

## Section 2.—Highways and Roads

The populated sections of Canada are well supplied with highways and roads. Access to outlying settlements is provided to some extent by roads built by logging, pulp and paper, and mining companies, although these are not generally available for public travel. At the same time, great areas of Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia and the Territories are very sparsely settled and are virtually without roads of any kind.

At the end of 1957, the milage of highways and rural roads in Canada was 423,939. This milage includes all roads under provincial jurisdiction, federal roads including those in the National Parks and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, and local roads under municipal jurisdiction other than the milages in cities and towns. The latter are given separately under the heading "Urban Roads", p. 796.

Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Territories reported decreases in 1957 as compared with 1956 for reasons mentioned in footnotes to Table 1. Federal roads, including those in the National Parks, the National Capital Commission driveways around Ottawa and in Gatineau Park, and the North West Highway System of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, as well as other federally administered roads in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, totalled 6,049 miles.

## 1.—Road Milages classified by Type and by Province, 1956 and 1957

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

Year and Classification	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	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
<b>1956</b>												
<b>Surfaced</b> .....	2,826	2,020	9,441	13,063	32,088	65,723	4,814	27,065	35,715	13,874	2,699	209,328
Concrete surface.	—	12	7	—	251	757	132	—	1	31	—	1,191
Bituminous surface.	121	388	2,031	2,618	9,110	11,435	1,941	1,889	2,658	3,616	8	35,815
Gravel.	2,705	1,620	7,403	10,445	22,727	53,531	2,741	25,176	33,056	10,227	2,691	172,322
<b>Earth</b> .....	4,275	1,176	5,816	8	11,632	9,934	15,610	134,138	51,306	9,991	368	244,254
<b>Totals, 1956</b> ..	7,101	3,196	15,257	13,071	43,720	75,657	20,424	161,203	87,021	23,865	3,067	453,582
<b>1957</b>												
<b>Surfaced</b> .....	3,319	2,176	9,592	13,128	38,678 <sup>2</sup>	66,288	5,393	35,540	40,128	14,654	2,148	231,044 <sup>3</sup>
Concrete surface.	—	13	7	—	226	751	158	—	1	30	—	1,186
Bituminous surface.	124	327	2,235	2,798	10,059	11,430	1,309	3,125	2,739	3,779	12	37,937
Gravel.	3,195	1,836	7,350	10,330	28,393 <sup>2</sup>	54,107	3,926	32,415	37,388	10,845	2,136	191,921
<b>Earth</b> .....	3,000 <sup>4</sup>	1,022	5,735	—	11,518	9,934	15,615	88,954 <sup>5</sup>	48,714	8,238 <sup>6</sup>	165	192,895
<b>Totals, 1957</b> ..	6,319	3,198	15,327	13,128	50,196	76,222	21,008	124,494	88,842	22,892 <sup>7</sup>	2,313 <sup>7</sup>	423,939 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Includes milage of gravel roads; details not available. <sup>2</sup> Includes 5,750 miles of gravel roads, not previously reported.

<sup>3</sup> Includes 2,551 miles of roads on Indian reserves, not previously reported. <sup>4</sup> Excludes 940 miles of unimproved winter trails.

<sup>5</sup> Excludes 46,928 miles of unimproved road allowances.

<sup>6</sup> Excludes 1,534 miles of "cleared only" roads. <sup>7</sup> Excludes duplication of milages in the National Parks of British Columbia and of the Alaska Highway in British Columbia and the Yukon, previously included.