

I will now review the progress and present condition of the work on the several Divisions, enumerating from Saint John.

During the past summer 34 miles of new Road have been added to those already in operation, making a total of 64 miles in working order, and 45 miles in course of construction, and still to be opened for purposes of traffic.

The Division from Kennebecasis to Hampton, also, that from Hampton to Sussex, have been successfully opened; the former on the 8th of June, and the latter on the 10th November last, making a total length of open Road from St. John, of 44 miles. This portion is in good order, when the newness and incompleteness of parts of it are taken into consideration.

SAINT JOHN DIVISION.

Saint John to Ossekeag Station.

That portion of this Division, from Saint John to Salmon Brook, has been treated of at large in the Report for 1858. It comprises Sections No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and was opened for Traffic in June 1858. It is entirely complete, and is of a superior character: the future cost of upholding will be very light. The embankment at Lawlor's Lake is permanent—the settlement being less than was originally anticipated.

On the portion formerly known as Lakefield Division, the Tracklaying and Masonry are completed, the Grading is nearly so; there remains a portion of the ballasting, some ripping of embankments on Section 6, and other minor work, to finish it. There has been a considerable quantity of work done during the past summer; and although the Road was opened in June, the daily Passenger Trains were so ordered as not to interfere, to any great extent, with the workmen and Ballast Trains.

Hammond River was first passed by a temporary trestle Bridge, erected at the expense of the Contractor. The Viaduct was finished in time for the opening in November last, and is now complete. The girders have been put together in a substantial and careful manner, and in conjunction with the Masonry, form a durable structure. Before being opened to the public, it was thoroughly tested.