

A large expenditure has been made in ditching and cleaning out clay and rock cuttings throughout the line. A train and gang of from 25 to 40 men were engaged from one to three months on each division. Many of the cuttings are still very bad, and this work will have to continue for some years.

Turn-tables.

Wood-tables at St. John and Rivière du Loup were replaced by Seller's cast-iron tables. Four of the same kind of tables are now being manufactured by Wm. Hazlehurst, of St. John, to replace wood tables at Truro, Newcastle, Campbellton and Ste. Flavie.

Wharves.

A large quantity of stone ballast was deposited around the cribs of deep water wharf at Richmond, and divers were engaged from July to November in levelling and packing it about cribs. The cost of this was \$3,752.70.

Old wharf at Pictou Landing received extensive repairs, and will require to be thoroughly overhauled next year.

At Campbellton a pontoon was built for the accommodation of the S.S. Margareta Stevenson last season, and extensive repairs have been put upon wharf lately to accommodate S.S. City of St. John.

A storm last autumn, and another a few months ago, damaged tracks and buildings on Rimouski Pier. These have been made good at a large outlay. The wharf is too low.

Buildings.

A brick flour shed, 250 ft. x 40 ft., was erected at Halifax, about 4,000 cubic yards of rock were excavated to make room for this building, at a cost of \$5,462.71. The cost of this building was \$6,000.00. A brick store, 80 ft. x 30 ft., two stories high, with slate roof, was erected at Richmond, at a cost of \$9,029.21.

A shed, 50 ft. x 30 ft., was erected at the north end of Richmond wharf, to be used as an eating house by men engaged in unloading steamers in winter.

A contract has been let to extend the present freight shed on Richmond wharf, 235 ft., to provide accommodation for the shipment of cattle.

The old cattle pens at Richmond were found insufficient, and a new pen 200 ft. long and 25 ft. wide, with yards and platform in front, is now being built, and will shortly be completed. The contract price is \$3,390.00.

A new combined passenger station and dwelling was erected at Stewiacke, and old station converted into a freight shed, at a cost of \$1,493.16.

On the Pictou Branch, platform was renewed at Gurdon's Summit.

At Glengarry, tank was renewed and coal shed shingled.

A platform, 60 feet long and 12 feet wide, was built at Grant's Crossing, between Hopewell and Stellarton.

At Stellarton, engine house, turn-table and station received necessary repairs.

At Pictou Landing, the roof of engine-house and turn-table were repaired.

Tank-house, including tank and pumping-engine, at Polly Bog, were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 27th of June, and a temporary tank has been erected at Brookfield.

At Truro, a coal shed, 200 feet x 30 feet, with trestle approach, is under contract. This building is designed to run a train of coal cars on roof, and dump the coal through hatches upon floor, which is ten feet above rail level. When completed, a large reduction will be made in the cost of supplying engines with coal. The contract price is \$1,790.00.

At Ishgonish, a combined passenger station and freight house was erected at a cost of \$1,936.30.