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RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

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REPORT.

To the Governor of Maine:

The Railroad Commissioners respectfully submit their Annual Report.

From our repeated examinations during the past season of the tracks, rolling stock, bridges, viaducts and culverts of all the railroads in this State, as prescribed by the Revised Statutes, we are enabled to report the railroad system of Maine, as a whole, in better condition than ever before; and that the portion forming the main or trunk lines of travel through the State are, in all essentials, inferior to none.

In confirmation of this official declaration, we would respectfully call your attention to the singular and almost entire immunity from serious casualties that it has been the good fortune of travellers in this State to enjoy for several years. The significance of this should not be overlooked in a consideration of this very important interest. We submit, that in this happy exemption is found a proof of not only the safe condition of our railroads and the good order of their equipment, but, as well, of the fitness and faithfulness of the management of the several corporations comprehended in our view.

And we respectfully represent, that due credit should be given to the skill and judgment of the individuals composing such management, for the marked freedom from what are elsewhere too frequent incidents of railroad travel and traffic.

Recognizing this very satisfactory performance of its special work for the advantage, comfort and convenience of the public in this our railroad machine, and observing its steady increase in the power of operating, we surely should not fail to deprecate all antagonisms which would make it the object of plunder and spoil, whether from within or without.

If the many unwarrantable drains to which our railroads are now subject were closed, and more especially, if instead of a sort of established disregard for their rights, that seems to prevail among quite a large portion of the community, a general disposition to save these corporations from loss of every sort could obtain, their finances might be readily brought up to an equally favorable condition with their operating efficiency.

And we further submit, that obstacles should not be interposed to the execution of such experimental tariffs as these companies may feel themselves constrained to adopt, in earnest efforts to determine what rates of fare and freight will yield a living profit; while, as it is well known, they are trying issues with a certain class of sharp business men and unscrupulous travellers, combined together in efforts to defraud them of their just dues. They certainly merit confidence for what they have accomplished; they are entitled to the confidence and co-operation of the authorities and the public in their manifest and declared purposes.

The true interests of these railroads is to carry as cheaply as possible, so as to induce the greatest amount of business, and the largest aggregate of gross receipts, with the smallest percentage of attendant expense; and this these railroad managers know as well as any persons can. They never lose sight of this principle, that their greatest pecuniary success is not by great profits on comparatively few transactions, but must be by daily filling their tracks with moving trains of cars, loaded full each way, so that their whole invested capital, in ways, in rolling stock, in power and in men, each and all, may be constantly earning something.

During this year, three more of our railroads have had a change of their gauge from $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 4 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. These added to those that have been similarly changed since 1870, aggregate a length of about five hundred and fifty miles of railroad within the limits of this State, upon which at very

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considerable expense, especially in adapting the rolling stock, the broader gauge has been abandoned for that at the present time generally admitted to be the standard of this country, certainly, if not of the world.

Now all the railroads of Maine are brought into the prevailing system, except the twenty-seven and a half miles of the Portland and Oxford Central, still resting under an injunction of the Supreme Court, and the fifteen miles of the Aroostook River Road, a branch of the New Brunswick, built to a gauge of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Freight can therefore be interchanged between any part of Maine and every part of the United States, common to this system, with no necessity for transshipment, thus avoiding not merely the added item of expense, but loss of time and hazard to the goods in breaking bulk on the passage.

The outbreaks of the past year between labor and capital, that took in part the form of organized strikes upon our railroads, would seem to demand some notice here. We propose, however, to add but a few words to those already urged in previous reports as to what is in our judgment the proper mode of preventing these suicidal and unwise acts of rebellion and violence on the part of employees, which could only result in a destruction of their actual means of subsistence if persisted in and met with equal determination.

We have been informed that the managers of certain leading railroads are now giving this whole subject very serious and deliberate attention, with a view to an immediate, practical adjustment of all points of irritation and conflicting interests that have been discovered or are likely to arise in this service. If this shall prove to be an earnest, businesslike movement, it will surely be productive of great benefit to all parties, and we hope may result in a general adoption of some form of the co-operative principle, for this we are confident will be found to lie at the foundation of the most completely successful railroad practice, and we have not ceased to advocate the principles year after year in these reports. From its proper application, faithfully carried out, the desirable identity of interests cannot fail of being realized in the happiest manner, and the complete protection of accumulated capital, a result of past labor, secured. When employees of railroads can confidently feel that they have no interests adverse to those of the corporations they serve, and can learn to regard the evidences of growing wealth in their respective companies as but the reward of patient and zealous labor to which they themselves have not only been active contributors, but in which they, too, have vested rights, they will exhibit a loyalty to the service before unknown, a fidelity and thorough integrity from which the greatest possible benefit will accrue to all concerned, not merely to themselves and their employers, but to the general public weal and the convenience of all business transactions.

Our own convictions upon the importance of permitting every employee of a railroad to have a certain share in the success of his road, something that shall awaken a possessory feeling in his heart, are so strong that we fear to pursue the topic in our own words from an apprehension that we may be betrayed into what would be deemed extravagant assertion. But we cannot forbear citing the authority of an eminently practical and widely known railroad veteran, in his advocacy of one form of the co-operative principle, and his testimony to its value as applied in the contract system, referred to in our Report of 1875, the general form that he used being therein published.

We quote the words of S. M. Felton, Esq., in extracts from several of his annual reports as President of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, as follows :

"The further adoption of the contract system, it is hoped will diminish, to a greater extent than ever before, the ratio of expenses to earnings. In a concern so extended in its operations and necessarily employing so many men as a railroad, it is extremely difficult to attain the same degree of personal supervision and care as in the private business of individuals. Could all corporations adopt a system that would secure such supervision and care, many a railroad that is now scarcely earning its expenses, would become dividend paying. Could every operative be placed in a position to share in the savings made by his extra care and exertion, instead of being paid a stipulated salary, corporations would not only be large gainers, but the work would be better and more promptly done. Such a system cannot be adopted at once. The steps to its accomplishment must be carefully taken, and only so far and so often as the light of experience will justify."

In another report Mr. Felton says :

"All the trains are now run at a stipulated price per mile, including repairs and renewals of locomotives, fuel, oil and waste, and wages of engineers and firemen. The labor on repairs of road is also furnished by contract. The freight business is paid for by the ton, in all its details, including loss and damage and wages of conductors and brakemen. The fuel for all the stations, shops, steamboats, and for the ferry, is furnished for a stipulated sum per year. This system, more effectually than any other, brings to bear upon the affairs of the company the element of individual responsibility, the true element of success in any business. It is believed that a very great saving will be made in all the expenses of railroad management, when this system is more generally adopted, while the public, who use railroads. will be better accommodated."

In the Annual Report for 1858, Mr. Felton says:

"This (contract) system is still in extensive operation and continues to work with great satisfaction. It is believed that a good deal of the regularity of our trains, and freedom from accident, is due to the individual responsibility that is brought to bear upon all the departments of service. The fact is undisputed, that individual responsibility contributes more to success than any other element in the business of corporations. He who feels his own acts are to result directly in his own profit or loss, will weigh consequences before he acts, more carefully than he who feels that others are to bear the burdens of his mistakes. All the officers and operatives of a railroad should, in some way, be made pecuniarily interested in its success, so that they will feel themselves co-partners in the concern. The want of success that railroads, commanding a fair business have met with, is due more to the irresponsible manner in which the business has been done, than to any intrinsic defect in railroads themselves. A business involving such large expenditures, even when all its parts work harmoniously, and when an enlightened economy and honesty direct every detail, must soon result in ruin when confusion, waste and peculation are its controlling elements. Railroads are too frequently so organized that the purchases are made, and expenditures directed, by those who have no direct pecuniary responsibility in the results. In the use also of fuel, oil and materials, there cannot be the greatest economy unless the parties using them can be made to regard them in some other light than as the property of a corporation, whose resources are on such a gigantic scale, that a little waste or a little peculation can make no difference. These parties must be brought into close and intimate relation with the corporation they serve, so as to expend every article they use as economically as though it were their own property. The highest results of economy can be obtained in no other way. We believe the contract system, in the hands of good men, who are responsible for all their acts, can do more than anything else in restoring railroads to positions of strength and profit to their owners."

The Railroad Commissioners of Massachusetts, it is said, have proposed a meeting of managers of railroads in that State to study and consider the following points:

"1. The establishment of a service having all the elements of permanence, including apprenticeships, regular promotion, and finally, retiring pensions.

2. A gradual and reasonable increase of wages during active employment, based on the length of continuous service in any one grade.

3. The organization of a provident fund, to supply the place on fixed principles of that charity which is now doled out by all the companies in perpetually recurring hard cases, in amounts which vary according to the fluctuations of business or the good nature of Superintendents. This fund to be endowed and guaranteed by the corporations interested in it, and to constitute a regular organized Railroad Employés Mutual Life Assurance Company. The eight companies, for instance, which operate roads terminating in Boston, represent a permanent investment of \$100,000,000, their annual net income is \$5,500,000, and they number 12,500 employés. (Those of Maine represent a permanent investment of say \$50,000,000, their annual net income is perhaps \$2,000,000, and the number of employés about 5,000.) If these companies would unite and organize their present charities and the contributions of their employés on some such basis as M. Jacqmin, formerly traffic manager of the Chemin de fer de l'Est of France, describes, they would almost necessarily bring all trade-unions among those employés to a speedy end.

4. The practicability of having recourse to arbitration as a means of adjusting those differences of a general character which from time to time arise between corporations and their employés."

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	RAILROADS IN MAINE.		Whole length
1	Andrease min (no. Maine Control)	Miles.	main line op.
	Androscoggin (see Maine Central)	70.5	70.5
	Aroostook River	15	15
	Atlantic & St. Lawrence (see Gr. Trunk)	82	149.5
4.	Bangor & Piscataquis	62.5	62.5
5.		9	9
6.	Belfast & Moosehead Lake(see Me. Cen.)	33.33	33.33
7.	Boston & Maine	46.5	116
8.	Bucksport & Bangor (see E. & N. A.)	18.8	18.8
9.	European & North American1	14	205
10.	Grand Trunk	_	1388.5
11.	Houlton Branch (see N. B. & Can.)	3	8
12.	Knox & Lincoln	49	49
13.	Lewiston & Auburn (see Grand Trunk)	5.5	5.5
	Maine Central	27.5	127.5 ,
15.	New Brunswick (see Aroostook River).	-	132
	New Brunswick & Canada (see Houlton B		122
		14	14
		63	63
		51	200
	8 8	27.5	27.5
21.	Portland & Rochester	49.5	52
22.	Portland, Saco & Portsmouth	52	52
	Portland (Horse)	6.75	6.75
	Portsmouth, Great Falls & Conway	4.25	72
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		37.75	37.75
		22	22
	Whitneyville & Machiasport	7.5	7.5

Total number of miles.....1006.83 3091.13

It being about one mile of railroad in the State to each 33 square miles of territory; to each \$231,000 of property, and to 644 of population.

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Aroostook River Railroad—25 miles in this State.

The Aroostook River Railroad is an extension of the New Brunswick Railroad, from the eastern line of our State to the village of Caribou in the town of Lyndon.

The New Brunswick Road starts from Gibson, on the east side of the St. John river opposite Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick, and follows that side of the river to Andover, where it crosses by a substantial bridge, three miles below the mouth of the Aroostook river, and thence up the south bank of the Aroostook to the State line. From the State line to Caribou the distance is fifteen miles. The gauge of this road is three and one-half $(3\frac{1}{2})$ feet. There are two branches, one about eleven and one-half miles in length to Woodstock, on the western bank of the St. John river, and the other leaving the main line near the mouth of the Aroostook river, and running to Grand Falls on the St. John, nineteen miles.

The branch to Grand Falls has been completed, and opened for travel the past summer, and the branch to Woodstock has been extended to a connection with the New Brunswick and Canada road during the same time, so that freight coming from or going to any point in New Brunswick, or Aroostook, undergoes but one transshipment in connecting with the standard gauge railroads of the United States, and Canadas. That portion within the limits of this State is cheaply and economically constructed. The structures for the most part are built of cedar, and all are sufficiently strong and safe for the service required of them.

This road is proving of great benefit to the County of Aroostook, by giving it a connection with the railroad system of the whole country, inducing the settlement of the rich lands within its borders, and making the markets of the older portions of the country accessible to its products; but it is to be hoped, that the time is not far distant when the enterprise and business of this State will demand and complete a line of railroad within our own borders to this richest and most productive portion of our territory.

L. R. King is President. Thomas Hoben, Superintendent. W. A. Vaughan, M. D. Teague, Samuel Collins, James Doyle, W. Sawin, John B. Trafton, Bradford Cummings, Directors.

Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad—from Oldtown to Blanchard, 63 miles.

Directors—Moses Giddings, John S. Ricker, Newell Blake, Arad Thompson, M. S. Drummond, F. A. Wilson, Thomas S. Moor, all of Bangor, and A. M. Robinson of Dover.

Since the termination of the lease to the European & North American Railway, December 1st, 1876, this road has been operated by the original company, under the management of Mr. Arthur Brown as Superintendent, a gentleman in every respect well qualified to manage its affairs, safely and prudently; and the road is now in as good, or perhaps better condition, than it has been for several years past.

All the culvert timbers and small bridges on that portion of the road between Oldtown and Dover, have been renewed, and 7,828 new ties laid in the track during the past year; and the more important bridges have been strengthened at some points, in accordance with the suggestions of your Commissioners.

That portion of the road between Dover and Abbot, was built at a later date, and with the exception of ballast and some new ties, requires but slight repairs.

