
 INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT,
 MONCTON, N.B., 7th November, 1879.

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 Chief Engineer,
 Government Railways in Operation,
 Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report upon the working of the Intercolonial Railway for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1879.

I enclose the reports of the resident Engineer and the Mechanical Superintendent, and also the following statements prepared by the Accountant.

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| No. 1. Capital Account. | |
| 2. Revenue Account. | |
| 3. Locomotive Power, | (Abstract No. 1.) |
| 4. Car Expenses, | (" 2.) |
| 5. Maintenance of Ways and Works | (" 3.) |
| 6. Station Expenses, | (" 4.) |
| 7. General Charges, | (" 5.) |
| 8. General Stores Account. | |
| 9. General Balance. | |
| 10. Comparative Statement of Averages. | |

Although this report covers the operations of the whole year, yet I only had the direction of affairs for about four months; having been appointed to the superintendence on the 20th February, 1879.

The length of the railway worked during the year was the same as in the previous year, 714 miles

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

The total cost of the road and equipment was, on 30th June, 1878, \$36,091,065.85.
 The additions during the year were as follows:—

For the Halifax Extension.....	\$21,282 78	
“ the Deep-water Terminus at St. John.....	45,771 70	
“ the completion of the Intercolonial.....	159,584 71	
		<u>226,639 19</u>

Making the total cost, to June 30th, 1879..... \$36,317,705 04

The payments on account of the Halifax Extension are for rock excavation and the construction of buildings.

Work on the Deep-water Terminus, St. John, was continued during the year, and a portion of the wharf was so far completed this summer as to allow of a few shipments being made from it.

During the current year the work will be continued, tracks will be laid and some of the necessary buildings erected.

The amount for completion of the Intercolonial consists of balances paid on account of work done in previous years, in building the road between Rivière du Loup and Truro.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

The prevailing depression in all kinds of business so far affected the traffic of the road as to cause a considerable decrease in the gross earnings, as compared with the previous year.