

The number of miles laid with steel rails was 17,180, of which 562 miles was double track.

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 Island Railway (210) 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 \$8,967 per mile constructed, the Provincial Governments at the rate, on an average, of \$1,766 per total mileage constructed, and the municipalities at the rate of \$907 per mile on total mileage.

PARTICULARS OF RAILWAY CAPITAL PAID, 1895 TO 1899.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL.	AMOUNT.				
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital. ....	255,769,556	255,807,476	260,376,517	266,669,857	270,325,496
Preference " .....	105,680,034	105,267,864	107,234,531	111,481,933	120,974,864
Bonded debt. ....	330,785,546	336,137,601	348,834,086	354,946,866	362,053,495
Aid from—					
Dominion Government. ....	150,763,283	149,413,303	149,939,386	151,509,812	155,646,419
Ontario " .....	6,747,238	6,932,388	7,119,065	7,200,004	7,281,129
Quebec " .....	14,426,304	14,522,899	15,409,440	15,550,291	15,646,789
New Brunswick " .....	4,453,800	4,450,489	4,462,671	4,429,090	4,506,041
Nova Scotia " .....	1,437,108	1,487,109	1,517,108	1,653,108	1,583,108
Manitoba " .....	2,625,562	2,625,562	2,625,562	2,625,562	1,602,158
British Columbia " .....	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Municipalities. ....	14,180,687	14,494,757	15,610,868	15,660,668	15,740,668
Capital from other sources. ....	7,733,941	8,640,952	8,691,498	9,532,346	9,302,117
Total .....	894,640,559	899,817,900	921,858,232	941,297,037	964,699,784

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

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ordinary share capital. ....	29·01	28·83	28·48	28·43	28·25	28·33	28·02
Bonded debt. ....	35·23	36·83	36·97	37·36	37·84	37·71	37·53
Dominion Government aid.	16·88	16·80	16·85	16·61	16·27	16·10	16·13
Preference share capital. ....	13·63	11·91	11·81	11·70	11·63	11·84	12·54
Provincial Government aid.	3·23	3·31	3·32	3·34	3·37	3·35	3·18
Municipal aid. ....	1·61	1·60	1·58	1·60	1·69	1·66	1·63
Other sources. ....	0·41	0·72	0·99	0·96	0·95	1·01	0·97