

of bituminous surfaces; 3,311 miles of gravel and crushed stone; and 390 miles of other surfaces; making a total of 10,031 miles of surfaced streets and 4,295 miles of earth roads. These figures for urban streets or roads are not included in the table of highway mileage.

1.—Classification of Highways, by Provinces, 1946

NOTE.—The date for which the mileage was reported is indicated for each province. The figures for Canada are the sums of the mileages so reported. Urban streets are not included in the figures.

Classification	P.E.I. ¹	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
	Mar. 31, 1946	Nov. 30, 1946	Oct. 31, 1945	Mar. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1947	Apr. 30, 1947	Mar. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1945	
	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles
SURFACED ROAD										
Portland cement concrete..	4	7	—	342	2,054	37	—	—	41	2,485
Bituminous pavement.....	205	902	—	3,207	2,476	—	—	—	114	6,904
Bituminous surface.....	—	53	977	1,089	3,524	515	372	735	1,452	8,717
Gravel—crushed stone.....	242	6,590	7,681	19,465	49,777	8,395	11,095	9,469	8,056	122,231 ²
Other surfaces.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	—	47	122
TOTALS, SURFACED ROAD..	451	7,552	8,658	24,103	57,831	8,947	11,542	10,204	9,710	140,459²
NON-SURFACED ROAD										
Improved earth.....	2,352	3,223	2,670	—	8,789	8,171	77,177	24,730	9,765	136,877
Other earth roads.....	903	4,776	984	16,226	6,381	74,236 ³	124,259	45,589	2,680	276,034
TOTALS, NON-SURFACED ROAD.....	3,255	7,999	3,654	16,226	15,170	82,407	201,436	70,319	12,445	412,911
Grand Totals.....	3,706	15,551	12,312	40,329	73,001	91,354	212,978	80,523	22,155	553,370²

¹ 1944 mileage.
Yukon and N.W.T.

² Includes 1,461 miles of gravel road of the Northwest Highway System in Yukon and N.W.T.
³ Includes road allowances.

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 in Canada but by 1915 the number had risen to 95,284 and by the end of the next decade to 724,048. With the exception of 1931-33 an annual increase was in evidence until 1941 when 1,572,784 motor-vehicles were registered. The number of commercial vehicles continued to increase during the war years but a considerable decline was shown in passenger cars due to restrictions on manufacture and the rationing of tires and gasoline. However, post-war recovery was rapid, registrations reaching a peak in 1948. The total of 2,035,352 registrations included 1,497,409 passenger cars, 499,736 trucks and miscellaneous vehicles, 4,268 buses, and 33,939 motorcycles. New motor-vehicles made available during 1948 totalled 229,489, comprising 152,336 passenger and 77,153 commercial vehicles.