

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY

The length of the projected Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad will be 3,116 miles, divided as follows:

	Miles
Quebec to Lake Abitibi.....	498
Lake Abitibi to Lake Nipigon....	479
Lake Nipigon to Winnipeg.....	440
Winnipeg to Edmonton.....	836
Edmonton to Dunvegan.....	280
Dunvegan to Port Simpson.....	583

The Intercolonial from Quebec to Halifax would add 674 miles, making it 3,790 miles from ocean to ocean.

RATES OF POSTAGE

Post Cards—Canada and U. S., 1c. each; United Kingdom, Newfoundland, etc., 2c. each.

Letters—Canada and U. S., 2c. per oz.; United Kingdom, Newfoundland and British possessions and protectorates (except Buchananaland Protectorate), and Australian Colonies, 2c. per half oz.; Postal Union countries, 5c. per half oz.

Newspapers—In Canada and the United States, 1c. per 4 ozs.; not more than 1 oz. will go for ½c. In Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, 2 ozs. for 1c.

Books and Printed Matter—Canada, United States, Newfoundland, Great Britain, Europe, etc., per 2 ozs., 1c. Limit of weight for Canada is 5 lbs., but for a single book 10 lbs. The limit of weight for United States and Mexico is 4 lbs. 6 ozs. and for the United Kingdom 5 lbs.; for other Postal Union countries, 4 lbs.

Legal Documents and Commercial Papers—(either wholly or partly in writing).—Canada, 2c. per oz.; Great Britain, Newfoundland, United States etc., 5c. for first 10 ozs., and 1c. for each additional 2 ozs. Covers must be open at end for examination.

Fourth Class Matter (Merchandise, etc.)—Canada, United States, etc., 1c. per oz., limit 5 lbs.

Registration—The fee on all classes of articles addressed to countries to which matter may be registered is 5c.

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United States, Europe, etc., limit 12 ozs., 2c. for first 4 ozs. and 1c. for each additional 2 ozs. or fraction thereof.

United Kingdom, limit 5 lbs., 2c. for first 4 ozs. and 1c. for each additional 2 ozs. or fraction thereof.

HOW OCCUPATION AFFECTS LIFE

The Psalmist's "threescore years and ten" are not the average man's life, but are named as the average limit of those who arrive at a normal old age. The average life of men in various occupations appears in the appended table:

	Years
Rural laborers	45.32
Carpenters	45.28
Domestics	42.03
Bakers	41.92
Weavers	41.92
Shoemakers	40.87
Tailors	39.40
Hatters	38.91
Stone masons	38.19
Plumbers	38.18
Mill operatives	38.09
Blacksmiths	37.96
Bricklayers	37.70
Printers	36.66
Clerks	34.99
Average population	39.88

The figures just given cover most classes of non-professional work. Musical composers, however, are said to live longer than persons engaged in other occupations, in proof of which this eminent list has been prepared:

Auber	98
Monsigny	88
Campra	84
Cherubini	82
Rameau	81
Haydn	77
Spontina	77
Rossini	76
Salleri	76
Handel	74
Paisiello	74
Lesueur	74
Gluck	73
Piccini	72
Gretry	72
Meyerbeer	70
S. Bach	65
Halevy	63
Boieldieu	59
Beethoven	57
Dalayrac	55
Lulli	54
Mehul	54

With this as a basis, the average age of the musical composer would be about 71 years—approximately the biblical allowance.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

First, cotton; second, paper; third, leather; fifth, wooden; sixth, woollen; tenth, tin; twelfth, silk and fine linen; fifteenth, crystal; twentieth, china; twenty-fifth, silver; thirtieth, pearl; fortieth, ruby; fiftieth, golden; seventy-fifth, diamond.