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### REPORT

THE DIRECTORS,

OF THE

### Great Mestern Railway of Canada

FOR THE

HALF YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1856.

WITH

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS,

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LIST OF THE DIRECTORS, 1856-57.

### EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS.

JAMES CUMMINGS, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton, C. W. THOMAS MOYLE, Esq.,—Warden of Middlesex, C. W.

AUDITORS.

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	GRANDAL LEDGER DOTTES				XPENDIT		
Folio.	GENERAL LEDGER, DEBITS.	To 31st July	, 18	56.	To 31st Jan.	, 18	56.
		£ .	-	-	£	8.	-
			g .				
	MAIN LINE AND BRANCHES:						
100	Right of Way	198,279	8	6	180,132	13	6
190	Grading	1,102,381	14	4	1,080,083		8
(98	Superstructure	020,110	10		485,007	11	0
175	Masonry	240,101		0	248,157 133,802	15	(
198	Bridging	135,717	15	1			2
06	Fonging	58,617			58,407		7
81	Railse		6	7	350,506 187,113		9
00	Ctation Duildings	218,315			91,964	4	2
191	Engineering, for Main Line and Branches	93,828 345,608		3	300,083	0	j
196	Locomotives, including Freights, Duties &c	386,161		1	359,490		4
505	Cars	- 38,036		9	37,024	7	4
506	Locomotive and Car Buildings, and Stocks	35,880		8	33,048	7	8
508	Turntables, Tanks, Pumps and Signals	14,555		4	10,814		7
104	Salaries	16,985		10			7
184	Payment to Sir Allan McNab		0.	0	5,000	0	(
104	Exchange Interest and Discounts paid on Bonds,						
,01	Shares, &c., from the commencement of the		1	,			
	Line to 31st July, 1856£172,621 3 6		_				
	Less Premiums received on do., to						
	31st July, 1855 48,761 0 4	123,860	3	2	96,054	2	4
					44.000	11	
197	Agencies on Sale of Bonds and Shares	44,802		5	44,802		1
100	Law Changes	14,449		7	13,411 3,043		1
400	Police Force	3,043 693		5	693		i
486	Insurance and Taxes.		1	8			
185	Advertising, Printing and Stationery	3,064	3	5		3	i
502	Telegraph. Office Furniture.	1,811				7	j
479	Travelling and Incidental Expenses	18,790		1	17,645		(
488	Hamilton and Toronto Branch	465,639		6		"	
162	Sarnia Branch	123,596		7	66,796	13	5
MOH	Steemore "Canada" and "America		5	7	94,443	14	-
100	Steem Ferry "Transit," at Windsor	10,633	10	4	10,633	10	4
404	Steam Ferry "Transit," at Windsor  Do. "Globe," do	1,912	10	0			
594	Engineering Survey for Double Track	2,328	.1	6	2,325	4	(
-				_	0.000.005		
	Total expended on account of Capital	4,682,110	10	0	3,938,365		1
309	Dabte outstanding and due on Trame account	11,100	- 4	·			1
250	General Stores on hand, per Stock Book, at 31st July	69,407		9			
249	Fuel on hand per do do Mechanical Stores per do do Stationery Stores per do do	62,823 14,293					
	Mechanical Stores per do do	0.051		6			
378	Stationery Stores per do do Rail Stock account; Rails on hand, do Spikes, Bolts, and Scrap Iron, per Engineer's Stock	14,395	0				
360	Rail Stock account; Rails on hand,	14,000	v		20,100		
388	Spikes, Bolts, and Scrap fron, per Engineer space	2,085	0	(	3,529	5	
	Book, Bonds, unissued, on hand, (cancelled in 1856)	"	"	-			
389		45,350	0	(			
250	In Lt. due to the Company including Cash in the						
	Bank of Upper Canada and London Joint Stock						
	Bank, England	178,616	11	2	196,154	19	
				75338 7165 E		-	
	Total at debit of General Ledger 31st July, 1856.   Provincial Currency	5.148.179	9	1	4,462,175	8	
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lio.	GENERAL LEDGER, CREDITS.	DETAIL	SOI	R	RECEIPTS FROM THE LINE.			
Folio.		To 31st Ju	ly, 18	356.	To 31st Ja	n., 1	85	
413	SHARE CAPITAL: £ s	£	8.	d.	£,	8.		
	Amount paid on Original Shares, 69,506, at25 (Amount from 1862 & 1876 Bonds, converted into shares during half-year, 6,835, at25		0	0				
