

916. There was an increase in the total receipts in 1893 of \$356,629, as compared with the preceding year while the working expenses showed an increase of \$127,805, and the proportion of expenses to receipts was 70 per cent, being the same as in 1892. The earnings and expenses per mile are as follows, in the years named. The increase or decrease shown in the table is, in each case, with the year immediately preceding :—

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES PER MILE OF RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

YEAR.	Earnings.	Increase. or Decrease.	YEAR.	Working. Expenses.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
1875.....	4,033	1875.....	3,268
1880.....	3,418	— 615	1880.....	2,444	— 824
1885.....	3,175	— 243	1885.....	2,366	— 78
1886.....	3,106	— 69	1886.....	2,260	— 106
1887.....	3,332	+ 226	1887.....	2,363	+ 197
1888.....	3,465	+ 133	1888.....	2,520	+ 157
1889.....	3,338	— 127	1889.....	2,458	— 62
1890.....	3,534	+ 196	1890.....	2,483	+ 25
1891.....	3,440	— 94	1891.....	2,495	+ 12
1892.....	3,543	+ 103	1892.....	2,501	+ 6
1893.....	3,465	— 78	1893.....	2,438	— 63

917. The proportion of net earnings to capital paid in 1893 was 1.77 per cent ; in 1892, 1.80 per cent ; 1891, 1.62 per cent ; 1890, 1.77 per cent ; 1889, 1.46 per cent ; 1888, 1.58 per cent ; 1887, 1.64 per cent, and 1886, 1.41 per cent. There was a decrease of 186,324 tons in the quantity of freight carried, as compared with 1892, and an increase of 16,332,763 tons, as compared with 1875 ; and while in the last-named year the quantity carried was 1,174 tons per mile, in 1893 it was 1,465 tons per mile. There was a decrease in the train mileage of 62,515 miles, and an increase of 84,613 persons in the number of passengers carried.

918. The following is a comparative statement of the business done by Canadian railways in the years 1892 and 1893, particulars of the principal lines being given separately :—