

been well enclosed and put in safe and convenient order for the business, the cost of all of which has been charged to current expenses.

The steamers upon the upper Lakes, as mentioned in previous Report, were run regularly until the middle of September, when much delay and irregularity was experienced, on account of the rough and boisterous weather which lasted the balance of the season.

The loss of the steamer Niagara, with many lives and full cargo of freight, occurred on September 24th, 1856, near Port Washington, and her place in the line was not filled by any other boat, which caused much detention and disappointment, and a consequent falling off of the fall trade.

The number of trips made to Chicago, and return, during the season of 1856, were 63; No. of Trips to Green Bay, and return, 15.

Accompanying Tables will show number of passengers and tons of freight carried on account of through business.

The steamers upon Lake Ontario were run in connection with our road until November 15th. The party by whom they were run report a loss, although no accident or other extraordinary expense was incurred.

The Company's steamers upon Lake Simcoe, which were chartered early last spring, were abandoned by the charter party in August, thereby throwing them again upon the Company, by whom they were run the balance of the season.

The loss and expense attendant upon this transaction was considerable, as the charter had been but partly paid up, the Company's wood burned, and other liabilities incurred.

An agent of the American line of steamers has made application for an arrangement to do our business upon Lake Ontario and River St. Lawrence, the coming season, for the benefits to be derived therefrom, without expense to this Company.

The Watertown and Rome Railroad Co. are ready to enter