Division O. Expedition to examine the country west of Fort Garry to Kootanie Plain, near the Howse Pass, and Jaspar House, near the Yellow Head Pass.

Division Q. Between the North Thompson and Yellow Head Pass.

Division R. Between Cariboo and Tête Jaune Cache.

Division S. Between the Columbia River and Howse Pass.

Division T. The Eagle Pass between Shuswap Lake and the River Columbia.

Division U. Between Lytton, on Fraser River and Shuswap Lake.

Division V. From Lytton Southerly toward Burrards Inlet.

Division W. From Sault Ste. Marie along the North Shore of Lake Huron to French River.

As rapidly as the various parties were organized and Commissariat arrangements made, they began to move forward each to their respective field of operations.

The total number of Engineers, Surveyors, Levellers and assistants employed, together with axemen, beatmen, packers, &c., would not be far short of eight hundred.

The first detachment left by the River Ottawa for the interior on the 10th of June. Those for the region north of Lake Superior left Collingwood on the 20th June. In British Columbia, a portion of the staff left Victoria for the Mountains on the 20th of July. \*

## PROGRESS OF THE SURVEY.

Some general observations respecting the progress made in the prosecution of the survey, may now be submitted.

Full detail information, may be had on reference to the reports and documents which accompany this.

It has been found impossible to maintain regular communication with many of the parties engaged on the survey during the winter, but judging from the Progress Reports last received, the undersigned feels confident in stating that the surveys projected in June last between Mattawa on the Ottawa and Nepigon Bay on Lake Superior are now, with one exception, completed and that only two breaks in the survey exist between Nepigon Bay and Fort Garry.

No serious engineering difficulty has been met with in passing from the Valley of the Ottawa to the country north of Lake Superior; it is impossible,

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