

ceipts, and the expenditure for renewals of bridges, &c., was very heavy. Expenditure for these purposes may be expected to be costly for the next few years.

571. The Prince Edward Island Railway runs the whole length of the Island, a distance of  $154\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and including extensions, has a total length of 211 miles. There was an increase in the passenger traffic during 1889 of \$7,688, but a decrease in receipts from freight of \$806. In proportion to its cost, the traffic on this road is very light, and it will probably be several years before the earnings equal the expenditure.

Prince  
Edward  
Island  
Railway.

572. A line of railway between the Oxford station, on the Intercolonial, and Brown's Point, on the Pictou Town Branch, and a branch from Pugwash Junction to Pugwash Harbour, being respectively  $67\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles in length, are now being built, and will soon be completed.

Oxford  
Branch.

573. 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, which is well advanced towards completion, will connect with the Eastern Extension Railway by means of a ferry between Point Tupper and Port Mulgrave, and will, it is expected, be open for traffic about August, 1890.

Cape  
Breton  
Railway.

574. The Government have also assumed the work of constructing the link of 22 miles between Digby and Annapolis, and the road is expected to be completed about the middle of 1890.

Digby and  
Annapolis  
Railway.

575. About 115 miles of a contemplated link from Harvey, on the New Brunswick Railway, to Salisbury, on the Intercolonial Railway, which will also provide a short route to Canadian Atlantic sea ports, is under survey by the Government. It

Harvey &  
Salisbury  
Branch.