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Statistics of highways were included with those of motor vehicles in previous years but because of the delay in securing highway data in relation to motor vehicle data, the report for 1945 on motor vehicles was compiled and issued some months ago. Data for this report were taken from schedules filled in by the federal and provincial officials having jurisdiction over highway construction and maintenance, with the exception of data for Prince Edward Island. No report was received from that province, and consequently 1944 mileages and expenditures as shown in the public accounts were used.

The allocation of provincial debt for highway purposes has been on a somewhat arbitrary basis and some of the officials have been reluctant to make the estimate. For 1945 the data were not supplied for some of the provinces and the table is dropped from this report. The large expenditures on highways during the past twenty five years have been one of the chief causes in the increase in provincial debt, and until the development is such that highway construction is paid for out of current revenues and the debentures issued for past construction have matured and been retired, highway construction expenditures will undoubtedly constitute a large portion of provincial debt.

All rural roads in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are under provincial jurisdiction and the rural municipalities contribute towards their construction and maintenance. In Quebec the improved roads are constructed and maintained by the province. In Ontario trunk roads are the responsibility of the province and the province subsidizes the counties and township for expenditures by them on local roads. In the western provinces all the main highways are constructed and maintained by the provinces. The Dominion Government constructs and maintains roads in the national parks and all bridges over navigable streams. Consequently the expenditures included in this report represent practically all expenditures in Canada and rural roads, bridges and ferries.

The provincial and federal expenditures are for their respective fiscal years ending closest to December 31, 1946. The county and township expenditures in Ontario are for the calendar year.

The National Harbours Board operates a toll bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal and across the Narrows at Vancouver. There are three other toll bridges in Quebec, one operated by a municipality and two by companies. There were also toll ferries and bridges in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia and a toll road in British Columbia. The total revenue collected by these amounted to \$1,621,824, exclusive of ferries operated by companies and international bridge, ferry and tunnel companies.

The subsidies paid by the provinces and contributions by municipalities are shown as additions or subtractions to total provincial and municipal expenditures under the heading "Subsidies". The expenditures by "Others" are almost entirely contributions by railways for crossing improvements. Expenditures by urban municipalities on streets and sidewalks are included in table III.

Table I

HIGHWAY MILEAGES, 1945

Province	Portland Cement Concrete	Bitum- inous Pavement	Bitum- inous Surface	Gravel Crushed Stone	Other Surfaces	Total Surfaced Road	Improved Earth	Other Earth	Total Mileage
Prince Edward Island ^{1/}	4	205	-	242	-	451	2,352	903	3,706
Nova Scotia	7	902	33	6,048	-	6,990	3,207	4,907	15,104
New Brunswick	-	-	977	7,681	-	8,658	2,670	984	12,312
Quebec	333	3,176	974	18,703	-	23,186	-	16,590	39,776
Ontario	2,091	2,212	3,406	49,425	-	57,134	9,058	6,809	73,001
Manitoba	37	-	509	8,385	-	8,931	8,171	2/74,236	91,338
Saskatchewan	-	-	132	8,529	76	8,737	72,031	132,118	212,886
Alberta	-	90	644	6,922	-	7,656	14,967	59,114	81,737
British Columbia	41	114	1,452	8,056	47	9,710	9,765	2,680	22,155
Total	2,513	6,699	8,127	113,991	123	131,453	122,221	298,341	552,015

^{1/} 1944 mileage.

^{2/} Includes all road allowances.

