

243. In 1867 the earnings per mile averaged \$4,811; in 1875 they averaged \$4,034; in 1880, \$3,419; in 1884, \$3,490; and in 1885, \$3,175; the tendency apparently being for the earnings per mile to gradually decrease, as the mileage itself is extended. The number of passengers increased more than two millions in 1882 over 1881, and since then has not varied very much.

244. This table is a comparative statement of the business done by railways in Canada, other than Government Railways, for the years 1884 and 1885.

TRAFFIC Returns of Railways in Canada, other than

Railway.	Miles in Operation.		Capital Paid Up.		Number of Passengers.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
			\$	\$		
Canada Atlantic	82	135	3,000,000	3,270,000	74,637	88,950
Canada Southern.....	359½	362½	32,472,991	32,510,777	487,865	453,029
Canadian Pacific system.....	2,806	3,348	151,102,049	155,745,604	1,372,825	1,427,367
Central Ontario.....	104	104	970,000	970,000	11,174	43,332
Grand Trunk system.....	2,591½	2,591½	253,076,973	282,749,918	4,994,355	4,575,499
New Brunswick.....	415½	415½	10,414,584	13,240,653	169,943	164,951
Northern and North-Western...	386	386	7,238,531	13,393,413	516,060	555,040
North Shore.....	209	209	5,544,866	5,544,866	298,123	284,474
Quebec Central.....	156	156	6,423,340	6,528,076	80,376	70,046
South-Eastern.....	260	260	8,230,853	8,230,853	180,527	196,824
Windsor and Annapolis.....	84	84	3,783,471	3,808,777	101,690	101,165
Other lines.....	964½	913½	27,219,345	50,491,386	692,208	624,271
Total.....	8,418	8,965	509,477,008	576,494,323	8,979,783	8,584,948
Government Railways.....	1,157	1,185	48,138,061	49,260,380	1,002,575	1,087,651
Total for Canada.....	9,575	10,150	557,615,069	625,754,703	9,982,358	9,672,599

245. The Government railway totals are added so as to give the grand totals for the Dominion, but are not included in the figures in the two following paragraphs.