

The Grand Trunk system carried the largest share in 1895, viz.: 32.5 per cent of the total freight, as compared with 34 per cent in 1894 and with 33 per cent in 1893; the Canadian Pacific carried 17 per cent against 19 per cent in 1894 and 19 in 1893; the Canada Southern carried 13 per cent, as compared with 13 per cent in 1894 and 12 per cent in 1893. The total tons carried show an increase of 803,305 over 1894, and a decrease of 479,178 as compared with 1893.

During the period 1885-95 the total tons of freight carried increased by 46.8 per cent. Flour freights show a slight decline. Grain freights increased by 23.9 per cent; live stock increased by 5.16 per cent; lumber by 52.1 per cent; fire-wood by 84.3 per cent; manufactured goods by 98.7 per cent; all other articles by 47 per cent. The most noticeable feature is the great increase in the tons of freight of manufactured goods carried. This of course was to be expected from the very great development of manufactures in Canada.

1008. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government railways, for the last 21 years:—

YEAR.	Killed.	Injured.	YEAR.	Killed.	Injured.
1875.....	92	289	1886.....	144	571
1876.....	109	304	1887.....	178	633
1877.....	111	317	1888.....	231	775
1878.....	97	361	1889.....	210	875
1879.....	107	66	1890.....	218	838
1880.....	80	102	1891.....	196	818
1881.....	99	147	1892.....	233	879
1882.....	147	397	1893.....	216	708
1883.....	169	550	1894.....	211	694
1884.....	227	796	1895.....	187	658
1885.....	157	684			

There was a decrease of 24 in the number of persons killed, and 36 in the number of persons injured. Nine employees were killed while coupling cars, and out of 488 injured no less than 207 were hurt while similarly engaged, being 42.4 per cent of the whole number. The following are comparative figures for the last four years:—

	1892.		1893.		1894.		1895.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Passengers.....	14	40	11	55	12	64	9	60
Employees.....	110	700	72	533	67	521	51	488
Others.....	109	139	133	120	132	109	127	110
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