

1420. The following amounts, including expenditure charged to revenue, have been spent on public works since Confederation :—

—	Amount.
	\$
Railways	118,563,337
Canals	43,782,316
Government buildings and miscellaneous public works, including light-houses and navigation	40,486,134
	202,831,790
Prior to Confederation there was expended on railways and canals	52,944,175
On public works	10,690,917
Making a total expenditure on public works of	266,466,882

1421. The fine Parliament Buildings at Ottawa have been erected at a total cost up to the 30th June, 1894, 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.

1422. In 1868 the public assets amounted to \$17,317,410, and in 1894 to \$62,164,994, showing an increase of \$44,847,584. 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, 1894 :—

—	Amount
	\$
Sinking funds	32,356,777
Quebec Harbour debentures	3,748,520
Montreal Harbour bonds	385,000
Northern Railway "	73,000
St. John River and Railway Extension Company	433,900
Canadian Pacific Railway land grant bonds	29,000
Province accounts	10,917,856
Sundry investments	593,718
Total interest-bearing investments	48,537,771
Miscellaneous accounts ..	2,543,844
Cash	2,790,664
Specie reserve	8,292,405
Silver coinage accounts	310
Total assets	62,164,994