

Since the system of subsidizing railway enterprises was inaugurated, the following sums have been paid :—

For the fiscal year 1883-84.....	\$	208,000
" " 1884-85.....		403,245
" " 1885-86.....		2,171,249
" " 1886-87.....		1,406,533
" " 1887-88.....		1,027,042
" " 1888-89.....		846,722
" " 1889-90.....		1,491,595
" " 1890-91.....		1,079,106
" " 1891-92.....		1,061,616
" " 1892-93.....		624,794
" " 1893-94.....		1,043,285
" " 1894-95.....		1,123,949
" " 1895-96.....		648,146
" " 1896-97.....		230,355
" " 1897-98.....		1,228,335
" " 1898-99.....		3,014,620
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		17,608,592

The balance outstanding amounted to \$1,029,015 on the 30th June, 1899.

In addition the Canadian Pacific Railway received \$25,000,000, the Canadian Pacific Railway extension to Quebec \$1,500,000, the Canada Central Railway \$1,525,250 and the Western Counties \$500,000.

There is also an annual subsidy of \$186,600 payable for 20 years to the Atlantic and North-western Railway Company, under Act of 1885, Chap. 58, and an annual payment of \$119,700 to the Provincial Government of Quebec—being 5 per cent on the sum of \$2,394,000, granted by Chap. 8, Acts of 1884, for the line between Ottawa and Quebec. The total paid to 30th June, 1899 was for the first named, \$1,866,000 and for the second, \$1,735,650.

Railway aid has consisted : (1) Of money grants (*a*) by the Federal Parliament, (*b*) by the Provincial Legislatures, (*c*) by the municipalities ; (2) loans ; (3) Government guaranties of interest ; (4) Government issue of debentures by way of loan to railway companies ; (5) Government guaranty of railway bonds ; (6) direct issue of Government bonds to railways with a first mortgage on the companies' properties ; (7) Imperial Government guaranty of capital ; (8) share capital locally distributed ; (9) land grants ; (10) release of Government loans by placing them behind other loans ; (11) composition of Government claims ; (12) assumption by Government of liabilities ; (13) direct construction by Government ; (14) combined land and money grants.

The table following gives particulars of the assistance afforded by means of land grants.