

several millions more to complete the quantity required to protect the water supply of the state.

Quebec has performed her part in granting subsidies to railways. Public money has been freely given in many cases with poor returns, and there are instances where the subsidies ought never to have been given.

The mileage of track laid and square miles of area to each mile of railway in 1867,—1901 were :

	1867.	1901.
In Quebec.....	523	3,544
In Ontario.....	1,275	6,605

Square miles of area to each mile of track, in 1901.

Quebec.....	100
Ontario.....	32

Taken according to population.

Ontario 40 per cent. has railway miles	3.60 p. c.
Quebec 30 " " " "	19.37 p. c.

Amount contributed in subsidies :

Quebec.....	17,700,936
Ontario.....	8,709,578
Ontario Municipalities.....	12,198,164

The following extracts from a summary made by F. D. Whelpley, from the U. S. Senate Committee report will show the results of the land grant policy in the United States at this date, 1902.

"If our present system of land acts is continued five years longer, the entire public domain suitable for settlement will be exhausted, and there will be no land left for our people who desire to make homes upon it.