

The following is a statement of the gauge and length of railways in operation in Canada in 1900.

	Gauge.		Miles.
	Ft.	In.	
Albert Railway and Coal Co.	3	0	64
British Yukon	3	0	65
Carillon and Grenville.....	5	6	13
Kaslo and Slocan.....	3	0	32
Canadian Northern.....	4	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	217
Prince Edward Island	3	6	210
Other railways	4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,223
Total miles			17,824

The Dominion Government has contributed at the rate of \$8,952 per mile constructed, the Provincial Governments at the rate, on an average, of \$1,756 per total mileage constructed, and the municipalities at the rate of \$891 per mile on total mileage.

PARTICULARS OF RAILWAY CAPITAL PAID, 1896 TO 1900.

SOURCE OF CAPITAL.	AMOUNT.				
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary share capital.....	255,807,476	260,376,517	266,669,857	270,325,496	279,368,512
Preference " ..	105,267,864	107,234,531	111,481,933	120,974,864	130,957,583
Bonded debt	336,137,601	348,834,086	354,946,866	362,053,495	373,716,704
Aid from—					
Dominion Government.....	149,413,303	149,939,386	151,509,812	155,646,419	159,565,770
Ontario "	6,932,388	7,119,065	7,200,004	7,281,129	7,291,574
Quebec "	14,522,899	15,409,440	15,550,291	15,646,789	15,783,036
New Brunswick "	4,450,489	4,462,671	4,429,090	4,506,041	4,529,041
Nova Scotia "	1,487,109	1,517,108	1,653,108	1,583,108	1,583,109
Manitoba "	2,625,562	2,625,562	2,625,562	1,602,158	2,085,907
British Columbia "	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Municipalities.....	14,494,757	15,610,868	15,660,668	15,740,668	15,884,542
Capital from other sources....	8,640,952	8,691,498	9,532,346	9,302,117	7,465,123
Total	899,817,900	921,858,232	941,297,037	964,699,784	998,268,405

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

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ordinary share capital.....	28·83	28·48	28·43	28·25	28·33	28·02	27·99
Bonded debt	36·83	36·97	37·36	37·84	37·71	37·53	37·44
Dominion Government aid.....	16·80	16·85	16·61	16·27	16·10	16·13	15·98
Preference share capital....	11·91	11·81	11·70	11·63	11·84	12·54	13·12
Provincial Government aid.....	3·31	3·32	3·34	3·37	3·35	3·18	3·14
Municipal aid	1·60	1·58	1·60	1·69	1·66	1·63	1·59
Other sources	0·72	0·99	0·96	0·95	1·01	0·97	0·74