

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Northern Railway of Canada,

December 31st, 1859.

To the President and Directors of the Northern Railway of Canada:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor herewith, to submit my Annual Report of the business transacted on this railway for the year ending with the above date, accompanying which will be found Traffic Tables, Account of Stock and Material on hand; also, an Inventory in detail of the Company's moveable property and buildings.

The traffic for the year has not reached the amount realised in years previous to the commercial depression and general prostration of business. Current reports show, when compared with the year 1858, a decrease in gross receipts of \$22,557.06; while in Local Freights you have an increase of \$9,018.47; and in Through Freights an increase of \$4,497.03; making an increase in Freight Traffic over previous year, \$13,515.50. Your local passenger traffic exhibits a diminution over 1858, of \$26,038.58; and the foreign passenger receipts, the sum of \$4,238.58; making an aggregate of \$30,276.84 less than previous year, showing conclusively the decrease in gross receipts to be all in Passenger Traffic alone. The earnings in 1857 from local passengers was \$127,124.64; an excess over 1859 of \$61,703.64; and as no new or competing line or route has been opened by which yours has lost this traffic, it is proper to calculate and expect upon the revival of trade a like amount of business and receipts, or an increase over 1857; in fact, it could have been done this year with little or no addition to the present expense account.

Care has been exercised to maintain the Roadway and Rolling Stock and other property of the Company, in a safe and serviceable condition for use; and the expenses attending the same have been