,	Amount paid, & Bonds Converted into Shares on Hamilton and Toronto Stock, 13,220, at. 25 Amt. paid in 1855 on New Shares, 41,103, at 6 15 Amt. paid in 1856 on New Shares, 36,598, at 6 15	330,500 277,445	5	0 0				
	89,561 Shares at £25 .0 78,101 " £ 6 15 } 167,662	-			1,969,467	15	Sept. Common	
	BONDS:	1					9115 NOBER	
61 62	Convertible Bonds, due 1876				277,250	6		
60	Non-Convertible Bonds, due 1857. 257,874 Do. due 1862, (Convertible to May, 1856), 16,622 Do. "4878	1,068,125	0	0	250,875 96,625 542,750	0		
	Government Loan on Provincial Debentures Forfeited Shares	938,888 2,701		11 7	938,888 2,652			
		(2 ma 1341				,		
50	Total received on account of Capital£	4,775,922	9	6	1,078,509	1		
	Balance from Revenue Ledger, applicable for Dividend Government Loan Liquidation Fund, for this sum Aeposited with Receiver-General and also invested	117,340	1	6	73,149	2		
04	in Government Debentures	52,176 778	916	8	37,021	11		
	Stores, &c., &c., and Contractors' Accounts certified but not paid on the 31st July.	196,954	12	1	273,495	13		
					•			
7	otal at Credit of General Ledger, 31st July 1856 Provincial Currency	5,143,172	9	1 4	,462,175	8	1	
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				EX	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE.				
Folio.	REVENUE LEDGER, DEBITS.				Feb'y	From 1st 1855, 31st Jan	A	g.,	
8	MAINTENANCE OF WAY:			£	s. d.	£	s.	d.	
	Maintenance of Permanent Was Jand Fencing. Engineering Superintendence Repairs of Buildings, Bridges, Culverts, &c. Renewal of Rails, Spikes, &c.		:}	41,185	13 6	31,004	3	1	
	4 LOCOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT:  WORKING OF ENGINES:-  £ s. d. 1	. s	. d.			7			
62	Enginemen and Firemén's Wages 9,56F42 8 Labourers' and Cleaners Wages 7,560 15 10 Clerks, Forenen, and Stor-Keepers' Salaries 23 3 7 Face for Engines 92,0378 17 0 Oil, Waste and 'Fallow. 2,930 14 1 Wages and Fuel for Water and Wood Service. 41,44 Tachaded this ablyvar in the above charges. 41,44	305	3 8			8,298 3,059 349 18,064 3,218 4,846	8	1 8 9 3 8 11	
06	REPAIRS OF EXGINES :	271	8 3	56,576	11 11	6,565 419 5,229 468	3	8 5	
	CAR DEPARTMENT:								
21 23		275 467	4 1 11 1	14,742	15	5.019 7,029	8	10	
*	TRAFFIC CHARGES:			e li otro					
154 157 155 160 5 192 162	Do.   Station Masters and Clerks   6,6     Wages:Conductors   3,3     Do.   Brakesmen   4,6     Do.   Bridge Tendors, Switch and Signalmen   1,7     Do.   Watchment Level Road Crossings   1,7     Do.   Watchment and Baggagemen   1,7     Do.   Watchousemen and Baggagemen   1,7     Do.   Poters and Policemen   16,6     Do.   Poters	382 896 124 166 929 960 827 934	8 8 5 5 5 16 10 4 5 5 7 4 4 5 7 4 3 4			623 6,262 2,465 3,256 2,107 1,226 1,932 12,006	14 1 17 8		
178 181 179	Steamer, &c. 9, Rent of Wharf, &c., at Detroit. Station Furnishings and Repairs. 1, Travelling, Incidental, and Stations' Expenses. 1, Clothing to Conductors, Police, &c.	521 625 189 953 8 735	0 6 16 8 17 6	) 3 5		7,632 630 1,472 766 119 2,216	11 0 1	1	
163	burned in transit. 3. Fuel Supplied Stations and Cars. 2. Stores Supplied Stations, including Oil for Signal, Train, and	675 441	5 (			2,784			
171		043	4 4			4,234	1 10		
181	Telegraph Operators' Wages, &c 1	715 672	14 1	1	5 2	1,320	12		
	GENERAL CHARGES:					i de la comi			
299 274 309	Salaries: -Managing Director, Secretary and Accountant 1	,850 ,531	0 6	0		1,926 1,250	3 14		
27	6 Do. Book-keeper, Cashier, Paymaster, and Audit De-	991	5	0		413			
25	8 Advertising	,749 ,601 384	14 16 1 3			2,763 1,805 613	3 18 9 6 5 18	3	
29 27 28	3 Taxes. 1. 9 Fire Insurance 1. 1 Postages.	631 381 991 173 059	6 6		1 16		3 14		
	Total Working Expenses, carried to next page	-	-	-	5 19			33.0	

