

1209. The following table gives the number of tons of ocean borne goods to and from Europe via the port of Halifax, carried over the Intercolonial Railway :—

YEAR.	Tons.	YEAR.	Tons.
1878 .....	18,354	1887 .....	26,734
1879 .....	24,271	1888 .....	50,742
1880 .....	26,025	1889 .....	28,821
1881 .....	18,788	1890 .....	21,625
1882 .....	25,775	1891 .....	20,687
1883 .....	32,786	1892 .....	33,571
1884 .....	26,229	1893 .....	19,714
1885 .....	31,192	1894 .....	16,682
1886 .....	21,680		

1210. These tables show, 1st, that the earnings of the Intercolonial in 1894 were \$26,812 more than the average of the five preceding years; that the earnings from passenger traffic in 1894 were \$30,795 more than the average of the five preceding years and from mails and express, \$29,092, while earnings from freight were \$33,075 less in 1894 than the 5 years' average.

2nd. That the expenditure was \$371,299 less in 1894 than the average of the preceding five years, maintenance of buildings showing \$249,568 less, working and repair of engines \$65,451 less, and working and repair of cars \$60,808 less, while general operating expenses are more by \$4,527.

3rd. That the gross earnings per mile of the railway in 1894 were lower than they were in 1893, higher than in 1892, but not so high as they were in 1890, 1889 and 1888, before the Eastern Extension and other branches were added.

4th. That the operating expenses per mile in 1894 were somewhat higher than in 1893, but lower than in any previous year to 1883.

5th. That the percentage of passengers earnings to total earnings in 1894 were slightly less than in 1893 and 1892, but higher than in previous years.

6th. That the earnings from passengers carried in 1894 were less per mile than in any previous year back to 1886.

7th. That the freight rates in 1894, being slightly over \$1.38 per ton carried, were 2 cents more than 1893, but were less than those of previous years.

8th. That the Intercolonial, during the period of 1877-93, has carried a total of 4,211,865 tons of manufactured articles, or a yearly average of 234,000 tons, and that in 1894 carried 331,635 tons, or 42 per cent over the average of eighteen years; that the ocean borne manufactured goods, to and from Europe have averaged 21,685 tons a year, which average is 30 per cent more than the tons carried in 1894, and that the average of 212,315 tons of manufactured articles carried by the Intercolonial, over and above the 21,685 tons of ocean freight carried, represents the distribution of manufactured goods within the Dominion affected through the