The division from Abbot to Blanchard, eight miles in length, was opened for business on the seventh day of May of the present year, and we believe the opening of that section of the road, bringing the terminus of the line to within $13\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Greenville, at the foot of Moosehead Lake, has materially added to the business of the whole road during the past season, affording as it does, a safe and pleasant route for travellers and tourists to this interesting section of our State.

On the 19th of July, of the present year, the directors voted to narrow the gauge from 5 feet 6 inches, to the

standard gauge of 4 feet 8¹/₂ inches. Preparations were at once commenced, and on the 13th day of September the regular passenger train from Blanchard was the last broad gauge train over the road, arriving at Oldtown at 6 o'clock P. M. The next morning the regular passenger narrow gauge train left Oldtown on time, at 8.20 A. M., and arrived at Blanchard only a few hours behind time. Both rails were moved the entire length of the road, without losing a trip of the regular passenger trains, no accident occurring, or any interruption to the traffic of the road. Certainly the President and Superintendent are entitled to great credit for this very satisfactory, expeditious, and economical accomplishment of this important change; and we have no question that the change of gauge will largely increase the business of the road, confirming the good judgment of the Directors and Superintendent in making it, and justifying the outlay.

The entire cost of changing the track and rolling stock, was only \$15,000; a very small sum for the amount of material required and labor performed.

The rolling stock of the road consists of 4 engines, 3 passenger, 2 baggage, 66 freight, 10 hand, 2 shove cars, and two snow plows. One passenger car, two freight cars, one hand car, and one snow plow are new, and have been added to the rolling stock the past year. The old rolling stock has all been narrowed and put in good repair.

Moses Giddings of Bangor is President. Arthur Brown of Bangor, Superintendent. Horatio W. Blood, Treasurer.

Bucksport and Bangor Railroad-18 8-10 miles.

This road is still leased and operated by the Trustees of the European and North America Railway.

During the past summer the road has been repaired and improved to some extent by ballasting, and widening some of the embankments, particularly those where slides have occurred, and it is now in fair running order. The gauge has been changed to conform to the standard gauge of 4 feet $.8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The embankments were originally left very narrow, and the ditches in the excavations not properly taken out; but these defects have been partially remedied during the past season. Owing to the clayey character of the soil, great care must be exercised in guarding against slides, and accidents resulting from them. The road-bed is very lightly ballasted, and as there are no large deposits of gravel along the line, the work of ballasting the road-bed is slow and expensive. The bridge over the Penobscot river at Bangor is a good structure, and stands well.

The cost of this road has been about \$642,000.

Hon. S. T. Hinks, President, Bucksport. Parker Spofford, Treasurer. R. P. Buck, Alonzo Colby, T. N. Egery, E. B. Gardiner, Ambrose White, Thomas N. Swazey, Directors.

European and North American Railway, from Bangor to State line at Vanceboro'—114 miles.

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin and Hon. William B. Hayford, Trustees.

It is with great pleasure that your Commissioners, in their several examinations of the E. & N. A. Railway during the past year, have observed and noted the extensive improvements being made upon the line of the road, and the settled determination of the Trustees and Superintendent to spare no labor, or reasonable expense, so far as circumstances would permit, in bringing this road up to a higher standard of excellence and usefulness, both as regards the condition of the road-bed and superstructures, but, also, by the change of gauge, giving largely increased facilities to the public for the more convenient, expeditious, and cheaper transportation of freight to and from all sections of this country reached by our railroad system, without breaking bulk or transhipment from the cars, of one road to the other. This latter result has not been accomplished without aid from other sources, as we learn that the Maine Central and Eastern Railroad companies have materially assisted, and are entitled to credit in bringing about this result. Neither do we forget the untiring energy and zeal of the Trustees and Superintendent of the

E. & N. A. Railway in urging the importance of changing the gauge, under circumstances which would have discouraged men of less determination and business experience.

The change of gauge on the Bucksport branch was made on the 12th, and on the E. & N. A. Railway on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of September last, and all completed without injury to persons or property, or detriment to the traffic of the road, and but slight inconvenience or detention to passengers, a result indicating great prudence and good judgment on the part of those having the matter in charge.

The road has been repaired and improved at various points, as follows: One hundred feet of the trestling at the west end of the bridge at Orono has been filled with earth, protected at the base of embankment with riprap and ballasted with gravel.

The high trestle, one hundred and sixty-one feet in length, at the west end of the Milford bridge, has been filled, riprapped and ballasted.

The trestle bridge in Kingman, just east of the station, 95 feet in length, has been replaced by two stone abutments and a bridge of 19 feet span, the balance filled with earth.

The pile bridge at Highland bog, between Mattawamkeag and Kingman, 295 feet in length, 660 feet of the Crossuntic pile bridge, 155 feet of Meadow brook pile bridge and 130 feet of the Wytopitlock pile bridge, have been filled. At Crossuntic 136 feet, Meadow brook 45 feet and Wytopitlock 70 feet of new pile bridges, have been built; the piles, caps, ties and braces of juniper, and the stringers of good hard pine timber. This is a great improvement upon the original structures, which were built of hemlock and spruce.

At Meadow brook and Wytopitlock the embankments are formed of earth, but at Crossuntic and Highland bog, on account of the soft, yielding character of the bog, it was first cross-laid with timber and brush, then filled with sawdust and ballasted with gravel. Some doubts have been expressed in times past, as to the safety and propriety of using sawdust in the formation of embankments upon bogs, but we find that the embankments formed of this material upon the E & N. A. Railway have stood firm, without perceptible change, for the past four years.

The bridge over the Kenduskeag stream at Bangor, two spans of Howe truss, each 100 feet in length, in compliance with the directions of your Commissioners, has been almost entirely rebuilt and made better and stronger than ever before.

The truss bridge at Lincoln is in process of rebuilding, and will be completed the present month.

A new Howe truss bridge, 40 feet span, has been built at Bog brook, and the three short pile bridges across the same brook thoroughly repaired.

New floor timbers, stringers and ties have been put into the Fenn and Hot brook bridges. A large number of culverts have been repaired, and 46 of them have received new hard pine stringers.

The trestling at Oldtown, Passadumkeag and Lincoln Mills, has been renewed. A new hard pine turn-table has been built at Oldtown, and quite a large amount expended at Bangor in introducing the Holly water into the Engine house, car sheds, &c., and building new tanks. The engine house has received extensive repairs.

A new wood shed has been erected at Kingman, 26 feet wide by 254 feet in length, to replace the one burned in the spring. The fences along the line have been extensively repaired, and about five miles of new cedar rail and board snowfence built; 885 tons of new iron rails, 60 pounds to the yard—equal to 9 2-5 miles; 59,858 new ties have been laid in the track, and 28,995 lineal feet of long juniper ties laid at the frogs and switches. Two new snow-plows and flanger, and one relief car have been added to the rolling stock.

The road has been operated the past year with entire freedom from accidents to the persons of passengers or employees, involving the loss of life or limbs. We have been particular in stating the items of repairs upon this road for the purpose of showing to the public, and those directly interested in the road, that the Trustees and Superintendent have devoted their energies, time and the earnings of the road to its improvement, and making it a convenient and safe line of travel, without undue regard to the questions of profit or interest on its bonds, and it is a matter for congratulation and surprise that they have been able to accomplish so much, taking into consideration the obstacles to be overcome, and the embarrassments under which they have labored.

F. W. Cram, Esq., of Bangor, is the Superintendent.

Houlton Branch of New Brunswick and Canada Railway— 3 miles within the limits of this State.

We have examined this road during the past season and find it in good condition.

As the New Brunswick and Canada Railway, of which this is a branch, have changed their gauge to conform to the change made by the E. & N. A. Railway, the cars of all connecting roads can now be taken to and from Houlton without breaking bulk. This must result in great convenience to the people of the enterprising and growing town of Houlton, and all that portion of Aroostook County tributary to it, or transacting business there. The people of Houlton now have by this important change direct connection with St. John, Woodstock, Fredericton, St. Andrews and St. Stephens, in the Province of New Brunswick, Calais in Maine, and by the E. & N. A. Railway with the whole railroad system of the United States and Canada.

We understand that the traffic over the entire line of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway has been largely increased since the changing of the gauge, and we trust that this road, after laboring so long a time under adverse circumstances, may enjoy a future of prosperous and remunerative business.

F. H. Todd of St. Stephens, is President. Henry Osborn of St. Stephens, Manager. F. H. Todd, F. A. Pike, J. C. Madigan, C. F. Todd, James Murchie, G. B. Page, B. R. Stephenson, H. Osborn, are Directors.

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Knox and Lincoln Railroad, from Bath to Rockland-49 miles.

Directors—John T. Berry, Rockland; Francis Cobb, Rockland; Edmund Wilson, Thomaston; Joseph Clark, Waldoboro'; D. W. Chapman, Damariscotta; Edwin Flye, Newcastle; Henry Ingalls, Wiscasset; Edward Sewall, Bath; George T. Patten, Bath.

Your Commissioners, in company with the Superintendent and Road Master, have made two very rigid and thorough examinations of this road during the season, and at our last visit this fall found the track and bridges very much improved, and in our opinion in better condition than it has been for several years previous.

Mr. Berry, the President, and Mr. Coombs, the Superintendent, have at all our examinations expressed a desire for the most searching investigation, and your Commissioners feel that they have done their full duty and met the wishes of these gentlemen in that respect. Last spring we passed over the road very carefully, testing by boring and cutting, all doubtful timbers, and distinctly marking all those which in our judgment should be taken out and replaced with better material, and designating all the bridges requiring additional iron or timber to strengthen them.

At our examination in the fall we found that our requirements had been complied with, and the road was in good, safe condition for the present. We would not be understood as intimating that no repairs will be required the coming summer, as such is not the fact, for undoubtedly there are many timbers, ties and rails that will do service through the winter and spring that it will not be prudent to leave in position another year. Upon a road where there is so large a proportion of open bridging as this road has, exposed to the action of the elements, constant and rapid changes are taking place, and it is only by unceasing vigilance that serious results can be avoided, and we have full confidence that the officers of this road do their whole duty in this respect. The pile bridges have been strengthed very materially by renewal of piles, stringers, ties, braces, &c. The truss bridges are in very good order. The track has been generally renovated by the judicious use of about one mile of new iron, and from four to five thousand new ties placed in it. A new wood shed, 80 by 24 feet, has been built at Rockland.

The steam ferry-boat at Bath has been thoroughly overhauled and is in good order. The road has been run the past year with entire freedom from accident.

John T. Berry of Rockland, President. C. A. Coombs of Bath, Superintendent. L. S. Alexander of Bath, Treasurer; Edwin Flye of Newcastle, Clerk; E. R. Hamlin of Bath, Master Mechanic.

Consolidated Maine Central Railroad and its Branches— 357 miles in all.

Directors—Hon. Abner Coburn, Skowhegan; Noah Woods, Bangor; Arthur Sewall, Bath; William G. Davis, John B. Brown, Portland; Darius Alden, Augusta; Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.; Alfred P. Rockwell, J. S. Ludlum, Geo. P. King, Boston, Mass.; Geo. E. B. Jackson, Portland.

The system of improvement, which has characterized the management of this road for several years previous, has been continued this year, and a great advance has been made in the direction of permanency and solidity in the character of the structures, and of the road-bed generally, throughout the entire length of the line, as the following statement of renewals and repairs will show.

At Presumpscot River, Falmouth, a new iron-riveted lattice bridge of 135 feet span, upon well constructed granite abutments, has taken the place of the old mixed truss and trestle bridge, so long a subject of doubt and care. At Yarmouth road, a new Queen truss, 34 feet span, has been erected.

At the long iron bridge over the Kennebec river at Augusta the flooring has been entirely renewed and strengthened, and a substantial granite abutment built at the east end of the bridge, in place of the old trestling. At Two-mile brook a new Howe truss and pile bridge, 115 feet in all, has been built, and the balance of the old pile bridge, some 200 feet in length, partially filled with earth.

The trestle bridge at Drummond's brook in Winslow, has been temporarily repaired, but must be entirely rebuilt or some other structure substituted next spring.

A new Howe truss, hard pine bridge, 44 feet span, has been built over the Souadabscook stream near Carmel, and the filling at Etna bog has been extended and perfected.

On the upper route, between Cumberland Junction and Waterville, the following repairs have been made: The bridge over Turner street, Auburn, has been rebuilt, and at the Winthrop pond bridge new bands and piles have been placed under the centre of each span, making it entirely secure.

At the crossing of the Emerson stream below West Waterville, a new iron-riveted lattice bridge has taken the place of the old wooden trestle. This last named iron bridge, and that over the Presumpscot at Falmouth, are from the Niagara Works, and are very safe and substantial structures.

At our last examination of the road, this fall, between Waterville and Bangor, we found that the open bridge near Hermon Centre needed new stringers and ties; and the three bridges over road-ways near Bangor required alteration, and suggestions were made to the proper officers in reference to repairing them, which have been carried out.

The Branch from Brunswick to Bath is in good condition; there are two important bridges at New Meadows and Sewall's creek, both new Howe trusses, and in every respect first class. The station yard at Bath has been very much improved by the removal of old buildings, and the changing and addition of tracks, making it more convenient for the business of the road, and the transhipment of freight from and to vessels, and the Knox & Lincoln road.

ANDROSCOGGIN AND LEEDS AND FARMINGTON BRANCHES from Brunswick to Leeds Junction, with branch to Lewiston, 34 miles. From Leeds Junction to Farmington, 36½ miles. The track of this road between Brunswick and Lewiston, is in excellent repair, and rides well. The bridge over the Androscoggin river, has from time to time been strengthened and repaired, and is safe at the present time, but it must very soon be replaced by a better and more reliable structure.

