

How they beat Canals.

Coal brought from the Schuylkill Mines by Railroad and Canal.

	Railroad.	Canal.	Total.
1841..... Ton J...	850	584,692	585,542
1842..... "	49,902	491,602	541,504
1843..... "	230,255	447,058	677,313
1844..... "	241,492	598,887	840,379
1845..... "	822,481	263,587	1,086,068
1846..... "	1,233,141	3,440*	1,236,581
1847..... "	1,350,151	222,643	1,572,794
1848..... "	1,216,232	436,602	1,652,834

The Railroad was first opened in the year 1841. The amount of coal previously brought down by the Canal averaged about 450,000 tons per annum for the six years previous to the building of the Railroad, and never in any one year reached 524,000 tons

How they pay in Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 15, 1849.

The Joint Standing Committee on Railways and Canals, to which was referred the Annual Returns of the several Railroad Corporations in operation within the Commonwealth, Report: That returns have been made by thirty-seven corporations.

The cost of the several Railroads, as appears by the returns, is.....\$46,886,991 93

The debt of the several corporations, as per returns,

is..... 12,420,201 19

The aggregate surplus fund is..... 1,349,230 08

Difference..... 11,070,971 11

Total cost..... 57,957,963 04†

The earnings of the several corporations were..... 6,067,154 02

The expense of working the several roads was..... 3,284,933 38

The net earnings of the same.....\$2,716,920 30†

The length of the main roads is..... 954.346 miles.

The length of branches is..... 88.810 "

Total..... 1,043.156 "

The length of double track..... 220.212 "

During the past year about 300 miles of Railroad have been put in operation on the various lines leading to Boston, many of which are far from being completed.

* Great freshet which injured the Canal.

† A great portion lately expended, and as yet, unproductive.—See next page.

‡ This is about \$3 40c. (17/0) per head on the population.