

Grand Trunk Line, now about to be constructed, extending east and west, from which all passengers for the United States must be attracted by this road, being the only direct route to the American frontier which connects with it west of Ogdensburg.

With these termini and connections conjoined to the resources, cultivation, wealth, and population of the intermediate country, together with the facilities derived from favorable grades for the construction of the road at a low first cost, the Directors continue impressed with the conviction that the undertaking will prove largely profitable to the shareholders, while it confers inappreciable advantages upon all the municipalities whose inhabitants have, in a manner alike judicious and spirited, supported the enterprise from its first projection.

A financial statement to the first of the present month has been prepared and lies on the table for the inspection of the shareholders.

The government have not yet perfected the arrangements by which the company, under the provisions of the consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act as amended, will receive cash for the municipal debentures which have been deposited with the Receiver General to the amount of £184,500. Intimation has however been received that £45,000 on account will be paid to the company's credit with the Bank of British North America by the first proximo, and the remainder provided in time to meet the engagements of the company.

At the request of the Board the President proceeded to England in the month of September last and made purchase of 9,500 tons heavy T rail, being a sufficient quantity to lay the track from Fort Erie to Paris and eight miles further. The three first cargoes reached Quebec about ten days since, part of which has already been received at the Welland Canal Feeder. The last shipment having already been made from England the whole quantity may be expected on the line from the 1st to the 15th August next.

While in London the President negotiated a loan on terms which are considered highly favorable for the interests of the company, the mortgage-bonds payable in twenty years, issued on the portion of line from Fort Erie to Paris, having netted to the company 96½ per cent., which enables the directors to pay cash for the iron, freight, and other expenses with the proceeds of the