

The following statement shows the amount of Government expenditure on construction, staff and maintenance of railways in Canada for the last six years :—

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS.	YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.					
	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pacific.....	66,211	418,836	146,540	49,210	65,669	14,055
Surveys.....	16,841	4,314	4,453	4,544	4,991	3,575
Statistics.....	2,221		176	977	169	1,310
Intercolonial.....	3,610,914	3,274,302	3,148,034	3,263,937	3,271,933	3,071,111
Windsor Branch.....	19,514	16,890	17,645	14,640	16,476	10,821
Prince Edward Island.....	288,007	226,422	226,691	232,905	225,139	240,490
Baie des Chaleurs Ry.....						18,680
Subsidies, general.....	1,001,616	624,794	1,043,285	1,310,549	648,146	230,355
Annapolis and Digby.....	26,130	2,191	1,675			41,457
Cape Breton.....	99,937	59,983	158,771			405
Oxford & New Glasgow.....	48,745	7,923	112,383			3,566
Governor General's car "Victoria".....					1,290	
Montreal and European Short Line.....			18			
Miscellaneous, gratuity.....		280				
Reporting evidence before Railway Committee Privy Council.....			226		112	136
International Railway Congress, Brussels.....						97
Total.....	5,250,136	4,630,935	4,860,097	4,711,831	4,233,925	3,636,058

During the year 1897 the sum of \$149,113 was expended on capital account of the Intercolonial, of which sum \$22,275 was for increased accommodation at Halifax, \$37,206 on the construction of branch line from Windsor Junction to Dartmouth, \$29,877 for increased accommodation at Moncton, and \$14,996 on rolling stock.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY STATISTICS OF CANADA.

The following table gives particulars of thirty-five Electric Railway Companies during the year ended 31st December, 1897:—

Total number of railways sending returns.....	35
Total No. of miles of track.....	583
“ cars.....	1,156
“ trailers.....	388
“ snow sweepers, ploughs, &c.....	69
“ miles run.....	26,431,017
“ passengers carried.....	83,811,306
“ employees.....	3,630
Total amount of capital paid up.....	\$18,727,355
“ bonded debt.....	\$9,894,452