

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.—APPENDIX No. 8.

Northern Railway of Canada.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Toronto, December 31st, 1862.

*To the President and Directors.*

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I beg to submit the Traffic Returns and the usual Tabular Statements relative to the operations of the Northern Railway for the year ending this day. The reports show the train mileage to have been 347,249 miles, a decrease on the preceding year of 5,873 miles.

There has been during the year transported over the line 65,000 tons of Through Freight, an excess over the previous year of 39,000 tons, while of Local Freight the tonnage during the past year was 109,337 tons, showing a decrease on the previous year of 11,000 tons. Deduct the decrease in Local Freights from the increase in the Through, and the result gives during the year an excess of Tonnage hauled, over the year 1861, of 28,000 tons, with a decrease of train mileage of 5,873 miles.

The Lake Arrivals at Collingwood during the year have been as follows:—commencing with the steamer "Sun," April 22nd, there have been from Lake Michigan 89 Steamers, (the last being the steamer "Sun" on the 28th November; Sail Vessels from Upper Lakes, 21. Steamer arrivals from Green Bay, 12. A Steamer weekly from Sault St. Marie, and daily (after 21st April) from Owen Sound.

From Owen Sound, Meaford and Penetanguishene, (early in the season,) the Steamer "Nicolet" made 9 trips with Grain, exclusive of several arrivals with tows of Pine Timber.

Cargoes of Grain by small sail vessels, from Owen Sound and Meaford, 22; making the total arrivals at Collingwood by Lake during the season of navigation, 360.

The Trains have been run throughout the year with great regularity and exemption from accident, notwithstanding the large number of Trains that were necessary upon the line during the early part of the season, and the carrying on of renewals and reconstruction of works.

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