In Eastern Canada, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence drainage basin dominates all others and forms an unequalled system of navigable inland waterways through a region rich in natural and industrial resources. From the head of Lake Superior to the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the distance is 2,338 miles. The St. Lawrence waterway and its tributaries, most of which have lakes available for reservoiring, have very large developed and potential power resources.

The greater part of Canada drains into Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean; the Nelson River drainage is exceptional in running *through* the most arable and the most settled part of Western Canada, but otherwise the rivers of the West, east of the Rockies, run *away* from the settled areas towards the cold northern salt waters and this adversely affects their industrial utility. The Mackenzie River, which drains Great Slave Lake, is, with its headwaters, the longest river in Canada (2,635 miles) and its valley constitutes the natural transportation route through the Northwest Territories down to the Arctic Ocean. From Fort Smith, on the Slave River, large river boats run without any obstruction down to Aklavik in the delta of the Mackenzie, a distance of 1,292 miles. Table **5** gives the lengths of the principal rivers with their tributaries classified according to the four major drainage basins.

5.—Lengths of Principal Rivers and Tributaries

NOTE.—In this table the tributaries and sub-tributaries are indicated by indentation of the names. Thus the Ottawa and other rivers are shown as tributary to the St. Lawrence, and the Gatineau and other rivers as tributary to the Ottawa.

Drainage Basin and River	Length
	miles
Flowing into the Atlantic Ocean	
St. Lawrence (to head of St. Louis, Minn.)	1,900
Ottawa	696
Gatineau	240
du Lièvre	205
Coulonge	135
Madawaska	130
Rouge	115
Mississippi	105
Petawawa	95
South Nation	90
Dumoine	80
North	70
North Nation	60
Saguenay (to head of Peribonca)	475
Peribonca	280
Mistassini	185
Ashuapmuchuan	165
St. Maurice	325
Mattawin	100
Manicouagan (to head of Racine-de-Bouleau)	310
Outardes	270
Bersimis	240
Richelieu	210
St. Francis	165
Chaudière	120
Via the Great Lakes—	
French (to head of Sturgeon)	180
Sturgeon	110
Grand	165
Thames	163
Spanish	153
Trent	150
Mississagi	140
Nipigon (to head of Ombabika)	130
Moira	60
Thessalon	40
St. John	418
Romaine	270
Flowing into the Atlantic Ocean—concl.	
Natashquan	241
Moisie	210
Hamilton	208
Exploits	153
Naskaupi	152
Canairiktok	139
Eagle	138
Miramichi	135
Marguerite	130
Gander	102
Flowing into Hudson Bay	
Nelson (to head of Bow)	1,600
Saskatchewan (to head of Bow)	1,205
South Saskatchewan	865
Red Deer	385
Bow	315
Belly	180
North Saskatchewan	760
Red (to head of Sheyenne)	545
Assiniboine	590
Souris	450
Qu'Appelle	270
Winnipeg (to head of Firesteel)	475
English	330
Churchill	1,000
Beaver	305
Koksoak (to head of Kaniapiskau)	660
Kaniapiskau	575
Severn (to head of Black Birch)	610
Albany (to head of Cat)	610
Dubawnt	580
Eastmain	510
Fort George (to Nichicun Lake)	480
Attawapiskat	465
Kazan	455
Nottaway (to head of Waswanipi)	400
Waswanipi	190