

of land. The difference in gauge also probably reduced the expenditure.

Average cost in Canada and some foreign countries.

422. The total average cost per completed mile of all the railways in Canada is \$55,447, which it will be seen from the following table compares favorably with the figures for some principal countries :—

COST OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
United Kingdom .....	206,765	Australasia .....	57,976
Belgium .....	177,672	Canada .....	55,447
France .....	134,826	United States .....	54,301
Germany .....	103,349	Cape Colony .....	44,856
Russia .....	97,333	New Zealand .....	42,403
Victoria .....	66,951	Tasmania .....	41,026
India .....	61,250	Queenland .....	32,333
New South Wales .....	62,021	South Australia .....	31,302

Railway accidents in Canada.

423. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government railways, for the last 12 years :—

	Killed.	Injured.
1876.....	109	304
1877.....	111	317
1878.....	97	361
1879.....	107	66
1880.....	87	102
1881.....	99	147
1882.....	147	397
1883.....	169	550
1884.....	227	796
1885.....	157	684
1886.....	144	571
1887.....	178	633

Causes of accidents.

424. There was a very large increase in the number of persons killed in 1887, amounting to 34, but of the total number, 128 lost their lives by carelessness, disregard of