

Railway Wages and Salaries.—As will be seen in Table 9, railway wages and salaries have greatly increased in the past decade. When 1924 is compared with 1914, it is observed that the railways of Canada employed in the latest year 169,970 persons, as compared with 159,142 in 1914—an increase of 10,828 persons or less than 7 p.c. The wage and salary bill, however, increased from \$111,762,972 in 1914 to \$239,864,265 in 1924—an increase of 114 p.c. While there has been a decline of \$50,646,253 in railway wages and salaries since 1920, wages and salaries still absorb 53.79 cents out of every dollar of gross earnings, as compared with 45.97 cents in 1914.

Wage adjustments during the year 1924 resulted in a net increase in the average hourly rate of pay of employees on all railways from \$0.573 to \$0.577. With a decrease in total employees, however, of 8,082 and in total hours on duty of 26,278,310, the total wage bill decreased from \$253,320,005 to \$239,864,265. The greatest decreases (\$4,000,000 and \$9,500,000 respectively) were in the wages of road trainmen and in wages paid for maintenance of road and equipment.

9.—Number of Steam Railway Employees, Amount of Salaries and Wages and Ratios of the latter to Gross Earnings and Operating Expenses, for years ended June 30, 1914-1919, and for calendar years 1919-1924.

Years ended June 30.	Employees.	Salaries and wages.	Ratio to gross earnings.	Ratio to operating expenses.
	No.	\$	p.c.	p.c.
1914.....	159,142	111,762,972	45.97	62.43
1915.....	124,142	90,215,727	45.15	61.09
1916.....	144,770	104,300,647	39.82	57.95
1917.....	146,175	129,626,187	41.85	58.34
1918.....	143,493	152,274,953	46.14	55.59
1919.....	158,777	208,939,995	51.56	61.12
1919 (Dec. 31).....	173,728	233,323,074	57.10	61.92
1920 (").....	185,177	290,510,518	59.04	60.74
1921 (").....	167,627	247,756,138	54.09	58.63
1922 (").....	165,635	233,294,040	52.94	59.20
1923 (").....	178,052	253,320,005	52.96	61.21
1924 (").....	169,970	239,864,265	53.79	62.71

Mileage and Rolling Stock.—Statistics of the mileage and the rolling stock of the steam railways of Canada are given for the last six years in Table 10. The figures given may be supplemented by the statement that between 1919 and 1925 average capacity of box cars increased from 34.205 tons to 36.334 tons, of flat cars from 33.209 tons to 34.730, and of all freight cars from 34.522 tons to 36.625 tons. The average tractive power of the locomotives in use in 1919 was 30,234 lbs. and in 1924, 33,519 lbs. Of the locomotives in use in 1924, 29 were electric, while motor passenger cars numbered 42.