

and a branch from Pugwash Junction to Pugwash Harbour, being respectively $67\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, are now being built, and are likely to be soon completed.

Cape Breton Railway.

414. A line of railway is also 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. Connections will be made by this line with the coal mines of Sydney and North Sydney, which will thus be placed in direct communication with the Intercolonial system. The road will connect with the Eastern Extension Railway by means of a ferry between Point Tupper and Port Mulgrave, and is expected to be ready for traffic in the autumn of 1889.

Government expenditure on construction, &c., 1884-1888.

415. 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,				
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	3,963,381	3,258,921	818,150	471,795	52,374
do subsidy.....	7,254,298	6,862,201	2,890,427	460,087	.....
Surveys.....	11,313	60,465	40,763	17,103	9,208
Statistics.....	943	125	2,985	1,200	116
Intercolonial.....	3,859,558	3,636,841	3,035,378	3,525,418	4,018,827
Windsor Branch.....	22,141	18,751	19,229	26,042	24,040
Prince Edward Island.....	367,092	289,651	221,413	210,037	229,640
Eastern Extension.....	1,294,346	80,330	94,940	94,254	90,955
Carleton Branch.....	.....	.....	85,479	2,300	504
Subsidies, general.....	208,000	403,245	2,326,349	1,406,533	1,027,042
Short Line Railway claims.....	.....	.....	124,678	24,157	397