35	,	LEDGER, (	CREDI	No. 382,050	From 1st Feb	AILS OF EIPTS.  'y From 1s 1855 6. 31st Jan d. £ 9 189858	t Aug
331 Amount of Do.	Freight Traffic Live Stock Mails and Sundr Rents		······························/		197,885 16 119,788 8 24,557 0 12,244 14 1,275 2		
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/	Revenue Recei	pts carried to next	page	£	55,751 2 6	331,761 1	6

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	REVENUE LEDGER, DEBITS.	Е			AILS OF NDITURE.			
Folio.	REVENUE LEDGER, DEBITS.	From 1s		1,446	1855.	to		
1-		31st July			31st Jan.	18 11 8 0 14 9 6 1 0 0 15 8		
170	Total Working Expenses brought forward			d. 8	165,618			
. 49	cidents during former half years Steamers Canada and America:—Nett loss on Running	2,849	8	10	2,953	18	11	
	Expenses during current half-year, ending July 31, 56.	6,504	14	8	14,915	8	0	
969	Sugnantion Bridge rent for half-year	5,625	0	0	5,637	14	1	
994	Interest on Government Loan	28,774	18		28,580	9	€	
990	Interests on Arrears of Calls on Shares, &c  Balance of Nett Earnings for half-year, equal to 9½ p. ct.	21,269	14	7	30,308	1	(	
	premium, upon the old and new Shares, and those de- rived from the Conversion of 1862 and 1876 Bonds into Shares, at various periods during the half-year		11	6	85,924	9	(	
		391182	7		333937			
	By Act 12 Vic. chap. 29, the Company is required to invest as a Sinking Fund to provide for the half yearly liquidation of the Government Loan of 770,000 Stg., at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.  Nett Balance carried from Revenue Ledger to General Ledger, to be submitted by the Directors to the Shareholders for their disposal, being equal to 8 per cent. per annum (or 4 per cent, for the half year) on 82,726 shares at £25: 6835 shares at £25, converted from 1862 and 1870, Bonds: 78,101 shares at £6 16s. leaving a surplus of £8055 6s. 11d.	14,052			12,775 73,149		• (	
	Provincial Currency			_	85,924			

201.					-	d
Fo	Ledger Folio. LEDGER DEBITS-		DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE			
America	anada.	LEDGER DEBIIS.	from 31st to 31st Jul			200111000
<	- 0		£	8.	d.	i
		EXPENDITURE.				SSPEE
00		Officers, Pilot and Crew	2,546	18	0	0.933
39	109	Fuel.	7,839		2	
100 73	61	Oil and Tallow.			6	į
56	1111	Provisions			11	
55	55	Repairs	528	11	4	
121	125.	Insurance	523	17	10	
27	49	Sundries	416	17	10	551,800

Provincial Currency.....£ Memo:—The number of Voyages made from Hamilton to Ogdensburgh, and back has been 51; being 25 by the "America" and 26 by the "Canada."