At Crowley's Junction, two new bridges have been built; one a trestle, 75 feet in length, the other a Queen truss of 34 feet span. From Crowley's Junction to Lewiston the road is in good order, with the exception, perhaps, of the double track truss bridge near the factory in Lewiston, which shows some indications of decay and weakness, requiring renewal very soon. From Crowley's Junction to Leeds Junction the road has been much improved, by placing many new ties in the track, and repairing the culverts and open water-ways.

A new abutment has been built at Sabattisville, and the old truss portions of the bridge replaced by a good trestle, which should be continued throughout the entire length of the bridge.

Between Leeds Junction and Farmington, the bridges have been much improved, and extensive repairs have been made on nearly all of them, particularly at Shuy, Meadow brook, East Wilton, Lowell, Hemlock, and Temple stream trestles; and the long pile bridge at Farmington has been greatly strengthened by the addition of new bands of piling between each sett of the old ones, thus reducing the spans to 9 feet each in the clear.

Two entirely new passenger depots, one freight-house, one water-station, and a house for switchmen, have been built, and four depots partially rebuilt, and a considerable amount of ballast and ties have been placed under the track; and, although a large amount of iron rails is required to put the track in good order, the road has ceased to present that tumble-down and dilapidated appearance which characterized it a few years ago, and is being rapidly renewed in every respect.

Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad, from Belfast to Burnham—33¹/₃ miles. This road is leased to the Maine Central, and operated by them.

The iron upon this road is good; a large number of new ties have been placed in the track, and a small amount of ballast under it. Some of the embankments have been raised and widened, and the ditches in the excavations cleared out.

The filling at the long pile bridge at Unity Pond has been extended, and the slope of the embankment properly secured.

A new under-truss bridge has been built (as suggested by your Commissioners last year) at the Johnston brook, between Brooks and Belfast.

The long pile bridge at Belfast was injured by the action of the ice last winter, but has been secured by partial filling with stone. This bridge will require considerable new timber the coming season, unless the company conclude to fill a portion of it with earth and stone.

The pile bridge over the Marsh river, near Brooks, and the road bridge at Parsons' Valley road, both need new stringers, and the embankment over the bog at Brooks should be raised and widened as suggested in our report of last year.

With the exceptions mentioned the road stands well and is in good condition.

Charles B. Hazeltine is President, and Asa Faunce, Treasurer, both of Belfast.

DEXTER AND NEWPORT RAILROAD, from Dexter to Newport —14 miles.

This road is also under a lease to the Maine Central and operated by them. The track and road-bed of this road are in excellent condition, and since our last report the bridges at Corinna and Dexter streams have been removed and substantial Howe truss bridges erected in place of them.

The bridge at Corinna is of 42 ft. and that at Dexter 44 feet span. The bridge at Nason stream, of about the same span as the others, was rebuilt last fall.

Charles Shaw of Dexter is President. George Hamilton of Dexter is Treasurer.

The total length of new bridges built on the Maine Central and its branches during the year is 899 feet, and many others have received extensive repairs. One thousand one hundred tons of new iron and 500 tons of steel rails have been laid in the track, and 8,000 old rails have been repaired and relaid—13,091 feet, equal to 2 48-100 miles of side and spur track has been built.

Ninety thousand new ties have been placed in the track and 5,000 yards of ballast put upon the road-bed; 20 miles of new fence has been built.

Lights have been placed on all the switches on the main line between Portland and Bangor, and at important points on the branches. In addition to the two white bull's-eye lights usually carried on the rear end of the train, a large, green light is now displayed as a greater precaution against following trains.

The depot at Bangor has been greatly improved, and is brilliantly lighted throughout.

The important requirements on this road for the coming year in the way of improvements, will be as follows: On the line by the way of Augusta, new iron at different points along the line. A new bridge at the Abagadasset stream between Bowdoinham and Richmond. The filling at Two-mile brook to be completed. A new bridge or culvert at Drummond's brook, and repairing or rebuilding of the truss and pile bridge near Clinton.

On the Belfast branch it will be necessary to complete the filling at Unity pond; new stringers are needed at Parson's Valley road, and at the pile bridge near Brooks. The embankment on the bog at Brooks should be raised, and the bridge at Belfast must be renewed to some extent.

On the line via. Lewiston to Waterville the bridge over the Little Androscoggin should be rebuilt before the spring opens; this bridge is old, and will not be safe for the passage of trains over it if the ice or freshet should take away the temporary trestles which now in a great measure support the truss. The wooden deck bridge over the main Androscoggin at Lewiston is a large mass of timber, not well put together in its first construction, and some of its timbers are at the present time not entirely sound; although we consider it safe for the present, it should be renewed without much longer delay.

The bridge over the Kennebec at Skowhegan should be rebuilt at an early day.

On the Androscoggin branch, between Brunswick and Lewiston, the bridge over the Androscoggin river must soon be renewed, and should receive constant and watchful attention until this is done.

Between Crowley's and Leeds Junction the rebuilding of the Sabattisville bridge should be continued to completion, and many of the smaller culverts and water-ways renewed.

Between Leeds Junction and Farmington there should be an entirely new structure at Benjamin's brook, and the second crossing of the same repaired.

The trestle at Snelling's brook should give place to a solid earth embankment. Considerable new iron is needed on this section of the road.

In naming the above items of needed repairs, we do not wish to be understood as reflecting in the slightest degree upon the management of the road, for that has, for the last two or three years, been liberal and progressive in the fullest degree, and no expense or labor has been spared in bringing the road and rolling stock up to its present high standard of completeness and safety.

Every succeeding year brings its routine of necessary repairs and replacements, and the before mentioned items of repairs, etc., are but the natural results of time and wear.

The arrangement of trains has been such during the past year, as to give entire accommodation and satisfaction to the traveling public, and all those having business connections with the road, and they have been run with great regularity and freedom from detention, or accident to passengers, and we think that the present system of rules, regulations and signals now in force upon this road, introduced by the present able and practical Superintendent, and approved by the practical experience of the efficient and well known President of the Corporation, has contributed mainly to bring about this favorable result of the operations for the past year. The tabulated statement of the business of this road, amount of rolling stock, etc., will be found as annexed to this report to be quite full.

Officers of the Maine Central Railroad Company: Hon. Abner Coburn, President, Skowhegan; Payson Tucker, Superintendent, Portland; J. S. Cushing, Treasurer, Portland; John W. Philbrick, Master Mechanic, Waterville; Fred E. Boothby, General Ticket Agent, Portland.

Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad—51 miles in this State.
Directors—Samuel J. Anderson, Portland, James P. Baxter, Portland; Joel Eastman, Conway, N. H.; H. N. Jose, W. F. Milliken, J. S. Ricker, R. M. Richardson, W. W. Thomas, Jr., Samuel Waterhouse, all of Portland.

We are glad to report a great improvement in the condition of this road during the past year. The pile bridges at Fore river, the Basin, and Stroudwater, have been somewhat strengthened and repaired, and some needed repairs made on others at different points along the line. The track has been much improved by the addition of ballast, ties, and a small A large number of the old, partially amount of new iron. worn, and laminated rails have been taken out, cut off, or repaired and relaid in the track; 40,911 new ties, and 2664 tons of new iron have been laid in the track between Port-Although these amounts are not up to the and Conway. requirements as reported last year, still the track is in safe condition, and rides smoothly, and preparations are being made for more improvements the coming season. The Vermont division of the Portland & Ogdensburg road, was completed through to Swanton, on Lake Champlain, in August last, and the Lamoille & Burlington railroad made a junction with the Portland & Ogdensburg at Cambridge, Vt., so that trains can now be run without change from Portland to Swanton and Burlington, on Lake Champlain. These con-

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nections, must greatly increase the business of the road, and we learn that the receipts for the past season, do show encouraging results, and a largely increased traffic over preceeding years. Certainly, it is to be hoped, that the advantages of through connections, and the unsurpassed scenery along this road, may induce business men and pleasure seekers, to avail themselves of the advantages this route affords, and that the traffic may so increase that the company may to some extent. be relieved from their embarrassments, and be able to complete the road according to the original design, and realizing the anticipations of its projectors. The road is well managed, and the trains run with regularity and safety. No accident has occurred by which passengers have been injured. More iron and ties will be needed in the spring, and some of the bridges will require further repairs, and it would greatly improve the road if more ballast could be put under the track, in the vicinity of Fryeburg, and at several other places along The managers of this road have had many obstathe line. cles to overcome, and trials to endure, and we very much doubt if there are many gentlemen in the community, who would have exhibited as much determination, and ability, in meeting and contending with these troubles, as the President, Directors and Superintendent of this road have shown themselves to possess.

Samuel J. Anderson, Esq., is President; Jonas Hamilton, Superintendent; John F. Anderson, Chief Engineer; J. M. Dana, Treasurer; Charles H. Foye, Clerk, all of Portland.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Portland, Me., to Island Pond, Vt., 149¹/₂ miles—82 miles in this State.

Directors—John B. Brown, Charles E. Barrett, H. J. Libbey, Samuel E. Spring, F. R. Barrett, F. H. Swan, all of Portland; Alex. T. Galt, Charles J. Bridges, both of Montreal, Canada.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to say any more in reference to this road, than to repeat our statement of last year, that it is in "superior condition in all respects;" and but very few roads in the country will bear comparison with the Grand Trunk in the surface and alignment of its track, the permanent character and construction of its bridges, both masonry and superstructure; its width of road-bed, and drainage, and its perfect system of signals, for the protection and guidance of trains, at all stations, railroad crossings and switches; and it seems to be the aim of the management, to introduce and apply all improvements that will tend to promote the safety and convenience of travelers, and the employees of the road. There have been put into and under the track within the limits of the State, during the past year, 26,000 new ties, about five miles of steel rails, and eight and one-half miles of ballast, and we are assured by Mr. Hannaford, the accomplished Chief Engineer of the road, that enough steel rails have been purchased, and are now in the course of delivery to complete the track in this State, and the whole system in the Atlantic District. This will make a complete steel rail line, from Portland, Maine to Detroit, Michigan, and the work will be proceeded with as fast as the weather will permit.

The company have rebuilt at Portland, one of the Great Eastern Wharves, that was first erected in 1860, and are about arranging this winter to rebuild the other of these wharves. All the company's wharves in Portland are in good condition.

The company have now on the ground, four iron girder bridges; one to replace the wooden bridge at Worthley's brook, of $36\frac{1}{2}$ feet span; one to replace Oxford bridge, of $36\frac{1}{2}$ feet span; one for Swifts' creek, near South Paris, $43\frac{1}{2}$ feet span, and one for Bryants Pond of $26\frac{1}{2}$ feet span, and we are assured that the intention is, to replace with iron, all wooden structures requiring renewal. The route of the Grand Trunk Railway, traverses a country rich in beautiful and majestic scenery, possessing rare attractions for the lover of nature, and the tourist. While the fine condition of the road, embracing as it does all the characteristics of a first-class, well managed railway, and its extensive connections with the great Western and Canadian system of railways, makes it a very convenient, safe and desirable route to all portions of the West and North-west. The same remarks will apply as to the condition and management of the Lewiston & Auburn branch, which is leased to the Grand Trunk Railway and operated by them.

Officers of the Grand Trunk Railway, are: Hon. Joseph Hickson, General Manager; E. P. Hannaford, Chief Engineer; W. J. Spicer, Superintendent, all of Montreal. Chas. E. Barrett is Treasurer, and F. R. Barrett is Clerk, of the St. Lawrence Division; both of Portland.

Boston and Maine Railroad, from Portland to Boston, 116 miles—44 miles of main line and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of branch in Maine.

Directors—Nathaniel G. White, Lawrence, Mass.; George C. Lord, Boston, Mass.; Amos Paul, Newmarket, New Hampshire; Nathaniel J. Bradley, Boston, Mass.; William S. Stevens, Dover, N. H.; James R. Nichols, Haverhill, Mass.; John F. Osgood, Boston, Mass.; Samuel E. Spring, Portland, Me.; N. W. Farwell, Lewiston, Me.

This road still maintains its reputation as a well managed, first-class railroad. The track is in excellent condition, and the bridges, most of which are of iron, are well kept up. The abutment at the east end of the pile bridge at Fore river in Portland, shows some evidence of settling and bulging, and it may be necessary to rebuild it soon.

The long wooden lattice bridge at Salmon Falls is in remarkably fine condition for a structure that has for so many years done good service. The bridge is now nearly thirty years old, and its timbers are as sound, and joints as close, apparently, as on the day of its erection.

During the past season about 1,800 feet of pile bridge over Scarboro' marsh has been filled in, and it is proposed to fill at least half a mile of another pile bridge very soon. The branch from Salmon Falls down to the old South Berwick junction of the Boston and Maine and Portland, Saco and Portsmouth roads is not much used, and we doubt the necessity for keeping up this track. The station buildings along the line are convenient and well kept up, and all the appointments of the road are good. A very complete exhibit of the financial condition and amount of business of this road will be found in the tabulated statement annexed to this report.

Nathaniel G. White of Lawrence is President. A. Blanchard of Boston, Treasurer. James T. Furber, Boston, General Superintendent; Chauncy P. Judd, Clerk; A. R. Turner, Auditor, Boston; S. H. Stevens, General Agent, Portland.

Portland and Rochester Railroad, from Portland, Me., to Rochester, N. H., 52 miles-49¹/₂ miles in Maine.

