

In 1875-76 the receipts from Customs Revenue were \$12,823,837, and the cost of collection was \$721,008, being \$5.62 on each \$100. In 1879-80 the receipts from Customs were \$14,071,343, and the cost of collection was \$716,126, being \$5.08 on each \$100. It will thus be seen that the cost of collecting the revenue by this department for 1879-80 was 54 Cents on each \$100 less than in 1875-76, being a comparative saving in favor of 1879-80, the first complete fiscal year of the present Administration, of \$75,983. Not only was there this important proportionate economy achieved, but the actual expenditure of the department was less in 1879-80 than in 1875-76. The average cost of collecting the Customs Revenue for five years to 30th June, 1879, was \$5.36 on each \$100 of revenue.

The accounts of the Railways owned and operated by the Dominion afford striking and gratifying evidence of the growth of our Inter-Provincial trade, and of the economy of management.

The last report of the Auditor-General, Mr. J. Lorn Macdougall, contains the following comparative summary of the Earnings and Working Expenses of the Intercolonial and P. E. Island Railways (operated by the Dominion Government) during the years 1879 and 1880.

N. B.— The C. P. and Windsor Branch Railways are not included, as they were not in operation in 1879. See *Auditor-General's Report, 1880, folio 243.*

| RAILWAYS. | EARNINGS. | WORKING EXPENSES. | EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER EARNINGS. |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 1879. | 1879. | 1879. |
| Intercolonial Railway..... | \$1,294,099 69 | \$2,010,183 22 | \$716,083 53 |
| P. E. Island Railway..... | 125,855 91 | 223,313 12 | 97,457 21 |
| | \$1,419,955 60 | \$2,233,496 34 | \$813,540 74 |
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| | 1880. | 1880. | 1880. |
| Intercolonial Railway..... | \$1,506,298 48 | \$1,603,429 71 | \$97,131 23 |
| P. E. Island Railway..... | 113,851 11 | 164,640 55 | 50,789 44 |
| | \$1,620,149 59 | \$1,768,070 26 | \$147,920 67 |
| Increase of Earnings in 1880..... | \$200,193 99 | | |
| Decrease of Working Expenses in 1880..... | | \$465,428 08 | |
| Net Gain in 1880 as compared with 1879..... | | | \$665,620 07 |