British Columbia

Administration and Legislation.—Enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act, the Commercial Transport Act and the Motor Carrier Act is vested in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the various municipal police forces. The Motor Carrier Act is administered by the Public Utilities Commission, the Motor Vehicle Act by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles and the Commercial Transport Act by the Minister of Commercial Transport, Victoria, B.C.

Yukon Territory

Administration.—Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Information regarding regulations may also be obtained from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Government of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Legislation.—The Motor Vehicles Ordinance (Revised Ordinances 1958, c. 77) as amended.

Northwest Territories

Administration.—Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Address communications to the Director, Northern Administration Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Legislation.—The Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories (SC 1956, c. 72) as amended.

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 1959, the milage of highways and rural roads in Canada was 423,035, an increase of 25,654 miles over the 397,381 miles reported for 1958. The main reason for this increase was the inclusion, in 1959 for the first time, of milages under the jurisdiction of rural municipalities and small urban municipalities of less than 1,000 population which had been classed previously as rural. The inclusion of these milages was discounted in some provinces where the provincial authority had been able, in previous years, to estimate milage under rural municipality control.

The total of 423,035 miles includes all roads under provincial jurisdiction, federal roads, and local roads under municipal jurisdiction other than the milages in metropolitan areas (see p. 151) and urban centres of more than 1,000 population. The latter are given separately under the heading "Urban Roads", p. 803.

1.—Road Milages classified by Type and by Province, 1958 and 1959

Note.—Urban streets are not included; see text above.

Year and Classification	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sa sk.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
*****	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles	miles
1958												
Surfaced	3,609	2,474	9,795	13,168	39,187	67,283	16,038	32,178	41,817	20,200°	1,737	247,486r
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	30,122	38,754	16,413r	1,729	205,498r
Earth	3,000	725	5,543	-	11,331	4,733	5,000	88,820	22,260	8,225	258	149,895
Totals, 1958	6,609	3,199	15,338	13,168	50,518	72,016	21,038	120,998	64,077	284, 25 ^r	1,995	397,3811,1

For footnote, see end of table.