

is expected that this route will be about 32 miles shorter than that *viâ* St. John.

Chignecto
Marine
Railway.

576. The Chignecto Marine Transport Railway, 17 miles in length, across the Isthmus of Chignecto, which separates the Straits of Northumberland from the Bay of Fundy, which is being rapidly built, and which, it is expected, will transfer vessels across in two hours, saving a distance of 500 miles, has been subsidised by the Government, as has also the St. Clair Frontier Tunnel, which will be 6,000 feet in length, and is being built under the River St. Clair, between Sarnia and Port Huron, and which is intended to connect the Grand Trunk Railway and the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway: but no payments had been made up to the 31st December, 1889.

St. Clair
Tunnel.

Government
expenditure
on rail-
ways,
1885-1889.

577. 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				
	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	3,258,921	818,150	471,795	52,374	87,134
do subsidy.....	6,862,201	2,890,427	460,087		
Surveys.....	60,465	40,763	17,103	9,208	15,992
Statistics.....	125	2,985	1,200	116	561
Intercolonial.....	3,636,841	3,035,378	3,525,418	4,018,827	3,810,267
Windsor Branch.....	18,751	19,229	26,042	24,040	20,856
Prince Edward Island.....	289,651	221,413	210,037	229,640	247,559
Eastern Extension.....	80,330	94,940	94,254	90,955	124,955
Carleton Branch.....		85,479	2,300	504	
Subsidies, general.....	403,245	2,326,349	1,406,533	1,027,042	846,722
Short Line Railway claims.....		124,678	24,157	397	
Annapolis and Digby.....					9,847
Cape Breton.....			76,502	689,451	1,083,277
Windsor and Annapolis.....			125,937		
Royal Commission.....			13,831	13,575	
Albert Railway.....			11,437	3,112	177
Fredericton and St. Mary's Railway Bridge Co.....				274,947	25,053
Oxford and New Glasgow.....				280,932	841,943
Total on railways.....	15,610,530	9,659,791	6,466,633	6,715,120	7,114,343
Pacific Railway Loan Ac- count.....	9,701,438	995,800			
St. John Bridge and Railway Extension.....	135,200				
Total.....	9,836,638	995,800			