

576. The total average cost per completed mile of all the railways in Canada has been \$56,158, which, it will be seen from the following table, compares favourably with the figures for some principal countries:—

Cost of railway construction in principal countries.

COST OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION PER MILE IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
United Kingdom.....	216,479	Canada.....	56,158
Belgium.....	177,672	United States.....	54,301
France.....	134,826	Australasia.....	46,836
Germany.....	103,349	Cape Colony.....	44,856
Russia.....	97,333	Tasmania.....	39,328
Austria.....	97,177	New Zealand.....	36,811
Victoria.....	66,741	Queensland.....	33,540
India.....	64,970	South Australia.....	29,404
New South Wales.....	64,173	Western Australia.....	22,236

577. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government railways, for the last 15 years:—

Railway accidents in Canada.

	Killed.	Injured.
1876.....	109	304
1877.....	111	317
1878.....	97	361
1879.....	107	66
1880.....	87	102
1881.....	99	147
1882.....	147	397
1883.....	169	550
1884.....	227	796
1885.....	157	684
1886.....	144	571
1887.....	178	633
1888.....	231	775
1889.....	210	875
1890.....	218	838

578. There was an increase of 8 in the total number of persons killed, but a decrease of 26 in the number of passengers killed, the total number having been 11, of whom 5 fell from cars, 4 were getting off trains in motion, 1 was on the track and 1 was killed in a collision, and it is probable that 10

Causes of accidents.