

931. In the railway report for 1876 the number of miles of railway laid with steel rails is given at 2,373 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles. This included mileage owned by Canadian companies in the United States. But it may be said that about 45 per cent of the main tracks in Canada were laid with steel rails. In 1886 the number of miles of steel rails was 10,303 and of iron 1,220. In 1893 the number of miles of steel rails laid was 14,883, iron rails having only 437 miles.

During the period 1876-93, practically all the railways have been supplied with steel rails.

In 1876 the range of the weight of the steel rail then laid was from 56 to 60 pounds per yard.

In 1893 the range was from 56 to 97 pounds, the St. Clair tunnel being laid with rails weighing 100 pounds per yard.

932. The Canada Southern has 95 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of double track. The Intercolonial has 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, the Canadian Pacific 13 $\frac{1}{3}$  miles and the Grand Trunk 404 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles of double track.

933. The next table is a summary statement of the principal articles of freight carried in 1893 :—

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DESCRIPTION OF FREIGHT CARRIED  
ON CANADIAN RAILWAYS, 1893.

RAILWAYS.	Flour.	Grain.	Live Stock.	Lumber of all kinds except Firewood.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Canada Atlantic. ....	7,222	33,543	3,502	277,045
Canada Southern.....	149,122	382,610	167,500	297,527
Canadian Pacific system .....	263,978	659,434	101,140	910,689
Grand Trunk system .....	508,460	1,123,759	430,278	869,155
Intercolonial .... .	85,691	31,934	12,757	226,514
Quebec Central .....	9,936	1,354	2,041	81,093
Manitoba and North-western...	3,579	48,345	2,959	4,152
South-eastern system.....	24,512	64,027	3,075	102,431
Other lines .... .	540,237	330,165	373,920	648,840
Total.....	1,592,737	2,675,171	1,097,180	3,417,446