

Picton, July 18th, 1854.

*To the President and Directors Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph Company.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg most respectfully to submit my first annual Report.

On being appointed to the Superintendency of this line in October last, my first care was directed to the examination of the respective Offices, and then the connection of the wires therein, finding them imperfect, I was obliged to run them anew, soldering and making all complete.—Placing the operators on salaries according to the duties required, instead of allowing them to remunerate themselves by retaining a portion of the receipts (in many cases the whole) as they had been wont to do.

The line during the greater portion of the winter worked well, and there appeared a good prospect of doing a large amount of business, but as soon as the frost left the ground we were frustrated owing to the very imperfect manner in which the Contractors erected the line.

These difficulties are being rapidly removed, as ever since the line was taken from the Contractors in May last, gangs of men have been, and still are actively employed in re-setting the poles and re-insulating the whole afresh making the line perfectly substantial. The sum of £2000 however, will be required to repair the same from Buffalo to Montreal.

The sections between Napanee and Toronto, and Toronto and Hamilton are being finished, working well and bear evidence of the sum thus expended for re-building being laid out to advantage showing an increase of 12 per cent on the receipts for that section.

The repairers are engaged between Buffalo and Hamilton and Napanee and Kingston, when finished they will immediately proceed to do the same with the Eastern division extending from Kingston to Montreal thence to Quebec, the Pins and Insulators for the Kingston and Montreal section are ready. The branch lines also will be attended to so soon as the main line will admit of it.

When the whole line shall have thus undergone this thorough repair, much expense will be saved and my time