

The Directors have spared no efforts during the past year to secure the carrying out of the proposed improvements to the line, including the change of gauge, as mentioned in the last Annual Report. Some progress has been made in that direction, but the Directors regret that untoward circumstances have prevented much being done towards the accomplishment of the object in view. In negotiating with the Government of Ontario, it was found that the General Elections, which took place in June last, were a bar to progress, until after that date, and in the municipalities, the prevailing depression in business circles made it undesirable at once to press negotiations to an issue, especially in view of the probability—now happily realized—of an abundant harvest being gathered this summer in the district served by the line, and the consequently speedy return of more prosperous times.

The Directors have had interviews, from time to time during the past year, with several of the leading Bondholders, both English and Canadian, in regard to the affairs of the Company. These gentlemen, while regretting the unfortunate position of the road, united in agreeing that immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government, the Municipalities, and the different classes of parties interested, in putting the road in good working order.

The Directors are now actively engaged in prosecuting the scheme, and they would urge upon their successors the importance of pressing forward the undertaking without delay, and hope they will bring the question to an issue within the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GORDON,
President.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. A. B. Lee, which was carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. W. S. Lee, seconded by Mr. E. B. Osler :

“That Mr. James Graham and Mr. J. Sydney Crocker be appointed auditors of the accounts of the Company for the current year : and that in the event of the resignation during the year of one or both of them, that the Board be empowered to appoint their successors.” Carried.