

The Northwest Highway System as it is now called will, for the present, be operated by the Canadian Army, but will be opened for civilian traffic as soon as possible.

Statistics of urban streets have been collected since 1935 from cities and principal towns; the small municipalities omitted would increase the totals very little. For 1945 the total number of miles of street reported was 14,245, composed of: 3,350 miles of bituminous pavements; 880 miles of portland cement concrete; 2,027 miles of bituminous surfaces; 3,274 miles of gravel and crushed stone; and 399 miles of other surfaces; making a total of 9,930 miles of surfaced streets and 4,315 miles of earth roads. These figures for urban streets or roads are not included in the table of highway mileage.

Subsection 2.—Motor-Vehicles

Registration.—Automobiles were registered in Canada for the first time in 1904 and Ontario was the only province to issue licences in that year. New Brunswick began registering cars in 1905; Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1906; British Columbia in 1907; Manitoba in 1908; Nova Scotia in 1909; Prince Edward Island in 1913 and Yukon in 1914.

In 1905 only 565 motor-vehicles were registered, by 1915 the number had risen to 95,284, and by the end of the next decade to 724,048. A peak of 1,572,784 was reached in 1941, including 1,279,536 passenger cars, 278,771 commercial cars and 14,477 motorcycles. During the war years the number of commercial cars continued to increase, advancing to 322,829 in 1945, including 315,606 trucks 5,988 buses and 1,235 miscellaneous vehicles; motorcycles were slightly less at 14,194. Passenger cars, however, declined each year to 1,160,058 in 1945, due to restrictions on the manufacture of cars for private use, tires and gasoline, inability to secure repair parts and shortage of garage mechanics. The full effect of the lifting of wartime restrictions may not be felt for some time, since material shortages have continued to keep down production.

Revenues from motor-vehicle licences, operators' permits, etc., amounted to \$32,000,000 in 1945 compared with \$28,000,000 in 1939 and \$13,400,000 in 1925.

2.—Motor-Vehicles Registered, by Provinces, 1936-45

NOTE.—Registrations given here include passenger cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, service cars, etc., but not trailers or dealer licences. Figures for 1904-35 are given at p. 668 of the 1937 Year Book.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total ¹
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936	7,632	46,179	33,402	181,628	590,226	74,940	102,270	97,468	106,079	1,240,124
1937	8,011	50,048	36,780	197,917	623,918	80,860	105,064	100,434	116,341	1,319,702
1938	7,992	51,214	37,110	205,463	669,088	88,219	109,014	107,191	119,220	1,394,853
1939	8,040	53,008	38,116	213,148	682,891	88,864	119,018	113,702	122,087	1,439,245
1940	8,070	57,873	39,000	225,152	703,872	90,932	126,970	120,514	128,044	1,500,829
1941	8,015	62,805	41,450	232,149	739,194	96,573	131,545	126,127	134,499	1,572,784
1942	7,537	58,872	37,758	222,622	715,380	93,147	130,040	125,482	132,893	1,524,153
1943	8,032	59,194	40,205	222,676	691,615	93,494	133,839	127,559	134,691	1,511,845
1944	8,412	57,933	39,570	224,042	675,057	93,297	140,992	127,416	135,090	1,502,567
1945	8,835	56,699	41,577	228,681	662,719	92,758	140,257	130,153	134,788	1,497,081

¹ Totals include registrations in Yukon.