Directors—George P. Wescott, President, Portland; Frederick Robie, Gorham; H. J. Libby, Portland; W. G. Ray, New York City; Joseph S. Ricker, Deering; A. R. Shurtleff, Geo. E. B. Jackson, Charles McCarthy, William R. Wood, all of Portland; E. G. Wallace, Rochester, N. H.

We are happy to report, that the Portland and Rochester road is sharing in the general improvement of the railroads of this State; and that the changes for the better have been marked, and very important.

During the past year the pile bridge over Deering pond, Portland, has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and is in better condition at the present time than it has been for many years previous.

A new iron bridge from Phœnixyille works, between five and six hundred feet in length, has taken the place of the old wooden truss over the Saco river at Buxton, and this point has ceased to be an occasion of doubtful and anxious examination.

Ten thousand new ties, and one hundred tons of new iron rails and fishings for the same, have been put into the track, and two miles of the old rails have had new fish-plates. Seven tons of new spikes have been used in securing the rails to the ties. About half a mile of new side track has been laid, and one mile of fence built, and the ditches in many of the exca-

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vations have been cleared out. More iron and ties will be required next year, and the ballasting should receive attention.

That portion of the Shaker Pond outlet bridge which it is designed to leave as a permanent opening, is good, but that portion to be filled is much decayed, and the filling should proceed at once.

The bridge at Centre Waterboro' needs new stringers, and the stone abutments at Cook's brook are very poor, and *must* be rebuilt.

Many of the cattle passes and culverts are poor and should be relaid, particularly one near the crossing of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad in Westbrook.

This road is an important link in the new through line from Portland to New York, connecting at Rochester, N. H., with the Nashua and Rochester Railroad, and at Nashua with the Nashua and Worcester, and by continuous connections through to the city of New York. The trains have been run safely and promptly, without accident to passengers or employees; and we trust that through the well directed efforts of the experienced and energetic President and Superintendent, the road will continue to improve both as to its condition and business.

George P. Westcott, President, Portland. Frederick Robie, Vice President, Gorham. Wm. H. Conant, Treasurer and Clerk, Portland. James M. Lunt, Superintendent, Portland. J. W. Peters, General Ticket Agent, Portland.

Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad, from Portland, Me., to Portsmouth, N. H., 52 miles-51¹/₂ in Maine.

Directors of the P. S. & P.—S. Lothrop Thorndike, Alfred P. Rockwell, Boston, Mass.; Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.; George P. King, Boston, Mass.; John B. Brown, George E. B. Jackson, Portland; W. H. Y. Hackett, Portsmouth, N. H.

The Portland, Saco and Portsmouth railroad was opened for travel in the year 1842, and from that time to the present

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has proved a safe and reliable road. The road-bed is wide, well ballasted, ditched, and drained, and the bridges, open water-ways and culverts are in good order, with the exception of the north end of the arch at the Mousam river in Kennebunk, which is somewhat crushed and broken, but in which there has been no perceptible change for the last few years, and, although, as was remarked in our report of last year, the defective portion of the arch might fall without interfering with the safe movement of trains over the embankment it sustains, yet it is *important* that it should be rebuilt, or made entirely secure to remove all doubts of its safety.

New piles have been put in at the draw-landings of the pile bridge at Portland. A new top has been placed on the bridge over Great Works river in South Berwick, 123 feet in length; and all the other bridges have received necessary repairs.

The bridge over the Piscataquis, at Portsmouth, is in better condition than ever before; and we have always noticed that great care and attention is exercised in keeping this important bridge in order, a force being constantly employed in this sole duty. Two overhead bridge abutments, and five culverts have been rebuilt, and bridge guards erected at all overhead bridges for the protection of the train men.

At Portland, a large addition has been made to the side tracks in the yard, and the yard enlarged and greatly improved; also, 150 feet of coal wharf built, and a channel dredged to admit vessels, so that coal can be landed near the engine house.

Since the date of our last report, there has been laid in the track 1,100½ tons of steel rails, equal to 11 miles and 4,967 feet of track. The total length of steel track on this road is now 14 miles; 18,091 new ties have been put into the track, greatly improving it, and five miles of new fence have been built, and a large amount repaired along the line.

Of course, more iron or steel rails, and additional ties will be required on this road, as on others, the coming season; and among other things a new abutment should be built at

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the Old Orchard road, under pass; and the excavations made by order of the County Commissioners of York County, near Goose fair road, for an under-bridge, (but since abandoned), should be immediately replaced and the trestle removed.

The road has been operated safely, and we believe to the entire satisfaction of the public, during the past year; and from the foregoing statements it will be seen, that notwithstand a competing line has been built, with great advantage of location, through the eities of Saco, Biddeford, and the town of Kennebunk, materially affecting the local business of this road, yet the managers of the P. S. & P. railroad, have maintained the long established and well merited reputation of their road, as a safe and reliable route for travel.

The road is leased to the Eastern Railroad Company, and operated by them. Gen. A. P. Rockwell, of Boston, President of the Eastern Railroad, is also Manager of this road.

Portsmouth, Great Falls & Conway Railroad, from "Brock's Crossing," in South Berwick, to Conway, N. H., 72 miles— 4½ in Maine.

This road is also under the management of the Eastern Railroad Company; and, although the track is not in so good condition as the main line of road, still, it is safe for the service required of it; but we would suggest, that the track in this State should be ballasted, raised, and new ties put into it.

Directors of the Eastern R. R.—Alfred P. Rockwell, Boston, Mass.; George S. Morrison, New York; Geo. P. King, Boston; Geo. E. B. Jackson, Portland; Charles H. Dalton, Boston; George Ripley, Boston; Geo. W. Gill, Worcester, Mass.; James W. Johnson, Enfield, N. H.; John Cummings, Boston, Mass.

Directors—John Ayer, West Waterville; Edward Rowe, Norridgewock; Nathan Weston, Madison; W. H. Brown, Samuel Bunker, North Anson; William Atkinson, Embden; Nicholas Smith, Bingham; John Carney, Carritunk; F. W. Hill, Exeter; Benjamin Flint, California; and R. B. Dunn, Waterville.

This road is in good condition, and has been well kept up, and carefully managed; and as the road-bed was well formed, ballasted and drained in the first place, the track has maintained its alignement and surface to a remarkable degree, and is now in excellent order. The road passes through the beautifully located and historic old town of Norridgewock, and following up the banks of the Kennebec river, amidst varied and delightful scenery, of river, falls and fertile intervales, with views of the Sandy river, valley, and the distant mountains; past Old Point, celebrated in the early history of the country as the scene of the Indian massacre, and the utter extinction of the famous Norridgewock tribe, and the death of the Romish priest, Father Rasle, whose monument may be seen near the road in passing. The line then crosses to the west bank of the Kennebec river, at Madison, and terminates at Anson, one of the finest agricultural towns in the State.

During the past year the bridge at Madison has been entirely covered, both roof and truss.

The returns of the Treasurer, in another part of this report, will show the business of the road, amount of rolling stock, &c.

John Ayer is President, West Waterville. A. R. Small, Treasurer, West Waterville.

St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad, from Calais to Princeton-22 miles.

This road runs from Calais to Princeton *via* Baring and Milltown, and is mostly used for the transportation of lumber, although passenger cars are attached to some of the trains, and some few passengers are carried over the road. The road is not in so good condition as we should like to see it, the iron being a good deal worn, and many of the ties rotten. The bridges are safe at the present time, and some of them have been strengthened and repaired, in accordance with our suggestions made to the Superintendent in the spring. Efforts are making to extend the road from Princeton to a connection with the European and North American Railroad at Passadumkeag, and a survey of the proposed route is now in progress. It is to be hoped that this project will succeed, as it will undoubtedly prove of great benefit to the cities of Calais, on the American side, and St. Stephens, on the New Brunswick side of the St. Croix river, and add value and business to the road, by giving it through connections with other railroads.

The death of Mr. William W. Sawyer of Calais, Superintendent of this railroad, occurred in November, from an injury received upon the road the past spring. We feel called upon to notice this death as a public loss.

The loss to his Company of a valued and respected associate, the prominent Director in operating the road, must be very great. It was a loss of one whose heart was in his road; of a leading mind, fertile in resource, whose ingenuity and mechanical knowledge never failed in overcoming the necessities and embarrassments growing out of insufficient means and business to warrant the usual outlays. He was confidently relied upon as the ever alert, prudent, firm and positive Superintendent.

But we regard Mr. Sawyer's death as a loss to the general railroad service and to the common weal, because of his zeal and inventive genius, united with and controlled by an eminently practical turn of mind, and because he was also a practical Christian leader in the sphere of his influence, whose example and counsel tended to awaken and develop moral qualties, equally with a scrupulously exact performance of personal duty.

Directors—George M. Porter, St. Stephens, New Brunswick; E. A. Barnard, H. T. Eaton, H. N. Hill, W. W. Sawyer, Calais. George M. Porter, St. Stephens, N. B., President. Samuel Black, Treasurer, Calais. Frank Nelson, Clerk, Calais.

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Whitneyville and Machiasport Railroad.

This road was constructed to carry lumber from the sawmills at Whitneyville to Machiasport, and built by the mill owners; and an act of incorporation was necessary, for the reason that the line crossed several highways. It is not a passenger road, and we do not visit it. Cost of road \$100,000.

Cornelius Sullivan is Treasurer.

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Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor	\$5,000,000 00 1,000,000 00 7,000,000 00 100,000 00 to 1,000,000 00	- - \$7,000,000 00 300,000 00	5,000,000 00 356,900 00 6,921,274 52 275,400 00		$\begin{array}{r} -\\ \$357,148 50\\ 6,921,274 52\\ 276,538 98 \end{array}$	None.	- None.	- \$50 00 100 00 100 00	$1,145 \\ 201 \\ 4,163 \\ 115$
European and North American. Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Portland (Horse) Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset Whitneyville and Machiasport	2,000,000 00 5,000,000 00 2,000,000 00 1,000,000 00 1,500,000 00 2,500,000 00 2,500,000 00	- - 2,000,000 00 1,500,000 00 100,000 00 600,000 00	$\begin{array}{c} -\\ 364,580 & 00\\ 3,588,400 & 00\\ 157,600 & 00\\ 1,056,000 & 00\\ 1,500,000 & 00\\ 100,000 & 00\\ 315,739 & 43\end{array}$	636,011 86 -	- 3,620,100 00 157,600 00 1,052,085 55 1,500,000 00 100,000 00	- - - \$1000 00 - - -	- - - \$50 00 - - -	- 100 00 100 00 100 00 100 00 100 00 100 00 -	$\begin{array}{r} - \\ 252 \\ 645 \\ 115 \\ 245 \\ 6,345 \\ 1,422 \\ 63 \\ 120 \\ 6 \end{array}$

RETURNS OF RAILROAD CORPORATIONS.

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	Сар	ITAL STOCK.	Дерт.									
NAME OF ROAD.	No. of Stockholders in Maine.	Amount of Stock held in other States.	Bonds due.	Rate of Interest.	Interest paid on same during year.	Bonds due.	Rate of Interest.	Interest paid on same during year.	Bonds due.			
Aroostook River	$ \begin{array}{r} - \\ 104 \\ 196 \\ 236 \\ 110 \\ - \\ 239 \\ 511 \\ 107 \\ 237 \\ 141 \\ 91 \\ 25 \\ 120 \\ 2 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ 5 \text{ shares.} \\ \$6,673,000 \text{ 00} \\ 50,800 \text{ 00} \\ - \\ 3,900 \text{ 00} \\ 2,404,800 \text{ 00} \\ 9,000 \text{ 00} \\ 24,900 \text{ 00} \\ 126,400 \text{ 00} \\ 1,331 \text{ 00} \\ 67,300 \text{ 00} \\ - \\ - \end{array}$	- - 1,826,459 12 800,000 00 700,000 00	7 per cent. 7 per cent. City and 6 per cent. 6 per cent. 6 per cent. 6 per cent.	\$104,160 00 Town bonds. 109,686 81 9,098 57 	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ \$322,000 & 00 \\ 2,000,000 & 00 \\ & & \\ & & \\ 2,395,000 & 00 \\ 2,321,900 & 00 \\ 1,591,600 & 00 \\ 350,000 & 00 \\ 17,500 & 00 \\ \end{array}$	7 per cent. 	\$131,722 50 - - 132,982 00 - - - -	- \$200,000 00 - - 4,379,300 00 - 450,000 00 - -			

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NAME OF ROAD.	Rate of Interest.	Interest paid on same during year.	Certificates of Indebt- edness.	Interest paid on same during year.	Total amount of Funded Døbt.	Unfunded Debt.	Total amount of Unfunded Debt.	Total Gross Liabilites	Am'tofcash, materials and supplies on hand, including Sinking Fund in hands of Trus- tees, and such securi- ties as represent Cash Assets.					
Aroostook River	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-					
Atlantic and St. Lawrence		*** · · · ·	-	-			-	-						
Bangor and Piscataquis	7 per cent.	\$9,500 00	-	-	\$1,122,000 00	\$112,471 13		1,234,471 13						
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Bucksport and Bangor European and North American		-	-	-	400,000 00	79,545 34	-	-	4,021 41					
Ioulton Branch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Knox and Lincoln	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,759,580 00	-					
faine Central	er cent.	214,235 00	-	-	8,527,659 12	601,206 92	-	9,128,866 04	691,528 54					
ortland (Horse)	01 00110.	214,250 00	_	-		001,200 02	_	0,120,000 04	9,143 55					
ortland and Ogdensburg	_			-	2,391,600 00	_	365 796 11	2,757,396 11	108,809 40					
Portland and Rochester	6 per cent.	_	_		1,500,000 00	_	-		78,118 77					
ortland, Saco and Portsmouth		-	*\$125,000	-	-	-	-	-						
st. Croix and Penobscot	-	-	94,000 00	\$6,090 00	206,700 00	5,400 00	5,400 00	212,100 00	43,754 03					
omerset	-	-	-	-	363,500 00	79,412 37								
Whitneyville and Machiasport	_	-	_ [-	-	´-		- I	<u> </u>					

* Notes, guaranteed by Eastern Railroad Company.

