

Maurice at Three Rivers. On the Ottawa River and its branches there are 73 stations, viz: On the Ottawa 12, the last 249 miles from its mouth, and 151 miles above the city of Ottawa; on the Gatineau, 1 station about a mile from its mouth; on the Madawaska, 15; on the Colonge, 2; on the Black, 1; on the Petewawa, 31; and on the Du Moine, 12. Of these rivers, the Madawaska and Petewawa flow into the Ottawa from the south, the others from the north. The works on these rivers comprise

Canal	5,071 feet
Slides	12,335 "
Booms	67,799 "
Dams	17,791 "
Bulkheads	346 "
Bridges	2,215 "
Piers	141
Slide-keepers' Houses	5
Store houses	1
Work-shops	1

River Trent and Newcastle District.—The Trent navigation extends from Trenton, on the Bay of Quinté, to Port Perry, at the head of Lake Scugog, a distance of 155½ miles; of this 34½ are unnavigable, and various works in the shape of locks, booms and dams have been constructed to overcome the obstructions. Some of these are now unfit for use. A part of them have been transferred to a committee of gentlemen connected with the lumber trade, and the lock at Lindsay to the Province of Ontario. The expenditure on Slides, Booms, &c., during the fiscal year, 1876-77, was for—

Construction	\$120
Repairs	3,477
Staff and Maintenance	37,909
Total	\$38,506

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A new Penitentiary for the Maritime Provinces has been erected at Dorchester, N.S.; the Examining Warehouse at Montreal completed, extensive additions made to the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary; a new building for Post Office, Custom House and Canal Office commenced at St. John's, Q.; the West Block extension to the Departmental Buildings at Ottawa completed, so as to be occupied, and the improvements of the grounds nearly finished. Some additions made to the Rideau Hall; additional buildings put up at the Military College, Kingston; a building for Post Office, Customs House, and Inland Revenue Office completed at Guelph, Ont.; the Penitentiary in Manitoba completed and occupied; a residence for Lieutenant Governor built at Battleford, N.W.T.; also houses for the Stipendiary Magistrate, Registrar and Clerk of Council; a Registry Office and Commandant's Quarters, and the Penitentiary at Westminster, B.C., completed. A great number of repairs have also been done.

The expenditure on Public Buildings for the fiscal year was—

Construction	\$712,705
Repairs	173,645
Staff and maintenance	75,194

Total

RAILWAYS.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

This Railway extends from its junction with the Grand Trunk at River du Loup, Que., 462 miles to Halifax, N.S., with extensions to St. John, N.B., and Shediac, Pictou, and Windsor, N.S., and local branches of one and two miles to ports in these Provinces, through which it passes. Its total length is 752½ miles. The total cost of the railway up to 30th June, 1877, was \$3,682,350. The gross earnings for the year were \$1,544,445, and the cost of working, renewals, maintenance, &c., \$1,661,573; or deducting \$200,000, the cost of steel rails put in place of iron on the older portions of the road, \$1,461,673. The line is throughout in good condition. During the season of navigation the ocean steamers receive the Mails at Rimouski, and during the winter at Halifax. The quickest time made between Halifax and Rimouski, 561 miles, was 15½ hours. The cost per train per mile was 82 cents. The average working cost per mile \$2,327.25

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY

is 198½ miles long. The receipts during the year were \$130,665, and the expenditure \$223,595. The receipts from passenger traffic decreased from the preceding year, but those from freight considerably increased. The total increase on the year was \$12,604. The cost of renewals and improvements will for some time be considerable. The cost of working, exclusive of rail renewals, was 85½ cents per mile. The total expenditure on the Railways under the control of the Dominion Government for the year ending June 30th, 1877, was for—

Surveys, C.P.R.	\$754,824
Construction do	938,525
do Intercolonial	1,318,352
Staff and maintenance do	1,641,673
do do P.E.I.R.	228,596
Construction do	200,000

Total

TELEGRAPH.

In *British Columbia* the Telegraph is in operation 632 miles, including 16½ miles of submerged cable. The expenditure during the year was \$31,104. The revenue \$7,367. Experience shows that this line will always be expensive to maintain. A subsidy of \$1,946 was paid to a telegraph line in P.E. Island, making the expenditure for telegraph lines \$33,051.