

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, O. S. & H. R. R.

TORONTO, July 16, 1855.

*To the President and Directors of the Ontario, Simcoe, and
Huron Railroad.*

GENTLEMEN,—I have to submit my final Report on the engineering works of this Company.

At the date of my last Annual Report, 63 miles of the said road (from Toronto to Barrie) had been completed, and were in permanent operation.

It was then anticipated that the whole road would be complete for public use about the first of September; consequently, on the extension of the way-station and siding service, the iron for the main track became exhausted; and some delay having occurred in the delivery of the additional quantity required, it was not until December that the track was laid through to Collingwood.

At so late a period of the season it was impossible to complete that portion of the road in detail; yet it was also absolutely necessary to the promotion of the Harbour Works, that the line should go into operation. On the 21st December, 1854, it was accordingly assumed by the Company; and the contract of M. C. Story & Co. closed on satisfactory and equitable terms.