

As a rule, the railways of Canada are built with a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. The exceptions to the rule are the Carillon & Grenville, with a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches, the Prince Edward Railway, with a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, and the Montford Colonization and the Alberta Coal Railways, each with a gauge of 3 feet.

1168. The following table, which gives the sources from which the various sums have been derived that make the total capital paid up, shows to what a large extent the railways of this country have been assisted by state and municipal aid. The Dominion Government has contributed at the rate of \$9,462 per mile constructed, and the Provincial Governments at the rate, on an average, of \$1,862 per total mileage constructed. As, however, the provincial contributions were limited to roads within the province, the individual provincial contributions per mile were much larger:—

PARTICULARS OF RAILWAY CAPITAL PAID, 1891, 1892, 1893 AND 1894.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL	AMOUNT			
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital	238,769,386	244,844,382	253,029,728	255,991,540
Preference "	101,000,400	99,555,900	118,847,559	105,768,967
Bonded debt	292,291,654	305,120,200	307,225,888	327,003,803
Aid from Dominion Government	142,934,781	144,214,384	147,212,610	149,192,089
" Ontario Government	6,032,585	6,171,181	6,391,933	6,486,039
" Quebec "	10,879,134	12,033,013	12,630,410	13,711,771
" New Brunswick Government	4,297,501	4,365,356	4,425,282	4,432,482
" Nova Scotia Government	2,007,996	1,999,696	2,121,944	2,075,344
" Manitoba Government	2,477,250	2,390,690	2,623,287	2,625,562
" British Columbia Govt.	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
" Municipalities	13,817,509	13,981,248	14,017,957	14,178,611
Capital from other sources	2,102,062	10,278,200	3,592,378	6,471,312
Total	816,647,758	844,991,750	872,156,476	887,975,020

1169. The proportion that each amount bears to the total capital is as follows:—

	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ordinary share capital	31·0	30·0	29·2	28·9	29·01	28·83
Bonded debt	33·0	34·0	35·8	36·1	35·23	36·83
Dominion Government aid	18·0	18·0	17·5	17·1	16·88	16·80
Preference share capital	12·0	12·0	12·3	11·7	13·63	11·91
Provincial Government aid	3·0	3·0	3·2	3·2	3·23	3·31
Municipal aid	2·0	2·0	1·7	1·7	1·61	1·60
Other sources	0·4	0·4	0·3	1·2	0·41	0·72

It will be seen that 21·7 per cent of the total capita has been contributed by federal, provincial and municipal aid.