

548. The receipts per mile in Canada are less than in most of the countries named, but, with the exception of Victoria and New South Wales, are higher than in the Australasian Colonies. In comparing the receipts of Canada and Australasia with other countries, the large area in most cases to be covered must be taken into account. The receipts by Provinces in Canada, if they could be obtained, would be the most correct figures to compare with the receipts of the several Australasian Colonies.

Receipts in Canada compared with other colonies.

549. Almost all the railway companies in the Dominion use a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. The only exceptions are the Carillon and Grenville, and Cobourg, Peterboro' and Marmora roads, with a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches; the Prince Edward Island Railway, with a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, and the North-western Coal and Navigation Company, where the gauge was, until this year, 3 feet.

Gauge of Canadian Railways.

550. The quantity and description of rolling stock in the years 1888 and 1889 will be found in the next table. An increase will be found under each head:—

Rolling stock in use 1888 and 1889.

ROLLING STOCK IN USE ON RAILWAYS IN CANADA, 1888 AND 1889.

| YEAR. | Locomotives. | Sleeper and Parlour Cars. | First Class Cars. | Second Class and Emigrant Cars. | Baggage, Mail and Express Cars. | Cattle and Box Cars. | Platform Cars. | Coal and Dump Cars. |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1888 | 1,653 | 79 | 759 | 568 | 505 | 27,870 | 12,992 | 3,047 |
| 1889 | 1,761 | 105 | 795 | 581 | 517 | 31,025 | 13,925 | 3,235 |
| Increase | 108 | 26 | 36 | 13 | 12 | 3,155 | 933 | 188 |
| Decrease | | | | | | | | |

551. The above table represents the rolling stock in use. To ascertain the quantity owned, the following numbers of cars hired must be deducted in each year:—

Rolling stock hired

| YEAR. | Locomotives. | Sleeper and Parlour Cars. | First Class Cars. | Second Class and Emigrant Cars. | Baggage, Mail and Express Cars. | Cattle and Box Cars. | Platform Cars. |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1888 | 39 | 8 | 17 | 15 | 23 | 2,952 | 242 |
| 1889 | 43 | 17 | 32 | 17 | 33 | 3,583 | 326 |