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Ledger Folio.	REVENUE LEDGER, CREDITS.		DETAILS OF RECEIPTS.			
Led		From 1s to 31st July	No historia	From 1: 185: 31st Jan	5. to	
	Revenue Receipts for half-year brought forward	£ 3 <b>55</b> ,751 366	s. d 2 d 2 d	8 831,761 9 2,175	8. 1 16	
		391,182	7 8	333,937	15	•
	By Balance brought down	131392	11 6	85,924	2	(

Fo	dger olio.	,	DETAILS OF
America	Canada.	LEDGER CREDITS.	EARNINGS, from 31st Jan. to 31st July, 1856
		EARNINGS.	£ s. d
25	91 136	Passenger Traffic	5,608 5
29 42 4	130 13 11	Freight Traffle	/ran •
51 36 )	14 92		1,799 16
38 (	104	Saloons, State Rooms, &c	158 10 :
23	127	Balance being Nett Loss carried to Debit of Revenue Account, in the Books of the G.W. Railway Comp'y.	6,504 14 8
		Provincial Currency	14,071 6 7

### STATEMENT OF LIQUIDATION FUND OF THE GOVERNMENT LOAN.

Amount laid aside and Invested with the Receiver General,
at 31st July, 1854..£3,650
Do. do. do. 31st Jun, 1855.. 9,125
Do. do. do. 31st July, 1855.. 11,250 24,025 0 0

Interest Credited this Fund by the Receiver General, to 31st Dec., 1855. 221 11 10
Do. Due this Fund, do., to 1st July, 1856. 727 7 10

 Amount at 31st Jan., 1856, invested by the Company in Government
 12,775 0 0

 Debentures.
 375 0 0

 Interest laid aside at 1st July, 1856, for ditto
 375 0 0

 Amount laid aside at 31st July, 1856, for Investment.
 14,052 10 0

Provincial Currency..... £52,176 9

PLUMMER DEWAR,
Accountant.

Books, accounts and vouchers examined, and audited in detail, and found correct.

RICHARD P. STREET, Auditors.

Hamilton, Canada West, 31st July, 1856.

### REPORT

THE DIRECTORS OF THE

### Great Mestern Railway Company

OF CANADA.

From the accounts which are appended to this report it will be seen that the net amount at the disposal of the Shareholders of the Great Western Railway Company, for the half-year ending 31st July 1856, after deducting interest upon the Company's Bonds and upon the loan from Government, is, £131,392 11 6 This is equal to a dividend of 91 per cent. per annum on the Share Capital, but there has to be deducted, to provide for the repayment of the Government advance, I Leaving the available balance Out of which the Directors recommend the pay-

ment of a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, which will absorb - £109,284 14

And leave a balance to the credit of the current half year of £8.055

The extreme severity of the winter, mentioned in the last half yearly report, had a serious effect in limiting the traffic during the early part of the spring, and the unusual contraction of business throughout the continent of America has brought the traffic during the present summer much below what was anticipated. The traffic, from these and other causes, has doubtless suffered to an extent of not less than from £20,000 to £30,000, which could easily have been carried without materially increasing the expenses actually incurred.

The severity of the winter has also had the effect of seriously increasing the working charges, especially in the item of maintenance of way. The extreme degree of frost, and very heavy falls of snow, caused great displacement in the spring of the year, on the breaking up of the frost, both in the road-bed and track, and to this cause is mainly to be attributed the excess in the charges

uditors.

for maintenance of way, during the last half year. The closing of the Detroit river by ice for 62 days involved a large and unusual outlay for porterage and ferriage at Windsor, and also rendered necessary very extensive and costly repairs to the

Company's ferry boats.

The additional amount of capital that has to be paid upon for the last half year, also tends materially to affect the dividend. The actual increase to the capital amounts to £700,000, cy., but inasmuch as during the half year, ending the 31st January last, the entire amount of the shares paid upon, was not in receipt of dividend for the whole of the half year, the actual additional capital now entitled to interest or dividend amounts to nearly £850,000. Of this sum about £500,000 (including rolling stock) is on account of the Hamilton and Toronto line, which, during the past half year, for the first time forms a charge upon the general revenues of the Company. The Toronto Line has not earned at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half year, its traffic having been at the rate of £23 12s. per mile per week, as against £54 13s. per mile on the main line. The Galt Branch earnings were at the rate of £13 5s. per mile per week,

Bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent. have been converted into shares during the half year to the amount of £170,875, which tends to swell the amount of the dividend to be paid.