		Девт.		COST OF ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.						
NAME OF ROAD.	Total Net Debt— Liabilities.	Amount of Bonds or Stook of other compa- niesguaranteed, prin- cipal or Interest, or on which Interest is paid by Company.	Amount of claims against Company which have not been entered on books.	Grading and Masonry.	Bridging.	Superstructure, including Rails.	Land, Land Damages and Fences.	Passenger and Freight Stations, Wood and Water Stations.		
Aroostook River	-	-	-	_		-	-	-		
Atlantic and St. Lawrence		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Bangor and Piscataquis	\$1,218,152 51					-				
Boston and Maine	3,191,244 47	Nothing.	Nothing.	\$2,680,564 65			\$2,481,440 02			
Bucksport and Bangor	79,545 34	-	-	255,074 00	44,644 43	157,632 50	62,875 86	C This is in-		
European and North American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	cluded in		
Houlton Branch	-	-	-					(next item.		
Knox and Lincoln		-	\$318,897 06	1,128,032 54	273,500 00	464,600 00	116,500 00	25,000 00		
Maine Central	8,437,337 50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Portland (Horse)	-	-	-			1 000 100 00	-	-		
Portland and Ogdensburg	2,648,586 71	-	-	1,321,829 11	289,109 82	1,083,158 06	112,480 20	68,633 09		
Portland and Rochester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	100 045 05	-	-	T	0 051 05	-	10 110 03	- -		
St. Croix and Penobscot	168,345 97		-	Incl'd in No. 3	8,051 05	114,283 26	13,119 91	7,643 85		
Somerset.	441,857 48	-	-	*100.000.00	-	-	-	-		
Whitneyville and Machiasport	-	-	-	*100,000 00	-	-	l –	-		

* Which includes the whole cost of construction and equipment.

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	COST OF ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.												
NAME OF ROAD.	Engine-houses, Car- sheds and turn-tables.	Machine shops, in- eluding machinery and tools.	Interest paid during construction, dis- count, &c.	Engineering, agencies, salaries, and other ex- penses, during con- struction.	Branch. Orig	inal cost.	Total cost of con- struction.	Loco No.	motives.		.sugnold mous Cost.		
Aroostook River	_	-	_	_	-	_		-	-	-	-		
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	- ,	-	-	-	-	\$8,484,000 00 1,348,836 81	51	-	1	- 1		
Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine	\$164,713 98	193 983 50	\$82 028 14	365 474 39	-	-	9,514,635 97	$\frac{4}{77}$	382,000 00	11	\$7,00		
Bucksport and Bangor	10,995 32			12,708 13		-	697,185 68		302,000 00		ψ1,00		
European and North American	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	12	56,500 00	2	1,60		
Houlton Branch	-	-	_	-	-	_	-		-		_		
Knox and Lincoln	10,000 00	20,000 00	496,400 00	45,500 00	-	_	2,579,532 54	5	-	1	~		
Maine Central	_	-	-	-	-	-	10,006,432 04		-	16	-		
Portland (Horse)		-	-	-	-	-	175,000 00		-		•		
Portland and Ogdensburg	5 Included in	7,312 01	344,135 64	185,584 30	Telegraph.	4,367 99			90,059 41		- 1		
Portland and Rochester	¿ preceding.	-	-	-	-	-	*1,942,390 98		-	2	-		
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	- -	10 001 00	4 0 - 0 0	10 000 70		-	1,734,869 56		-	4	-		
St. Croix and Penobscot		13,961 36	4,053 32	10,822 73		140,000.				T	-		
Somerset			-	- 1	Island R.R	-	737,447 56	$\frac{2}{2}$	Leased.	-	-		
manualy vine and machiasport		, –	1 -	ι -	· -	-	-	· 2	· -	ι -	l –		

*Including equipment.

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					Equ	JIPMENT.			2	PROPER	TY NOT INCI	UDED IN H	OREGOING.
NAME OF ROAD.	Par No.	lor Cars. Cost.	Slee No.	eping Cars. Cost.	mail	senger, and bag- ge cars. Cost.		tht and r cars. Cost.	Total for Equipment.	Lands.	Stocks of R. R., &c.	Bonds.	Other Securities.
Aroostook River	-	-	-	-	· -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-	44	-	-64	-	\$110,200 07	-	-	-	-
Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine	5	\$34,000	-	-	163	\$358,275		@160 055	1,242,230 00		263,144 48	\$498 167	\$27,430 00
Bucksport and Bangor.	-	φσ4,000	_	-	100	\$000,210 	1020	\$±00,000	1,242,230 00	_	200,144 40	φ+20,101	φ 21, 430 00
European and North American	-	_	-	_	21	41,000	2 45	76,300	175,400 00	-	_	-	
Houlton Branch		_	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
Knox and Lincoln	_	-	-	-	12	-	63	-	125,300 00	-	_	-	
Maine Central	-	-	-	-	82	-	1177		1,658,540 74	-	5,000 00	1,000	15,195 03
Portland (Horse)	-	-	-	-	18	23,000		-	-	\$20,000	-		- I
Portland and Ogdensburg	To	gether *	cost	$190,300\ 54$		- 1	164	-	280,359 95	-	-	-	-
Portland and Rochester	-	-	-	-	10	-	133	38,420	1,942,390 98	includin	g construct	ion.]	-
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	4	-	203			-	- [-	- '
St. Croix and Penobscot	-	-	-	-	6	-	203				-	-	- 1
Somerset	-	-	-	-	1	2,500		4,215	6,715 00	-	-	-	-
Whitneyville and Machiasport	- 1	-	-	- 1	-	- '	46	- 1	- 1	-	-	· -	-

*Snow Ploughs, Passenger, Baggage, Mail and Freight Cars.

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	PROPERTY ON HAND NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS.											
ດ NAME OF ROAD.	Steamboat property.	Investments in trans- portation lines.	Other property pur- chased.	Total for property purchased.	Whole amount of per- manent investments.	Property in Maine.	An't of supplies and materials on hand.	Cash and cash assets.	Total property and assets of the Com- pany.			
Aroostook River	_	_	_		-	-	-	-	_			
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-	- \$1,459,036 88	-	-	@16 919 69	\$1,475,355 50			
Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine	#70 0c0 94	-	-	4700 001 70	11,545,667 69	-	\$178,317 39		11,932,665 47			
Bucksport and Bangor	\$10,000 24	-	-	\$160,001 12	11,545,001 05	-	φ110,011 00	3,259 60				
European and North American.	-	-	-	_	_		_	0,200 00	_			
Houlton Branch	_		_	_			_	-	_			
Knox and Lincoln	_	_	~	-	-	-	8,198 81	3,956 78	-			
Maine Central	-	\$62,351 18	\$768,333 33	851,879 54	12,516,852 32	_	193,181 34	498,347 20	13,208,380 86			
Portland (Horse)	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	9,143 55				
Portland and Ogdensburg	- 1	-	-	-	-	\$2,385,142.05	6,091 65	102,717 75	2,493,951 45			
Portland and Rochester	-	-	40,190 10	-	-	-	-		-			
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	20,000 00	-	-	20,000 00	1,754,869 56				1,802,629 35			
St. Croix and Penobscot	-	-	-	-	364,000 00		2,672 15	15,339 51				
Somerset	- '	-	-	- ·	750,877 56	-	567 44	487 45	751,932 45			
Whitneyville and Machiasport	·	l -	ι – ι	-	I -	(- 1	. – .	-	-			

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	Expenditures charged to Property Account during the Year.													
NAME OF ROAD.	Amount of Sinking and Contingent Funds and their purpose.	Grading and masoury.	Bridging.	Superstructure, including rails.	Land, land damages and fences.	Stations.	Engine houses, sheds and turn-tables.	Machine shops.	Engineering, agen- cies, salaries, and other expenses during construction.					
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Ogdensburg Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset	- - - - - \$71,015 55 32,525 46	- \$1,063 50 4,405 09 - - - - - - - - - - - - -			- \$10,133 44 - - - 200 00 5,503 08 - \$1,328 93	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -								

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				Expend	ITURES CHA	RGED TO PRO	PERTY ACCO	UNT DURIN	G THE YEAR.	
NAME OF ROAD.	Locomotives.		oughs.	cars.	cars.	r, mail and cars.	and other	of roads.	tions or loans roads.	other expondi- charged to arty account.
	No.	Cost.	Snow plo	Parlor ca	Sleeping	Passenger, baggage c	Freight a cars.	Purchase	Subscriptions (to other roads.	Any other exp tures charged p property accou
Aroostook River		27,000 00								\$9,208 32 - - 15,195 03 - -

	EXPENDITURES	CHARGED TO PRO	PERTY ACCOUNT.	REVENUE FOR THE YEAR.						
NAME OF ROAD.	Total charged to property account.	Property sold and credited to property account during year.	Net addition to prop- erty account for the year.	Derived from local passengers.	Derived from passen- gers from and to other roads.	Derived from other roads as tolls or for use of passenger cars.	Derived from other sources, belonging to passenger depart- ment.	Derived from express and extra baggage.		
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset Whitneyville and Machiasport	\$47,405 26 - - 15,195 03 - - - - - - -	- \$200 00 - 20,975 16 - - - -		\$191,411 00 4,655 29 1,066,527 07 55,677 69 27,262 59 354,210 95 47,748 38 52,865 73 3,202 11 3,773 24	188,691 76 77,421 62 51,168 66		- - - \$995 82 - 666 66 - - -	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\$		

	REVENUE FOR THE YEAR.											
NAME OF ROAD.	Derived from mails.	Total earnings from Passenger department	Derived from local freight.	Derived from freight from and to other roads.	Derived from other roads as tolls, on for use of freight cars.	Derived from other sources belonging to Freight department.	Total earnings of Freight department.	Derived from rents for use of road, and equip- ments when leased.	Total transportation earnings.			
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor	$\begin{array}{r} & - & - & - \\ \$22,770 & 00 \\ & 2,626 & 24 \\ & 22,455 & 82 \end{array}$	\$18,571 91 1,336,623 39	+ \$2,112 11 535,424 55		\$619 21 		\$ - 660,303 00 38,762 47 836,579 16	\$19,386 11 6,292 68	\$891,375 00 57,334 38 2,192,588 66			
European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central	$21,048 54 \\ \overline{5,656} 75 \\ 58,550 62$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$113,486 \ 49 \\ -7,813 \ 93 \\ -860,0$	25,022 26	- 29,451 37		- - 889,480 84	197,481 85 - -	$\begin{array}{r} 357,912 \ 13 \\ - \\ 122,078 \ 15 \\ 1,688,927 \ 72 \end{array}$			
Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset	$7,805 & 60 \\ 3,245 & 85 \\ - \\ 2,100 & 00 \\ 1,275 & 49 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4,748 & 58\\ 99,161 & 52\\ 58,111 & 59\\ -\\ 5,302 & 11\\ 8,518 & 74 \end{array}$	- - 33,117 55 12,472 29	- - - 6,236 14	- - - 610 47		$ \begin{array}{r} - \\ 116,871 05 \\ 75,700 68 \\ - \\ 33,117 55 \\ 19,318 90 \\ \end{array} $		$216,032 57 \\133,812 27 \\38,419 66 \\27,837 64$			

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			CLASS	I-Genera	L TRAFFIC	Expenses.			
NAME OF ROAD.	Earnings per mile of road operated.	Per train mile, pas- senger and freight.	Income derived from rent of property other than road and equip- ment.	Income derived from all other sources.	Total income derived from all sources.	Taxes, State and local.	General salaries and expenses, not em- braced in classes 3 & 4.	Insurance premiums and losses by fire.	Telegraph expenses.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central	- \$10,844 15 331 00 2,701 22 - 4,817 93	- \$1.333 1.67 7-10 - 1.83 6-10	686 00 3,679 15 - 6,037 07	\$39,117 65 - - - 885 00	\$57,377 38 2,267,019 43 361,591 28 122,078 15 1,695,849 79	$95,672 \ 35$ $- 364 \ 73$ $- 11,470 \ 49$	54,790 43 15,706 69 5,373 80 27,122 94	1,629 98 	\$5,148 59 900 00 - 5 Tickets and
Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset Whitneyville and Machiasport	2,322 93 2,573 31 1,829 51	$- \frac{1.11}{.95\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2.03}{-}$	3,251 93 - 84 00 - 199 50 		51,000 31 216,032 57 40,460 31 	* 405 62 -	1,402 50 11,456 26 -	$\begin{array}{r} 475 & 09 \\ 1,402 & 50 \\ 355 & 50 \\ - \\ 1,410 & 00 \\ 200 & 00 \\ - \end{array}$	

* Taxes included with insurance.

