

In Eastern Canada, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence drainage basin dominates all others and forms an unequalled system of navigable inland waterways through a region rich in natural and industrial resources. From Duluth at the head of Lake Superior to Belle Isle at the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the distance is 2,280 miles. The St. Lawrence waterway and its tributaries, most of which have lakes available for reservoiring, have very large developed and potential power resources.

The greater part of Canada drains into Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean; the Nelson River drainage is exceptional in running *through* the most arable and the most settled part of Western Canada, but otherwise the rivers of the West, east of the Rockies, run *away* from the settled areas towards the cold northern salt waters and this adversely affects their industrial utility. The Mackenzie River, which drains Great Slave Lake, is, with its headwaters, the longest river in Canada (2,635 miles) and its valley constitutes the natural transportation route through the Northwest Territories down to the Arctic Ocean. From Fort Smith, on the Slave River, large river boats run without any obstruction down to Aklavik on the delta of the Mackenzie, a distance of 1,292 miles. Table 5 gives the lengths of the principal rivers with their tributaries classified according to the four major drainage basins.

### 5.—Lengths of Principal Rivers and Their Tributaries

NOTE.—In this table the tributaries and sub-tributaries are indicated by indentation of the names. Thus, the Ottawa and other rivers are shown as tributary to the St. Lawrence, and the Gatineau and other rivers as tributary to the Ottawa.

Drainage Basin and River	Length miles	Drainage Basin and River	Length miles
<b>Flowing into the Atlantic Ocean</b>		<b>Flowing into the Atlantic Ocean—concl.</b>	
St. Lawrence (to head of St. Louis, Minn.)	1,900	Natashquan	241
Ottawa	696	Moisie	210
Gatineau	240	Hamilton	208
du Lièvre	205	Exploits	153
Coulonge	135	Naskaupi	152
Madawaska	130	Canairiktok	139
Rouge	115	Eagle	138
Mississippi	105	Miramichi	135
Petawawa	95	Marguerite	130
South Nation	90	Gander	102
Dumoine	80		
North	70	<b>Flowing into Hudson Bay</b>	
North Nation	60	Nelson (to head of Bow)	1,600
Saguenay (to head of Peribonca)	475	Saskatchewan (to head of Bow)	1,205
Peribonca	280	South Saskatchewan	865
Mistassini	185	Red Deer	385
Ashuapmichuan	165	Bow	315
St. Maurice	325	Belly	180
Mattawin	100	North Saskatchewan	760
Manicouagan (to head of Racine-de-Bouleau)	310	Red (to head of Sheyenne)	545
Outardes	270	Assiniboine	590
Beramis	240	Souris	450
Richelieu	210	Qu'Appelle	270
St. Francis	165	Winnipeg (to head of Firesteel)	475
Chaudière	120	English	330
Via the Great Lakes—		Churchill	1,000
French (to head of Sturgeon)	180	Beaver	305
Sturgeon	110	Koksoak (to head of Kaniapiskau)	660
Grand	165	Kaniapiskau	575
Thames	163	Severn (to head of Black Birch)	610
Spanish	153	Albany (to head of Cat)	610
Trent	150	Dubawnt	580
Mississagi	140	Eastmain	510
Nipigon (to head of Ombabika)	130	Fort George (to Nichicun Lake)	480
Moirs	60	Attawapiskat	465
Thessalon	40	Kazan	455
St. John	418	Nottaway (to head of Waswanipi)	400
Romaine	270	Waswanipi	190