

Railway Track Laid in 1903.

On Dec. 31 we issued a circular to all steam and electric railways in Canada asking particulars of track laid during that year. Below is a compilation of the figures received in reply. Some of the lines on which track has been laid have not replied, and the figures given are approximate and subject to revision, particularly in the case of the Canadian Northern Ry., where tracklaying on the Prince Albert extension is to be gone on with whenever possible through the winter. In the case of the Bay of Quinte Ry. the six miles from Deseronto to Napanee was reported, but this mileage was laid, but not operated in 1902; while the New Brunswick Coal and Ry. Co. reported 15.00 miles as having been laid between Chipman and Minto, of which distance we had information that 5.20 were laid in 1902. The figures for several of the electric railways are also given approximately, and the table below does not include the Preston and Berlin Ry., reported this year, but which was included in the returns for 1902.

The total amount of track laid in 1903, actually reported and approximated, is steam railways, 742.31 miles; electric railways, 61.264 miles; total, 803.574 miles. The greatest length of track was laid by the Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 367.50 miles, the C.P.R. being second with 96.50 miles. If the mileage laid on all the lines in which Mackenzie, Mann & Co. are interested were added together it would give a total mileage of 407.34 laid in 1903; and the addition of the mileage laid on the Ottawa, Northern and Western Ry. to the C.P.R. total would bring the total of new track laid on its lines to 125.50 miles. New track was laid on 21 different lines of steam railway.

STEAM RAILWAYS.

	Miles.	Miles.
BAY QUINTE RY.—From Tweed to Ban-		
nockburn, Ont.	20.00	
BRERSVILLE COAL AND RY. CO.—From		
Adamsville to Beersville, N.B. (approx-	7.00	
imate)		
CANADIAN NORTHERN RY.—(Approx-		
imate) Oak Point branch, from Winnipeg		
to Oak Point, Man.	53.00	
Wakopa branch, from Greenway to		
Wakopa, Man.	40.00	
Carberry extension, from Carberry to		
Hummerston, Man.	18.00	
Rosendale extension, from Portage la		
Prairie to Arizona, Man.	35.00	
McCreary branch, from track end, 1902,		
to McCreary, Man.	20.20	
Rosburn branch, from track end, 1902,		
to Clanwilliam, Man.	6.90	
Grand View extension, from Grand		
View, Man., to track end	93.00	
Prince Albert extension, from track end,		
near Erwood, Sask., to Melfort, Sask.	101.40	
	367.50	
CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.—Montreal and		
Western Ry., from near Labelle to Nom-		
ingue, Que.	23.50	
Pheasant Hills branch, from Newdorf		
to Esterhazy, Assa.	20.00	
Arcola branch, from Regina to Creel-		
man, Assa.	41.00	
Manitoba and Northwestern Ry., from		
track end 1902, to Sheo, Assa.	12.00	
	96.50	
CAPE BRETON RY.—From Sporting		
Mountain to St. Peters, N.S. (approx-		
imate)	6.00	
CHATHAMQUAY AND NORTHERN RY.—		
Montreal to Joliette, Que.	36.20	
DRUMMOND COLIERY RY.—From Gran-		
ton Jct. to Abercrombie pier, N.S.	2.75	
GRAND TRUNK RY.—Lynden to Brant-		
ford, Ont.	4.12	
HALIFAX AND SOUTHWESTERN RY.—		
From Mahone Bay easterly towards Hal-		
ifax, N.S.	9.59	
From New Germany to Caledonia un-		
der charter of old N.S. Southern Ry.,		
branch of old Central Ry.	21.15	
	30.74	
INTERCOLONIAL RY.—Riviere Ouelle to		
St. Denis Wharf, Que.	6.25	
KLONDIKE MINES RY.—From Klondike		
City to the mouth of Bonanza Creek,		
Yukon Terr.	0.50	
MABOU AND GULF RY.—(Approximate).		
From Coal Mines to Mabou Harbor pier,		
N.S.	4.50	
From shipping pier to Inverness Ry.		
and Coal Co.'s line, N.S.	3.50	
From junction of Intercolonial Ry. and		

Inverness Ry. and Coal Co.'s line, near		
Hawkesbury to Port Malcolm	5.00	13.00
NEW BRUNSWICK COAL AND RY. CO.—		
From track end, 1902, to Minto	7.30	
From Minto to end of track	2.50	
		9.80

NORTH SHORE RY., POWER AND NAVI-		
GATION CO.—From track end, 1902, to St.		
Marguerite river falls, Que.	3.00	
OTTAWA, NORTHERN AND WESTERN RY.		
—(Approximate) from Gracefield to Mani-		
waki, Que.	23.00	
POINT ANN RY.—From Belleville to		
Point Ann, Ont.	3.50	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RY.—From		
Montague Cross to Southport, P.E.I.	21.00	
QUEBEC AND LAKE ST. JOHN RY.—St.		
Gabriel, 22 miles from Quebec, towards		
Gosford, Que.	0.25	
ST. MARY'S RIVER RY.—From Spring		
Coulee to St. Mary's river, Alta.	13.00	
TEMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO		
RY.—From North Bay to Redwater Lake	57.00	
VICTORIA TERMINAL RY. AND FERRY CO.		
—From Port Guichon to Cloverdale, B.C.	17.20	

The C.P.R. has graded and ready for track-laying 190 miles, distributed as follows:

	Miles.
Pheasant Hills branch, from Esterhazy to Hay-	84
wood	
Pipestone branch, from Creelman to Arcola	72
Manitoba and Northwestern Ry. from Sheho to	
mileage 76	34
	190

The Canadian Northern Ry. has nearly 300 miles graded on various sections of its lines in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Ry. has 38.78 miles graded and ready for tracklaying; whilst about 20 miles are also graded on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry., and a considerable mileage on the Halifax and Southwestern Ry. in Nova Scotia. There is therefore nearly 600 miles of track graded and ready for tracklaying in the spring. It is not likely that track will be laid on all of this year, as particularly on the Canadian Northern Ry. Grand View extension the grading has been done at different points, and needs connecting up. The G.T.R. completed its double tracking between Toronto and Montreal, and has in progress other double track work between London and Sarnia tunnel, while the C.P.R. has done a large amount of grade reduction and taking out curvature on its lines west of Fort William.

