

American railways complete, it was necessary to build a bridge across the River Ste. Marie, which has been done. The bridge was begun in May, 1887, and completed in January, 1888, at a cost of \$300,000. It has a total length of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and is the joint property of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway and the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway. When this branch is in complete running order it will be the shortest route for the conveyance of the produce of the North-Western States to the seaboard, and is probably destined to largely increase the importance of Montreal as a commercial port.

Bridge  
over the  
Ste. Marie  
River.

433. The company's lines now cover a total mileage of 4,960 miles, distributed as follows:—

Total  
mileage  
Canadian  
Pacific  
Railway.

Transcontinental Line—		
Montreal to Vancouver.....	2,906	
Other lines owned—		
Eastern Division .....	485	
Western “ .....	432	
Pacific “ .....	8	
Total lines owned .....	925	
Leased lines—		
Ontario and Quebec Section .....	746	
Atlantic and North-West Section.....	325	
St. Lawrence and Ottawa “ .....	58	
Total leased lines .....	1,129	
Total mileage .....	4,960	

434. The following is a comparative statement of the traffic during 1886 and 1887 calendar years:—

Traffic on  
Canadian  
Pacific  
Railway  
1886 and  
1887.

ITEMS.		1886.	1887.
Passengers.....	No.	1,899,319	2,057,089
Freight.....	Tons.	2,046,195	2,144,327
Manufactured articles .....	“	476,698	470,699
Flour.....	Bris.	1,000,044	1,010,157
Grain.....	Bush.	10,960,582	15,013,957
Live stock .....	No.	244,257	205,572
Lumber.....	Ft.	327,700,432	310,180,542
Firewood.....	Cords.	75,025	97,541
All other articles .....	Tons.	498,940	534,976