The amount put to the credit of the Government Sinking Fund exceeds by £1,277 10s., the amount set aside during the preceding half year; and the loss upon the working of the steamers has amounted to £6,504 14s. 8d.

These several circumstances have together resulted in reducing the net revenue of the line below the amount required for the usual rate of dividend.

The Directors, seeing that there will be but a small addition during the current half year to the amount of capital to be paid upon,-that there is every reason to expect that the working expenses will present a more favorable appearance than for the last six months,-that the business throughout the continent is rapidly reviving, as is evidenced by the present satisfactory increase in the weekly traffic returns of this, as well as all other railways,and that no material amount will hereafter be charged on account of the steamers,-have come to the determination of recommending the proprietors to place to the credit of the revenue account the amount realised during the two last half years for premiums on the shares and bonds sold by the Company. A strong wish was expressed by many influential proprietors in England that this course should have been adopted for the half year ending 31st January last, and it would seem that at no future period could this sum be so judiciously placed to the credit of revenue as now, the whole of the shares being now disposed of, and the use of the amount at the present time having the effect of maintaining the rate of dividend hitherto paid, and which from the circumstances already explained, will, it is hoped, again be paid during the current six months, from the net revenue of the line without extraneous assistance.

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It will be observed that in adopting this course, the line has actually earned £52,176 9s. 8d. beyond the dividends really paid up to the present time, the accounts shewing that the sum mentioned stands to the credit of the Sinking Fund on the Government loan, which has been formed by half yearly deductions from the net revenue.

The following statement will shew the comparative growth of the traffic of the line since its opening:

	PA	ASSÉNGE	R TRAF	FIC.		,
Half Years	L	OCAL.	For	REIGN.	To	OTAL.
ending,	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
	155,191	£ 59,962		£ 58,724	210,928	£118,686
	191,757	66,928	77,826	76,458	269,583	143,386
	198,996		89,435	104,068	288,431	170,900
	273,963		101,644	119,221	375,607	212,249
31st July, 1856,	304,312	100,018	95,783	110,112	400,095	210,130

### FREIGHT AND LIVE STOCK TRAFFIC

Half Years	FRE	GHT.	Live	STOCK.	To	ral.
ending,	Local.	Foreign.	Local.	Foreign.	Freight.	LiveStock
31st July, 1854,		£11,227	£ 777	£ 449	£ 30,193	£ 1,226
31st Jan., 1855,	36,349	12,401	1,332	1,250	48,750	2,589
31st July, 1855,	40,969	29,844	1,017	6,462	70,813	7,479
31st Jan., 1856,	61,372	34,666	3,040	18,438	96,038	21,478
31st July, 1856,	65,707	54.081	4,016	20,541	119,788	24.557

The average weekly receipts during the last half year have amounted to £13,633 13s. 11d. or £48/3s. 6d. per mile, as against £49 16s. 0d. during the preceding half year. The reduction in the rate per mile is owing to the opening of the Toronto line.

The working expenses are at a higher rate than during any former half year. This has been caused, as already explained, by the extreme severity of the weather rendering a much greater extent of repairs, both of the line and rolling stock necessary, than at any previous period—by the working of the Toronto line being

included, which from having but a light traffic is worked at a greater per centage—and by the general depression of business having reduced the gross amount of traffic.

The maintenance of way and works has cost £41,185 13s. 6d. This includes £2,195 0s. 0d. for the renewal of rails worn out. The necessity for this large expenditure has before been adverted to, and it may therefore suffice here to say that all railways in the same latitude as the Great Western Railway have required a corresponding outlay to repair the effects of the very unusual severity of the last winter. During the past six months the Directors have given great attention to the proper and economical conduct of this important branch of the Company's expenditure, and they have reason to believe that the current six months will afford sensible evidence of the beneficial results of the measures they have adopted, but the effects of which have not had time to tell on the accounts for the past half year,

During the last spring, every effort was used to prevent the stoppage of any part of the line, from the damages occasioned by the severity of the winter and subsequent breaking up of the frost. In this the Directors are happy to be able to say that they were successful, but the necessity for executing so much work with great rapidity and during the existence of a heavy traffic, obviously caused the outlay to be largely increased.

