

IMPROVEMENTS.

During the year the 12 miles between Chambly and St. Brigide have been relaid with steel rails, and the entire Main Line between Newport, Longueuil and St. Lambert, is now steel. A large number of wooden culverts have been replaced with stone. A new bridge has been built over the Montreal River near Chambly, and the track is in first-class condition. New Stations are being built at Abercorn, Sutton Junction, Knowlton, Waterloo, Bedford and Marieville. The Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Division has been greatly improved. A new Bridge has been built over the Yamaska River at St. Pie, and all the other bridges have been strengthened or renewed; the light iron is being replaced with steel, and the road bed widened and ballasted. This has become necessary owing to the increase of traffic originating on and passing over this division. The rails taken up are intended to be used in extending the road from St. Guillaume to Doucet's Landing, opposite Three-Rivers, and to Missisquoi Bay on Lake Champlain, as provided by the charter, and also, in laying the branches from Marieville to St. Cesaire, and from Drummondville to L'Avenir, both in course of construction, and will be completed this autumn. The erection of Work-shops and General Offices at West Farnham has been commenced and satisfactory progress made. Fifty acres of land have been donated to the Company by the Municipality for that purpose, and fifty acres more purchased by the Company, the whole being exempt from taxation for 20 years. The buildings will be of brick, on stone foundation, and first-class in every respect. West Farnham is very favorably located for the General Offices and Work-shops, the roads owned or operated by the Company diverging in five different directions from that point.

Three First-class Passenger Cars and one Baggage and Smoking Car, all of the latest and most approved design, paper wheels, Automatic Brake, &c., also, two new Freight Vans and two Standard Locomotives, have been added to the equipment of the road during the year.

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