



RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

During the year ended June 30, 1904, the I.C.R. laid 145 miles of 80 lb. rails, replacing 67 and 56 lb. rails. Ten miles were laid on the Drummond County section, five miles between Hadlow and Chaudiere, Que.; 26 miles between Moncton and Newcastle, N.B.; 94 miles between Moncton, N.B., and Truro, N.S., and five miles on the North Sydney branch. The other five miles were laid in short sections at various points. During the current year it is expected to lay about 55 miles of 80 lb. rails between Truro and Halifax, N.S., which will complete the work of relaying the line between these points with heavy rails. When this is completed there will remain about 500 miles of the line between Montreal and Halifax, and 90 miles of the line between Moncton and St. John, N.B., to be laid with heavy rails. The old 67 lb. rails from the main line are being put on the Oxford and New Glasgow branch line; between St. Charles Junction and Chaudiere, Que.; on the Pictou Landing and Shediac branches, replacing 56 lb. rails, which will be sold. A large number of new crossings, and sidings are being put in at various points, the cost of which is being met out of the \$118,000 voted by Parliament for that purpose. About