

can be better devoted in attending to the proper and efficient working of the offices and ensuring the prompt discharge of the duties of the operators.

I have much pleasure in drawing your attention to the fact that the business of the Company is steadily increasing and I feel certain, that when all our repairs are complete and the whole of the lines are reliable, we shall again receive our full proportion of public patronage, in fact, I have been repeatedly promised the business of the best firms in the Province so soon as our line can be depended on.

During the months of December, January, February and March, no Telegraph Office is expected to do much more than sustain itself. During the month of April, our receipts were £350 10 0, total disbursements, exclusive of constant repairs of line £159 4 2. May shews receipts £372 0 6, disbursements £170 13 8. Again June £292 4 7, and disbursements £137 0 7. The net receipts for these three months, therefore, on the line between Buffalo and Montreal were £547 16 8, and the net receipts for the next 5 months, at the same ratio, would be £913 7 10 in all £1461 4 6, for the eight months on this part of the line, yielding a profit of nearly eight per cent on the Capital Stock, which that portion of the line represents. I have not made any estimate of the business between Montreal and Quebec, because that part of the line has not been in operation since the winter. If, in the present imperfect state of the line, such results have been attained, what may we expect when it is complete?

It was found highly necessary (the submarine having been carried away so repeatedly owing to the rapidity of the current at St. Ann's) that masts be erected, which although at a cost of £70, has since proved a great saving.

The order passed for the extension of the Printing Telegraph from Hamilton to Toronto, is being put into execution. The Stock for that work was immediately taken up.

The poles are in the ground and the line would have been completed ere this, but the difficulty of procuring men to do this and the requisite repairs elsewhere, has retarded the work; deeming it more expedient to get the existing line into proper operation first, we hope to have it in full