

Cost of principal railways in Canada.

385. The following table shows the total cost, and cost per mile, of some of the principal roads in Canada. The cost of rolling stock is, in most cases, included :—

COST OF PRINCIPAL RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

NAME OF RAILWAY.	Number of Miles.	Total Cost.	Cost per Mile.
		\$	\$
Canada Atlantic.....	130	3,362,864	25,868
Canada Southern.....	362	27,451,478	75,832
Canadian Pacific system.....	4,691	237,082,947	50,539
Central Ontario.....	104	1,494,663	14,371
Eastern Extension.....	80	1,928,040	24,100
Erie and Huron.....	73	1,289,407	17,663
Esquimalt and Nanaimo.....	78	2,766,907	35,473
Grand Southern.....	82	1,669,000	20,353
Grand Trunk system.....	3,093	300,736,846	97,231
*Intercolonial.....	926	45,887,759	49,554
International.....	81	1,286,521	15,883
Kingston and Pembroke.....	112	4,018,201	35,876
Manitoba and North-Western.....	207	3,465,213	16,740
New Brunswick System.....	415	10,929,281	26,335
North-Western Coal and Navigation Co.....	109	1,050,484	9,637
Pontiac and Pacific Junction.....	71	1,088,805	15,335
Prince Edward Island.....	210	3,741,780	17,818
Quebec and Lake St. John.....	195	3,598,364	18,453
Quebec Central.....	154	8,627,882	56,025
Windsor and Annapolis.....	84	3,922,590	46,697

* Windsor Branch included.

Expenditure on Grand Trunk and North-West Coal and Navigation Company.

386. The expenditure on the construction and equipment of the Grand Trunk system has, it will be seen, been very much in excess of that on any other road, the expenditure on the main line during its original construction having been exceptionally heavy. The North-Western Coal and Navigation Company's road, which connects the coal mines on the Belly River with Medicine Hat, and which has a gauge of 3 feet only, is the road that, according to the above table, has been built at the least expense, which is probably explained by the fact of its running through a level prairie country, and that no outlay was required for the purchase of land. The difference in gauge also probably reduced the expenditure.