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account.

123. The total amount of subsidies voted by Parliament towards the construction of railways, on which payments have been made or liabilities still exist, was, on the 1st November, 1888, \$10,918,665 ; of this amount the sum of \$4,558,533 had been already paid, leaving \$5,289,753 still due, \$1,070,379 not having been earned, owing to over-estimate of mileage or forfeiture by lapse of time. The above amount of \$10,918,665 had been voted among 85 companies, but as, on the 1st November, 1888, no contracts had been entered into by 26 companies, it is not at all probable that the full amount will ever become payable. In addition to the above money subsidies, grants of land have been made to 11 companies in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, amounting to 19,787,744 acres, of which quantity 81,058 acres have been patented. The average grant was 6,400 acres per mile, and the estimated number of miles subsidised was 2,908. A loan was also authorized to one company, in 1886, of \$15,000, of which \$14,548 have been paid and \$452 are still due. Under the provisions of an Act passed during the Session of 1888, 11,316 tons of used rails were loaned to seven different companies under certain conditions. The total amount paid on Capital Account was \$4,680,793, or, less the contribution of the Imperial Government of \$243,333 for the Esquimalt Graving Dock, \$4,437,460, or \$2,479 less than in 1887. The amount was made up as follows :—

Canadian Pacific Railway.....	\$	52,099
Cape Breton		689,451
Carleton Branch		504
Intercolonial		742,203
Oxford and New Glasgow Railway.....		280,932
Short Line Railway.....		397
Lachine Canal.....		19,414
Murray		146,754
St. Lawrence Canal.....		194,557
Tay		54,167
Welland		429,721
Ottawa Works.....		65,481
Sault Ste. Marie Canal.....		8,145
Trent River Navigation.....		114,879
Cape Tormentine Harbour.....		4,744
Esquimalt Graving Dock.....		90,728