

being the lowest tender for this work. The Contractor has found a superior ballast pit off the line near Section 11, and is about opening it, which will much facilitate the completion of this part of the work. He is likewise energetically delivering sleepers and iron, from Moncton and Sussex, simultaneously, and distributing them over all the Sections that are ready for their reception.

MONCTON AND SHEDIAC DIVISION.

This Division is in about the same condition as it was at the date of my last Report, to which I beg to refer. (See page 30—Report 1858.

STATIONS.

ST. JOHN.—The contract for the grading and preparing the depôt grounds has been approximately completed, within the amount stated in the last Report; and it may not be out of place to mention, that these grounds thus far have been found very convenient, and are probably all that will be required for the purpose of the traffic for many years to come, whilst their central position renders them very accessible.

The Passenger Station Building was opened to the public early last Spring. Hitherto its dimensions have been found ample for all present purposes. The grounds in the immediate vicinity have been levelled, and laid out subsequently in such manner as to afford all necessary access to, and egress from, the premises.

The Engine House is now completed; it is well adapted for the purposes required. It is a substantial building of brick, one hundred and seventy feet in diameter, with pile foundations and granite basement, containing accommodations for eighteen locomotives, and combining, at a reasonable expense, the largest amount of interior capacity with good architectural effect.

The Car House, also, which is of wood, and arranged to hold eighteen Passenger Cars, was finished during the past year.

A Wood Shed, and supplementary building for the Cars at the Mill Pond, also a Freight Shed, have been erected. The latter will answer all the purposes of traffic, until an increase of freight will warrant the expense of erecting a permanent building. Besides this, it will require some experience of the nature and extent of the traffic, to determine upon a suitable building for the purpose.

All the Stations mentioned in the last Report, as Class No. 2, comprising those at Kennebecasis, Ossekeag, Salisbury, Moncton, and Shediac, have been completed. The Sussex Station,