Table 11

EXPENDITURES ON HIGHWAYS, 1945

	Canada	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Roads</u>				
Construction	28,350,266	416,195	531,843	2,440,762
Maintenance	45,748,872	594,661	3,384,673	2,454,737
Administration and General	2,697,307	56,673	300,909	50,000
Total	76,796,445	1,067,529	4,217,425	4,945,499
<u>Bridges and Ferries</u>				
Construction	3,829,461	70,564	22,235	379,923
Maintenance	3,231,073	85,421	541,693	496,162
Administration and General ...	287,733	-	47,971	22,418
Total	7,348,267	155,985	611,899	898,503
Footpaths and Sidewalks	20,045	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	84,164,757	1,223,514	4,829,324	5,844,002
<u>Dominion Expenditures</u>				
Construction	702,403	-	-	-
Maintenance	343,301	1,612	22,381	1,441
Administration and General	27,877	260	989	-
Subsidies (Paid)	Nil	-	-	-
Total	1,073,581	1,872	23,370	1,441
<u>Provincial Expenditures</u>				
Construction	27,403,325	486,759	530,341	2,820,685
Maintenance	36,202,616	678,470	3,903,985	2,949,458
Administration and General	2,950,231	56,413	340,959	72,418
Subsidies (Paid + Received -)	+ 6,980,095	-	-	-
Total	73,536,267	1,221,642	4,775,285	5,842,561
<u>Municipal Expenditures</u>				
Construction	4,085,406	-	23,737	-
Maintenance	12,432,118	-	6,932	-
Administration and General	-	-	-	-
Subsidies (Paid + Received -)	- 7,075,745	-	-	-
Total	9,441,779	-	30,669	-
Expenditures by Others	113,130	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	84,164,757	1,223,514	4,829,324	5,844,002
<u>Total Expenditures</u>				
Construction	32,191,134	486,759	554,078	2,820,685
Maintenance	48,995,515	680,082	3,933,298	2,950,899
Administration and General	2,978,108	56,673	341,948	72,418
<u>Toll Bridges - Ferries and Roads</u>				
Revenues	1,621,824	-	70,983	1,460

EXPENDITURES ON HIGHWAYS, 1945

Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
12,580,157	4,253,644	525,732	2,156,520	2,354,777	3,090,636	-
9,675,660	20,597,474	1,466,431	1,314,327	4,222,267	2,037,106	1,536
1,102,541	502,950	289,597	145,119	8,221	231,101	10,196
23,358,358	25,354,068	2,281,760	3,615,966	6,585,265	5,358,843	11,732
1,336,047	671,682	70,948	190,416	232,164	484,945	370,537
484,658	520,483	1,759	105,883	332,248	659,681	3,085
170,603	-	86	24	200	46,431	-
1,991,308	1,192,165	72,793	296,323	564,612	1,191,057	373,622
-	3,205	435	50	7,535	8,820	-
25,349,666	26,549,438	2,354,988	3,912,339	7,157,412	6,558,720	385,354
-	14,561	-	-	39,134	278,171	370,537
52,271	107,747	10,960	4,764	91,659	45,845	4,621
-	580	381	730	8,421	6,320	10,196
52,271	122,888	11,341	5,494	139,214	330,336	385,354
13,916,204	857,097	596,680	2,342,094	2,547,807	3,305,658	-
10,090,567	11,678,469	1,457,665	1,415,496	1,376,992	2,651,514	-
1,273,144	502,370	289,302	144,413	-	271,212	-
-	+ 7,075,745	- 95,650	-	-	-	-
25,279,915	20,113,681	2,247,997	3,902,003	3,924,799	6,228,384	-
-	4,056,827	-	4,842	-	-	-
-	9,331,787	-	-	(1) 3,093,399	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	- 7,075,745	-	-	-	-	-
-	6,312,869	-	4,842	3,093,399	-	-
17,480	-	95,650	-	-	-	-
25,349,666	26,549,438	2,354,988	3,912,339	7,157,412	6,558,720	385,354
13,916,204	4,928,485	596,680	2,346,936	2,586,941	3,583,829	370,537
10,160,318	21,118,003	1,468,625	1,420,260	4,562,050	2,697,359	4,621
1,273,144	502,950	289,683	145,143	8,421	277,532	10,196
849,751	-	-	-	-	699,630	-

(1) Public Works in villages and districts.

