

A vertical Drill, an Hydraulic Wheel Press of large size, a sett of Taps and Dies, and some other Tools of minor character, have been added to those already in the Machine Shop.

When speaking of the difficulty occasioned at times by a "diversity of sizes and patterns of the same parts of different Engines," and of repairs generally, the Locomotive Foreman, Mr. Whitney, says:—

"In every instance where possible, without incurring too much expense, in making alterations, uniformity has been kept in view; though doubtless, in some cases, the present outlay has been made greater by this course, yet it is confidently expected to repay itself in the facility with which future repairs may be done.

"In some instances where renewals were required, such alterations as experience has suggested have been made, as will obviate the necessity of further renewals, which have been chiefly caused by the frequent repairs required."

It is assuredly the very best economy to do repairs thoroughly, and to have regard to uniformity in patterns and fittings for the Engines, as well as for the Rolling Stock generally.

The Cars are in good order; four of the First Class, three of the Second Class, the four Express, and fifteen Box Freight Cars, have been newly painted the past year, besides which, others of the Passenger Cars have been thoroughly cleaned and newly varnished. The whole of the First and Second Class, and two of the Express Cars, are now fitted with safety straps, whilst eleven First Class, the six Second Class, and two of the Express Cars, with forty Box, and fifty Platform Freight Cars, have had check chains affixed. Thirty-eight setts of which were furnished the past year, and the others previously, leaving eighty-one Cars still to be provided.

The Roadway, Fences, Buildings and Structures, are, with but few exceptions, in good order.

The cost of Maintenance the past year has been more than was anticipated, which may, however, be fully accounted for.

The extraordinary expense incurred in the months of January and February, for cutting out the line after two unusually severe storms, which were accompanied by sleet and rain, and subsequent hard frost, has been before alluded to. Of the amount there mentioned for cutting Ice and shoveling Snow, \$3,484 68 is due to these events. There