

season's work and to which construction trains with material will probably run daily through the winter.

Number of miles built on main line of C. P. R. west of Winnipeg.
 Number of men and horses employed.
 Quantity of earth moved.
 Work done on branches C. P. R.

It will be seen from the above that during the present year there have been completed on the main line west of Winnipeg no less than 436 miles.

Some idea of the magnitude of this work may be formed when it is stated that it has given employment to between 3,000 and 4,000 men and about 1,500 teams, and that the quantity of earth "moved" each day has averaged 55,000 cubic yards.

	Miles.
Besides the above work there have been constructed between Winnipeg and the International Boundary Line at Gretna.....	67
And between Morris Junction and Manitoba City...	34
Total.....	101

Total number of miles constructed. making altogether 537 miles of road in a single season. From the statement numbered 8 it will be seen that the number of miles of railway now completed and operated is as follows—

	Miles.
Miles of railway completed and operated.	
By Canadian Pacific Railway Company.....	831
“ Manitoba South Western Colonization Railway Company.....	53
“ Portage la Prairie, Westbourne & North Western Company.....	35
Total.....	919

	Miles.
Addition at end of year 1882.	
That by the end of the year there will be completed in addition to the above.....	91
Making a total distance by 31st December, 1882 of.....	1,010
Probable addition at end of year 1883.	
And that by the end of next year about.....	707
(Including the 300 miles between Rat Portage and Thunder Bay) will have been added to the line over which there will be regular passenger and freight traffic.....	
Making a grand total of.....	1,717

Still further addition at end of year 1882. Since the above was written I have been informed that it is the intention of the Portage la Prairie, Westbourne & North Western Railway Company to build 250 miles of railway during next year, west of Gladstone. This will make the number of miles in operation in 1883 1,967, or in round numbers not far from 2,000 miles. When it is remembered that the country through which these gigantic works have been and are being constructed was, a very few years ago, almost a solitary waste, roamed over by the Indian and visited at intervals only by the adventurous traveller and the officers of the Hudson Bay Company, some idea may be formed of what in a short time has been accomplished and of what may possibly be accomplished in years yet to come.

Astonishing results accomplished. In connection with the means of internal communication provided by railways completed or in course of construction, a few facts in

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