	CLASS I-GE	NERAL TRAFFIC	Expenses.		Class II-	-Maintenanci	e of Way.	
NAME OF ROAD.	Total expenses.	Proportion belonging to passenger depart- ment.	Proportion belonging to freight depart- mont.	Repairs of road, ex- clusive of new rails and tics.	Iron rails laid.	Steel rails laid.	New ties.	Repairs of bridges.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis	\$3,056 29			- \$7,351 34			\$1,477 41	- - \$432 44
Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor	167,903 30	\$101,960 90	\$65,942 40	139,652 97	-	\$85,711 16	20,369 67	18,802 41
European and North American Houlton Branch	18,601 40	7,500 19	11,101 21	41,898 92	-	-	8,173 80	10,828 76
Knox and Lincoln Maine Central	-	-	-	15,027 51	rails & spikes -	and ties.	6,783 96 -	3,248 19 47,599 13
Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg	-	-	-	1,954 85 49,799 82	-	-	-	-
Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	12,337 38	5,058 33	7,279 05 -	23,283 03	1,967 30	-	2,475 00	1,680 41
St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset	4,891 44 1,987 39	675 0 5 665 79	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4,216 & 43 \\ 1,321 & 60 \end{array}$	3,13698 5,85792		-	$\begin{array}{c} 437 \\ 897 \\ 08 \end{array}$	859 99 -
Whitneyville aud Machiasport	-		- 1,521 00	-		-	_	-

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				CLASS II	-MAINTENAN	ICH OF WAY.			
NAME OF ROAD.	Repairs of buildings and fixtures.	Repair and additions to machine shops and machinery.	Repairs of road oross- ings and signs.	Removing snow and ice.	Repairs of locomo- tives.	New locomotives.	Repairs of snow ploughs.	New snow ploughs.	Fuel for engines and cars.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American	$ \begin{array}{r} - \\ \$ 63 22 \\ 41,248 40 \\ - \\ 4,057 77 \end{array} $	7,348 04	12,103 21	\$6,142 42	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ \$1,683 & 36 \\ 77,491 & 76 \\ - \\ 6,099 & 49 \end{array}$		- \$61 15 75 43 2,820 83		$ \frac{-}{$4,883 58} 219,842 62 23,417 57 $
Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester	$\begin{array}{r} - \\ 284 & 32 \\ 33,053 & 67 \\ \hline 17,174 & 02 \\ 1,446 & 48 \end{array}$	- - 704 68	19 65 - - 318 43	- - - 812 28	$\begin{array}{r} -2,454 & 93 \\ 50,719 & 34 \\ -6,241 & 64 \\ 6,464 & 71 \end{array}$	-	- 1,464 97 - -	\$1,125 00 - -	$ \begin{array}{r} 11,177 & 69 \\ 164,358 & 70 \\ \hline 27,787 & 50 \\ 24,065 & 16 \\ \end{array} $
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset Whitneyville and Machiasport	207 22 2,966 54 -	111 39 inclusive	179 44 of	104 76 all	2,239 90 these.	-	47 40		981 26 2,346 00

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			OPERATING.	CLASS II-MA	INTENANCE OF	WAY.		
NAME OF ROAD.	Water and Water- stations.	Fuel for stations and shops.	Oil and waste.	Switchmen, watch- men, flag and signal men.	Total.	Proportion to passen- ger department.	Proportion of same to freight department.	Expended for other than ordinary ex- penses.
roostook River	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	_
tlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-		-		-
Bangor and Piscataquis			\$355 75	-	\$16,640 44			-
Boston and MaineBucksport and Bangor	\$13,124 98	\$8,654 70	23,406 14	\$89,476 42	764,400 33	\$464,189 74	\$300,210 59	-
uropean and North American.	2,478 30	3,856 67	3,285 64	4,668 67	122,504 08	59,721 58	62,782 50	-
oulton Branch	2,410 50	3,000 0.	5,200 04		122,004 00		02,102 00	-
nox and Linceln	55 80	112 00	790 18	1,573 00	-	-	-	
aine Central	-	3,540 08	-	_	-	-	-	-
ortland (Horse)	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-
ortland and Ogdensburg	-	-	-	-	-			
ortland and Rochester	500 00	894 24	-	2,333 00	66,240 04	35,451 81	30,788 23	-
ortland, Saco and Portsmouth	- 48 00	165 00	332 55	504 34	9,355 33	1,291 09	8,064 24	-
merset	40 00	150 00	$ \begin{array}{c} 332 & 55 \\ 204 & 00 \end{array} $	432 00	12,853 54	4,284 51	8,569 03	-
Whitneyville and Machiasport.	_	100 00			12,000 04		0,000 00	

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		1	Operating.	CLASS III—PAS	SENGER TRAFFI	c Expenses.		
NAME OF ROAD.	Repairs of passenger, mail, and baggage cars.	New passenger, mail, and baggage cars.	Damages and gratui- ties, passenger.	Salaries, wages, and incidentals of passen- ger trains.	Salarics, wages, and incidentals of passen- ger stations.	Am't paid other cor- porations or individ- uals, for use of passen- ger cars and repairs of same.	Amount paid other roads for balance of passenger cars.	Total.
Aroostook River	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-
Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis	$\frac{-}{$392}$ 41	\$2,034 64	_	\$5,175 63	-	-	_	\$7,602 68
Boston and Maine	41,213 85	5,359 10	\$4,634 46	133,600 05	\$97,875 56	-	-	282,683 02
Bucksport and Bangor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
European and North American	9,516 64	-	207 50	15,482 55	9,710 03	-	-	34,916 72
Houlton Branch	-	-	-		-	-		-
Knox and Lincoln	1,163 15	-	-	5,983 70	6,423 02		-	- 101 01
Maine Central	29,491 01 1,375 74	-	-	9,760 00	-	-	-	$\begin{array}{c} 29,491 \hspace{0.1cm} 01 \\ 11,135 \hspace{0.1cm} 74 \end{array}$
Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg*	1,010 14	-	-	6,164 31	-	$$\bar{640}$ 24	-	11,100 14
Portland and Rochester	1,203 20	_	-	6,579 55	4,458 08	-		15,240 83
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth.	-	-	_			_	-	
St. Croix and Penobscot	196 21	-	-	$341 \ 12$	144 90	-	-	682 23
Somerset	-	-	-	1,247 87	1,326 00	-	'	2,573 87
Whitneyville and Machiasport	-	•	-		-	-	_	-

* From October 1, 1877, the division is being made in accordance with the form prescribed in the present Report.

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NAME OF ROAD.	Repair of freight cars.	New freight cars.	Damages and gratui- ties-freight.	Salaries, wages and incidentals of freight trains.	Salaries, wages and incidentals of freight stations.	Paid corporations or individuals for use of freight cars.	Amount paid other roads for balance of mileage of freight cars.	Total.	Total expenses of operating road not included in Classes I, II, III, IV.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine	- \$1,585 37 37,364 06		- \$15 65 7,700 39	- - \$108,441 53	- \$3,599 16 127,589 75	- - \$8,572 94	- - \$14,199 65	$\frac{-}{$5,200\ 18}$ 303,868 32	$\frac{-}{$32,49959}$ 1,518,85497
Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln	$9,9\overline{61}$ 00 $1,1\overline{97}$ 37	-	$1\overline{\underline{88}} 10$ $\overline{\underline{242}} 22$ $2\overline{\underline{22}} 42$	2,991 85	14,406 72		651 28 - -	41,481 56 - -	-
Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester	33,015 95 - 4,769 66	-	8,336 42 - 133 32	- 9,458 09 6,660 98	- 6,438 09			- 42,370 58 18,002 05	1,022,443 50 $-$ $111,820 30$
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset Whitneyville and Machiasport	1,540 39 -		5 85 - -	$2,\overline{244}$ 24 1,247 87	$1,995 56 \\ 1,326 00$		545 10	5,786 04 3,118 97	20,715 08

			CLA	Ass IV-NET	INCOME, DIVI	bends, &c.			
NAME OF ROAD.	Por train mile.	Percentage of expen- ses to total transpor- tation earnings.	Amount paid other companies as rent for use of road.	Total expenses.	Total net income.	Percentage of same to capital stock and net debt.	Percentage of same to total property and assets.	Interest accrued dur- ing the year on funded debt.	Interest accrued dur- ing the year on other debt.
Aroostook River	-	-		-	-	_	-		-
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-			-	-		-
Bangor and Piscataquis	932.		07 000 00	\$32,499 59		6,48.56	5.54	\$58,540 00	07 707 79
Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor	932.	69.27	81,200 00	1,606,054 97	660,964 46	0,40.00	0.04	238,035 00	\$7,767 73
European and North American	100 98-100	$57 \overline{42} - 100$	-	217,503 86	144,087 42	_	_	61,140 00	8,190 00
Houlton Branch	100 00-100	01 #2-100	_	211,000 00	111,001 12	_	_	-	
Knox and Lincoln	-		5,798 64	70,700 98	51,377 17	-		- 1	_
Maine Central	$1.11 \ 1-10$	601		1,076,443 50		5 14-100	4 69 - 100	524,988 90	44,854 32
Portland (Horse)	-	- *		42,370 58	8,629 73		- 1	-	-
Portland and Ogdensburg		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portland and Rochester	79.804	83.512	-	-	22,075 97	-	-	-	-
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	-	-	-	-	90,000 00	.06	-	-	-
St. Croix and Penobscot	1.09	54	- '	20,715 08	19,745 23	7.35	5.16	6,762 00	6,736 48
Somerset.	-	- 1	-	20,533 77	-	-	-	-	-
Whitneyville and Machiasport	- '	· - '	-	· - ·	- 1	1	(-)	- 1

			NET INCOM	ME, DIVIDENDS	, &c.			Receipts	, &c.
NAME OF ROAD.	Dividends declared.	Date of last dividend declared.	Balance for the year, or surplus.	Surplus at commence- ment of the year.	Revised surplus at commencement of the year.	Total surplus.	Paid to sinking funds in hands of trustees.	Total earnings of passenger department	Per passenger train mile.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor	-	July 1st, Jan. 1st. April 26, 1877.	-	- - \$1,369,449 63	- - \$1,367,986 97	- - 1,433,148 70		\$191,411 00 1,336,623 39	 1.350
European and North American Houlton Branch	-	-	74,757 33 - 49,563 01	-		-	-	160,430 28 - 799,446 88	1.52 - - -
Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset	90,000 00	Jan. 6, '77 for '76. - July, 1877. 1873.	6,516 60	- - 9,469 61	- - 6,575 46	- - 13,092 06	- - \$6,200	$ \begin{array}{r} 47,748 38 \\ 58,111 59 \\ - \\ 5,302 11 \\ 8,518 74 \end{array} $	
Whitneyville and Machiasport		l –	l _	-	l _		-	-	-

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	Recei	pts, Expense	s, Net Earni	ngs, &c., of P	ASSENCE	R DEPARTMENT		Receipts, &c.,	FREIGHT DEP'T.
NAME OF ROAD.	Expenses, proportion of General Traffic expenses.	Expenses, proportion of Maintenance of Way, &c.	Expenses, Passenger Traffic.	Total expenses.	Per passenger train mile.	Net earnings.	Per passenger train miles.	Total earnings from freight department.	Per freight train mile.
Aroostook River	-	-	-	-	_	-	-		-
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$660,303 00	-
Bangor and Piscataquis					-		-		
Boston and Maine	\$101,960 90	\$464,189 74	\$282,683 02	\$848,833 66	857.	\$487,789 73	493.	836,579 16	1.307.
Bucksport and Bangor	7,500 19	59,721 58	34,916 72	102,138 49	97 c.	58,291 79	55 c.	197,481 85	1.78 81-100
European and North American Houlton Branch	1,000 10	00,121 00	34,310 12	102,130 45	57 6.	00,201 10	55 6.	131,401 03	1.10 01-100
Knox and Lincoln	_	-	·	-	-	-	-	_	_
Maine Central	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	889,480 84	2.20 1-10
Portland (Horse)	_		-	42,370 58	_	8,629 73	_	_	-
Portland and Ogdensburg	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-
Portland and Rochester	5,058 33	35,451 81	15,240 83	55,750 97	-	2,360 62		75,700 68	116,52
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth.	-	·-		-	-	-	-	-	- '
St. Croix and Penobscot	$675 \ 05$		$682\ 23$	2,648 37	-	2,653 74	-	33,117 55	-
Somerset	665 79	4,284 51	2,573 87	7,524 17	-	994 57	-	19,318 90	-
Whitneyville aud Machiasport.	-	- 1	-	- 1	-	l – l	-	-	-

		RECEIPTS, EX	CPENSES, NET EA	RNINGS, &C., OF	FREIGHT DEPA	RTMENT.	
NAME OF ROAD.	Expenses, propor- tion of General Traffic Expenses	ance of Ways and	Expenses, Freight Traffic.	Total Expenses	Per Freight Train Mile.	Net Earnings.	Per Freight Train Mile.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	_		-	-	-	-
Bangor and Piscataquis	· -	-	-	_	-	-	_
Boston and Maine	\$65,942 40	\$300,210 59	\$303,868 32	\$670,021 31	1.046	\$166,557 85	261.
Bucksport and Bangor	-	CO 700 70		115 905 07	-	-	
European and North American Houlton Branch	11,101 21	62,782 50	41,481 66	115,365 37	104 46-100	82,116 48	74 35-100
Knox and Lincoln	_	-	-	-	-	_	-
Maine Central	_	-	-	-	-	_	_
Portland (Horse)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portland and Ogdensburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Portland and Rochester	7,279 05	30,788 23	18,002 05	56,069 33	86.30	19,631 35	30.22
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot	4,216 43	8,064 24	5,786 04	18,066 71	-	15,050 84	-
Somerset	1,321 60	8,569 03	3,130 04 3,118 97	13,009 60	-	6,309 30	
Whitneyville and Machiasport		-	-		_	3,000 00	

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RETURNS OF RAILROAD CORPORATIONS—Continued.

