

1029. The following table gives the number of tons of ocean-borne goods to and from Europe via the port of Halifax, carried over the Intercolonial Railway:—

YEAR.	Tons.	YEAR.	Tons.
1878.....	18,354	1887.....	26,734
1879.....	24,271	1888.....	50,742
1880.....	26,025	1889.....	28,821
1881.....	18,788	1890.....	21,625
1882.....	25,775	1891.....	29,687
1883.....	32,786	1892.....	33,571
1884.....	26,229	1893.....	19,714
1885.....	31,192	1894.....	16,682
1886.....	21,680	1895.....	17,361

1030. These tables show: 1st. That the earnings of the Intercolonial in 1895 were \$33,229 less than the average of the five preceding years; that the earnings from passenger traffic in 1895 were \$17,961 more than the average of the five preceding years, and from mails and express, \$19,086, while earnings from freight were \$70,276 less in 1895 than the five years' average.

2nd. That the expenditure was \$390,886 less in 1895 than the average of the preceding five years, maintenance of buildings showing \$202,637 less, working and repair of engines \$98,473 less, and working and repair of cars \$76,483 less, and general operating expenses are less by \$6,390.

3rd. That the gross earnings per mile of the railway in 1895 were lower than they were in 1894, 1893 and 1892.

4th. That the operating expenses per mile in 1895 were lower than in any previous year to 1883.

5th. That the percentage of passengers' earnings to total earnings in 1895 was higher than in previous years.

6th. That the earnings from passengers carried in 1895 were more per mile than in 1894.

7th. That the freight rates in 1895, being slightly over \$1.40 per ton carried, were 2 cents more than 1894, but were less than those of previous years.

8th. That the Intercolonial, during the period of 1877-95, has carried a total of 4,523,728 tons of manufactured articles, or a yearly average of 238,091 tons, and that in 1895 carried 311,864 tons, or 31 per cent over the average of nineteen years; that the ocean-borne manufactured goods to and from Europe have averaged 25,613 tons a year, which average is 47 per cent more than the tons carried in 1895, and that the average of 212,418 tons of manufactured articles carried by the Intercolonial, over and above the 25,613 tons of ocean freight carried, represents the distribution of manufactured goods within the Dominion affected through the agency of the Intercolonial, suggesting the development of interprovincial trade in manufactures.