

fish trade from the Straits of Canso, American fishermen being debarred from landing their fish in Canada.

Windsor
Branch.

450. The Windsor Branch is owned and maintained by the Government, but is operated by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, who pay one-third of the gross earnings to the Government. The Government's share is generally sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance, but last year a good deal of extra expense was incurred in substituting steel for iron rails and in building a new station. This road runs from Halifax to Windsor a distance of 32 miles, and owing to the heavy cost of maintenance the loss during 1887 amounted to \$715.

Intercol-
onial
Railway.

451. The main line of the Intercolonial Railway runs from Point Lévis, Quebec, to Halifax, a distance of 688 miles, and in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway now forms part of the through route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The extensions consist of 192 miles, making a total length of 880 miles.

Traffic on
the Inter-
colonial
Railway
1878-1887.

452. The following are figures of the traffic during the past 10 years:—

TRAFFIC ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1878-1887.

YEAR.	Earnings.	Freight.	Passengers.
	\$	Tons.	No.
1878.....	1,378,947	522,710	678,957
1879.....	1,292,100	510,861	640,101
1880.....	1,506,298	561,924	581,483
1881.....	1,760,394	725,577	631,245
1882.....	2,079,262	838,956	779,994
1883.....	2,370,921	970,961	878,600
1884.....	2,353,647	1,001,163	920,870
1885.....	2,368,154	970,069	914,785
1886.....	2,383,201	1,008,545	889,864
1887.....	2,596,010	1,131,334	940,144