

Government expenditure on public works, 1868-1891.

209. The following table shows the amounts spent by the Government in each year since Confederation on the construction of railways, canals, public buildings and other works:—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Railways.	Canals.	Public Buildings.	Other Public Works.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1868.....	483,353	128,965	105,960	94,629	812,907
1869.....	282,615	126,954	113,453	60,028	583,049
1870.....	1,729,381	105,588	73,514	184,270	2,092,753
1871.....	2,946,930	133,873	410,101	249,287	3,740,190
1872.....	5,620,569	290,075	578,936	620,585	7,110,163
1873.....	5,763,268	383,916	422,030	831,837	7,401,051
1874.....	3,925,123	1,240,628	600,962	1,064,967	6,831,680
1875.....	5,018,427	1,715,310	800,812	914,197	8,448,745
1876.....	4,497,434	2,389,544	1,075,483	927,615	8,890,076
1877.....	3,209,502	4,131,396	736,240	540,804	8,617,942
1878.....	2,643,741	3,843,339	518,908	363,708	7,369,695
1879.....	2,507,053	3,064,098	372,059	380,481	6,323,691
1880.....	6,109,599	2,123,366	442,394	298,529	8,973,888
1881.....	5,577,236	2,100,243	507,949	563,388	8,748,815
1882.....	5,176,832	1,670,268	544,032	542,251	7,933,383
1883.....	11,707,619	1,857,546	675,260	877,456	15,117,880
1884.....	14,392,933	1,665,351	1,291,963	1,372,823	18,723,069
1885.....	11,645,220	1,572,918	1,030,988	1,208,274	15,457,399
1886.....	4,480,833	1,333,422	117,346	451,890	6,383,491
1887.....	3,270,433	1,783,698	1,029,859	1,525,660	7,609,650
1888.....	3,094,043	1,188,302	969,263	1,703,032	6,954,640
1889.....	3,601,279	1,145,988	1,072,312	1,568,765	7,388,344
1890.....	4,122,724	1,189,644	808,509	4,084,593	10,205,470
1891.....	2,279,737	1,500,861	578,358	1,257,188	5,616,144
Total.....	114,085,884	36,685,293	14,876,691	21,686,257	187,334,125

Expenditure for working expenses.

210. In addition to the large amount shown to have been expended upon construction, there has also been spent for working expenses, staff, maintenance and repairs, the sum of \$66,901,277, which amount has, however, been to a large extent provided for out of corresponding revenue.

Cost of Parliament buildings, Ottawa.

211. The Parliament buildings at Ottawa, which are acknowledged to be among the finest on the continent of America, have been erected at a total cost, up to the 30th June, 1891, including the new departmental building on Wellington street, of \$4,956,340. The sum of \$252,400 has also been expended on the construction of a building near Nepean Point for the Government Printing Bureau.

Details of assets.

212. In 1868 the assets amounted to \$17,317,410, and in 1891 to \$52,090,199, showing an increase of \$34,772,789. The assets only