

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 (13) with a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches, the Prince Edward Railway (211) with a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, and the Montford Colonization (21) and the Alberta Coal (64) Railways, each with a gauge of 3 feet.

988. 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 \$9,369 per mile constructed, the Provincial Governments at the rate, on an average, of \$1,847 per total mileage constructed, and the municipalities at the rate of \$81 per mile on total mileage. 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 to 1895.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL.	AMOUNT.				
	1891.	1892	1893.	1894.	1895.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital .....	238,769,386	244,844,382	253,029,728	255,991,540	255,769,556
Preference " .....	101,000,400	99,555,900	118,847,559	105,768,967	105,680,034
Bonded debt .....	292,291,654	305,120,200	307,225,888	327,003,803	330,785,546
Aid from—					
Dominion Government....	142,934,781	144,214,384	147,212,610	149,192,089	150,763,283
Ontario Government.....	6,032,585	6,171,181	6,391,933	6,486,039	6,747,238
Quebec .. .. .	10,879,134	12,033,013	12,630,410	13,711,771	14,426,304
New Brunswick Government	4,297,501	4,365,356	4,425,282	4,432,482	4,453,800
Nova Scotia Government....	2,007,996	1,999,696	2,121,944	2,075,344	1,437,108
Manitoba Government.....	2,477,250	2,390,690	2,623,287	2,625,562	2,625,562
British Columbia Govt. ....	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Municipalities. ....	13,817,509	13,981,248	14,017,957	14,178,611	14,180,687
Capital from other sources....	2,102,062	10,278,200	3,592,378	6,471,312	7,733,941
Total .....	816,647,758	844,991,750	872,156,476	887,975,020	894,640,559

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

—	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
	Per cent	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	28·48
Bonded debt.....	33·0	34·0	35·8	36·1	35·23	36·83	36·97
Dominion Government aid.	18·0	18·0	17·5	17·1	16·88	16·80	16·85
Preference share capital....	12·0	12·0	12·3	11·7	13·63	11·91	11·81
Provincial Government aid.	3·0	3·0	3·2	3·2	3·23	3·31	3·32
Municipal aid.....	2·0	2·0	1·7	1·7	1·61	1·60	1·58
Other sources.....	0·4	0·4	0·3	1·2	0·41	0·72	0·99

It will be seen that 21·75 per cent of the total capital has been contributed by federal, provincial and municipal aid.