

feet long, 90 feet wide, and about 34 feet above the bed of the river. The solid stone embankment of 1200 feet long, leading from the north shore of the St. Lawrence to the north abutment, is in active progress, and will be carried on during the winter. With reference to next year's works, I beg to state that they will, in addition to being carried on from the north shore, be advanced from the south shore, so that under favorable circumstances, by this time twelve months, both the abutments, the solid banks leading to them, and seven or eight piers may be finished. Some progress has already been made in preparing the tubes, and this work will be carried on energetically during the winter, and I believe a couple of them will be put in their places next summer. With reference to the enquiry of an honorable Member (Mr. Merritt), I am unable to say whether the space between the under surface of the Bridge and the summer level of the St. Lawrence is in conformity with the first Act. I only know that there will be an interval of 60 feet between the one and the other.

12. When is it contemplated that the line between Montreal and Toronto, or any of its sections, will be opened, and when will those between Quebec and St. Thomas, and between Toronto and Stratford?—The line from Montreal to Brockville, about 125 miles, will be opened in September 1855. The line from Quebec to St. Thomas, 40 miles on the Trois Pistoles section, will also be opened in September, 1855. The section from Brockville to Kingston, about 50 miles, and from Kingston to Whitby, about 140 miles, in September, 1856. The line from Whitby to Toronto, about 36 miles, will almost certainly be opened in September of next year. It is intended to open it, but I do not wish to speak of this length so confidently as I do of the other sections that I have stated will be opened in September of next year. The section from Toronto to Stratford, 90 miles, will be opened on the 1st of October, 1855.

13. The Committee then are to understand that it is expected that 390 miles of the Grand Trunk Railway, exclusive of the Montreal and Portland line, will be opened for traffic by next autumn?—Yes, the Quebec and Richmond, which will be opened within three weeks, and the foregoing, will make 390 miles.

14. What is the length of the Toronto and Sarnia section? What is the contract price and the character of the work? What are the names of the contractors?—This section is 172 miles long. The contract price is £1,376,000. The character of the works, and the supply of stock, are precisely the same as on the other sections of the Railroad. The contractors are Messrs. Gzowski & Co.

15. How much has been expended on the works of the Toronto and Sarnia section to the present date?—£576,758.

16. What is the contract price of the Quebec and Richmond section? What are its length and the character of its work, also the amount of Provincial guarantee?—The contract price for the Quebec and Richmond section is £650,000, and the Provincial guarantee is £250,000, or at about the rate of £2,500 a mile, the length of the line being about 100 miles. The contract price for this line is less than for the other sections of the Grand Trunk. The masonry of the bridges is of the same character, and the bridges themselves are tubular, the iron being of the same proportions as in the other sections of the Grand Trunk, but the station houses are to be of wood, and the surface width of the Railway is two feet less than the other sections. It is, I think, sixteen feet and the others are eighteen. The foundations of all large structures are for a double track.

17. What is the length and cost of the Trois Pistoles section, and the amount of the Provincial guarantee?—The length of the Trois Pistoles line is 153 miles. The