

- 1870-1871. Battle of iron *versus* wooden bridges waged, 1870-71. Windsor Branch, 32 miles, transferred to Windsor and Annapolis Railway for operating purposes.
1872. Railways in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia reconstructed and called Intercolonial Railway by Order in Council, 9th November, 1872.
1874. Railway transferred to Public Works Department, Act of 1874.
1875. Change of gauge between Halifax and St. John, 18th June.
1876. Whole line of Intercolonial opened 1st July.
1879. Purchase of Rivière du Loup line, 126 miles, from Grand Trunk Railway, for \$1,500,000; 1st August.
Department of Railways and Canals organized with ministerial head, May 20th, 1879.
1884. Eastern Extension (80 miles) purchased from the Government of Nova Scotia 9th January. Cost on 30th June, 1884, of line and equipment \$1,284,311.
1885. Cape Traverse Branch (13 miles) completed. St. Charles Loup Line (14 miles) completed. Dalhousie Branch (7 miles) completed.
1886. Rivière du Loup (town) branch (4 miles) completed. Dartmouth (town) branch (4 miles) completed.
1887. Carleton Branch incorporated with Intercolonial Railway by Order in Council 8th October.
Pictou (town) branch (14 miles) completed.
1888. Cars lighted with electricity and heated by steam.
1890. Oxford Branch opened for traffic.
Accounts for maintenance and operation of Eastern Extension merged in similar accounts of the Intercolonial Railway, 1st July, 1890.
1891. By Act 54 Vic., chap. 50, the following works were, together with Eastern Extension embodied with the Intercolonial system; Oxford Junction (72½ miles) opened on 15th July, 1890; Cape Breton Railway, 52½ miles of which were opened on 24th November, 1890, and 46 miles on 1st January, 1891.
1892. Carleton Branch transferred to City of St. John for \$40,000, on 3rd September, 1892, and leased to the C.P.R. for 999 years. The deed was confirmed by Act of 1893, chap. 6.

946. The total mileage of the Intercolonial system, on 30th June, 1893, was 1,174½ miles of operated road, including the Windsor branch (32 miles).

947. The Intercolonial touches six Atlantic ports, viz., Pointe du Chene, Pictou, Halifax, St. John, Sydney and North Sydney.

948. The following are the through distances :—

| | Miles. |
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| Levis (opposite Quebec) via St. Joseph and St. Charles Junction (14 miles) to Halifax | 675 |
| Levis to St. John. | 578 |
| Levis via Truro to Sydney. | 827 |
| “ “ “ North Sydney | 820 |

949. The Prince Edward Island Railway was first opened for traffic on the 12th May, 1875.