TABLE 111 STATISTICS ON URBAN STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS
IN CITIES AND LARGE TOWNS, 1945

Expenditures	Canada	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia
	\$	\$	\$
New Construction	4,232,064	7,203	120,111
Major improvements, widening, etc.	1,303,937	2,252	70,782
Maintenance repairs and minor improvements	5,498,808	18,168	389,554
Cleaning, snow clearing, sanding, etc.	7,113,286	14,949	102,511
Administration and general expenses	1,282,370	5,226	53,419
Total	19,430,465	47,798	736,377
Construction /	5,923,085	9,616	205,824
Maintenance /	13,507,380	38,182	530,553
Total Expenditures on roads	15,575,254	36,862	603,663
Total Expenditures on bridges and ferries	773,056	-	10,481
Total Expenditures on footpaths and sidewalks	2,585,135	10,841	105,516
Undistributed amounts shown in total expenditures	497,020	95	16,717
<u>Subsidies and Amounts Collectable</u>			
From Dominion Government	83,688	-	77,540
From Provincial Government	88,265	-	16,305
From County, Township, etc.	141,476	-	-
From other sources	67,580	-	15,500
Total	380,809	-	109,345
Net Expenditures (total expenditures less subsidies)	19,049,656	47,798	627,032
<u>Class of Road</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Concrete (Portland Cement)	880.12	10.81	22.95
Bituminous Pavements	3,349.57	22.75	125.88
Bituminous Surfaces	2,026.79	2.56	129.87
Gravel (traffic bound gravel or crushed stone & stabilized gravel or stone, not surfaced treated)	3,274.10	43.56	130.45
Other surfaces - brick, granite block, wood block, etc.	398.78	3.00	4.00
Total Mileage of Surfaced Roads	9,929.36	82.68	413.15
Improved earth roads (graded and drained)	2,457.41	27.87	187.60
Other earth roads	1,857.76	5.00	110.70
Total Mileage of all Roads	14,244.53	115.55	711.45

/ Includes proportion of administration and general expenses and undistributed items.

1/ STATISTICS ON URBAN STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS
IN CITIES AND LARGE TOWNS, 1945

New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
125,624	1,274,188	1,355,016	347,179	82,404	657,945	262,394
54,578	776,696	281,281	30,083	16,519	32,756	38,990
122,737	1,140,191	1,766,627	359,111	184,073	416,106	1,102,241
156,411	3,900,329	2,350,716	164,830	68,740	155,896	198,904
26,898	648,101	262,092	56,523	27,281	83,545	119,285
486,248	7,739,505	6,015,732	957,726	379,017	1,346,248	1,721,814
190,754	2,238,319	1,710,834	400,924	106,596	736,400	323,818
295,494	5,501,186	4,304,898	556,802	272,421	609,848	1,397,996
446,993	6,039,416	5,106,247	851,162	258,299	1,086,868	1,145,744
3,319	248,648	119,467	19,910	4,455	17,011	349,765
19,756	1,061,263	758,694	77,999	115,933	239,369	195,764
16,180	390,178	31,324	8,655	330	3,000	30,541
-	-	5,000	-	-	1,148	-
-	31,000	19,728	4,563	-	9,543	7,126
10,000	1,000	128,833	210	-	1,433	-
12,928	2,914	32,371	-	-	689	2,978
22,928	34,914	185,932	4,773	-	12,813	10,104
463,320	7,704,591	5,829,800	952,953	379,017	1,333,435	1,711,710
<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Miles</u>
29.69	132.39	476.39	85.20	4.59	17.22	100.38
101.63	861.45	1,580.96	206.02	77.22	158.31	215.35
79.04	258.28	855.69	49.14	34.16	120.65	497.40
63.11	357.17	660.42	529.23	353.15	580.90	556.11
4.70	26.76	174.63	3.56	2.27	4.24	175.62
278.17	1,636.55	3,748.09	873.15	471.39	881.32	1,544.36
41.40	188.07	476.21	336.38	576.23	467.16	156.49
6.00	211.05	170.74	96.11	206.83	843.07	208.26
325.57	2,035.67	4,395.04	1,305.64	1,254.45	2,191.55	1,909.61

1/ These statistics are for all cities and towns of 2,000 population and up in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 4,000 and up in Quebec and Ontario, 1,000 and up in the four western provinces, and all urban municipalities in Prince Edward Island.

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