

rate of \$3,347 per mile, being a reduction of \$547 per mile as compared with 1890, and of \$913 per mile as compared with 1889.

Canadian  
Pacific  
Short  
Line.

556. On the 3rd June, 1889, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company opened their Short Line from Montreal *via* Mattawamkeag, through the State of Maine to St. John, N.B., reducing the distance between that port and Montreal to 480 miles. As was anticipated, this route takes a portion of the business of the maritime provinces with the west, particularly the through passengers, and the traffic on the Intercolonial has been proportionately reduced.

Windsor  
Branch.

557. The Windsor Branch is owned and maintained by the Government, but is operated by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, who pay one-third of the gross earnings to the Government. The Government's share is generally sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance, and during 1891 the profits amounted to \$1,303. The road runs from Windsor to Windsor Junction, a distance of 32 miles.

Prince  
Edward  
Island  
Railway.

558. The Prince Edward Island Railway runs the whole length of the island, a distance of 154½ miles, and, including extensions, has a total length of 211 miles. There was an increase in receipts from passenger traffic during 1891 of \$2,893, and in receipts from freight of \$7,998, the passengers having increased 7,409 in number and the freight by 7,907 tons. In proportion to its cost, the traffic on this road is very high, and it will be probably several years before the earnings equal the expenditure.

Oxford  
Branch.

559. A line of railway between the Oxford station, on the Intercolonial, and Brown's Point, on the Pictou Town Branch, with a branch from Pugwash Junction to Pugwash Harbour, being altogether 72½ miles in length, was opened for traffic on 15th July, 1890. A line of railway has also been built by the Government through the island of Cape Breton, a distance of 98½ miles, from Point Tupper, at the Strait of Canso, to Sydney. This road forms part of what is known as the Short Line, in which expression is comprised a scheme for connecting Montreal with Canadian Atlantic ports by the shortest route. Connections have been made by this line with the coal mines of Sydney and North Sydney, which are thus placed in direct communication with the Intercolonial system. The road connects with the Eastern Extension Railway by means of a ferry between Point Tupper and Port Mulgrave. The Government has also assumed the work of constructing the link of 20½ miles between Digby and Annapolis, and the road was handed over to the Western Counties Railway for operation on 27th July, 1891. All the above roads now form part of the Intercolonial system.

Cape  
Breton  
Railway.

Digby and  
Annapolis  
Railway.

Chignecto.  
Marine  
Railway.

560. The Chignecto Marine Transport Railway, 17 miles in length, across the Isthmus of Chignecto, separating the Straits of Northum-