			GENERAL BALAN	NCE SHEET-DR.		
NAME OF ROAD.	Cost of Road.	Cost of Equipment.	Other Investments.	Supplies and Materials on Hand.	Sinking Funds in hands of Trustees	
Aroostook River	\$8,484,000 00 1,348,836 81 9,514,635 97	\$110,200 07	\$788,801 72	 		- \$16,319 22
Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln	697,185 68 - 2,579,532 54	1,242,230 00 $200,000 00$ $125,300 00$	19,538 71 -	46,865 24 8,198 81		$\begin{array}{r} 208,680 & 39 \\ - \\ 27,190 & 31 \\ - \\ 46,548 & 65 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ $
Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Ponobscot	10,006,432 04 3,416,610 22 1,942,390 98 { 1,734,896 56 { 311,935 48	1,658,540 74 280,359 95 Incl'd in the pre- ceding question. 52,064 52	851,879 54 40,190 10 20,000 00	$ \begin{array}{r} 193,181 34 \\ - & - \\ - & - \\ 2,672 15 \end{array} $	48,500 00	1,817,963 28 $-$ $107,519 84$ $169,270 61$ $47,759 79$ $45,254 69$
Somerset	737,447 56	6,715 00	-		-	29,508 88

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	Gene	RAL BALANCE SHEE	r—CR.	DESC	RIPTION OF ROAD.	
NAME OF ROAD.	Capital Stock.	Funded Debt.	Other Debts.	Date when the road was opened.	Length of main line in miles.	Length in Maine in miles.
Aroostook River	5,000,000 00 357,148 50 6,921,274 52 276,538 98 - 364,580 00 3,620,120 00 1,052,185 55 636,011 86 1,500,000 00 100,000 00 315,739 43	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ \$3,484,000 & 00 \\ 1,122,000 & 00 \\ & & \\ 400,600 & 00 \\ & & \\ \hline \\ 8,527,659 & 12 \\ \hline \\ 2,391,600 & 00 \\ 1,500,000 & 00 \\ 125,000 & 00 \\ 252,700 & 00 \\ 363,500 & 00 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -\\ \$112,471 & 13\\ 5,011,390 & 95\\ 79,545 & 34\\ 93,794 & 26\\ -\\ 2,395,000 & 00\\ 2,380,217 & 82\\ \hline & & \\ 366,796 & 11\\ 64,339 & 83\\ 177,656 & 35\\ 59,226 & 84\\ 94,999 & 45\\ \end{array}$		$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ 149\frac{1}{6} \\ 62.8 \\ 115.50 \\ 19. \\ 114.2 \\ - \\ 49. \\ 280.44 \\ - \\ 94. \\ 52\frac{1}{5} \\ 51. \\ 21. \\ 25. \\ \end{array} $	- 44 114.2 - - - 51 49 51 164

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		. •	DESCRIP	PTION OF	ROAD.				
NAME OF ROAD.	Length of double track on main line.	Branches owned by Company.	Total length of branches owned by company.	Length in Maine in milcs.	Length in other States	Length of double track on branches.	Total length of road belonging to this company, in miles.	Aggregate length of sidings and other tracks in miles.	Same in Maine.
Aroostook River	- 37.09 - - 3-8 mile. - -	Medford	> 22.96	88 2.50 - - - 22.96 - - - -	- 8.50 - - - - - - -	1	$ \begin{array}{r} - \\ 149\frac{1}{5} \\ 62.8 \\ 126.50 \\ - \\ 114.2 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ 303.4 \\ 6\frac{1}{5} \\ 94. \\ 52\frac{1}{5} \\ 51. \\ 21. \\ 25. \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 28. \\ 2.7 \\ 69.473 \\ \overline{} \\ 16.84 \\ \overline{} \\ 3 \\ 47.15 \\ \overline{} \\ 41 \\ \overline{} \\ \overline{} \\ \overline{} \\ 3.34 \\ 3550 \text{ ft.} \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 14.737 \\ 16.84 \\ - \\ 47.15 \\ - \\ 6 \\ 13.691 \\ 2.81 \\ \end{array} $

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RETURNS OF RAILROAD CORPORATIONS-Continued.

Bangor and Piscataquis 65.5 - - 12 1,057 - 4 Milo.			De	SCRIPTIO	N OF ROA	LD.		BRIDGES	BUILT WITHIN	THE YEAR IN	MAINE.
Atlantic and St. Lawrence - - 114 - - Atlantic and St. Lawrence Queen's truss Wood. 22 Bangor and Piscataquis 234.063 64.577 91.65 65 3,369 6,6254 Milo. Wood. 22 Bucksport and Bangor 1 - - 6 - 812 - - 812 - - - - 22 European and North American 131.04 131.04 - - 6 - 812 - <t< th=""><th>NAME OF ROAD.</th><th>6 8 0 L</th><th>E.</th><th>length of a miles.</th><th>eet</th><th>Iron brid</th><th>Lengtlı wooden bridges in feet.</th><th>Location.</th><th>Kind.</th><th>Material.</th><th>Length.</th></t<>	NAME OF ROAD.	6 8 0 L	E.	length of a miles.	eet	Iron brid	Lengtlı wooden bridges in feet.	Location.	Kind.	Material.	Length.
St. Croix and Penobscot	Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot	$234.063 \\ 1 \\ 131.04 \\ - \\ 348.20 \\ 7 \\ 1-8 \\ 104 \\ 57 \\ 64.691$	$ \begin{array}{r} 131.04 \\ - \\ 348.20 \\ 57 \\ 53 \\ 64.691 \\ \end{array} $	91.65 - - - 24.21 -	$ \begin{array}{c} 65 \\ 6 \\ 31\frac{1}{2} \\ -31 \\ 124 \\ -59 \\ 16 \\ 18 \\ 4 \end{array} $	$3,369 \\ -273 \\ - \\ 3.946\frac{1}{2} \\ - \\ 1,306 \\ 548\frac{1}{2} \\ 610 \text{ feet} \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ -$	$\begin{array}{r} 812\\ 3,103\\ \hline 16,934\\ 13,862\frac{1}{2}\\ 9,463\\ \hline 2,970 \text{ feet.}\\ 849 \text{ feet.} \end{array}$	{ Milo. } Baneroft Sta. - - 12 -	Howe truss.	{ " Wood. Wood.	

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				I)escription	OF ROAD.				
NAME OF ROAD.	Number of crossings of highways at grade.	Over railroad.	Under railroad.	Number of highway bridges 18 feet over track.	Number of highway bridges at less than 18 feet over track.	Number of crossings where gates or flag- men are maintained.	Crossings where Elec- tric signals are maintained.	Crossings where neither electric sig- nals, gates or flagmen.	Number of railroad crossings at grades.	Number of railroad crossings over other railroads.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobssot Somerset	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ 49 \\ 23 \\ 26 \\ 62 \\ - \\ 39 \\ 292 \\ - \\ 59 \\ 76 \\ 32 \\ 7 \\ 19 \\ \end{array} $	- 2 18 1 3 - 8 26 - 3 6 19 2 2	$ \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - & - \\ - & 1 & - & - & - \\ - & 1 & - & - & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & 2 & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & 2 & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ - & 2 & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & $	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- 2 15 1 2 - 6 23 - 3 6 19 -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		- 49 20 27 62 - 272 - - - 29 7 19	- - - - 7 - 4 - 3 -	

Bangor and Piscataquis Dover & Winn "		Total length of such road.	Same in Maine.	In other States.	Total miles of road operated by this company.	In Maine.	No. of stations on all roads operated by this company.	No. of stations on all roads owned by this company.
Atlantic and St. Lawrence Danvers " Bangor and Piscataquis Dover & Winn "								
Boston and Maine	$\left.\begin{array}{c} & 9.259 \\ & 29. \\ & 14.5 \\ & 8.73 \end{array}\right\}$		- - - - - 47.15 - - - - -	78.468	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ 62.8 \\ 202.20 \\ 132.70 \\ - \\ 49 \\ 350.55 \\ 63 \\ 91 \\ 52\frac{1}{2} \\ - \\ 21 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} -\\ 62.8\\ 46.50\\ 132.70\\ -\\ 350.55\\ 51\\ 49\\ -\\ 16.25\\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ 33 \\ 16 \\ 85 \\ - \\ 31 \\ - \\ 79 \\ 1 \\ 19 \\ 16 \\ 16 \\ 7 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ 16 \\ 52 \\ 6 \\ 25 \\ - \\ 10 \\ 69 \\ 1 \\ 19 \\ 15 \\ 16 \\ 7 \\ \end{array} $

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•		D	ESCRIPTIC	N OF RO	AD.			Rolling Stock		
NAME OF ROAD.	Stations in Maine. Miles of Telegraph	by d	Number of telegraph offices in company's stations.	Number of telegraph stations operated by this company.	No. telegraph stations operated jointly by railroad and telegr'ph company.	Number of 1 Aver. weight, in tons.		Number of		Average joint weight of engines and tenders
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine. Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse). Portland and Ogdensburg. Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ 40 \\ - \\ 40 \\ - \\ - \\ 8 \\ 13 \\ - \\ 1 \end{array} $		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$51 \\ 77 \text{ of } 28.18 \text{ ts.} \\ 12 \text{ of } 29 \text{ tons.} \\ 5 \text{ of } 25 \text{ tons.} \\ 59 \text{ of } 28_{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ tons.} \\ - \\ 5 \text{ of } 26_{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ tons.} \\ 4 \text{ of } 26_{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ tons.} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2$	- 35 tons. 63.000 lbs. - 70.350 - 32 -	$ \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\$	37.400 lbs. - -	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ 48.23 \\ 93,700 \text{ lb} \\ - \\ 40 \text{ tons} \\ 95,025 \text{ lb} \\ - \\ - \\ 41 \\ - \\ 16\frac{3}{4} \\ 26\frac{1}{5} \end{array}$

NAME OF ROAD. and book of the second se		•		R	olling Stock.			
Atlantic and St. Lawrence -	NAME OF ROAD.	of hear ender & reau in fee of hea	We. We.	Passenger cars, maxi- mum weight. Mail and baggage cars, average weight.	3-whe cars, cars, ears, cars,	8-wheel cars, aver t. 4-wheel cars, aver t.	Other cars, coal, gravel, &c. Total market value.	freight cars, ig coal, &c., c of 8 wheels. comot'vs equi rain brake.
Portland and Rochester 42 50.4 2 of 5 tn 7 of 16 t 19 3 of 13 t 50 of 9 tns 57 of $7\frac{1}{2}$ t - - 55,120 Portland, Saco and Portsmouth - - - - - - - - - 55,120	Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North Americau Houlton Branch Knox and Lineoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochoster Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	$\begin{array}{cccc} 42.1 & 493 \\ 39\frac{1}{5} \text{ ft.} & 463 \text{ ft.} \\ 42.1 & 50.8 \\ & & & \\ 42 & 50.4 \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ \end{array}$	2 of 10 t 15 of 16 t - 18 tons 16 of $8\frac{1}{2}$ t 56 of $18\frac{1}{2}$ - 4,000 lbs 2 of 5 tn 7 of 16 t	36,200 lb 6 of 14 - 15 tons 46,330 lb 26 of 17 19 3 of 13	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c} {}^{t} {$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

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•		Rollin	з Stock.		MILEAGE, TRAFFIC, &C.					
NAME OF ROAD.	Kind of Brake.	No. of cars equipped with train brake.	Kind of Brake.	Number of passenger cars with Miller plat- form and buffer.	Miles run by passen- ger trains.	Rate of speed of ex- press passenger trains, including stops, per hour in miles.	Rate of speed of ac- commodation trains, including stops, per hour.	Miles run by freight trains.	Rate of speed of ex- press freight trains, including stops.	
Aroostook River	~		_	-		_	-	_		
Atlantic and St. Lawrence	-	-	-	-	203,492	-	25	-	-	
Bangor and Piscataquis	-		-	-	17,164	21	13	30,745	_	
Beston and Maine	Empire vacuum.	148	Empire vacuum.	124	989,622	30	24	640,029	-	
Bucksport and Bangor	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	
European and North American	Empire vacuum.	11	Empire vacuum.	10	105,072	$20\frac{1}{3}$	141	110,447	-	
Houlton Branch	_	-	-		-	-		_	-	
Knox and Lincoln	SVacuum 8.	-	γVacuum 14.	-	65,375	-	20	32,235	-	
Maine Central	> Westinghouse 14.	51	Westinghouse 37.	50	515,352	25	25	404,096	15	
Portland (Horse)	-		-	-	196,770 1-8	-	5 miles.	-	_	
Portland and Ogdensburg	Empire vacuum.	-	-	-	133,377	-	-	89,002	-	
Portland and Rochester	Empire vacuum.	3	Empire vacuum.	3	75,150	26	20	64,967	-	
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth		-		-	-	-	-	-	_	
St. Croix and Penobscot		7	Hand.	-	mixed 16,724	-	15	2,220	_	
Somerset	_	_ .	-	-	" 15,725	-	20	-	-	
Whitneyville and Machiasport .		_	-	-	· _		_		-	

