

at Portage du Fort, on the Ottawa, and at Fort Carriy, Manitoba, there was expended \$6,511. Total, roads and bridges, \$13,173.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Various alterations, additions and repairs were made in the Houses of Parliament. The work on the new library was steadily prosecuted; some improvements made in the Departmental buildings; new workshops constructed on the line of Bank street; work on the grounds proceeded with, and a new building commenced as an addition to the Western Block. The expenditure during the fiscal year was:

Construction	\$135,963
Repairs	92,773
Heating, &c	33,390
Total	\$273,226

Repairs were made at Rideau Hall, at a cost of \$55,824, and \$46,169 expended on the new Post-office and Custom House, Ottawa, which had to be taken from the original contractors and re-let. At London, Ont., the new Custom House was finished and put in use at a cost of \$19,349, \$582 expended for repairs to the Post office, and a new immigrant depot completed at a cost of \$3,420. At Hamilton, Ont., additions and alterations were made to the Post-office, costing \$9,225. At Toronto, Ont., the new Post-office was completed and occupied at a cost, during the year, of \$1,445; work on the new Custom House done to the extent of \$55,119, and repairs in the Revenue offices made, costing \$1,907. At Kingston, Ont., the Custom House and Post-office were repaired. Expenditure, \$6,188. The total expenditure in Ontario, exclusive of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings was for

Construction	\$149,528
Repairs	21,166
Total	\$170,692

In the Province of Quebec, the new Post-office at Montreal was proceeded with; the Custom House repaired; and steps taken for the construction of an Examining Warehouse; alterations and additions were made to the Post-office at Quebec, and repairs in the Custom House; the Observatory completed; extensive repairs made in the Marine Hospital, and work done on the fortifications in the Citadel; the Immigrant Depot at Point Levis was improved; and some work done at the Quarantine Station, Grasse Isle; a Custom House and Inland Revenue offices built at Three Rivers. The total expenditure in the Province of Quebec was:

Construction	\$102,849
Repairs	47,656
Total	\$150,504

In New Brunswick, the Post-office at St. John was proceeded with; repairs made at the Custom House; the Savings Bank fitted up for the Assistant Receiver General, and the Quarantine Station repaired; the Custom House and Post-office Building at Chatham made ready for use, and the Custom House at Newcastle and the new Marine Hospital at St. Andrew's completed. The expenditure was, for construction and repairs, \$50,630.

In Nova Scotia, the Dominion Building was repaired; the Quarantine Building fitted up, and a Custom House at Pictou commenced. Expenditure, \$8,709.

In Manitoba, Custom House, Inland Revenue and Post-office buildings were being erected, and the Penitentiary under contract. Expenditure, \$12,920.

In British Columbia, contracts have been given out for a Custom House, Post-office and Penitentiary which are in progress.

Expenditure in 1873-74	\$38,370
For Telegraph Lines in British Columbia was expended	29,021

Total

The total expenditure on Public Buildings during the year, including the Parliament Buildings, was \$314,897.

RAILWAYS.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The western section of this road between River du Loup and Trois Pistoles, 23 miles long, was placed, temporarily, under the management of the Grand Trunk, but this arrangement ceased in November, 1874. The line between Trois Pistoles and St. Flavie, 61 miles, was partially worked for traffic by the contractor, and was completed in 1874. The earthworks from St. Flavie to the Restigouche, 92 miles, were completed during the summer of 1874, and the track was to be laid during the summer of 1875. From River Restigouche to Bathurst, 75 miles, arrangements were made for track laying, and from Bathurst to Miramichi, 43 miles, to be completed during the season of 1875.

These 291 miles are to be on the 4 feet 8 1/2 inch gauge. The remaining 81 from Miramichi to Moncton, are to be laid on 5 feet 6 inch gauge. The total, 394 miles of track-laying, to be completed in the summer of 1875, but the ballasting will not be perfected. The bridging on the entire line, with the exception of that over the N. W. Branch of the Miramichi, were expected to be completed by the close of the winter of 1874. Provision has been made for a supply of water, and for necessary rolling stock.

The eastern division of the railway in the Province of Nova Scotia, extends from Halifax to Truro, 61 miles. From Truro to Pictou, 52 miles, and the branch from Halifax to Windsor, 32 miles, being 145 miles in all.

The Central Division extends from Truro to Painsce, on the Intercolonial, and the line between Moncton and Point du Chene, 113 miles, and the New Brunswick division from St. John to Point du Chene on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, 103 miles. Total, 371 miles, giving a total of 765 miles for the Intercolonial, of which 454 are open for traffic. Seven hundred and sixty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-two dollars were expended in 1873-74 on construction account; 1,025,830 for ordinary expenses, and \$275,719 for extraordinary repairs. Making a total of \$1,301,550—or including construction account \$2,044,138 expenditure during the year. The revenue was \$893,430. There was an increase in expenditure over the preceding year of \$15,898, and of receipts of \$189,972. A thorough inspection of the railway was made in 1874 by the General Superintendent of Government