

There have been 77,000 cubic yards of earth, and 7000 cubic yards of rock, removed from cuts and carried into embankments.

One of the abutments of the Congin bridge, and one of the piers of Saccarappa bridge are carried up to the bearing line. The road bridge west of the village of Saccarappa, is completed. The total amount of bridge masonry laid, is 750 cubic yards, and of culvert masonry 1300 yards. The fencing of this part of the road is in progress, nearly half of it is completed, and the materials for the balance delivered.

The iron for 10 miles is contracted for, and will probably soon be delivered at Portland. The sleepers for the same number of miles of track, are purchased, and a large portion delivered.

The contractors are fully prepared to press forward the work, in the most energetic manner to completion, whenever the pecuniary circumstances of the company shall permit. If means are provided for the vigorous prosecution of the work, the road may be completed to the Saco river in the fall of 1850, and the whole road in the fall of 1851.

### CONNECTIONS & PROBABLE TRADE OF YOUR ROAD.

The design of your road as before stated, is to connect with the Boston and Maine road, and thus give an interior communication between Portland and Boston and the intermediate towns, furnishing a cheap and expeditious conveyance to market, for the trade of that section of the country through which it passes, while it will open a new and picturesque route for through travel.

But before further discussing the question of connections, we will proceed to a consideration of the local business of your road.

To arrive at a just conclusion as to the amount of this trade, we must have reference to the character of the country along your line its extent, resources and population.

I have compiled the following tabular statement from the published statistics of the General Government, showing the population and the agricultural products of each of the towns along the route, or in its vicinity, whose trade will pass over your road.

*Population of Portland, 20,000, and Somersworth of the Western Terminus of the Road, 5000, making a grand total of 60,282 inhabitants.*

Hiram,	1,242	125,908	3	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	25,004	5,828	5,964	3,594	1,939	169	923	287	1,556
Porter,	1,138	113,834	1	3	—	—	3	—	1	—	16,838	4,136	5,001	2,574	1,100	97	741	216	1,200
Total Amount,	41,252	5,832,014	146	70	8	5	117	15	42	4	684,731	125,228	173,095	36,663	56,597	4,869	32,057	10,215	42,997