

## TRAFFIC ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1878-1890.

YEAR.	Earnings.	Freight.	Passengers.
	\$	Tons.	No.
1878. ....	1,378,947	522,710	618,957
1879. ....	1,292,100	510,861	640,101
1880. ....	1,506,298	561,924	581,483
1881. ....	1,760,394	725,577	631,245
1882. ....	2,079,262	838,956	779,994
1883. ....	2,370,921	970,961	878,600
1884. ....	2,353,647	1,001,163	920,870
1885. ....	2,368,154	970,069	914,785
1886. ....	2,383,201	1,008,545	889,864
1887. ....	2,596,010	1,131,334	940,144
1888. ....	2,912,784	1,275,995	996,194
1889. ....	2,895,364	1,204,790	1,091,189
1890. ....	2,928,081	1,353,417	1,170,249

Chief articles of freight carried, 1889-1890.

601. There was an increase in 1890 as compared with 1889 in the number of passengers of 79,060, in the receipts of 32,717, and in the quantity of freight of 148,627 tons, principally in grain, lumber and general merchandise, as shown by the following figures:—

QUANTITIES OF THE CHIEF ARTICLES OF FREIGHT CARRIED ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1889 AND 1890.

ARTICLES.		1889.	1890.	Increase.
Flour.....	Brls.	927,014	1,094,193	167,179
Grain.....	Bush.	1,519,862	2,597,951	1,078,089
Lumber.....	Feet.	197,545,777	209,904,071	12,358,294
Live stock.....	No.	77,661	80,065	2,404
Miscellaneous.....	Tons.	814,993	917,039	92,046

Coal carried.

602. The quantity of coal carried was 157,407 tons, being a decrease of 16,325 tons.

Receipts and expenses per mile.

603. The receipts per mile were \$3,275, as compared with \$3,238, in 1889 and the freight carried per mile amounted to 1,514 tons, as against 1,347 tons in 1889. The expenses per