

## THE STEEL HIGHWAYS OF CANADA.

**Almost 25,000 Miles of Railway Now in Operation in Canada Apart from Double Trackage—Activity in the West.**

Week in and week out, fresh announcements of proposed extensions came from the three great Canadian railway systems. Speaking in Winnipeg the other day, an official of the Canadian Northern stated that the following lines would be under construction in the Middle West this year, to say nothing of British Columbia undertakings, and considerable work in the East. From Stettler to Calgary, the Goose Lake line, the Maryfield extension, a line northwest from Edmonton in the direction of the Peace River country, the line from Prince Albert to Battleford, the Thunder Hill branch, the Rossburn branch, and the Oak Point line. The Rossburn branch will be connected with the main line.

In all the Canadian Northern Railway is to lay from five to six hundred miles of new track in the Middle West during 1910, will get under way in British Columbia, and is considering construction on the north shore of Lake Superior—such, at any rate, is the comprehensive programme outlined by Mr. William Mackenzie, president of the road.

### What the C. P. R. is Doing.

Last week the Canadian Pacific let contracts involving an expenditure of millions of dollars for railroad extensions throughout the Middle West.

Among them is the Kipp extension in Alberta—a line which is already completed to the Little Bow River, and which it is now proposed to extend from Carmangay to a point Southeast of Calgary. Next year the line will be continued until a junction is effected with the Calgary-Macleod branch.

The extension to the Langdon branch will also be built, being a spur which leaves the branch at Irricana and runs in a Southeasterly direction, the intention being to afford facilities to the large numbers locating in the irrigation belt. The Weyburn extension will be gradually pushed on until the line is built through towards Lethbridge.

Then, there is the Outlook extension. This is a ninety-mile job, the work beginning on the North side of the Saskatchewan and continuing until the point is reached, where the road branches off to Macklin.

C. P. R. extensions in the West this year will involve construction of 621 miles of track—much of this being colonization lines and links to connect already existing lines. There will be some 346 miles in Saskatchewan, 45 in Alberta, 174 in British Columbia and 56 in Manitoba—the latter being double-tracking from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie.

### National Transcontinental Development.

It is now about four and one-half years since the first sod was turned on the construction work of the G. T. P. At the present time, of the entire main line from Moncton to Prince Rupert, a dis-

