

A programme for future operations was submitted, which received approval, and shortly afterwards instructions were issued to give it effect.

The first step was the appointment of Mr. David Pottinger as Chief Superintendent, with head quarters at Moncton. Upon his accession to office, the general outline of the proposed new organization was placed in his hands, with instructions to carry it out. He at once set zealously to work, and he has most assiduously and faithfully devoted his energies to giving effect to the directions he received from time to time to bring about the desired reduction of expenses, without impairing the efficiency of the service, a work which required careful and continuous handling to ensure satisfactory results. The consequence was, it took several months to reorganize; the effect of the reduction was, therefore, not appreciably felt until the current year was entered upon.

I am pleased to be able to report the operations of the first three months of the current year as very satisfactory and reassuring, which leads to the belief that the good results anticipated from a reorganization on an economical and efficient basis will be fully realized.

I am instructed by the Honourable Minister of Railways and Canals to give a comparative statement, showing the number of officers and men employed on the railway in the month of September, 1878, and for the corresponding month, 1879, with the rates of their salaries and wages carried out for twelve months, as follows:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT Based on the Pay Rolls for September.

GENERAL OFFICERS.	1878-79.		1879-80.		Saving.	
	No.	Salaries.	No.	Salaries.	No.	Amount.
		\$ cts.		\$ cts.		cts.
Chief Engineer's, General Superintendent's, Superintendent's, Assistant Superintendent's, General Passenger and Freight Agent's, Engineer's, Accountant's, Audit Paymaster's, Cashier's, Mechanical Superintendent's, General Storekeeper's, City Agencies'.....	119	102,154 25	104	77,024 00	15	25,130 25
Station Masters, Telegraph Operators, Freight Clerks and Checkers, Freight Porters and Baggage Masters.....	368	143,490 70	313	122,593 40	55	20,897 30
Engine Drivers, Firemen, Cleaners, Conductors, Brakesmen and Baggage men.....	539	260,678 47	451	225,525 64	88	35,152 83
Road Masters, Section Foremen, Section Men and Labourers.....	624	231,319 09	449	159,683 90	175	71,635 19
Machinists, Carpenters, Painters, Labourers, Crews of Steamers, Car Repairers, &c....	720	335,924 90	593	267,893 64	127	68,031 26
Total.....	2,370	1,073,567 41	1,910	852,720 58	460	220,846 83

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COLLINGWOOD SCHREIBER,

Chief Engineer of Government Railways in Operation.

F. BRAUN, Esq., Secretary,

Department of Railways and Canals.