

249. The following table shows the amounts, including expenditure charged to revenue, spent by the Government in each year since Confederation on the construction of railways, canals, public buildings and other works :—

Government expenditure on public works, 1868-1892.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Railways.	Canals.	Public Buildings.	Other Public Works.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1868	483,353	128,965	105,960	94,629	812,907
1869	282,615	126,954	113,453	60,028	583,049
1870	1,729,381	105,588	73,514	184,270	2,092,753
1871	2,946,930	133,873	410,101	249,287	3,740,190
1872	5,620,569	290,075	578,936	620,585	7,110,163
1873	5,763,268	383,916	422,030	831,837	7,401,051
1874	3,925,123	1,240,628	600,962	1,064,967	6,831,680
1875	5,018,427	1,715,310	800,812	914,197	8,448,745
1876	4,497,434	2,389,544	1,075,483	927,615	8,890,076
1877	3,209,502	4,131,396	736,240	540,804	8,617,942
1878	2,643,741	3,843,339	518,908	363,708	7,369,695
1879	2,507,053	3,064,098	372,059	380,481	6,323,691
1880	6,109,599	2,123,366	442,394	298,529	8,973,888
1881	5,577,236	2,100,243	507,949	563,388	8,748,815
1882	5,176,832	1,670,268	544,032	542,251	7,933,383
1883	11,707,619	1,857,546	675,260	877,456	15,117,880
1884	14,392,933	1,665,351	1,291,963	1,372,823	18,723,069
1885	11,645,220	1,572,918	1,030,988	1,208,274	15,457,399
1886	4,480,833	1,333,422	117,346	451,890	6,383,491
1887	3,270,433	1,783,698	1,029,859	1,525,660	7,609,650
1888	3,094,043	1,188,302	969,263	1,703,032	6,954,640
1889	3,601,279	1,145,988	1,072,312	1,568,765	7,388,344
1890	4,122,724	1,189,644	808,509	4,084,593	10,205,470
1891	2,279,737	1,500,861	578,358	1,257,188	5,616,144
1892	1,501,539	1,637,819	338,364	868,718	4,346,440
Total	115,587,423	38,323,112	15,215,055	22,554,975	191,680,565

250. The following amounts, including expenditure charged to revenue, have been spent on public works since Confederation :—

Railways	\$115,587,423
Canals	38,323,112
Government buildings and miscellaneous public works, including lighthouses and navigation.	39,028,746
	\$192,939,281
Prior to Confederation there was expended on railways and canals	52,944,175
On public works	10,690,917
Making a total expenditure on public works of	\$256,574,373

Summary of expenditure on public works.