

4.—BRIDGE REPAIRS.

The expenditure under my certificates on this service during the past year has been \$5,083.53, to which a further sum of \$1,755.30 charged in the Company's books as having been expended by the Superintendent's department, will make the total cost of Bridge repairs for 1859, \$6,838.83. The repairs on some of the Bridges have necessarily been very great, and although the gross expenditure during the past year has been considerably less than during the previous one, this circumstance cannot be attributed to a diminished amount of work done, but more likely to the reduced price of material and labour, and in some degree, perhaps to the timber structures being reduced in number by the gradual substitution of stone culverts and embankments.

All the timber bridges on the line have recently had a minute examination, and they are generally, as far as can be seen, in a state of ordinary repair. The worst of them have received, or are in process of receiving a thorough overhauling, and the others with proper attention, may be sustained with safety, until they are replaced by structures of permanent material or earthen embankment, under the expenditure shortly to take place of the new capital provided for that purpose.

5.—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

An expenditure of \$1,987.52 has been incurred by my department during the past year, for advertising, printing, and stationery expenses, and for special engineering assistance, employed in connection with the new works, as well as expenses incurred in the preparation of plans, sections, and estimates required by the Directors in consequence of recent legislation, relative to the restoration of all the works of the Company.

The following is an abstract of the expenditure above alluded to.

1. Restoration of Track,.....	\$34,858 87
2. Bridging and Grading,.....	24,116 86
3. Station Accommodation,.....	2,601 03
4. Bridge Repairs,.....	5,083 53
5. Miscellaneous,.....	1,987 52
	<hr/>
	\$68,647 81