

The following is a summary statement of aids granted to railways constructed and under construction, by governments and municipalities, to June 30th, 1894 :—

Governments and Municipalities.	Loan.	Bonus.	Subscription to shares or bonds.	Total.
Governments.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dominion	16,030,633	137,993,025	.....	154,023,658
Ontario	26,000	7,113,538	.....	7,139,538
Quebec	3,722,956	12,116,790	.....	15,839,746
New Brunswick .....	.....	4,333,482	300,000	4,633,482
Nova Scotia .....	.....	2,710,545	.....	2,710,545
Manitoba	1,855,934	770,678	.....	2,626,612
British Columbia .....	.....	37,500	.....	37,500
Total	21,635,523	165,075,558	300,000	187,011,081
Municipalities.				
Ontario	380,000	9,247,942	920,500	10,548,442
Quebec	2,434,000	496,174	1,393,000	4,323,174
New Brunswick	23,000	273,500	60,000	356,500
Nova Scotia .....	.....	269,685	.....	269,685
Manitoba .....	.....	595,600	.....	595,600
British Columbia .....	.....	37,500	.....	37,500
The Territories .....	.....	25,000	.....	25,000
Total	2,837,000	10,945,401	2,373,500	16,155,901
Grand Total	24,472,523	176,020,959	2,673,500	203,166,982

374. Owing to the danger to provincial finances consequent upon pressure upon the provincial governments for aid for local railways (within the province) the Dominion Government, in 1883, determined to change their policy which up to that time had been to give aid only to those lines which ran through more provinces than one. The change of attitude was necessary. Railways had to be built. The provincial governments could not build them without running into debt. This compelled them to make application to the Federal parliament for enlarged financial arrangements—an application, to be resisted, in the interest of the system of government adopted in Canada, since it was calculated to deprive the provincial governments of that independence of the Federal authority which it is deemed advisable should ever be maintained.

375. In the session of 1882, Sir Charles Tupper announced the change in the railway policy of the Government and introduced a bill providing for the granting of subsidies to eleven railways. The same course was followed in succeeding sessions. The result will be found in the accompanying statement brought down to 30th June, 1894 :—