

240. In 1884 there were 9,575 miles in operation, and the receipts had reached the sum of \$33,421,705. On the 30th June, 1885, the total number of miles in operation was 10,150, and the receipts amounted to \$32,227,469. There has, therefore, been an increase in the railway mileage in operation since Confederation of 7,677 miles, and an increase in 1885 over 1884 of 575 miles. There were also on the 30th June, 1885, 623 miles of track completed and 812 miles under construction, which, when finished, will give a total length of railway in the Dominion of 11,585 miles, an increase of 9,112 miles, or 363 per cent., since Confederation.

241. In 1868 the paid-up capital amounted to \$160,471,190, and in 1885 to \$625,754,703, representing per mile of completed railway the sum of \$58,085. Large amounts of money have been given at various times by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and by the municipalities, in aid of the railway system, and the total amount paid in this way up to 30th June, 1885, was \$171,672,194.

242. The following table gives the mileage, train mileage, number of passengers and tons of freight carried, and the receipts and expenditure, of all railways in the Dominion, for each year during the last ten years, beginning on the 1st July, 1874:—

Year ended 30th June,	Mileage of Road.	Train Mileage.	Number of Passengers.	Tons of Freight.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.
					\$	\$
1875	4,826½	17,680,168	5,190,416	5,670,836	19,470,539	15,775,532
1876	5,157¼	18,103,628	5,544,814	6,331,757	19,358,084	15,802,721
1877	5,574½	19,450,813	6,073,233	6,859,796	18,742,053	15,290,091
1878	6,143½	19,669,447	6,443,924	7,883,472	20,520,078	16,100,102
1879	6,484½	20,731,689	6,523,816	8,348,810	19,925,066	16,188,282
1880	6,891¼	22,427,449	6,462,948	9,938,858	23,561,447	16,840,705
1881	7,260	27,301,306	6,943,671	12,065,323	27,987,509	20,121,418
1882	7,530	27,846,411	9,352,335	13,575,787	29,027,790	22,390,709
1883	8,726	30,072,910	9,579,948	13,266,255	33,244,585	24,691,667
1884	9,575	29,758,676	9,982,358	13,712,269	33,421,705	25,595,341
1885	10,150	30,623,689	9,672,599	14,659,271	32,227,469	24,015,351