

The following statement shows the amount of Government expenditure on construction, staff and maintenance of railways in Canada for the last six years:—

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS.	YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.					
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	37,307	66,211	413,836	146,540	49,210	65,669
Surveys.....	14,889	16,841	4,314	4,453	4,544	4,991
Statistics.....	1,426	2,221	.....	176	977	169
Intercolonial.....	3,743,271	3,610,914	3,274,302	3,148,034	3,263,937	3,271,933
Windsor Branch.....	28,932	19,514	16,890	17,645	14,640	16,476
Prince Edward Island.....	257,990	298,007	226,422	226,891	232,905	225,139
Eastern Extension.....	3,225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Subsidies, general.....	1,079,106	1,061,616	624,794	1,043,285	1,310,549	648,146
Annapolis & Digby.....	196,869	26,130	2,191	1,675	.....	.....
Cape Breton.....	521,442	99,937	59,983	158,771	.....	.....
Oxford & New Glasgow.....	220,886	48,745	7,923	112,383	.....	.....
Governor General's car "Victoria".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,290
Montreal and European Short Line.....	124,568	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
Micellaneous, gratuity.....	.....	.....	280	.....	.....	.....
Reporting evidence before Railway Committee Privy Council.....	.....	.....	.....	226	.....	112
Total.....	6,229,001	5,250,136	4,630,935	4,860,097	4,711,831	4,233,925

During the year 1896 the sum of \$259,423 was expended on capita account of the Intercolonial, of which sum \$124,910 was for increased accommodation at Halifax, \$107,402 on the construction of branch line from Windsor Junction to Dartmouth, \$11,374 for increased accommodation at Sydney and \$10,000 on rolling stock.

Mention has been made of five electric railways in Canada, as included in the list of railways published by the Department of Railways.

TRAFFIC ON ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.	of	Train Mileage.	Capital Paid up.	Passen- gers. Carried.	Freight.	Earn- ings.	Ex- penses.
	Length Miles.						
	Miles.	Miles.	\$	No.	Tons.	\$	\$
Berlin and Waterloo.....	2 75	66,000	28,350	205,000	.....	8,200	6,880
Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville.....	17 00	207,001	189,700	256,313	2,142	36,040	28,926
Montreal Park and Island..	14 43	42,653	770,401	728,204	.....	56,446	55,879
Niagara Falls Park and River.....	13 68	221,535	1,281,731	474,552	.....	58,688	36,271
Oshawa.....	8 50	23,258	311,704	87,519	16,389	11,900	16,700