

Government Aid to Railways.—In order that the private railways of Canada might be constructed in advance of settlement, as colonization roads, or through thinly settled districts where little traffic was available, it was necessary for Dominion, Provincial and even municipal governments to extend some form of assistance. The form of aid was generally a bonus of a fixed amount per mile of railway constructed and, in the early days, grants of land other than for right-of-way were also made. Table 10 shows the areas of the land granted as subsidies and for right of way, station grounds and townsite purposes to steam railway companies by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, with the names of the companies in the case of the Dominion Government.

As the country developed, the objections to the land-grant method became more apparent, and aid was more frequently given in the form of a cash subsidy per mile of line, a loan, or a subscription to the shares of the railway, as shown analytically in Table 11. Table 12 records the details of the most recent type of assistance given to private railways, *viz.*, by the guaranteeing of their bonds or of the interest thereupon. These guarantees enabled the railways receiving them to borrow money at rates of interest considerably lower than would otherwise have had to be paid.

10.—Areas of Land Granted to Steam Railways by the Dominion and Provincial Governments up to Dec. 31, 1935.

Item.	Bonus Grants. ³	Grants for Right of Way, Station Grounds and Townsite Purposes. ⁴	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.
GRANTED BY—			
Dominion.....	31,783,654-88	97,987-60	31,881,642-48
Nova Scotia.....	160,000-00	Nil	160,000-00
New Brunswick.....	1,788,392-00	Nil	1,788,392-00
Quebec ¹	2,085,710-00	Nil	2,085,710-00
Ontario.....	3,241,207-01	229,501-97	3,470,708-98
Manitoba.....	Nil	249-73	249-73
Saskatchewan.....	Nil	5,929-52	5,929-52
Alberta.....	Nil	492-45	492-45
British Columbia.....	8,233,410-00	9,096-03	8,242,506-03 ²
Totals.....	47,292,373-89	343,257-30	47,635,631-19
GRANTED TO—			
Algoma Central and Hudson Bay.....	Nil	215,277-21	215,277-21
Canadian National Lines—			
Bessemer and Barry's Bay.....	Nil	9-00	9-00
Canadian National.....	Nil	3,740-83	3,740-83
Canadian North Western.....	Nil	1,450-12	1,450-12
Canadian Northern (main line and branches).....	3,422,528-00	18,420-33	3,440,948-33
Canadian Northern Alberta.....	Nil	1,582-14	1,582-14
Canadian Northern Manitoba.....	Nil	73-16	73-16
Canadian Northern Ontario.....	Nil	1,740-19	1,740-19
Canadian Northern Pacific.....	Nil	5,327-43	5,327-43
Canadian Northern Saskatchewan.....	Nil	30-36	30-36
Central Ontario.....	Nil	55-36	55-36
Grand Trunk.....	Nil	25-03	25-03
Grand Trunk Pacific (main line).....	Nil	15,171-80	15,171-80
Grand Trunk Pacific branches.....	Nil	1,942-57	1,942-57
Manitoba Northern.....	Nil	2,384-84	2,384-84
Manitoba and South Eastern.....	680,320-00	Nil	680,320-00
National Transcontinental.....	Nil	15-02	15-02
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Co.....	1,625,344-00	1,900-03	1,627,244-03

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 643.