

The working expenses per mile of railway were :

1878-79	\$1,125.00
1879-80	829.42
	Decrease.....
	\$295.44

The cost of running the trains per mile, was :—

1878-79.....	cts. 91.72
1879-80.....	67.28
	Decrease.....
	cts. 24.44

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CANALS.

The canal systems of the Dominion, under Government control, are as follows:—

1. The River St. Lawrence and Lakes.
2. The River Ottawa.
3. The Rideau Navigation from Ottawa.
4. The Trent Navigation to Kingston.
5. The River Richelieu to Lake Champlain.
6. St. Peter's Canal, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

RIVER ST. LAWRENCE AND LAKES.

By means of the canals on this system, navigation is practicable from the Straits of Belle-Ile, by the River St. Lawrence, through Lakes Ontario, Erie, St. Clair and Huron to Duluth, at the head of Lake Superior, a distance of 2,384 statute miles.

Lake Superior is about 600 feet above the highest tidal flow of the St. Lawrence at Three Rivers.

The works of the Dominion Government are comprised in the distance between Montreal and Lake Erie, 375 miles.

The canals on the route are the Lachine, Beauharnois, Cornwall, Farran's Point, Rapide Plat, Galops and Welland. Their total length is 70½ miles ; total lockage (or height directly overcome by locks,) is, 533½ feet ; number of locks, 53.