

The Directors regret that the prosecution of the Works at the Queen's Wharf Depot, should have been so long delayed by circumstances entirely beyond their control. It is of the highest importance that full terminal provision should there be made for the Freight and Forwarding business of the Company, and the Directors confidently trust, that the impediments by which this service has hitherto been embarrassed will speedily be removed, and the Works pushed forward to an early and full completion.

The Railway Commissioners having directed that, previous to the final adoption of a Northern Terminus, a full examination should be made of the Harbours on the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, the Directors retained the services of Captain Wetherley, who, in conjunction with the Chief Engineer, surveyed the Harbours of Nottawasaga, Collingwood, Owen's Sound, Saugeen, &c., and finally reported their opinion as favorable to Collingwood, as sufficient for all the purposes of the Company; whereupon contracts were concluded for the execution of all the necessary Works, which are now progressing with such rapidity, as to lead to the belief that the Company may be enabled to organize Steamboat connections this season with Mackinaw and Green Bay.

With reference to the trade of the Road, so far as it has yet been opened, the Directors refer, with the highest satisfaction to the Traffic Returns of the Superintendent, which exhibit an amount of revenue such as, in view of its being entirely due to way business, gives most gratifying assurance of the remunerative character of the enterprize. The weekly receipts of the Line between Toronto and Barrie, exhibit a result superior to the published returns of the Portland Division of the Grand Trunk Railway; exclusive of all carrying services performed by the Company on its own behalf.