

GENERAL RE ARKS.

I am glad to be able to say that no accident of a serious character has occurred during the past year. There has only been one run off on the Main Line, by which a new platform car was much injured. It was caused by a horse being caught on the track by the wood train.

I am sorry to say that immediately on the cessation of the shipments of lumber caused by the close of the navigation, it became evident that one train would be sufficient to do all the business offering, and a change was made accordingly. The prospect is that a second train will not be required before the spring opens.

PROSPECTS OF INCREASED TRAFFIC.

Taking the stations in rotation, the first that holds out some hope of improvement is Perth.

Mining of Phosphate of Lime is going on very extensively in this neighborhood, and the success of some shipments made last autumn holds out inducements to operators to ship large quantities. An Iron Mine has been opened at Dalhousie, about 12 miles north west of Perth, from which some 900 tons are about to be shipped. This and the Arnprior vein are red Hematite ores of a very superior quality, averaging 65 per cent of pure metal. There are also several very extensive deposits of magnetic iron ore in the vicinity of Perth, yielding an equally large per centage, which, in my opinion, must ere long, also, attract the attention of capitalists. I can only account for their not now being opened up and worked by the fact that their value and extent are comparatively unknown among those who have the experience and the capital requisite to carry out undertakings of this character successfully. Should the above mentioned deposit turn out as extensive as the proprietors expect, the question of an extension of the Railway to the mine, which lies in the vicinity