

246. There was, it will be seen, a decrease in 1885 of 394,835 in the number of passengers carried, and a decrease in earnings of \$1,221,321, and in working expenses of \$1,655,406, while there was an increase in all the other particulars. In the quantities of freight carried there was an increase of 961,833, or nearly one million tons, and in the amount of capital paid up an increase of \$67,017,315.

247. The average receipts per mile were \$3,661 in 1884 and \$3,302 in 1885, a falling off of \$359 per mile. The working expenses averaged \$2,723 per mile in 1884 and \$2,372 in 1885, being a decrease in expenditure of \$351 per mile.

Government Railways, for Years 1884 and 1885.

Tons of Freight.		Train Mileage.		Receipts.		Working Expenses.		Proportion of Working Expenditure to Earnings.	
1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
				\$	\$	\$	\$	per c.	per c.
91,724	117,908	166,705	179,478	173,142	199,632	154,171	176,609	88·	88·
2,221,114	2,475,550	2,624,634	3,004,548	3,817,085	3,440,374	2,712,963	2,623,546	71·	76·
1,601,515	1,655,969	6,237,801	5,343,261	6,084,345	6,928,869	5,465,184	4,557,519	89·	65·
9,259	63,000	20,500	212,760	40,486	98,665	50,788	81,406	125·	82·
5,795,014	5,760,600	13,278,851	13,279,131	16,291,435	14,477,858	11,283,616	10,716,448	69·	74·
211,258	225,451	648,798	635,849	614,968	437,604	439,575	68·	71·
580,662	582,598	1,019,232	999,050	1,347,804	1,340,316	840,307	804,444	62·	60·
174,044	166,486	434,852	495,379	562,323	584,132	368,784	346,555	65·	59·
80,067	82,460	192,587	198,730	172,668	180,419	130,326	145,488	75·	80·
213,032	305,376	639,539	590,413	505,448	460,384	472,040	379,572	93·	82·
60,478	61,576	166,570	164,892	182,289	212,173	131,070	154,362	71·	72·
1,611,989	2,115,015	1,007,313	1,184,828	971,674	1,065,417	874,195	840,118	89·	78·
12,650,156	13,611,989	25,788,584	26,301,268	30,824,548	29,603,227	22,921,048	21,265,642	74·	71·
1,062,113	1,047,282	3,970,092	4,322,421	2,597,157	2,624,242	2,674,293	2,749,709	101·	104·
13,712,269	14,659,271	29,758,676	30,623,689	33,421,705	32,227,469	25,595,341	24,015,351	76·	74·

248. The Northern and North-Western and North Shore Railways showed the smallest proportion of working expenses to earnings, and the decrease in the percentage of the expenses of the Canadian Pacific Railway was, as compared with 1884, very large.