

527. It will be seen that in spite of the increase in the business of the railways in 1889, the total receipts were \$1,538 less than in 1888. The earnings per mile in 1880 averaged \$3,418; in 1884, \$3,490; in 1885, \$3,175; in 1886, \$3,106; in 1887, \$3,322; in 1888, \$3,465, and in 1889, \$3,338, being a decrease in the last year of \$127 per mile as compared with the year before. The average amount of working expenses per mile in 1886 was \$2,166; in 1887, \$2,363; in 1888, \$2,520, and in 1889, \$2,458, showing a decrease, as compared with 1888, of \$62 per mile, due chiefly to the reduction of working expenses on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and there was also a decrease in the proportion of net receipts to capital cost; in 1886 it was 1.41 per cent.; in 1887, 1.64 per cent., in 1888, 1.58 per cent., and in 1889, 1.46 per cent. There was an increase in train mileage of 1,428,174 miles, in the number of passengers carried of 734,260, and in the tons of freight carried of 754,867.

528. The following is a comparative statement of the business done by Canadian railways in the years 1888 and 1889, particulars of the principal lines being given separately:—

Earnings  
per mile.

Expenses  
per mile.

Business  
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1888  
and 1889.