The diminution of the charge for maintenance of way, will continue to receive the earnest attention of the board, but it must not be forgotten that the maintenance of a railway in this country—where the extremes of heat and cold, of dry and wet weather are so great—where wages and materials are all so much higher than in England—and where from the lines being single there is less time for repairs, between the passing of trains, must always render the charge under this head very much greater than the shareholders of English railways are accustomed to.

The Locomotive expenditure amounts to £56,576 11s. 11d.—and the number of miles run having been 758,462, the cost per mile is 1s. 5\frac{3}{4}d. The charge during the previous half year was 1s. 7\frac{1}{4}d. This reduction in the mileage charge arises principally from a change made in the conduct of the wood and water service of the line, which has lately been made a part of the Locomotive department, from which proceeding has resulted a material saving during the past six months. The severe winter already alluded to, caused great breakage of tyres, wheels, axles and other parts of the machinery. Nearly the whole of the stock has during the past six months received extensive repairs, and is now in a satisfactory state to carry on the traffic during the

winter. The number of cords of wood burned by the engines has been 20,969 which is at the rate of about 36 miles to one cord of wood.

Since the last report 10 engines have been purchased—making the stock at present 86. 76 engines are now running, 8 of the 10 lately purchased have reached Hamilton, and the whole are expected to be at work by Christmas.

The Car expenditure has amounted to £14,742 15s. 2d. or at the rate of 0.703 per mile for each of the miles run during the half year—the charge during the preceding six months was 0.662 per mile. Extensive repairs have been executed during the half year, including the thorough painting and renovating of ten 1st class cars, and the re-tyring of a large number of wrought iron wheels. The stock is generally in a good and serviceable condition, all needful repairs being promptly and effectually attended to.

The following is a statement of the car stock. The present return includes 12 additional first class, and 40 cattle, cars, required to accommodate the increasing traffic.

CLASS OF CAR.	On hand.	Under Const.	
First Class Cars	69	13	*82
Second do do	34	10	44
Post Office, Express, Baggage and Conductors.	41	·×	41
Freight Cars (eight wheels.)	775	25	800
do (four wheels.)	100	_	100
Platform Cars	186	64	250
Cattle do	60	-	60
Gravel do	409	-	409
Total	1,674	112	1.786

The charge for the steam ferry at Windsor has increased, partly owing to the heavy expenditure incurred in carting passengers, baggage, and freight across the ice, when it was too firm to permit the boats to cross, and partly from the extensive repairs rendered necessary to the ferry boats, owing to the damage they sustained while breaking through the ice.

The Board were determined that expense should not be spared in maintaining a constant communication between the Michigan Central and this railway during the winter, although this proved to be a matter of extreme difficulty and expense.

In order to be properly prepared for another severe winter, the Directors resolved upon constructing a boat, of sufficient size, strength, and power, to ensure her being able to break a passage through the ice, no matter how severe the cold may be. Such a boat is now being constructed, and will, it is hoped, be ready before the close of the present year. The cost will be consider-

able, but it is all important to have a boat which, under any circumstances, will not fail daily to pass from dock to dock.

During the last half-year, arrangements have been entered into with the different Companies interested, with a view of diminishing the heavy expenditure for foreign agencies in the United States. It will be recollected that attempts had previously been made to bring about a similar arrangement, but, until lately, they have not been successful.

The charge has, latterly, however, become so great upon all lines that it has been felt to be intolerable, and, accordingly, in June last, an arrangement was perfected between the various lines running between Buffalo, and Suspension Bridge and Chicago, by which the greater part of the expenditure, under the head of foreign agencies, is to be abolished. This arrangement took effect on the 1st of July last, and has already resulted in making a considerable reduction in the charge; and, it is hoped that the enormous expense which the system entailed upon all railway Companies will prove the surest guarantee that so false and injudicious a plan will not be resorted to again.

