

## TRAFFIC ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1877-1892.

YEAR.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.	Freight.	Passengers.
	£	£	Tons.	No.
1877.....	1,154,445	1,661,674	421,327	613,420
1878.....	1,378,947	1,816,274	522,710	618,957
1879.....	1,294,010	2,010,183	510,861	640,101
1880.....	1,506,298	1,603,430	561,924	581,483
1881.....	1,760,394	1,759,851	725,577	631,245
1882.....	2,079,263	2,069,657	838,956	779,994
1883.....	2,370,910	2,360,373	970,961	878,600
1884.....	2,384,415	2,377,434	1,009,237	944,636
1885.....	2,441,204	2,519,752	989,936	957,228
1886.....	2,450,094	2,584,000	1,023,788	932,880
1887.....	2,660,117	2,922,370	1,143,020	982,784
1888.....	2,983,336	3,366,782	1,288,823	1,040,163
1889.....	2,967,801	3,244,648	1,218,877	1,136,272
1890.....	2,012,740	3,560,576	1,368,819	1,219,233
1891.....	2,977,395	3,662,342	1,304,534	1,298,304
1892.....	2,945,442	3,439,377	1,264,575	1,297,732

Receipts and expenses per mile.

576. There was a decrease of \$31,953 in the amount of earnings, of 39,959 tons in the quantity of freight carried and of 572 in the number of passengers. The receipts per mile were \$2,579, as compared with \$2,721 in 1891, \$3,102 in 1890 and \$3,506 in 1889; and the freight carried per mile amounted to 1,107 tons, as against 1,192 tons in 1891 and 1,409 tons in 1890. The expenses amounted to \$3,439,377, being \$493,935 more than the receipts, and were at the rate of \$3,011 per mile as compared with \$3,347 per mile in 1891 and \$3,669 in 1890. The number of passengers carried per mile was 1,136 in 1892, 1,186 in 1891 and 1,255 in 1890.

Decrease in freight traffic.

577. With the exception of grain and sugar, there was a decrease in almost every description of freight carried. The quantity of coal carried was 123,665 tons, being 13,807 tons less than in 1891. The following figures show the decrease in the principal articles of freight:—

QUANTITIES OF THE CHIEF ARTICLES OF FREIGHT CARRIED ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, 1891 AND 1892.

ARTICLES.	1891.	1892.	Increase.	Decrease.
Flour..... Brls.	1,013,129	954,015	.....	59,114
Grain..... Bush.	2,890,921	3,776,677	885,756	.....
Lumber..... Feet.	184,138,324	175,474,340	.....	8,663,984
Live stock..... No.	95,529	87,889	.....	7,640
Miscellaneous..... Tons.	899,724	858,635	.....	41,089