

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

ONTARIO, SIMCOE & HURON RAILWAY,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Toronto, February 16, 1857.

To the President and Directors O. S. & H. Railroad :

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the working of this road, for the six months ending 31st December, 1856.

In my former Report I called your attention to the daily increase of local traffic, and the probability of additional facilities being soon required to meet its demand.

This proves to be the case, as our local business is of such a nature as to require much room to do it properly.

The business, however, both local and through, has been done the past season with such limited increase of sidings, &c., as the means at hand would allow, without any material delay or complaint, which would go to prove that a heavy foreign traffic may be done over the line, without interfering with the local, and by an increase of power, rolling stock, and wharves, storage room, and sidings, double the present amount of business might be done upon the line.

No doubt the fact of such increase of facilities would induce a large amount of business to offer itself.

The iron rails in use upon this road are of a light pattern, and are failing fast.

I would call your attention to the necessity of immediate steps being taken to procure a quantity of rails, say from 500 to 1000 tons, and would recommend that a heavier pattern be adopted, say 60 or 65 lbs. to the yard.

This is necessary, from the fact that the principal traffic upon the line is heavy freight, and the engines in use heavy.