

Cape Breton Railway

456. A line of railway is now in course of construction by the Government through the Island of Cape Breton, a distance of 98 miles, from Point Tupper, at the Strait of Canso, to Sydney. This road will form part of what is known as the Short Line, in which expression is comprised a scheme for connecting Montreal with Canadian Atlantic ports by the shortest route.

Government expenditure on construction, &c., 1883-1887.

457. The following table shows the amounts spent by the Government during the last five years, on the construction, staff and maintenance of railways:—

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION, STAFF AND MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAYS IN CANADA, FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

RAILWAYS.	YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,				
	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific .....	4,729,692	3,963,381	3,252,921	818,150	471,735
“ subsidy.....	5,323,077	7,254,208	6,862,201	2,890,427	460,087
“ advance on rails, as per contract.....	973,752				
Surveys .....		11,313	60,465	40,763	17,103
Statistics.....		943	125	2,983	1,200
Intercolonial .....	3,977,006	3,859,558	3,636,841	3,035,378	3,525,418
Windsor Branch.....	23,104	22,141	18,751	19,229	26,042
Prince Edward Island.....	309,994	367,092	289,651	221,413	210,037
Eastern Extension.....		1,294,346	80,330	94,940	94,254
Carleton Branch.....				85,479	2,300
Subsidies, general.....		208,000	403,245	2,326,349	1,406,533
Short Line Railway claims.....				124,678	24,157
Bridge at Emerson.....		50,000			
Cape Breton.....					76,502
Windsor and Annapolis.....					125,937
Royal Commission.....					13,831
Albert Railway.....					11,437
Total on Railways.....	15,336,625	17,030,982	15,610,530	9,659,791	6,466,633
Pacific Railway Loan Account.....		10,953,462	9,701,438	995,800	
St. John Bridge and Railway Extension .....		143,600	135,200		
Total.....		11,097,062	9,836,638	995,800	