

488,676 square kilometres. Compared with the area of their territories, our province exceeds all the countries of Europe, except Russia, as indicated by the following table :

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Square miles</i>	<i>Square kil.</i>
Province of Quebec.....	258,634	669,846
Austria-Hungary.....	240,942	624,024
France.....	204,177	528,865
Spain.....	197,667	511,944
Sweden.....	170,979	444,824
Turkey in Europe.....	125,289	324,480
Prussia.....	137,066	354,992
Norway.....	123,205	319,093
Great Britain and Ireland.....	120,832	312,947

As regards the European countries, the figures in the column of miles are taken from Martin's *Statesman's Year Book* for 1888. This table shows that the superficies of the province of Quebec exceeds by 141,041 kilometres that of France, by 356,899 kilometres that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and by 314,854 kilometres that of Prussia, that is to say, that the territorial extent of the province of Quebec exceeds by more than a third that of the three European countries which take the foremost rank among the important nations of Europe.

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TERRITORIAL DIVISION

For administrative purposes, the province of Quebec is divided into twenty judicial districts, comprising sixty-five counties or electoral colleges, which are subdivided into cities, towns, villages, townships and parishes. In addition to these subdivisions, certain counties, especially in the western section of the province, include immense tracts of the State domain, partially surveyed and under lease to private persons or to companies, who work the timber and the mines contained in the same. The portions of the public domain thus granted by the State are designated under the names of "timber limits" and "mining locations."

The extent of territory surveyed and divided into farm lots, actually available, is 7,324,530 acres, and the grants and sales made to the present date form an area of 21,660,449 acres :

Lands granted in fiefs and seigniories.....	10,678,931
" " in free and common soccage.....	10,981,518
	<hr/> 21,660,449

It has been hereinbefore stated that the extent of land comprised within the limits of the Province of Quebec amounts to 120,018,964 acres. By striking off from this figure the extent conceded in seigniories and in free and common soccage, there will remain 98,358,515 acres, which represent the