

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.					
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	413,836	146,540	49,210	65,669	14,055	692
Surveys.....	4,314	4,453	4,544	4,991	3,575	8,029
Statistics.....		176	977	169	1,310	175
Intercolonial.....	3,274,302	3,148,034	3,263,937	3,271,933	3,071,111	3,850,016
Windsor Branch.....	16,890	17,645	14,640	16,476	10,821	18,182
Prince Edward Island..	226,422	226,891	232,905	225,139	240,490	248,961
Baie des Chaleurs Ry....					18,680	
Subsidies, general.....	624,794	1,043,285	1,310,549	648,146	230,355	1,228,335
Annapolis and Digby....	2,191	1,675			41,457	
Cape Breton.....	59,983	158,771			405	390
Crow's Nest Pass.....						1,843
Drummond County.....						2,000
Oxford & New Glasgow..	7,923	112,383			3,566	
Governor General's car "Victoria".....				1,290		1,400
Montreal and European Short Line.....		18				
Miscellaneous, gratuity..	280					
Reporting evidence be- fore Railway Commit- tee Privy Council.....		226		112	136	124
International Railway Congress, Brussels....					97	
Total.....	4,630,935	4,860,097	4,711,831	4,233,925	3,636,058	5,090,147

*Includes expenditure on exploratory survey to Klondike district amounting to \$4,996.

During the year 1898 the sum of \$252,757 was expended on capital account of the Intercolonial, of which sum \$56,652 was for increased accommodation at Halifax, and \$93,943 at Moncton, \$19,820 for the extension to deep water at North Sydney, and \$65,511 on rolling stock.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY STATISTICS OF CANADA.

The following table gives particulars of thirty-five Electric Railway Companies during the year ended 31st December, 1898:—

Total number of railways sending returns	35
Total No. of miles of track	635
" cars	1,379
" trailers	382
" snow-sweepers, ploughs, &c.	69
" miles run	28,547,908
" passengers carried	94,616,344
" employees	4,004
Total amount of capital paid up	\$18,308,876
" bonded debt	\$10,454,452

NOTE.—The above includes statistics of three Electric Railways for the year 1897; no returns having been received for the year 1898.