

Note the information is laid out so as to make it easy for the student to understand.

TRANSPORTATION :

Canada is the second largest country in the world after Russia. We do not have a large population though. Our population stretches out from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. We need a good transportation system so that people and merchandise can travel between Canada's regions. The Canadian government got involved in waterways, railways, roads and airline systems to knit the country together.

The railways: We built railways connecting the regions of Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway was completed in 1885.

The roads: The Trans Canada Highway was completed in 1962. Each year the Canadian and provincial governments spend over 7 billion dollars to build and maintain over 900 000 km of roads.

Pipelines: These are used to carry liquids and gases. We use many pipelines in Canada. For example to carry natural gas from Alberta to other provinces as far as Quebec and even into the United States.

Waterways: When Canada was young, we started building waterways. In fact we were lucky. Canada has many natural waterways, as we have seen earlier. But we still had to improve them over time with projects such as the St. Lawrence seaway. It was completed in the 1950's. It allowed big ships to travel from the ocean right up to the Great Lakes.

