

The receipts per train mile in Canada were \$1.14 per mile, being lower than those of the United Kingdom and most of the Australasian colonies, but higher than in the principal European countries, as shown by the following table :—

GROSS RECEIPTS OF RAILWAYS PER TRAIN MILE.

New Zealand	\$1 90	Austria-Hungary	\$1 24
New South Wales	1 85	Russia	1 11
South Australia	1 32	Italy (State lines)	1 01
United Kingdom	1 33	Germany (State lines)	0 85
Victoria	1 28	France	1 03
Canada	1 14	Belgium	0 67
Queensland	1 30	Tasmania	0 95
Western Australia	1 13		

The average amount received per ton of freight carried in Canada in 1896 was \$1.33 against \$1.37 received in 1895, being lower than in the Australasian colonies, Russia, Roumania, Italy, France and Austria-Hungary, but higher than in the other countries named below.

AVERAGE AMOUNT RECEIVED PER TON OF FREIGHT CARRIED.

Queensland	\$2 98	Canada	\$1 33
South Australia	3 47	Austria-Hungary	1 48
Russia	2 90	Denmark	1 11
New South Wales	2 39	Switzerland	1 11
Roumania	1 99	Norway	0 85
Italy	1 82	Germany	0 79
Victoria	2 70	Holland	0 75
New Zealand	1 62	United Kingdom	0 68
France	1 52	Belgium	0 65
Tasmania	1 95		

The greater distances to be travelled, no doubt, account for the average amount being higher in the Colonies than in the United Kingdom and European countries.

The average capital cost per completed mile of railroad in Canada has been, up to the present time, \$54,910, which is lower than in European countries and the United States, but higher than in most of the Australasian colonies, as shown by the following table, taken partly from the Victorian Year-Book, 1894, the conversions having been made in this office :—

CAPITAL COST PER MILE OF RAILWAY IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
England and Wales	265,560	Victoria	62,109
United Kingdom	226,119	Canada	54,910
Scotland	196,492	United States	61,409
France	133,833	Australia	49,183
Belgium	108,921	India	35,089
British Dominions	99,236	Tasmania	40,554
Germany	98,706	Cape Colony	41,756
Austria	96,520	New Zealand	38,018
Switzerland	95,011	Norway	35,483
Holland	90,355	Queensland	33,663
Italy	82,217	South Australia	34,344
New South Wales	74,197	Sweden	29,603
Ireland	64,727	Western Australia	22,484