

971. The following statement shows the amount of Government expenditure on construction, staff and maintenance of railways in Canada, for the last five years :—

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS.	YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.				
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	87,134	41,376	37,367	66,211	413,836
Surveys ...	15,992	36,372	14,889	16,841	4,314
Statistics.....	561	1,904	1,426	2,221	.....
Intercolonial.....	3,810,267	3,846,719	3,742,271	3,610,914	3,274,302
Windsor Branch.....	20,856	18,983	28,932	19,514	16,890
Prince Edward Island.....	247,559	266,486	257,990	298,007	226,422
Eastern Extension.....	124,955	79,103	3,225	.....	.....
Subsidies, general.....	846,722	1,678,196	1,079,106	1,061,616	624,794
Annapolis and Digby.....	9,847	381,943	196,869	26,130	2,191
Cape Breton.....	1,083,277	1,170,523	521,442	99,937	59,983
Albert Railway.....	177	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fredericton and St. Mary's Railway Bridge Co.....	25,053	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford and New Glasgow ..	841,943	434,529	220,886	48,745	7,923
Special car for His Excellency the Governor General.....	.....	12,634	.....	.....	.....
Montreal and European Short Line.....	.....	.....	124,568	.....	.....
Miscellaneous—Gratuity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280
Total on railways.....	7,114,343	7,968,768	6,229,001	5,250,136	4,630,935

972. Mention has been made of one electric railway in Canada, as included in the list of railways published by the Department of Railways. Electricity has been adopted as a motive power by thirty railway companies, having 256 miles of railway, and a capital of about \$9,000,000.

Canada has fifty-two miles to every million of her inhabitants, and the United States eighty miles to every million

Every province of Canada, excepting Prince Edward Island, has adopted the electric system, British Columbia having thirty-three miles. The city of Toronto, Ontario, has fifty-six miles.

973. In the United States there were, in 1893, 469 electric railways, with a total mileage of 5,446 miles, and a capital stock of \$205,870,000.