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Prince Edward Island Railway.

494. The Prince Edward Island Railway runs the whole length of the Island, a distance of 154½ miles, was built by the Government, as a condition of the Island joining the Confederation, and was opened for traffic in April, 1875. Its total length, including extensions, is 211½ miles, and the cost up to 30th June, 1886, was \$3,735,981. The traffic on this road is very light, and it is likely to be some time before the receipts cover the expenditure. The receipts showed a decrease of \$3,004, and the expenditure an increase of \$5,537 as compared with 1885.

Traffic returns of Government railways.

495. The following is a comparative statement of the traffic returns from Government railways for 1885 and 1886:—

TRAFFIC RETURNS OF GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS IN CANADA,  
1885 AND 1886.

RAILWAY.	Miles in Operation.		Number of Passengers.		Tons of Freight.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Intercolonial .....	861	866	914,785	889,864	970,069	1,008,545
Windsor Branch.....	32	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Extension.....	80	80	42,443	43,016	19,867	15,243
Prince Edward Island	212	212	130,423	120,374	57,346	57,913
Total.....	1,185	1,190	1,087,651	1,053,254	1,047,282	1,081,701

RAILWAY.	Train Mileage.		Receipts.		Working Expenses.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Intercolonial .....	3,992,506	4,039,877	2,368,153	2,383,201	441,477	2,489,244
Windsor Branch.....	.....	.....	24,451	23,659	18,752	19,229
Eastern Extens'n	80,037	82,173	73,050	66,893	78,273	94,756
P. E. Island.....	249,878	249,848	158,588	155,584	211,207	216,744
Total.....	4,322,421	4,371,898	2,624,242	2,629,336	2,749,709	2,819,973