

Notwithstanding the unprecedented freshets during the last twelve months, and the remarkably severe winter just past, the works upon the line have passed the ordeal without injury, except a slide at the Flamboro' road, which may cost from £1,250, to £1,500 to remove, and make the road permanent.

I was directed by your Board on the 15th of March last, to advertise for tenders for such buildings as would be required by the Company for the manufacture of the Cars necessary for an outfit, the Directors having decided to have them built in Hamilton, where they could be more directly under the supervision and inspection of the Engineer or some one appointed to overlook their construction. These Car shops consist of one building, 50 by 150 feet—two stories—with Engine house attached, 25 by 40; one building, 75 by 124 feet; and two buildings, 40 by 100 feet each. The first two are to be made of stone, and the last two of wood. On the 1st day of April, the contracts for these were given to Messrs. Scarth & Firth for the stone buildings, and William Dodds for the wood, who have commenced erecting the same on the grounds of the Company, and will complete them by the 1st day of August next. The necessary machinery, Engine, etc., will then be ready to put up.

On the 20th of April, by order of the Board, I advertised for tenders, for the following cars, to wit:

- 25 Passenger Cars;
- 4 Express and Mail Cars;
- 8 Baggage Cars;
- 20 Emigrant Cars;
- 100 Platform, Lumber and Iron Cars;
- 150 House Freight Cars;
- 100 Gravel Cars;
- 25 Repair Cars;
- 15 Hand Cars.

These Cars with the exception of the Gravel, Repair, and Hand Cars, are to be of the large size, with eight wheels and