

decrease in the quantity of manufactured goods carried as well as that of general articles.

Accidents on rail-ways in Canada. 558. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government rail-ways, for the last 18 years :—

	Killed.	Injured.
1875	92	289
1876	109	304
1877	111	317
1878	97	361
1879	107	66
1880	87	102
1881	99	147
1882	147	397
1883	169	550
1884	227	796
1885	157	684
1886	144	571
1887	178	633
1888	231	775
1889	210	875
1890	218	838
1891	196	818
1892	233	879

Increase in number of acci-dents. 559. The number of persons killed, as well as the number of those injured, were higher than in any year since 1875, before which, no complete statistics are available. The increase was largely among the employees of the roads, there having been an increase in the number killed of 45 and in those injured of 117. Sixteen employees were killed while coupling cars, and out of 700 injured, no less than 357 were hurt while similarly engaged, being 51 per cent of the whole number. The following are comparative figures for the last two years :—

	1891.		1892.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Passengers	13	105	14	40
Employees	65	583	110	700
Others	118	130	109	139
	<u>196</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>879</u>

Causes of fatal acci-dents. 560. The number of passengers killed was one more, and the number injured 65 less than in 1891. Eight of the passengers were killed by getting on or off trains in motion, or being on the track, so that the railway companies were really responsible for only 6 deaths. Twenty employees were killed by being on the track, and twenty-three by fall-