

Receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for five Weeks ending 21st March, 1857.

For the week ending 21st February, 1857.....	\$52,000
“ “ 28th “ “	54,076
“ “ 7th March “	47,448
“ “ 14th “ “	51,000
“ “ 21st “ “	53,920
Total for Five Weeks.....	\$258,444

GREAT-WESTERN RAILWAY-COMPANY OF CANADA.

On Thursday, the 9th April, the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in this company was held in the London Tavern, Mr. Gill in the chair. The report which was presented stated that the total amount of share capital, authorised to be raised by the different acts of the legislature of the province of Canada, was £4,450,000 currency. The amount of share-capital still remaining to be paid was £12 10s. sterling, or £15 4s. currency, on 78,101 new shares, amounting, less paid by anticipation, to £1,166,062 currency. The expenditure then stood as follows:—On the opened line of 283 miles, £4,471,940 5s. 11d.; on the Sarnia branch (50 miles long), now under construction, £272,733 7s. 11d.; on the Guelph branch (17 miles long), now under construction, £70,408 18s. 7d.; making a total of £5,115,082 12s. 5d. currency. The whole outlay on capital account for the opened lines for the last half-year had been £213,426 14s. 8d.; all of which had been expended in completing certain unfinished portions of the line, and in providing rolling-stock, buildings, and sidings, to accommodate the increasing traffic. This formed a portion of the total sum of £444,399 4s. 7d., estimated to complete the main line. The net revenue from the working line during the last half-year, after deducting interest upon the company's bonds, and upon the advance from the province of Canada, and adding the surplus from the last half-year, amounted to the sum of £148,896 9s. 2d. currency, which was equal to a dividend at the rate of more than ten per cent. per annum on the share capital; but out of this had to be paid to Government, as a sinking fund to provide for the redemption of the Government loan, a half-yearly sum of £14,083 6s. 7d., leaving the balance actually available for a dividend, £134 813 2s. 7d.; out of which the directors recommended the payment of a dividend at the rate of nine per cent. per annum, which would absorb £130,238 0s. 5d., leaving a balance to be carried forward of £4,575 2s. 2d. The chairman moved the adoption of the report. The proprietors must shortly look to an increase of capital. He estimated that it would require £50,000 more to give the districts of this company that railway accommodation they had a right to expect. The chairman adverted to the recent lamentable accident on the line, and assured the shareholders that a strict investigation had proved that no one was to blame, and that the accident was the act of God. The immediate cause of the accident was the breaking of the front axle, which no human ingenuity or foresight could have avoided. The report having been seconded, was adopted; and some other business having been transacted, a dividend of nine per cent. was declared on all shares on the London register, and ordered to be made payable on Wednesday, May 6.