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the bridges in view of the constantly increasing weight of the larger engines and increased loads running over them. The expenditure in the locomotive department is divided under two heads: Firstly, the working of engines or running expenses which amounted to £308,770, a decrease of £21,670; secondly, the repairs and renewal of engines which amounted to £101,411 a reduction of £14,462. The total expenditure in the locomotive department thus shows a diminution of £36,132, equal to about 8 per cent. I may mention that on June 30th last there was a sum, as stated in the general balance-sheet, of £40,026, which was charged in the expenses and remains at the credit of the locomotive department for future renewals. It has been decided to establish three standard types of locomotives with interchangeable parts, which will gradually supersede the numerous types now in use, a reform which cannot fail to be attended with great economy and convenience. The charge for the repairs and renewals of cars is practically the same as in the corresponding half-year, and amounts to £127,126, against £127,371. It will also be observed that an amount of £68,603 stands in the general balance-sheet at the credit of the car department, which will be appropriated to the replacement of the freight cars broken up and out of stock referred to in the report. It is intended to replace the old 10-ton cars out of service by the construction at Montreal, and in the new car shops at London of new 30-ton cars, which are urgently needed for the heavy traffic now passing over the line. I must also mention that so urgent is the requirement for extra cars that we have thought it our duty to order an extra 500 cars to be made in addition to those which will be manufactured in our own shops. In the traffic department the economies effected are very marked, amounting altogether to £36,729, or 9 per cent., the expenses being only 21.29 per cent. as compared with 23.63 per cent. of the gross receipts for the corresponding half-year. The general charges