

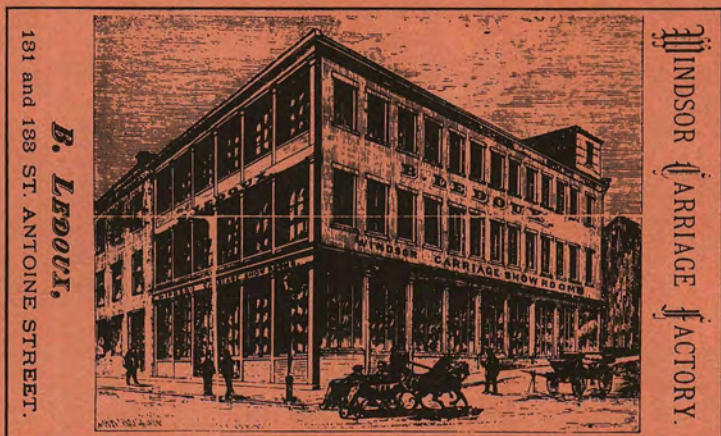
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In 1923 Canada ranked third among the countries of the world in the number of its registered motor vehicles, behind the United States and the United Kingdom. There was one motor vehicle for every 15.6 of Canada's population, or one for every 3.39 families. (1924)

"The first railway in Canada was opened on the 21st July, 1836, between Laprairie and St. Johns, in the Province of Quebec, its length being 16 miles, but such little progress in railway development was

made that in 1850 there were but 71 miles in operation. In that year, however, several important undertakings were commenced, among which were the Grand Trunk, Great Western and Northern Railroads, and in 1860, ten years later, there were 2,087 miles in operation." (1886)



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In 1985, 53% of all domestic scheduled passengers travelled on discount fares, compared to 45% in 1983.

Preliminary data for 1985 show that VIA passengers numbered 7.0 million, up 3.9% from 1984. In 1984, commuters accounted for 14.6 million passengers or 66.8%.

The Canadian intercity bus industry carried about 28 million passengers in 1984.

The St. Lawrence Seaway is the world's longest canal system, measuring 3 769 km from the Atlantic Ocean to the western end of Lake Superior. A vessel rises 177 m as it moves from the lower St. Lawrence River to the lakehead.