The statement of track laid does not include second track or sidings.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

	Miles.	Miles.
CAPE BRETON ELECTRIC CO.—In Syd-		
ney, N.S. (approximate)	3.00	
GRAND VALLEY RY.—From Paris to St.		
George, Ont. (approximate)	10.00	
LEVIS COUNTY RY.—From Levis to St.		
Joseph	1.25	
From Levis to St. Romuald	5.75	
In Levis, Que.	0.25	
	7.25	
MONTREAL STREET RY. CO.—Various		
extensions	1.76	
ST. JOHN RY.—From Suspension Bridge		
to city line, Carleton, N.B.	1.00	
SANDWICH, WINDSOR AND AMHERST-		
BURG STREET RY.—From Ojibwa to		
Amherstburg, Ont.	12.00	
SYDNEY AND GLACE BAY RY.—Addi-		
tions to line (approximate)	1.00	
TORONTO RY.—Various extensions	3.254	
WINNIPEG ELECTRIC STREET RY.—		
From Sherbrooke st. to St. James	1.50	
From Norwood bridge to St. Boniface	1.50	
	3.00	
WINNIPEG, SELKIRK AND LAKE WINNI-		
PEG RY.—From Winnipeg city boundary		
to Selkirk, Man. (approximate)	19.00	

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES.

	Steam.	Electric.
Northwest Territories	240.40	
Manitoba	213.10	22.00
Quebec	92.20	7.25
Ontario	86.62	25.254
Nova Scotia	52.49	4.00
Prince Edward Island	23.00	
British Columbia	17.20	
New Brunswick	16.80	1.00
Yukon	0.50	
	742.31	61.264
Total new tracks laid, steam and		
electric.	803.574	

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

A. G. Else, G.T.R. foreman, St. Thomas, Ont., died there recently, aged 61.

Robert Kay, formerly assistant cashier, C.P.R., at Winnipeg, died there Jan. 12.

W. H. Hume, who has been G.T.R. station agent at Paris, Ont., for 27 years, resigned recently.

E. T. Trites, Paymaster, Intercolonial Ry., died suddenly at Moncton, N.B., Jan. 12, aged 59.

Capt. C. S. Taylor, harbor master of St. John, N.B., for over 30 years, died there Jan. 12, aged 71.

G. H. Massey, Chief Engineer Reid Newfoundland Co., St. John's, Nfld., is spending the winter in Montreal.

F. Grundy, General Manager Quebec Central Ry., has been elected a director of the Eastern Townships Bank.

Mrs. Forbes, wife of J. J. Forbes, I.C.R. baggage master, St. John, N.B., died there Jan. 5, after a long illness.

J. Clancy, who died in Toronto recently, was father of W. H. Clancy, G.T.R. ticket agent, St. James st., Montreal.

J. Devine, assistant to the Superintendent, G.T.R., Northern Division, Allandale, Ont., is absent from duty on sick leave.

G. A. Cox, ship owner, Shelburne, N.S., has been elected a member of the local Legislature for the Shelburne division.

Capt. G. H. Matthews, for a number of years President of the Sincennes-McNaughton Line, died at Montreal Jan. 13.

J. E. R. Ryan, chief train dispatcher C.P.R. at Broadview, Man., was recently married at North Bay, Ont., to Miss I. M. Connelly.

Jos. Gantner, night yardmaster G.T.R. and Wabash Rd. at St. Thomas, Ont., was run over and killed in the yards there Jan. 10.

W. F. Egg, city passenger agent C.P.R., Montreal, resumed duty Jan. 2, after having been absent for some months owing to illness.

W. B. Bulling, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager C.P.R., Toronto, sailed from St. John, N.B., Jan. 23, for England, on a holiday trip.

Miss M. Hanley, sister of J. P. Hanley, G.T.R. ticket agent, Kingston, Ont., was married there Jan. 4 to A. Neish, Ph.D., of New York.

A. T. Le Blanc, Travelling Agent, I.C.R., slipped when getting off a train at Levis, Que., recently, and fell, breaking his leg in two places.

Mrs. Mackenzie, who died in Toronto Jan. 18, was the widow of the late C. M. R. Mackenzie, Superintendent of the Shelden Forwarding Co.

H. Munsie, who was in the accountants' department G.T.R., Hamilton, Ont., and who moved to New York about 20 years ago, died there recently.

Sir Thos. Shaughnessy is an excellent speaker, something that the men of large executive capacity not always or even often are. —Toronto Globe.

D. P. Marpole, son of R. Marpole, General Superintendent C.P.R., Pacific division, was married to Miss C. A. Newland, of Savonas, B.C., Jan. 11.

Thos. Patterson, who died suddenly in Hamilton recently, was father of John Patterson, of the Hamilton Cataract Power, Light and Traction Co.

E. G. Russell, formerly General Manager of the Intercolonial Ry., and who has since been residing in Buffalo, N.Y., went to Port Simpson, B.C., Jan. 12.