It will be observed that the working of the two steamers belonging to the Company has again resulted in a loss. Seeing this, and feeling that but little chance existed of their recovering the loss already sustained, the Directors determined to lay up the boats, and, accordingly, on the 23rd August, they were withdrawn for the season.

There will be a further charge, during the current six months, for the closing of all outstanding contracts connected with the steamers, but, beyond this, the Company's revenue account will not be burthened by them. If a reasonable opportunity presents itself, the steamers will be disposed of, and, in the meantime, care will be taken that they suffer no undue deterioration.

The Directors are disappointed that their hopes, in regard to the traffic by the steamers, have not been realised; but as the boats will not again be allowed to burthen the revenue of the railway, it is unnecessary to enter into further remarks on the matter.

The total capital expenditure on the Main Line, Galt and Toronto Branches, and the two Steamers, but excluding the Sarnia line, amounted, on the 31st July last, to £4.558,513 11s 5d.

The construction of the line from Preston to Guelph is proceeding in a satisfactory manner, under the terms of the arrangement explained in the last report, and it is hoped that the Line will be completed, and opened, during next spring.

This Company has paid £41,271 19s 1d on account of the Galt

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and Guelph Line. The Galt and Guelph Company has paid over to this Company Provincial Bonds for £20,000 Currency, mentioned in the last report, and gives its own first mortgage bonds for the expenditure, beyond that amount, as it progresses.

Bonds of the Co., to the amount of £250,875, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, will become due in Oct., 1857. The Directors hope that the state of the money market in England, and the credit of the Company, will be such as to enable them to renew the amount of these loans at 5 per cent, and, also, to make arrangements for the gradual issue of a sufficient amount of bonds at the same rate of interest, to pay off the loan from the Provincial Government which carries interest at 6 per cent., and, moreover, involves the keeping up of a Sinking Fund of 3 per cent. per annum, to provide for the re-payment of the principal.

The advantages of this arrangement, if it can be carried out, are too obvious to require comment.

In pursuance of the promise made in the last report, the Directors have, during the last six months, given great attention to the preparation of a careful estimate of the amount required to complete the Main Line, and Galt and Toronto Branches, as a single line of railway throughout, with sufficient buildings, sidings, rolling stock, and other facilities required to carry on such a traffic as seems likely to arise.

They have endeavoured to make this estimate ample in all respects, and to secure by it a well finished substantial line of railway, that will be fully equal to the proper transport of a heavy traffic, and so well finished and drained as to reader it an economical line to keep in repair.

The estimate now given will include a thorough completion of the ballasting and drainage works; the covering, with coarse gravel, of about 70 miles of the line, at present ballasted only with fine sand; the sodding of the south slopes of all the heavy cuttings and embankments; the opening of all the public roads and private crossings still required across the line; the necessary outlay for obviating damages arising from insufficient drainage works; and the construction of a permanent stone viaduct over the valley of the Twelve Mile Creek, at present spanned by a curved wooden trestle bridge, put up when the culvert, originally built, gave way.

The foregoing will include all that is necessary to complete, in a thorough and efficient manner, the road bed and track.

The estimate also includes the cost of completing the permanent station buildings, now constructing at London; the erection of a permannent passenger station at Hamilton; increased freight accommodation, and an elevator for shipping grain in bulk, also,

at Hamilton; the necessary grading for the foregoing, and an extension of the present inadequate dock accommodation; the erection of a proper Engine House at Suspension Bridge, and the completion of the station yard and buildings there; the laying in of a large addition to the present siding accommodation throughout the line, and the completion of some buildings at Hamilton and elsewhere, now in progress.

The foregoing items will give the Company ample accommodation for a heavy traffic at all the large stations, and particularly at the termini, where there already exist very considerable facilities for the handling and forwarding of freight.

The estimate, also, provides for the iron required for all the sidings now being laid in, and will leave a stock on hand.

It also includes the total cost of the 86 engines now forming the Company's Locomotive stock, with all the necessary workshops, tools, machinery, engine houses, &c., to keep them under cover, and in a proper state of repair.

And it includes the full cost of the stock of cars mentioned in this report, and all the needful shops, tools, &c., for the maintenance and renewal of the entire stock.