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

			an a	Mile	AGE, TRAFFI	c, &c.			
w NAME OF RÖAD.	Rate of speed of ac- commodation freight trains, per hour.	Miles run by other trains.	Total train mikes run.	Total number of pas- sengers carried.	Total passenger mile- age, or passengers carried one mile.	Passenger mileage to and from other roads.	No. tons carried, not including gravel.	Total freight mileage, or tons carried 1 mile.	Freight mileage to from other roads.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot Somerset	- 13 13 12 - 95 - 75 15 15 15 - 10 - - -	529,038 1,870 18,108 40,900 5,040 279,023 13,356 9,465 - 150	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ - \\ 49,779 \\ 1,647,759 \\ - \\ 256,419 \\ - \\ 102,650 \\ 1,198,471 \\ 196,7708 \\ 205,735 \\ 149,582 \\ - \\ 19,094 \\ 15,725 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} - \\ 15,487 \\ 4,442,019 \\ \hline 153,120 \\ \hline 76,579 \\ 622,392 \\ 862,418 \\ \hline 118,175 \\ - \\ 9,597 \\ 7,831 \end{array}$	- 430,531 61,779,576 4,370,905 1,707,595 22,919,067 - 2,077,447 - 99,399	- 289,408 10,690,722 2,629,182 - 1,046,245 11,373,152 - 1,048,822 - -	- 21,465 698,881 - 139,899 - 16,958 388,773 - 75,999 - 53.000 12,389	- 673,569 36,036,194 6,430,666 540,204.49 - -	- 644,331 4,449,200 2,753,150 - - - - - - -

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

				M	ILEAGE, TRAF	FIC, &C.			
NAME OF ROAD.	Highest rate of fare per mile.	Lowest rate of fare per mile.	Average rate of fare per mile, local travel.	Average rate of fare per mile, from pas- sengers to and from othor roads.	Average rate of fare per mile for scason ticket passengers.	Average rate of fare per mile for all pas- sengers.	Highest rate of freight per ton, per mile.	Lowest rate of freight per ton, per mile.	Average rate freight per ton, per mile, on road and operated by this company.
Aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Bangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor European and North American	5 1 ots. 5 4 5-10	- 4 ots. 2.5 1. 833-1000	- 41 cts. 2.63 3.682-1000	- 31 ets. 1.76 2.945-1000	- 2 ets. .895 2, 204-1000	3 ¹ / ₃ cts. 2.03 3. 45-1000	- 40 60 6, 316-1000	- 21 3 1.316-1000	- 74 2.58 3.141-1000
Houlton Branch Knox and Lincoln Maine Central Portland (Horse) Portland and Ogdensburg Portland and Rochester Portland, Saco and Portsmouth St. Croix and Penobscot	5 - - 5	$-2\frac{1}{2}$ -29-10 $-2\frac{1}{2}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 4 1-9 \\ 3 6-100 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ $	4 7-8 3 4-100 - - -	- - - 1 ot. -	$ \begin{array}{r} 4.59-100 \\ 35-100 \\ - \\ 2\frac{1}{3} \\ 322-100 \end{array} $	- 92 - - - 14	- 1 9-100 - 16 - 3	6 17-32 4 30-100 - - 8 - 8
Somerset	5	5		-	-	-	-		-

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RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

			Mile	ge, Traffic, o	åc.		
NAME OF ROAD.	Average rate of freight per ton per mile to and from other roads.	Average rate per ton per mile for all freight	Average number of ears in passenger trains, including bag- gage cars.	Average number of cars in freight trains, basis of 8 wheels.	Average weight of passenger trains, in- duding locomotive & tender, in working order.	Average weights of freight trains, includ- ing locomotive and tender, in working order.	Number of persons regularly employed by company, includ- ing officials.
aroostook River Atlantic and St. Lawrence Sangor and Piscataquis Boston and Maine Bucksport and Bangor Juropean and North American Joulton Branch	$ \begin{array}{c} 5_{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 2.1 \\ 2 931-1000 \\ \end{array} $	- 54 2.31 3 53-1000	- - 6 - 5 -	- 25 - 11	- 130 tons. 260,000 lbs.	- 250 tons. 336,930 lbs.	- 1,494 - 300
nox and Lincoln Iaine Central ortland (Horse) ortland and Ogdensburg ortland and Rochester ortland, Saco and Portsmouth	5 15-16 3 48-100 - 2c	6 7-100 3 68-100 - -	3 3 1 - 3 -	8 15 - 20	95 tons. 108 tons. 	120 tons. 173 tons. - 205 tons.	67 1,000 40 - 113
5. Croix and Penobscot omerset hitneyville and Machiasport	-	.08 - -	- 4 -	- 12 	32 tons. 	38 tons. 	36 23

DR. BA	NGOR AND PISCATAQUIS RAILROAD.	CR,
Balance expense account, interest		\$57,377 38 33,662 21
	91,039 59	91,039 59
Dr.	BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD.	CR.
Dividend Nov. 15, 1876, Bond interest Jan. 1, 1877 Expenses this year	119,017 50 Earnings this year 1,606,054 97 Interest and premium on bonds sold	\$1,369,449 63 2,235,718 24 31,301 19
Interest this year Dividend May 15, 1877, Bond interest July 1, 1877	, 140,000 00 worthless in previous years,	315 30
Sundry items charged off as of no value Balance		3,636,784 36 1,433,148 70
Dr, EUROF	EAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILROAD.	CR.
Notes paid E. & N. A. R. R. Co., to Lord & Veazie & al on account Harrison Avenue property City of Bangor, overdue coup'n of July 1, 7 Balanee	1,000 00 Trustees came in 10,171 49 Net income for the year	\$37,962 13 74,757 33
+		112,719 46

Copies of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending September 30, 1877, returned from the following named Railroad Companies.

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Dr.	MAINE CENTR	AL RAILROAD.		CR.
Fifty shares Tioonic Water Power stock, Old bills paid Old Somerset & Kennebec coupons paid Sundry worthless freight bills Sundry worthless accounts . Loss on account of Trustee writ Rebate on telegraph poles, W. U. T, Co., 1875	\$5,000 00 2,946 91 300 00 988 24 345 51 14 32 1,008 00	Balance of account Sept. 30, 1876 Errors Eastern Railroad Bills payable never presented for payment Discount on Maine Central scrip and Portland & Kennebec R. R. stock paid in Maine Central R, R. consolidated 7 per cent. bonds Balance of earnings Dec. 31, 1876, after paying	\$455,866 (10 (578 / 131,580 (64 45
Discount on bonds sold	14,980 00 600,938 86	operating expenses, interest and rents	38,486	74
-	626,521 84		626,521 8	34
	,	Balance of account Sept. 30, 1877	600,938 8	36

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ACCIDENTS.

ON THE ATLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE ROAD.

January 20, 1877. As the No. 13 freight train from Montreal, over the Grand Trunk road, was approaching Oxford station, R. W. Jackman, a brakeman, fell between the cars, which passed over his body, completely severing it above the hips, and otherwise horribly mangled it. The train was obliged to go on to Oxford, about a mile distant, to make a crossing with an up freight from Portland. The conductor of the up freight was told that Jackman had fallen from the train, and he accordingly ran along very slowly until the body was found, in the condition described above. The unfortunate man resided in Portland, on Cumberland street. His wife had accompanied him as far as Oxford on the passenger train from Portland that same afternoon, as he joined the freight train at South Paris.

On same day, John E. Willis, deputy sheriff, belonging in Gorham, was run over by the cars at West Milan, and instantly killed. He was walking on the track at the time of the accident.

On same day, a little girl was struck by a passenger train at Montreal, as she attempted to cross the track while the train was backing into the depot, and crushed to death.

March 29, 1877. As the morning train passed Hammond's crossing in Auburn, George Hammond, aged 80, attempted to cross the track, but was taken up by the cow-catcher and carried several rods; he was badly cut, and died shortly after.

In all there were seventeen persons more or less injured on this road during the past year; eleven of whom were employees of the company.

ON THE BANGOR AND PISCATAQUIS ROAD.

January 12, 1877. George H. Norton of Oldtown, was injured by falling from a passenger train as it was passing through the village of Oldtown, and died on the following day. The coroner's jury reported that "the injury was caused by said Norton's accidentally falling under and being run over by the wheels of the car of one of the trains of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company, and that no blame attached to said company, or to any of its officers or servants."

ON THE BOSTON AND MAINE ROAD.

Passenger train leaving Portland for Kennebunk, at 5.30 P. M., October 27, 1876, was thrown from the track by a broken draw-bar that fell on the track. George Hobbs had his jaw broken; Geo. West, Capt. A. Leavitt, Mrs. S. E. Tibbetts and Sarah A. Miller, were all slightly injured.

December 23, 1876. Charles Hall and Wm. Crook, brakemen, injured shackling cars at Wells, Me.

April 10, 1877. J. H. Simpson (deaf) walking on track near Saco station, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed.

May 2, 1877. Alfred V. Roberts, employee at Portland, was struck by a bridge while riding on top of a freight car. His right arm was so much injured that it was necessary to amputate it.

July 2, 1877. A boy attempted to pass in front of a moving passenger train at Saco station; he was struck by the engine and had a leg broken.

July 23, 1877. Miss A. Rivers, walking on the track near Saco station, was struck by a passenger train and slightly injured.

ON THE MAINE CENTRAL ROAD.

April 14, 1877. Jack McCarty of North Leeds was run over by a passenger train near North Jay; one arm was crushed, and he was badly cut about the head. He was taken to Wilton. His arm was amputated, but he died soon after.

May 23, 1877. Walter Winn, a brakeman on a special freight train, was struck in the back of his head by an iron bridge near Gray, cutting a gash in his head and breaking his neck, killing him instantly. He had just climbed to the top of a car, and was walking toward the rear of the train when struck. Winn was 23 years of age and unmarried. He belonged in Burnham. Coroner Gould was summoned, and held an inquest at Gray. The jury's verdict is as follows:

"The deceased came to his death by being struck by a bridge in Gray, on the Maine Central Railroad, by carelessly standing on the top of a moving car, and the jury find that the railroad is in no way censurable for his death, but charge the fault wholly to himself."

January 21, 1877. Herbert H. Young, yardman at Bangor station, fell under the shifting engine and was killed. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of "death by unfortunate accident, and the Maine Central Company and its employees are blameless."

ON THE PORTLAND AND ROCHESTER ROAD.

May 2, 1877. Weston Willard, 17 years of age, not in the employ of the company, while freight train was switching at Springvale, caught his foot in the track and was killed, by the cars passing over him. He lived but twenty minutes after.

July 7, 1877. Amos Jellerson was found on the track near Waterboro' Centre, run over by freight train. A coroner was called, and deemed an investigation unnecessary. The man was intoxicated when last seen.

ON THE PORTLAND AND OGDENSBURG ROAD.

January 8, 1877. Luther N. Tucker was struck by a snow plough while walking on the track near east branch of the Saco, in Bartlett, N. H., and killed.

April 5, 1877. Thos. Daley was struck by train in the yard at Portland, and received injuries from which he died.

August —, 1877. A special train ran into a team at Westbrook, killing the horse and fatally injuring the driver.

ON THE PORTLAND, SACO AND PORTSMOUTH ROAD.

John R. Dimmick, switchman, in attempting to get upon the engine after it had started, fell, and was pushed along the frozen ground and badly injured.

Edwin Littlefield, at Wells, in attempting to get upon the freight train, fell and broke his leg.

Lizzie Stiuson, a child, was struck by an engine moving in the Portland yard, and killed.

S. M. Stuart was struck by an engine moving on the B. & M. R. R. wharf, and slightly injured.

Edwin Tomlins, in attempting to cross in front of a train approaching Kittery, was instantly killed.

ON THE ST. CROIX AND PENOBSCOT ROAD.

July 4, 1877. Henry Noble, lying on the track asleep, was run over, cutting off both legs; he died next day.

CONCLUSION.

The new form of return, recommended by the Boston Convention of Railroad Commissioners, and adopted by the last Legislature of Maine, was issued rather late in the season to the several railroad corporations of the State.

The result appears in the tabulated statements herewith submitted. It is to be regretted that the method of keeping their accounts, heretofore practiced by most of our railroad companies, does not admit of their making such detailed returns as are now expected of them.

But it is understood to be the purpose of all these, to modify their practice respectively, so as to enable them to comply more exactly with the requirements of the statute. And we feel ourselves authorized to express a firm persuasion, that another year's exhibit will meet the legislative demands very much more satisfactorily.

By an act of the last Legislature, (Chapter 192) it is required that "Every railroad corporation shall crect and maintain suitable bridge guards, at every bridge or other structure, any portion of which crosses the railroad less than eighteen feet above the track; such guards to be approved by the railroad commissioners, and to be erected and adjusted to their satisfaction," etc.

This act has been complied with to the letter by all the railroad corporations in the State, and such guards have been erected on either side of every bridge or projection that is less than eighteen feet above their tracks. But there are one or two over-head bridges in the State a little higher and just outside the statute limit, where these guards have been omitted, which are, in our opinion, dangerous to train-men until supplied with similar warnings. We would, therefore, respectfully suggest, that the act referred to, be so amended as to include all structures of twenty feet or less above railroad tracks. And repeating a suggestion made last year, we respectfully submit whether it would not be advisable to demand of our railroad companies, the establishment of "safety switches," in some form, at all points in their main line where switches are required away from stations, at which the trains stop regularly. That much greater danger is to be apprehended from these remote switches through which trains run at speed and which are out of the way of constant inspection, is obvious to a thoughtful consideration, and has been exemplified in several instances that might be mentioned. It is gratifying to observe a more general employment of the safety switch, and that it is steadily growing in favor as an important aid to the security of railroad operation.

A. W.	WILDES,)	D
JOHN	F. ANDERSON,	Ş	Railroad
CHAS.	J. TALBOT,)	Commissioners.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 31, 1877.