

	Post offices in 1881.	Post offices in 1901.
Muskoka and Parry Sound.....	112	141
Algoma .....	39	125
Nipissing .....	6	60
Total.....	157	326

*Increase in Railway Mileage.*

The following is the mileage of railways in the above mentioned districts at the present time:

Muskoka and Parry Sound .....	184
Algoma .....	537
Thunder Bay and Rainy River .....	873
Nipissing .....	210
	1804

Of the above mileage the C. P. R. system covers 1,197 miles. The balance of 607 miles received substantial money or land grants from the Government.

In 1881, there were only twelve miles of railway in all these northern districts.

*New Railways in New Ontario.*

The Ontario and Rainy River Railway is now practically completed from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, 263 miles of which passes through Ontario, opening up a great area of country hitherto more or less inaccessible.

The Manitoulin and North Shore Railway, ultimately intended to run from Meaford to Sudbury and the shores of Lake Superior, is under construction and is completed for about 15 miles west of Sudbury.

The Algoma Central Railway is also in process of construction, 50 of its 140 miles being finished at the time of writing, as well as some 25 miles of the Michipicoten Branch of the same line.

A land grant has been made to the Thunder Bay, Nipigon and St. Joe Railway, which, when built, will open up large areas of agricultural and mining lands north and north-east of Port Arthur.

A Bill providing for the construction, equipment and operation of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway as a Government enterprise was introduced in the Legislature on January 15, the terms of which provide for the appointment of

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