

1013. Owing to the danger to provincial finances consequent on pressure upon the Provincial Governments for aid for local railways (within the province) the Dominion Government, in 1883, determined to change their policy which up to that time had been to give aid only to those lines which ran through more provinces than one. The change of attitude was necessary; railways had to be built. The Provincial Governments could not build them without running into debt. This compelled them to make application to the Federal Parliament for enlarged financial arrangements, a proceeding which, in the interest of the system of government adopted in Canada, was calculated to deprive the Provincial Governments of that independence of the Federal authority which it is deemed advisable should ever be maintained.

1014. In the Session of 1882, Sir Charles Tupper announced the change of the railway policy of the Government and introduced a bill providing for the granting of subsidies to eleven railways. The same course was followed in succeeding sessions. The result will be found in the accompanying statement brought down to 30th June, 1894 and 1895.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES TO JUNE 30TH, 1895.

	Amount voted.	Amount paid.	
		1894.	1895.
	\$	\$	\$
Albert Southern.....	51,200	50,460	*
Atlantic & North Western..... fixed annual subsidy for 20 years.	620,000	620,000	*
Baie des Chaleurs.....	62,400	58,900	†
Beauharnois Junction.....	21,888	21,888	*
Belleville & North Hastings.....	57,600	52,810
Brantford, Waterloo & Lake Erie.....	241,600	105,200
Brockville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie.....	102,400	101,600	†
Buctouche & Moncton.....	282,355	282,355	*
Canada Atlantic.....	1,525,250	1,525,250	*
Canada Central.....	32,000		30,400
Canada Eastern.....	25,000,000	25,000,000	*
Canadian Pacific.....	1,500,000	1,500,000	28,000
“ “ Extension.....	80,000	
“ “ Revelstoke.....	96,000	
Cape Breton Ry. Extension Co.....	224,000	224,000	*
Caraquet.....	123,639	75,639	†
Central Railway of New Brunswick.....	156,800		†
Cobourg North Ltd. & Pacific.....	112,000	88,800	*
Columbia & Kootenay.....	44,800	44,800	*
Cornwallis Valley.....	39,850	39,850	
Cumberland Ry. & Coal Co.....	89,600		32,000
Dominion Coal Co.....	15,360	15,360	
Dominion Lime Co.....	297,920	195,840	+92,096
Drummond Ry. Co.....	38,400	38,400	*
Elgin, Petitcodiac & Havelock.....	96,000	96,000	*
Erie & Huron.....	750,000	750,000	*
Esquimalt & Nanaimo.....	30,000	30,000	*
Fredericton & St. Mary's Bridge Co.....	48,000		+39,744
Grand Trunk, Georgian & Erie.....	104,345	46,345	†
Great Eastern.....	160,000	78,688	32,000-
Great Northern.....	46,000	46,000	*
Guelph Junction.....			

* No further liability. † Balance outstanding.