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ENGINEER

August, 1869.

SIR,—

In compliance with the request made by you a short time since, I beg to hand you the following statement of the amount of work done upon the line during the past year, for the information of the President and Directors of the Canada Central Railway.

Two of the heaviest rock cuttings, viz., that near the house of Judge Armstrong, above this city, and the other leading into the station ground at Carleton Place, are in course of excavation, and will soon be completed, and in addition to these a mile and a quarter of railway, at either end, is graded and ready for the superstructure.

The entire line, with the exception of a distance of less than a mile, composed of clumps of wood still uncut, is cleared to its full specified width of one hundred feet. A complement of fencing material has been placed "in situ," and though, at this moment, I am not prepared to give the exact number of ties furnished, in consequence of those we have obtained from up the Mississippi river not being yet delivered in a state for examination, I can still confidently assert, from inspection I have made, that a sufficiency is now in hand to equip the whole length of the main line from one end to the other.

The only right of way which has yet been acquired, is the property of Mr. John Rochester, on the "flats," which has been purchased for a station ground.

As you desired, I handed in a plan to accompany the application of Mr. Richardson for the right of way through the city. Upon this plan two lines were laid down between the crossing of the Richmond road and Ashburnham Hill, one running along the road and the other skirting the foot of the hill itself.