

Statistical Information.

Railroads in Canada.

Number of Railroads in Canada, in 1865	18
Length in Miles:—	
Grand Trunk Railway.....	1,377
Great Western ".....	345
Northern ".....	97
Brockville and Ottawa Railway	86½
Prescott and Ottawa ".....	54
Stanstead and Chambly ".....	44
Port Hope and Lindsay ".....	43
Welland ".....	25½
London and Port Stanley ".....	24½
Cobourg and Peterborough.....	14
Port Hope and Peterborough.....	13
Carillon and Grenville.....	13
St. Lawrence and P'Industrie.....	12
Total miles open for traffic.....	2,148½
" Cost of all the roads.....	\$121,543,189
Cost of Grand Trunk.....	80,704,095
" Great Western.....	23,855,881
" Northern.....	3,457,789
" all the other roads.....	13,525,424
Total Receipts for all the roads in 1865.	10,910,678
Grand Trunk Receipts.....	6,470,998
Great Western ".....	3,370,637
Northern ".....	506,748
All the other roads ".....	562,295
Working expenses of all the roads.....	5,778,343
" " Grand Trunk.....	3,857,806
" " Great Western.....	1,305,267
" " Northern.....	275,941
" " all other roads.....	339,329
Cost of renewals on all the roads, in addition.....	\$1,355,759
Number of Passengers carried by Grand Trunk in 1865.....	1,380,917
Number of do. by Great Western, in 1865.....	714,142
" " Northern.....	105,372
Tons Freight carried by Grand Trunk.....	1,001,687
" " Great Western.....	455,073
" " Northern.....	120,000
Men in employ of Grand Trunk.....	5,370
" " Great Western.....	2,851
" " Northern.....	446
Locomotive Engines, Grand Trunk.....	293
" " Great Western.....	94
" " Northern.....	18
Cars employed, Grand Trunk.....	4,369
" " Great Western.....	1,522
" " Northern.....	355
Deaths by accident, Grand Trunk.....	38
" " Great Western.....	15
" " Northern.....	5

The War Powers of Europe.

The strength of the three following European countries prior to the recent war, is thus stated:—Austria, square miles, 236,311; population, 36,795,000; army, 800,000. Prussia, square miles 189,212; population, 19,304,000; army, 700,000. Italy, square miles, 98,784; population, 21,703,710; army, 400,000.

Increase of Population in France.

Of all European nations France shows the slowest rate of increase in population. The 27,000,000 of 1801 had only increased by 9,000,000 in 1861.

During the same period Great Britain had increased from 10,000,000 to 23,000,000, and this in spite of emigration.

Telegraph Lines in Canada.

	Total of all the Companies.	4,978	369	411	479,331
Vermont and Boston Company.	43	1	1		
Provincial Company.	609	37	40		25,000
Montreal Company.	4,326	331	370		444,878
Length of Lines in Miles, in 1865.	"	"	"	"	"
Number of Stations	"	"	"	"	"
" Instruments	"	"	"	"	"
" Messages sent	"	"	"	"	"

The Provincial is a new line, and rapidly extending its operations throughout the Province.

Production of Salt.

The *Scientific American* says:—"The most important salt mines in the world are those of Cracow, in Poland, and Salzburg, in Austria, which supply large quantities of rock salt. In the United States large quantities of salt are used for pickling and curing meats for foreign markets, and of the 30,000,000 bushels annually consumed, about one-half is imported; but as the home supply is rapidly increasing, it will ere long equal the demand.

The saline springs of Onondago county, in this State, yielded last year 2,923,187 bushels, which shows an increase of 714,000 bushels over the previous year. In 1860 the Saginaw salines, of Michigan, yielded only 20,000 bushels, while in 1865 the product reached 3,200,000 bushels. The Hocking Valley and Pomeroy mines, in Ohio, yield very largely, as also do those in Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, and West Virginia. The Kanawha, W. Va., salt works produced before the war annually 300,000 bushels, and the Pennsylvania springs yielded about 1,000,000 bushels. There are two methods of procuring salt from the springs—by boiling and by solar evaporation—but with the exception of Ohio and Pennsylvania, where fuel is at hand and cheap, solar evaporation is generally resorted to.

The brine is brought to the surface by force pumps from wells from 100 to 300 feet deep, the deepest water yielding most salt—the proportion being about 56 pounds of salt from 30 to 45 gal-