

people to hold their land by Freehold Tenure, and (3) granting compensation to the seigniors.

11. Railway Construction. In 1851, the Northern, the first railway in Upper Canada, was built, and was soon followed by the Great Western Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway, and many others.

As these railways helped to open up the country, the Government gave large grants to each of them, and thus was started our present **Dominion debt**, which has been increased so greatly by the grants given to the Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Northern.

The Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk, the Intercolonial, the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway systems include most of the railroads of Canada.

12. The Canals of Canada. That advantage may be taken of the magnificent St. Lawrence water system, canals have been constructed at various points along its course to avoid waterfalls, or to overcome rapids. By the completion of Sault Ste. Marie Canal, with its magnificent locks, the Canadians, now, have an independent water-route, for large vessels, from the head of Lake Superior to the Ocean, while the largest ocean vessels can ascend the River as far as Montreal.

The principal Canadian Canals are:—the Sault Ste. Marie, the Welland, the St. Lawrence Canals, and the canals along the Ottawa, the Rideau, and the Trent Valley, and the Chambly Canal.