

1.—Mileage of each Type of Road, by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1952

NOTE.—The figures for Canada are the sums of the mileages so reported. Urban streets are not included in the figures.

Classification	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B. ¹	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles
SURFACED ROAD												
Portland cement concrete.....	—	4	7	—	303	1,524	99	—	—	40	—	1,977
Bituminous pavements.....	30	—	25	—	5,671	4,383	—	—	—	1,504	—	11,613
Bituminous surface.....	97	306	1,269	1,785	869	4,397	840	846	1,339	978	—	12,726
Gravel—												
Crushed stone...	1,800	1,481	6,981	9,300	21,244	51,893	8,549	15,573	19,231	9,050	1,760	146,862
Other surfaces....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	—	—	—	54
TOTALS, SURFACED ROAD.....	1,927	1,791	8,282	11,085	28,087	62,197	9,488	16,473	20,570	11,572	1,760	173,232
NON-SURFACED ROAD												
Improved earth...	452	1,925	3,066	1,600	—	11,812	7,855	83,677 ²	30,082 ²	9,838	271	150,578
Other earth roads	3,940	—	3,815	524	13,678	—	74,172 ²	112,502 ²	34,265 ²	2,027	41	244,964
TOTALS, NON-SURFACED ROAD.....	4,392	1,925	6,881	2,124	13,678	11,812	82,027	196,179	64,347	11,865	312	395,542
Grand Totals....	6,319	3,716	15,163	13,209	41,765	74,009	91,515	212,652	84,917	23,437	2,072	568,774

¹ Gravel and earth road mileages partly estimated.
 includes 56,896 miles of unimproved road allowances not in use.

² Includes all road allowances.

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Finances of Road Transportation.—The cost of road transportation to the people of Canada may be summarized under the following headings: expenditure on roads and highways; expenditure by individuals and corporations on owned motor-vehicles; expenditure for freight and passenger services rendered by public motor-carriers such as taxi, bus and motor-transport companies; and expenditure on garages, service stations, etc. Since expenditure on roads and highways is made almost entirely by government bodies, fairly complete statistics are available regarding them but, owing to the tremendous number of individuals and organizations that would have to be canvassed and the difficulties involved, complete statistics are not available under the other headings. Sales of gasoline are given at p. 814 and revenue of motor-carriers at p. 815.

Expenditure on Roads and Highways.—Roads in Canada, except in the Territories, the Indian reserves and the National Parks, are under the jurisdiction of either provincial or municipal authorities.

Provincial and municipal expenditure was sharply curtailed during the war years 1939-45 and a considerable backlog of essential repair, improvement and expansion work accumulated. In 1946, approximately \$144,469,000 was expended on construction, general maintenance and repair of roads and bridges and from 1947 to 1951 outlays increased steadily, amounting to \$232,514,000, \$268,250,000, \$270,170,000, \$277,914,000 and \$334,584,000, respectively, in those years. Unit costs per mile of new construction increased over pre-war levels and had a restrictive effect on the planned extension of first-class roads. However, the improvement and construction of the Trans-Canada Highway, as a main artery of interprovincial travel, is well under way as a joint responsibility of federal and provincial authorities.