

grants, but not to the same extent. Details, however, are not available.

Railway develop-
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811. The first railway in Canada was opened on the 21st July, 1836, between Laprairie and St. Johns, in the Province of Quebec, its length being 16 miles, but such little progress was made in railway development, that when the first sod of the Northern Railway was turned by Lady Elgin, in 1850, there were but 71 miles in operation in the whole of what is now the Dominion of Canada. But this country, though undoubtedly backward at one time in the matter of railway construction, has of late years made very considerable progress. In 1867 there were 2,258 miles in operation, and on 30th June, 1891, 14,009 miles, with a total of 14,633 miles completed, being an increase in the 24 years since Confederation of 11,751 miles in operation. In 1868 the paid-up capital amounted to \$160,471,190, and in 1891 to \$816,647,758. The progress of railroad construction is briefly shown by the following figures: 1840, 16 miles in operation; 1850, 71 miles; 1860, 2,087; 1870, 2,497; 1880, 6,891, and in 1891, 14,009 miles.

Progress of railroad
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Particu-
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812. The following table gives the sources from which the various sums have been derived that make the total capital paid, the amount derived from each source, and the amount of each per mile of completed railway:—

PARTICULARS OF RAILWAY CAPITAL PAID, 1890 AND 1891.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL.	1890.		1891.	
	Amount.	Amount per Mile.	Amount.	Amount per Mile.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital.....	238,176,486	17,013	238,769,386	16,317
Preference ".....	100,000,400	7,143	101,000,400	6,902
Bonded debt.....	266,885,707	19,063	292,291,654	19,975
Aid from Dominion Government...	139,745,691	9,982	142,934,781	9,768
" Ontario ".....	5,977,008	427	6,032,585	990
" Quebec ".....	10,599,758	757	10,879,134	3,877
" New Brunswick ".....	4,273,374	305	4,297,501	3,160
" Nova Scotia ".....	1,977,396	141	2,007,996	2,548
" Manitoba ".....	2,221,250	159	2,477,250	1,858
" British Columbia Govt....	37,500	3	37,500	55
" Municipalities.....	13,709,624	979	13,817,509	3,625
Capital from other sources.....	2,843,119	203	2,102,062	144
Total.....	786,447,812	56,175	816,647,758	55,809