liability of the railways. The reduction after 1937, brought about by the Canadian National Capital Revision Act (c. 22, 1937), is explained at p. 644 of the 1939 Year Book.

## 4.—Capital Liability of Steam Railways, 1911-40

Note.—Figures for the years 1876 to 1910, inclusive, are given at p. 649 of the 1927-28 Year Book.

Year	Stocks	Funded Debt	Total	Year	Stocks	Funded Debt	Total		
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		
1911 1912 1913 1914 1915	749,207,687 770,459,351 918,573,740 1,026,418,123 1,024,085,983	818,478,175 613,256,952 782,402,638	1,588,937,526 1,531,830,692 1,808,820,761	1927 1928 1929	1,361,758,426 1,330,215,248 1,357,017,703 1,405,622,070 1,431,324,003	2,252,256,367 2,306,554,996 2,497,054,907	3,506,758,047 3,582,471,615 3,663,572,699 3,902,676,977 4,026,469,311		
1916 1917 1918 1919 <sup>1</sup>	1,024,264,325 1,089,114,875 1,093,885,495 1,100,301,195	896,005,116 905,994,999	1,985,119,991 1,999,880,494	1932 1933	1,438,050,759 1,437,489,430 1,438,834,552 1,437,334,152	2,934,182,332 2,951,690,468			
1919 <sup>2</sup> 1920 1921 1922 1923 <sup>3</sup>	1,104,409,122 1,323,705,962 1,372,545,165 1,415,623,322 1,385,080,426	846,324,166 792,142,471 743.653,809	2,036,165,606 2,170,030,128 2,164,687,636 2,159,277,131 3,264,674,038	1936 1937 1938	1,433,849,530 1,425,193,791 1,839,619,361 1,836,882,650	3,062,411,719 1,534,450,789	4,460,264,309 4,487,605,510 3,374,070,150 3,405,152,322		
1924 1925	1,401,263,285 1,378,706,860	2,012,602,328	3,413,865,613	1939 1940	1,834,329,209 1,762,473,489		3,367,702,730 3,380,035,172		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at June 30 for this and previous years. <sup>2</sup> As at Dec. 31 for this and later years. <sup>3</sup> Includes all Government loans to railways and investments in road and equipment of Dominion and provincial railways in 1923 and later years. <sup>4</sup> Does not include Canadian railway capital owned by Canadian railways in 1926 and later years.

Capital Investment.—The capital structure of the Canadian National Railways, changed by the Capital Revision Act, 1937, was reduced by \$262,770,972 (see p. 644 of the 1939 Year Book). The excess of capital liability as shown in Table 4 over the investments in road and equipment shown in Table 5 is accounted for by loans and advances from the Government to cover deficits of the Canadian National Railways and by the fact that some railway stock issues represented little actual investment in physical property. The investment account in recent years has been affected by write-offs for lines abandoned, transfers of property to other Government Departments, etc.

5.—Capital Invested in Road and Equipment of Steam Railways, 1935-40

Investment	1935			1936			1937			1938			1939			1940							
New Lines— Road Equipment General	Cr.	_	\$ 89 Vil	.713 56	ł		\$ 119 [il	, 295 756	l		Vil	, 932 , 712			Til	, 830 , 316		\$ 329 Nil "	739	Cr.	1		182 500 7
Totals Additions and			89	, 657			120	, 051	_	3,	, 052	, 644	_	2,	065	, 146		329	739	Cr.		2,	311
Betterments— Road Equipment General Undistributed			519 5	, 051 , 191 , 641 , 862	Cr.		376 78	, 284 , 334 , 387 , 608	Cr	28	355, 6	, 865 , 161 , 158 , 436		17,	310, 63	, 746 , 743 , 095 , 075	Cr.	5,858 4,452 1,668	2,439 5,148		66,		
Totals	Cr.	3,	803	, 637		10,	562	, 839	_	33,	,733	,304		23,	864	, 509		3,068	3,572		73,	074,	478
Undistributed <sup>1</sup> Totals, Investments as at Dec. 31									i		<u></u>							2,163 95, <b>9</b> 3			<u>_</u> _	_	

Details of this item are given in the "Annual Report on Steam Railway Statistics" issued by the Transportation and Public Utilities Branch of the Bureau of Statistics. The large credit in 1937 is due principally to the Canadian National Capital Revision Act.