

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 1958, the mileage of highways and rural roads in Canada was 401,887. The decrease of 22,052 miles compared with the 1957 total is accounted for by certain exclusions in the later year, as shown in the footnotes to Table 1. The major increase during the year was in bituminous-surfaced highways.

The total of 401,887 miles includes all roads under provincial jurisdiction, federal roads, and local roads under municipal jurisdiction other than the milages in urban centres of more than 1,000 population. The latter are given separately under the heading "Urban Roads", p. 831. Federal roads, including those in the National Parks, 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 4,217 miles; this figure excludes all Indian reservation roads except those with bituminous surface.

1.—Road Milages classified by Type and by Province, 1957 and 1958

NOTE.—The figures for Canada are the additions 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
1957												
Surfaced.....	3,319	2,176	9,592	13,128	38,678	66,288	5,393	35,540	40,128	14,654	2,148	231,044
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	54,107	3,926	32,415	37,388	10,845	2,136	191,921
Earth.....	3,000	1,022	5,735	—	11,518	9,934	15,615	88,954	48,714	8,238	165	192,895
Totals, 1957..	6,319	3,198	15,327	13,128	50,196	76,222	21,008	124,494	88,842	22,892	2,313	423,939
1958												
Surfaced.....	3,609	2,474	9,795	13,168	39,187	67,283	16,038	32,178	41,817	24,706	1,737	251,992
Concrete surface.	—	14	7	—	196	658	145	—	5	—	—	1,025
Bituminous surface.....	218	425	2,554	3,051	10,742	13,450	1,614	2,056	3,058	3,787	8	40,963
Gravel.....	3,391	2,035	7,234	10,117	28,249	53,175	14,279 ¹	30,122	38,754	20,919	1,729	210,004
Earth.....	3,000	725	5,543	—	11,331	4,733 ²	5,000	88,820	22,260 ³	8,225	258	149,895
Totals, 1958.	6,609	3,199	15,338	13,168	50,518	72,016	21,038	120,998⁴	64,077	32,931⁵	1,995⁶	401,887⁶

¹ Includes 9,914 miles previously included with earth road mileage.

² Excludes 4,690 miles unused road allowance previously included.

³ Excludes 23,305 miles unimproved road allowance previously included.

⁴ Decrease from 1957 due to elimination of duplications in reporting.

⁵ Includes roads in Provincial Parks.

forest development and mining roads not included previously.

⁶ Excludes milages of all roads on Indian reservations except those with bituminous surface.