,361	1,357
Yard track and sidings....	10,227	10,277	10,335	10,278	10,229	10,295	10,239	10,218	10,159	10,108
Grand Totals.....	56,585	56,851	57,034	56,679	56,519	57,171	56,692	56,835	56,760	56,601

Rolling-Stock.—The figures in Table 3 may be supplemented by the statement that between 1920 and 1939 the average capacity of box cars increased from 34,779 tons to 41,766 tons, of flat cars from 33,459 to 41,643 tons, of coal cars from 43,404 tons to 52,730 tons, and of all freight cars from 35,141 tons to 42,484 tons. The average tractive power of the locomotives increased 27.6 p.c. between 1920 and 1939.