

852. The following are figures of the traffic during the past 15 years :—

Traffic on the Inter-colonial, 1877-1891.

TRAFFIC ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1877-1891.

YEAR.	Earnings.	Freight.	Passengers.
	\$	Tons.	No.
1877.....	1,154,445	421,327	613,420
1878.....	1,378,947	522,710	618,957
1879.....	1,294,010	510,861	640,101
1880.....	1,506,298	561,924	581,483
1881.....	1,760,394	725,577	631,245
1882.....	2,079,263	838,956	779,994
1883.....	2,370,910	970,961	878,600
1884.....	2,384,415	1,009,237	944,636
1885.....	2,441,204	989,936	957,228
1886.....	2,450,094	1,023,788	932,880
1887.....	2,660,117	1,143,020	982,784
1888.....	2,983,336	1,288,823	1,040,163
1889.....	2,967,801	1,218,877	1,136,272
1890.....	3,012,740	1,368,819	1,219,233
1891.....	2,977,395	1,304,534	1,298,304

853. There was an increase in 1891 as compared with 1890 in the number of passengers of 79,071, but a decrease in the receipts of \$35,345, and in the quantity of freight of 64,285 tons, principally in flour, lumber and general merchandise, as shown by the following figures :—

Chief articles of freight carried, 1890-1891.

QUANTITIES OF THE CHIEF ARTICLES OF FREIGHT CARRIED ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1890 AND 1891.

ARTICLES.	1890.	1891.	Increase.	Decrease.
Flour..... Brls.	1,116,050	1,013,129	102,921
Grain..... Bush.	2,610,202	2,890,921	280,719
Lumber..... Feet.	209,905,065	184,138,324	25,766,741
Live stock..... No.	86,771	95,529	8,758
Miscellaneous..... Tons.	926,514	899,724	26,790

854. The quantity of coal carried was 137,472 tons, being a decrease of 19,935 tons.

Coal carried.

855. The receipts per mile were \$2,721, as compared with \$3,102 in 1890 and \$3,506 in 1889; and the freight carried per mile amounted to 1,192 tons, as against 1,409 tons in 1890. The expenses amounted to \$3,662,342, being \$684,947 more than the receipts, and were at the

Receipts and expenses per mile.