

Since the date of my last Annual Report several new buildings have been constructed on the line of road for the accommodation of Freight and Passenger business, and the housing of Engines and Cars.

At Longueuil another addition has been made to the engine-house, affording accommodation for 4 more locomotives, and a brick carpenter shop, with sheds, for repairs of carriages, is in progress.

At Sherbrooke a commodious brick Station-house 200 feet long and 60 feet wide, and an engine-house 150 feet diameter, affording sufficient space for 20 locomotives, have been built.

Foundations are prepared, and all the material delivered, for a station-house at Richmond, similar to the one at Sherbrooke. A way and water-station have also been constructed at Lennoxville, and commodious wood-sheds have been put up at all the stations on the line. Arrangements have also been made to construct passenger, freight and water stations, at Coaticook and other points on the road South of Lennoxville. They are to be completed in time for the opening of the line.

In addition to the buildings here enumerated, 5 double brick dwellings have been built on the Company's grounds at Longueuil, for the accommodation of parties in the Company's service; some of them are already occupied, and as the want of accommodation was severely felt by those employed on the Company's works, I have no doubt their construction will prove alike beneficial to the Company and to their numerous *employees*, who will be able to avail themselves of the comfortable accommodation afforded by them.

Arrangements have been perfected for the construction of a station at the junction of the roads at Island Pond. The construction of the building and its superintendence, have been most liberally undertaken by the sister Company, and the station-house, 200 feet in length by 60 in width, is to be completed by the 1st of July next.

Arrangements are in progress to secure the construction of a turn-table, and sufficient accommodation for eight or ten locomotives by the time the road is opened for through traffic. The buildings proposed to be erected at Island Pond are to be of wood, and though containing requisite accommodation for the despatch of business, still, in their character, and when compared with the principal buildings devoted to that purpose on this side of the boundary line, they will be considered as temporary.

The difficulty that exists in bringing to that locality materials for permanent buildings, and the limited amount of local business there, until the resources of that section of the country are developed, as well as the proposed arrangements for the through business, which is to be such as not to require extensive transhipment at that point, all combined to the adoption of the present plan; should it at any future time be found advisable to construct permanent buildings, the present plans are so arranged, as to admit of its being done without interfering with the operations of the road.

The increased traffic in cord wood, lumber and square timber, and the prospects of a still greater increase, have rendered the construction of additional sidings necessary. Since the date of last Annual Report two extensive sidings have been constructed and opened for use. One at Belœil, and the other at the 7th Range East of St. Hyacinthe. Judging from present appearances, the expenditure will, in my opinion, prove beneficial to the interests

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