
with Freight House, Engine House, Tank, Wood Shed, and Turntable, is now nearly finished.

The Class No. 3 Stations—namely, Norton, Apohaqui, Penobscus, Anagance, and Peticodiac, are now under contract. In designing the plan of these structures, the main building has been made to answer for the accommodation of Freight and Passengers, a convenient and economical arrangement.

The Engineering Staff has not been increased in number since the date of my last Report; but, since the opening of the Line to Sussex, many changes have been made, whereby it has been materially reduced. The bulk of the grading being nearly finished, and only a portion of the work, including iron and other bridging, Stations, and mechanical work in general, remaining to be done, it became my duty, in concurrence with the Commissioners, to dispense with four of the principal assistants, as well as two of the draughtsmen.

In the spring, further reductions will be made.

Provided the balance of iron required for the Track, arrives in safety from England, and no unforeseen contingencies arise, the present condition and progress of the works are such, as to warrant me in assuring the Commissioners that there will be no difficulty in opening in July next, for traffic, the whole Line from Saint John to Shediac. This affords me the more satisfaction, as the time stated in my last Report will not be exceeded.

In conclusion, it is a matter of congratulation that no failure has taken place upon any of the completed structures; and although the freshets of the past spring and autumn were unusually severe, nothing worthy of mention has occurred. The embankments, where complete, stand well; the masonry is good, and the iron rails and fastenings, as well as the bridge superstructures, are all that can be desired.

The perfection of the alignment and gradients, and the solidity of the Road, may be judged by the fact, that since the opening of the several divisions for traffic, covering a period of nearly three years, not an accident has occurred, attributable to defects in the work, by which injury has been done to persons or property.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

ALEX. L. LIGHT.

Saint John, 6th February, 1860.