

8th. That the Intercolonial, during the period of 1877-93, has carried a total of 3,880,230 tons of manufactured articles, or a yearly average of 228,250 tons, and that in 1893 it carried 342,400 tons, or 50 per cent over the average of seventeen years ; that the ocean borne manufactured goods, to and from Europe have averaged 26,687 tons a year, which average is 35 per cent more than the tons carried in 1893, and that the average of 201,563 tons of manufactured articles carried by the Intercolonial, over and above the 26,687 tons of ocean freight carried, represents the distribution of manufactured goods within the Dominion effected through the agency of the Intercolonial, and suggesting the development of interprovincial trade in manufactures.

9th. That the coal carried by the railway constitutes, in bulk, nearly 40 per cent of the total tonnage carried by the Intercolonial.

965. The Prince Edward Island Railway runs the whole length of the island, a distance of 154½ miles, and, including extensions, has a total length of 211 miles. The number of passengers carried in 1893 was 7,278 less than in 1892, and the tons of freight were 5,653 more. There was an increase of 5,247 in the receipts, and a decrease in working expenses of \$63,284. In proportion to its cost, the traffic on this road is very light, and it will probably be some years before the earnings will equal the expenditure. The following are traffic figures for the last six years :—

TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY, 1888-93.

Year.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.	Excess of Expenses.	Freight Carried.	Passengers Carried.
	\$	\$	\$	Tons.	No.
1888.....	158,364	229,640	71,276	59,603	131,246
1889 .....	171,370	247,559	76,190	55,682	152,780
1890.....	160,972	266,486	105,514	51,604	133,099
1891.....	174,258	257,990	83,732	59,511	145,508
1892.....	157,443	289,706	132,264	51,065	139,389
1893.....	162,690	226,422	63,732	56,718	132,111

The annual receipts during the six years have averaged \$778 per mile, and the expenses \$1,199, being an average annual excess of expenditure of \$421 per mile. The average annual quantity of freight carried was 264 tons per mile, and the average number of passengers 659 per mile.