

1011. Canada in 1892 had 2,391 miles of railway more than all the Australian colonies combined, and 4,902 miles more than the Continent of Australia; but on the assumption that a railway only opens up country to the extent of about 20 miles on either side, there is yet a vast amount of country waiting for development, as, on that basis, there are only 643,640 square miles of this country within ordinary reach of railway facilities in 1895 not much more than one-sixth of the total area. In the Australasian colonies about one-seventh of the area has been thus developed.

The total railway mileage of the British Empire is 74,090, which, on the estimated area of 9,233,008* square miles, gives an average of one mile of railway to every 125 square miles, and, on the assumption in the preceding paragraph, allows for rather more than one-fourth of the area of the whole Empire being within reach of railway accommodation.

1012. The following is a summary statement of aids granted to railways constructed and under construction, by Governments and Municipalities to 30th June, 1895 :—

GOVERNMENTS.	Loan.	Bonus.	Subscription to Shares or Bonds.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dominion.....	16,030,633	137,966,145		153,996,778
Ontario.....	26,000	7,239,538		7,265,538
Quebec.....	3,722,956	12,740,159		16,463,115
New Brunswick.....		4,356,300	300,000	4,656,300
Nova Scotia.....		2,036,916		2,036,916
Manitoba.....	1,855,934	770,678		2,626,612
British Columbia.....		37,500		37,500
Total.....	21,635,523	165,147,236	300,000	187,082,759
<i>Municipalities in</i>				
Ontario.....	553,000	9,481,143	749,500	10,783,643
Quebec.....	2,434,000	482,074	1,393,000	4,309,074
New Brunswick.....	23,000	273,500	60,000	356,500
Nova Scotia.....		269,685		269,685
Manitoba.....		595,600		595,600
British Columbia.....		37,500		37,500
The Territories.....				
Total.....	3,010,000	11,139,502	2,202,500	16,352,002
Grand Total.....	24,645,523	176,286,738	2,502,500	203,434,761

The changes which have taken place in 1895 compared with 1894 are :—

Dominion Government bonus lessened by.....	\$ 26,880
Ontario " increased by.....	126,000
Quebec " ".....	623,369
Nova Scotia " decreased by.....	673,629
New Brunswick " increased by.....	12,818
<i>Municipalities—</i>	
Ontario bonus increased by.....	235,201
Quebec " ".....	14,100
The Territories bonus decreased by.....	25,000
Ontario subscriptions decreased by.....	171,000

* Protectorates of Africa not included.