

divided among the community, has probably been far greater than the aggregate sum of the dividends paid by all the Railroads to their Stockholders.

"In some of the Western States, particularly Ohio, [and may we not say, Canada,] there is a far greater expenditure of capital, *through individual extravagance in living*, than in the New England States. The increase of Railroads and manufactories in the Southern and Western States is calculated to promote the accumulation of local capital, to cause a husbanding of sectional resources; and while capital is kept in the new States to reproduce itself in industrial occupations, the profits of the Eastern States will become less considerable."

*Progress of Railroads in New England in 1849.*

Cape Cod Railroad,.....	miles...27½
South Shore Railroad,.....	" 11½
Norfolk County Railroad,.....	" 26
Milford Branch Railroad,.....	" 12
Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad,.....	" 35
Connecticut River Railroad,.....	" 11
Cheshire Railroad,.....	" 37
Sullivan Railroad,.....	" 28
Vermont Central Railroad,.....	" 65
Bristol Railroad,.....	" 12
Northern Railroad,.....	" 4
Boston, Concord, and Montreal Railroad,.....	" 36
Passumpsic Railroad,.....	" 40
Worcester and Nashua,.....	" 45
Portland and Lewiston Railroad,.....	" 27
New York and New Haven Railroad to Harlem Railroad,.....	" 60
Section of Ogdensburg Railroad,.....	" 12
Stoney Branch Railroad,.....	" 14
Lowell and Lawrence Railroad,.....	" 12
Total miles,.....	515

[The above is the number of miles of Railroad *brought into operation*, in New England alone, in the year ending February, 1849; all but one lead directly into Boston, and nearly all are extensions of Massachusetts Railroads, built by her capital and enterprise.]

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### What Railroads do for Consumers.

The Erie Railroad last year (1847) running 53 miles, supplied the following articles to the city of New York:

Quantity.	Est. Value.	Quantity.	Est. Value.
Milk.....qts...7,090,430	\$283,616	Calves.....head.....11,457	\$51,649
Butter.....lbs...3,758,440	676,519	Hogs.....5,548	38,366
Fresh Meat.....3,007,890	150,490	Sheep or Lambs.....8,198	29,975
Cattle (beef) head...2,362	86,853	Strawberries...bskts.389,920	15,596