## Railway Growth in Canada.

**A Statistical Summary Covering the Years ending June 30th, 1875 to 1909, inclusive.**

Year	Miles in Operation.	* Total Earnings.	Percentage of operating expenses to earnings.	Freight Earnings.	Freight Train Mileage.	Number of Tons carried.	Freight Earnings per Train mile.	Average Earnings per ton carried.	Passengers Carried.	Earnings from Passenger Traffic.	Passenger Train Mileage.	Pass Earnings Train Mile.
		\$		\$	Miles.	Tons.	\$	\$		\$		\$
1875	4,804	19,470,539	81.1	12,073,570	12,473,825	5,670,837	968	2.129	5,190,416	6,410,934	5,206,353	1,231
1876	5,218	19,358,084	81.6	12,211,158	12,266,167	6,331,757	995	1.928	5,544,814	6,254,866	5,837,461	1,071
1877	5,782	18,742,053	81.5	11,321,264	13,178,833	6,859,796	859	1.650	6,073,233	6,458,493	6,271,986	1,030
1878	6,226	20,520,078	78.4	13,129,191	13,444,120	7,883,472	977	1.665	6,443,924	6,363,325	6,225,327	1,026
1879	6,858	19,925,066	81.2	12,509,093	13,579,086	8,348,810	921	1.498	6,523,816	6,459,598	6,987,919	924
1880	7,194	23,561,447	71.0	15,506,935	14,982,672	9,938,858	1,038	1.560	6,462,948	7,076,339	7,312,168	968
1881	7,331	27,987,508	71.9	18,666,982	17,263,121	12,065,323	1,081	1.547	6,943,671	8,223,254	8,298,957	991
1882	8,697	29,027,789	70.7	17,729,945	18,013,406	13,575,787	984	1.305	9,351,335	10,018,477	15,074,891	1,203
1883	9,577	33,244,586	74.3	21,320,208	27,074,761	13,266,255	787	1.607	9,579,984	10,538,119	9,651,427	1,992
1884	10,273	33,421,705	76.5	20,763,243	19,965,225	13,712,269	1,039	1.514	9,982,358	11,204,036	9,315,694	1,203
1885	10,773	32,227,469	74.5	19,962,058	21,112,234	14,659,271	1,004	1.371	9,672,599	10,559,796	9,511,455	1,110
1886	11,793	33,389,381	72.4	21,183,967	21,096,684	15,670,460	1,004	1.351	9,861,024	10,261,691	9,214,131	1,114
1887	12,184	38,841,609	71.1	24,581,047	22,537,719	16,356,335	1,091	1.502	10,698,638	11,867,597	10,838,993	1,095
1888	12,585	42,159,152	72.7	26,410,084	25,415,152	17,172,759	1,039	1.537	11,416,791	12,744,636	11,859,684	1,075
1889	12,585	42,149,615	73.6	26,671,049	25,918,897	17,928,626	1,029	1.487	12,151,105	13,242,708	12,900,483	1,027
1890	13,151	46,813,826	72.5	29,921,788	27,486,456	20,787,469	1,089	1.439	12,821,262	13,751,768	14,362,870	956
1891	13,838	48,192,099	72.5	30,548,645	28,411,531	21,753,020	1,075	1.404	13,222,568	14,286,408	14,987,647	953
1892	14,564	51,685,768	70.5	32,230,121	28,525,975	22,003,599	1,155	1.502	13,533,414	14,788,465	15,237,093	971
1893	15,005	52,042,396	70.3	32,935,028	28,525,975	22,003,599	1,155	1.496	13,618,027	15,087,299	15,859,978	951
1894	15,627	49,552,528	71.7	29,982,482	27,227,169	20,721,116	1,101	1.446	14,662,498	15,452,420	16,542,860	934
1895	15,977	46,785,486	69.9	29,545,490	25,329,614	21,524,421	1,166	1.372	13,987,580	13,311,440	15,332,276	868
1896	16,270	50,545,569	69.3	32,368,082	28,653,957	24,266,825	1,130	1.333	14,810,807	13,929,346	17,237,974	808
1897	16,550	52,353,276	67.1	33,522,102	28,542,877	25,300,341	1,174	1.324	16,171,338	13,929,346	17,237,974	808
1898	16,870	59,715,105	65.5	38,508,175	31,382,790	28,755,903	1,217	1.284	18,444,409	15,622,311	19,361,472	815
1899	17,250	62,243,784	63.3	40,161,036	34,255,773	35,946,183	1,332	1.248	19,133,365	15,929,583	20,093,378	793
1900	17,657	70,740,270	67.4	45,643,699	34,255,773	35,946,183	1,332	1.269	21,600,175	18,581,452	20,922,098	888
1901	18,140	72,898,749	69.0	46,665,103	34,233,922	36,999,371	1,363	1.261	18,385,722	19,396,302	19,115,472	1,015
1902	18,714	83,666,503	68.3	53,986,572	34,673,919	37,809,126	1,468	1.273	20,679,974	22,600,090	21,104,036	1,071
1903	19,988	96,064,526	70.2	63,089,448	38,287,215	47,373,417	1,648	1.331	22,148,742	24,862,109	25,846,645	1,121
1904	19,431	100,219,436	74.4	64,673,919	37,809,126	48,097,519	1,711	1.344	23,640,765	26,901,831	23,502,876	1,145
1905	20,487	106,467,198	75.2	68,203,320	40,506,096	50,893,957	1,684	1.340	25,288,723	28,959,649	25,428,018	1,139
1906	21,353	125,322,865	69.5	81,433,115	44,651,834	57,966,713	1,824	1.405	27,989,782	33,392,188	28,071,648	1,189
1907	22,452	146,738,214	70.7	94,995,087	44,895,304	63,866,135	2,116	1.472	32,137,319	39,184,437	30,220,461	1,263
1908	22,966	145,918,313	73.0	93,146,655	46,671,177	63,071,167	2,008	1.486	34,044,92	39,992,503	31,950,349	1,228
1909	24,104	145,956,336	72.1	95,714,783	45,282,326	66,842,258	2,041	1.432	32,683,309	39,073,488	32,295,730	1,150

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