

The following table shows the value of real estate under mortgage to the loan societies, the amount of the mortgages and the amount of principal and interest overdue and in default on mortgages :—

YEAR.	Value of Real Estate Mortgaged.	Loans Secured by Mortgage.	Per cent of Loans to Value.	Overdue Mortgages.	Per cent of Overdue Loans to Mortgages.
	\$	\$	Per cent	\$	Per cent
1874.....	35,357,682	15,041,858	42·5	337,341	2·24
1875.....	42,963,676	18,360,715	42·7	433,559	2·36
1876.....	51,601,012	22,827,325	44·2	679,746	2·97
1877.....	61,672,236	28,282,712	45·8	709,308	2·51
1878.....	78,317,689	33,998,174	43·4	1,306,668	3·84
1879.....	77,419,501	34,781,494	45·0	1,880,348	5·40
1880.....	116,368,289	56,612,200	48·6	4,130,557	7·90
1881.....	132,986,695	61,948,053	46·6	3,044,091	4·91
1882.....	148,030,256	68,025,897	45·9	1,991,705	2·92
1883.....	147,758,031	69,922,344	47·3	1,900,035	2·72
1884.....	163,424,068	74,115,136	45·3	2,274,177	3·06
1885.....	166,651,537	78,775,243	47·2	3,084,114	3·91
1886.....	178,625,700	84,573,384	47·3	3,683,914	4·35
1887.....	185,121,682	86,901,364	47·0	3,292,417	3·79
1888.....	183,974,726	93,468,943	50·8	2,516,875	2·69
1889.....	205,780,434	98,726,041	48·0	2,358,274	2·38
1890.....	216,769,604	105,535,649	48·2	2,055,428	1·95
1891.....	223,024,899	106,404,856	47·7	2,138,500	2·03
1892.....	261,589,230	109,807,356	41·9	2,519,452	2·39
1893.....	227,849,872	110,916,560	48·7	2,746,648	2·48
1894.....	225,045,980	116,810,578	51·9	3,244,464	2·78
1895.....	238,090,672	116,335,996	48·8	4,225,518	3·63

RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

There were 16,270 miles of railway in operation in the whole Dominion on the 30th June, 1896, and 16,387 miles of track laid.

The distribution by provinces is as follows :—

MILEAGE OF TRACK LAID AND SQUARE MILES OF AREA TO EACH MILE OF RAILWAY.

PROVINCES.	MILES OF TRACK LAID.		Square miles of area to each mile of track laid in 1896.
	1867.	1896.	
Ontario.....	1,275	6,568	33·4
Quebec.....	523	3,159	72·0
New Brunswick.....	196	1,420	19·8
Nova Scotia.....	93	916	22·4
Prince Edward Island.....	.....	210	9·5
Manitoba.....	.....	1,474	43·4
The four North-west Territories.....	.....	1,780	223·7
British Columbia.....	.....	860	444·5
Total.....	2,087	16,387	.....