

As a rule, the railways of Canada are built with a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. The exceptions to the rule are the Carillon and Grenville (13) with a gauge of 5 feet 6 inches, the Prince Edward Railway (211) with a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, and the Montfort Colonization (21) and the Alberta Coal (64) railways, each with a gauge of 3 feet.

The Dominion Government has contributed at the rate of \$8,985 per mile constructed, the Provincial Governments at the rate, on an average, of \$1,868 per total mileage constructed, and the municipalities at the rate of \$936 per mile on total mileage.

## PARTICULARS OF RAILWAY CAPITAL PAID, 1893 TO 1897.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL.	AMOUNT.				
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital . . . .	253,029,728	255,991,540	255,769,556	255,807,476	260,376,517
Preference " " . . . .	118,847,539	105,768,967	105,680,034	105,267,864	107,234,531
Bonded debt . . . . .	307,225,888	327,003,803	339,785,546	336,137,601	348,834,086
Aid from—					
Dominion Government . . . .	147,212,610	149,192,089	150,763,283	149,413,393	149,939,386
Ontario " " . . . .	6,391,933	6,486,039	6,747,238	6,952,388	7,119,065
Quebec " " . . . .	12,630,410	13,711,771	14,426,304	14,522,890	15,409,440
New Brunswick " " . . . .	4,425,282	4,432,482	4,453,800	4,450,489	4,462,671
Nova Scotia " " . . . .	2,121,944	2,075,344	1,437,108	1,487,109	1,517,108
Manitoba " " . . . .	2,623,287	2,625,562	2,625,562	2,625,562	2,625,562
British Columbia Govt. . . .	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Municipalities . . . . .	14,017,937	14,178,611	14,189,687	14,494,737	15,610,868
Capital from other sources . . .	3,592,378	6,471,312	7,733,941	8,640,952	8,691,498
Total . . . . .	872,156,476	887,975,029	894,640,559	899,817,900	921,858,232

The proportion that each amount bears to the total capital is as follows :—

	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ordinary share capital . . . .	29.2	28.9	29.61	28.83	28.48	28.43	28.25
Bonded debt . . . . .	35.8	36.1	35.23	36.83	36.97	37.36	37.84
Dominion Government aid . . .	17.5	17.1	16.88	16.80	16.85	16.61	16.27
Preference share capital . . . .	12.3	11.7	13.63	11.91	11.81	11.70	11.63
Provincial Government aid . . .	3.2	3.2	3.23	3.31	3.32	3.34	3.37
Municipal aid . . . . .	1.7	1.7	1.61	1.60	1.58	1.60	1.69
Other sources . . . . .	0.3	1.2	0.41	0.72	0.99	0.96	0.95