

The receipts per train mile in Canada were \$1.14 per mile, being lower than those of the United Kingdom and most of the Australasian colonies, but higher than in the principal European countries, as shown by the following table :—

GROSS RECEIPTS OF RAILWAYS PER TRAIN MILE.

New Zealand.....	\$1 90	Austria-Hungary.....	\$1 24
New South Wales.....	1 85	Russia.....	1 11
South Australia.....	1 32	Italy (State lines).....	1 01
United Kingdom.....	1 33	Germany (State lines).....	0 85
Victoria.....	1 28	France.....	1 03
Canada.....	1 14	Belgium.....	0 67
Queensland.....	1 30	Tasmania.....	0 95
Western Australia.....	1 13		

The average amount received per ton of freight carried in Canada in 1896 and 1897 was \$1.33 against \$1.37 received in 1895, being lower than in the Australasian colonies, Russia, Roumania, Italy, France and Austria-Hungary, but higher than in the other countries named below.

AVERAGE AMOUNT RECEIVED PER TON OF FREIGHT CARRIED.

Queensland.....	\$ 2 98	Canada.....	\$1 33
South Australia.....	3 47	Austria-Hungary.....	1 48
Russia.....	2 90	Denmark.....	1 11
New South Wales.....	2 39	Switzerland.....	1 11
Roumania.....	1 99	Norway.....	0 85
Italy.....	1 82	Germany.....	0 70
Victoria.....	2 70	Holland.....	0 75
New Zealand.....	1 62	United Kingdom.....	0 68
France.....	1 52	Belgium.....	0 65
Tasmania.....	1 95		

The greater distances to be travelled, no doubt, account for the average amount being higher in the colonies than in the United Kingdom and European countries.

The average capital cost per completed mile of railroad in Canada has been, up to the present time, \$55,244, which is lower than in European countries and the United States, but higher than in most of the Australasian colonies, as shown by the following table, taken partly from the Victorian Year-Book, 1894, the conversions having been made in this office :—

CAPITAL COST PER MILE OF RAILWAY IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
England and Wales.....	265,560	Victoria.....	62,109
United Kingdom.....	226,119	Canada.....	55,244
Scotland.....	196,492	United States.....	61,409
France.....	133,833	Australia.....	49,183
Belgium.....	108,921	India.....	35,089
British Dominions.....	99,236	Tasmania.....	40,554
Germany.....	98,706	Cape Colony.....	41,756
Austria.....	96,520	New Zealand.....	38,018
Switzerland.....	95,011	Norway.....	35,483
Holland.....	90,355	Queensland.....	33,663
Italy.....	82,217	South Australia.....	34,344
New South Wales.....	74,197	Sweden.....	29,603
Ireland.....	64,727	Western Australia.....	22,484