

1251. The following amounts, including expenditure charged to revenue, have been spent on public works since Confederation :—

Railways.. .. .	\$116,929,448
Canals . . . . .	40,626,010
Government buildings and miscellaneous public works, including lighthouses and navigation . . . . .	40,412,117
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	\$ 197,967,575
Prior to Confederation there was expended on railways and canals . . . . .	52,944,175
On public works . . . . .	10,690,917
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Making a total expenditure on public works of . . . . .	<u>\$261,602,667</u>

1252. The fine Parliament buildings at Ottawa have been erected at a total cost up to the 30th June, 1893, including the new departmental building on Wellington street, of \$4,979,242. The sum of \$262,168 has also been expended on the construction of a building near Nepean Point for the Government Printing Bureau.

1253. In 1868 the assets amounted to \$17,317,410, and in 1893 to \$58,373,485, showing an increase of \$41,056,075. The assets only include interest-bearing investments, loans, cash and banking accounts, no account being taken of the unsold lands belonging to the Government, nor of the railways, canals, public buildings and other public works, which it either owns or has assisted in constructing, and which are the material results of the large expenditure of public money. The following are details of the assets on 30th June, 1893 :—

Sinking funds . . . . .	\$ 30,678,989
Quebec Harbour debentures . . . . .	3,748,520
Montreal Harbour bonds . . . . .	385,000
Northern Railway bonds . . . . .	73,000
St. John River and Railway Extension Company . . . . .	433,900
Canadian Pacific Railway land grant bonds . . . . .	29,000
Province accounts . . . . .	10,920,866
Sundry investments . . . . .	593,959
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Total interest-bearing investments . . . . .	\$ 46,863,234
Miscellaneous accounts . . . . .	1,978,300
Cash . . . . .	3,071,183
Specie reserve . . . . .	6,449,348
Silver coinage accounts . . . . .	11,420
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Total assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 58,373,485</u>