

The average amount received per ton of freight carried in Canada was \$1.50, being lower than in the Australasian colonies, Russia, Roumania, Italy and France, but higher than in the other countries named below.

AVERAGE AMOUNT RECEIVED PER TON OF FREIGHT CARRIED.

Queensland.....	\$2 98	Canada.....	\$1 50
South Australia	2 88	Austria-Hungary.....	1 48
Russia.	2 90	Denmark.	1 11
New South Wales.	2 03	Switzerland.	1 11
Roumania.....	1 99	Norway	0 85
Italy.	1 82	Germany.	0 79
Victoria	1 68	Holland.	0 75
New Zealand.....	1 66	United Kingdom.....	0 67
France.....	1 52	Belgium.....	0 65
Tasmania	1 34		

The greater distances to be travelled, no doubt, account for the average amount being higher in the colonies than in the United Kingdom and European countries.

925. The average capital cost per completed mile of railroad in Canada has been, up to the present time, \$56,929, which is lower than in European countries, but higher than in the United States and most of the Australasian colonies, as shown by the following table taken from the Victoria Year Book, 1891-92, the conversions having been made in this office :—

CAPITAL COST PER MILE OF RAILWAY IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
England and Wales.....	250,920	Victoria	62,537
United Kingdom.....	213,714	Canada	56,929
Scotland	131,030	United States.....	54,298
France.....	133,833	Australia	48,618
Belgium	108,921	India	43,785
British Dominions.....	100,988	Tasmania	39,926
Germany.....	98,705	Cape Colony.....	39,040
Austria	96,520	New Zealand.	38,165
Switzerland...	95,011	Norway	35,483
Holland	90,355	Queensland	33,483
Italy	82,217	South Australia	33,298
New South Wales.....	70,854	Sweden	29,603
Ireland.	64,580	Western Australia.....	21,720