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portionate quantity of fish plates and bolts and nuts. Eighteen thousand tons in all were delivered at Montreal previous to the close of navigation. The transportation of the rails required for the first 100 miles west of Red River, is embraced in the contract (No. 48) for construction. The rails are now in transit. A contract has been made for the transportation of 4,000 tons from Montreal to Fort William; twenty-five hundred tons were delivered before the close of navigation on Lake Superior.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

A statement of contract expenditure within the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1879, is appended.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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