

1200. The following table gives the sources of the earnings of the Government railways since Confederation :—

EARNINGS ON GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS IN CANADA, 1876-94.

YEAR.	Miles.	EARNINGS.				
		Passenger Traffic.	Freight Traffic.	Mail and Express.	Other Sources.	Total.
		No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
*1876	837	435,525	501,056	59,420	138	996,138
*1877	912·5	520,725	670,779	93,123	483	1,285,110
*1878	912·5	540,267	863,866	110,949	664	1,514,847
*1879	912·5	510,361	810,351	98,796	448	1,419,956
†1880	1,038·5	546,866	977,733	109,098	464	†1,634,161
‡1881	1,038·5	609,368	1,192,389	110,431	553	1,912,741
1882	1,038·5	723,111	1,380,499	127,430	6,543	2,237,584
1883	1,038·5	813,333	1,573,775	144,279	9,820	2,541,206
1884	1,045·5	846,836	1,546,025	147,604	11,473	2,551,938
1885	1,151·6	821,510	1,631,886	170,397	449	2,624,243
1886	1,156·6	836,085	1,614,170	178,185	896	2,629,336
1887	1,170·6	902,630	1,765,334	171,844	941	2,840,748
1888	1,184·1	958,967	2,029,100	177,434	752	3,166,252
1889	1,181·6	990,456	2,006,333	170,036	716	3,167,542
1890	1,181·6	974,863	2,056,952	171,378	681	3,203,874
1891	1,352·6	1,045,355	1,954,627	181,518	388	3,181,888
1892	1,351·6	1,044,575	1,893,677	197,716	425	3,136,394
1893	1,351·6	1,081,877	1,966,816	213,412	400	3,262,505
1894	1,351·6	1,035,559	1,928,409	214,570	482	3,179,020

*Earnings of Windsor Branch not included.

†Includes \$3,754 over-credit in 1880, on Windsor Branch.

‡Earnings C.P.R. not included; the road during part of these two years was operated by the Government.

The receipts from passengers form nearly one-third of the earnings, those from freights over three-fifths, and the remainder comes from various sources. This division has been maintained, practically, from the year 1876, the trend being to a reduction of the proportion received from passengers and a corresponding increase in the proportion received from freights. Compared with the average of all the railways of Canada, the Government railways have a somewhat larger proportion of all their earnings from passenger traffic and a somewhat less from freight. The earnings per train mile on the Government railways average \$71.17. For purposes of comparison, the following figures are given showing the earnings per train mile of various railways in Canada: Canada Atlantic, \$126.68; Canada Southern, \$141.03; Canadian Pacific, \$146.50; Grand Trunk, \$98.51; Montreal, Portland and Boston, \$70.81; Central Ontario, \$71.28. The average for all the railways is \$1.13½. Of the seventy railways giving in returns of earnings per train mile in 1894, there were thirty-eight with higher earnings, thirty with lower, and two with about the same as the Intercolonial.