

COST OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION PER MILE IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
United Kingdom.....	216,479	Canada	55,809
Belgium.....	177,672	United States.....	54,301
France.....	134,826	Australasia.....	46,336
Germany.....	103,349	Cape Colony.....	44,856
Russia.....	97,333	Tasmania.....	39,328
Austria.....	97,177	New Zealand.....	36,811
Victoria.....	66,741	Queensland.....	33,540
India.....	64,970	South Australia.....	29,404
New South Wales	64,173	Western Australia.....	22,236

Accidents on rail-ways in Canada.

829. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government railways, for the last 16 years :—

	Killed.	Injured.
1876	109	304
1877	111	317
1878	97	361
1879	107	66
1880	87	102
1881	99	147
1882	147	397
1883	169	550
1884	227	796
1885	157	684
1886	144	571
1887	178	633
1888	231	775
1889	210	875
1890	218	838
1891.....	196	818

Causes of accidents.

830. There was a decrease of 22 in the total number of persons killed, and an increase of 2 in the number of passengers killed, the total number having been 13, of whom 1 fell from cars, 4 were getting off trains in motion, and 8 were killed in collisions, and it is probable that 5 of the above 13 accidents were preventable by the persons themselves, and were not such as the railway companies could be held responsible for. One hundred and eleven persons were killed by being on the track, 99 of whom were persons other than passengers and employees. The total number of employees killed was 65, as compared with 83 in the previous year; and of other persons 118.

Persons injured.

831. The total number of persons injured was 20 less than in 1890; but, with the exception of the two preceding years, the number was