

them. The main span, however, seems still safe, and I am in hopes it will not require renewal till this time 12 months.

Timber has been got out for the bridge across the Rideau Canal, and the men are now at work framing it.

The short spans across the Rideau River will also require renewal.

The old Wharves at Brockville, the Tank House at Irish creek, and the fences on all the old portion of the road, shew signs of decay, and will require a considerable amount of repairs in 1868.

These, with the repairs of Iron, are the only items of extra expenditure that I can foresee at present.

Other works, such as the construction of new cars, may and probably will be required, but if not, I am in hopes to reduce the expenditure under this head very considerably below what it has been in the past year.

In conclusion, I beg to congratulate the proprietors on the very satisfactory increase in the business over last year, and on the prospect held out, not only of a further increase from the present sources but also of the development of the mineral region adjacent to the line of their Railway.

If this is carried out to the extent there is some reason to hope for, it may more than double the traffic of the road in the next twelve months.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servt.

H. ABBOTT,

*Manager for Trustee,*