The estimate is as follows:-			
Estimate of the cost of works required for com- pletion of the Eastern Division, including all buildings, sidings, &c., complete in every respect,			5
Estimate of the cost of completion of Western			
Division as above,	118,264	13	2
Cost of 2,500 tons of rails, fish-bars and bolts, purchased for sidings, &c.,			
Amount still to pay on Locomotive engines,	40,000	0	0
tools, machinery, &c.,	24,109	10	0
Amount still required to complete stock of			
cars, tools, machinery, &c.,	44,955	0	0
Amount to pay for land lately acquired for the increase of the station grounds at Hamilton		-	
and Suspension Bridge,	20,000		
Amount estimated by Solicitor to cover all	20,000	0	0
unsettled claims for right of way, law expen-			
ses, &c.,	15,000	0	0
New Ferry Boat, including machinery, now building, at Windsor,			
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Deduct rails to be laid on the Galt and Guelph line, for which that Company will pay in its own first mortgage bonds,		0.	2
Total sum required to complete and stock the present Line,	£424,149	4	7
The amount expended up to the 31st July			
1856, was	4,558,513	11	5
Total, £	24,982,662	16	0

The above amount will form the total cost of the present 280 miles of railway, complete in all respects, with ample facilities in the shape of rolling stock, sidings, and buildings to carry a very large traffic.

The only item of expense not included is the location of the ultimate passenger station at Toronto. At present the railway is some considerable distance from the city, and it has been proposed to establish a central terminus to which all the railways should run, to be situated on the esplanade now constructing by the city. It is impossible at present to determine what course this Company will pursue in the matter, and therefore no attempt has been made to estimate the cost of moving the station. The present estimate includes ample provision for a large freight traffic at Toronto.

But the above sum of £4,982,662 16s., the Directors propose be now fixed as the ultimate outlay on capital account to fully complete and stock the existing 280 miles of railwa. They recommend that a resolution be adopted at the half yearly meeting declaring that sum to be the ultimate outlay authorised to be made, requesting the Directors to report at each meeting how far the outlay has been proceeded with, and directing that no outlay for any object not included within the present estimate shall be undertaken without a distinct vote of the proprietors ordering and authorising the same.

The whole of the outlay contemplated by the estimate now submitted will not be required until the close of next year, by which time it is expected that all will be finished. The addition to the capital account will therefore be spread over three half years, and in that way it is hoped will be fully provided for by the increase which is taking place in the traffic.

Greatly increased traffic will of course require greater facilities to be provided for it, but it is believed that the sum stated in this report will enable the Company to carry on a very large traffic.

The Sarnia line is progressing favorably, the accounts shewing

that £123,596 18s. 7d. had been expended thereon up to 31st July last.

The contract for the construction of that line amounts to £350,000. With additional works required at the junction with the main line, and for the necessary amount of rolling stock, the cost of that line, in round numbers, may be set down at from £450,000 to £500,000, varying according to the extent of rolling stock required.

This will make the total ultimate outlay for the lines at present owned or constructing by the Great Western Railway Company in round numbers £5,500,000, for which they will have 330 miles of railway.

It may be useful to offer a few remarks as to the prospects of the return ultimately to be secured upon the above capital.

Assuming that, £1,500,000 is borrowed at 6 per cent., it would require, taking the working expenses at 50 per cent., to pay a dividend of 8 per cent. on the share capital, a weekly average traffic of £16,000, or £48 10s per mile per week.

The following statement will shew the average traffic per week and per mile during each half year that the line has been opened:

AVERAGE TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

HALF-YEAR ENDING	PER WEEK,	MILES OPEN.	PER MILE.
31st July, 1854,	£5,773 5	4 229	£25 4 2
31st January, 1855	7,489 3	1 241	31 1 6
31st July, 1855	9,584 6 1	1 241	39 15 4
31st January, 1856	12,683 5	4 241	49 16 0
31st July, 1856	13,633 13	0 283	48 3 6

It must be remembered that in addition to the Michigan Central Railway, which is at present the only western connection this railway possesses, a line from Detroit to Grand Haven opposite Milwaukee is now being constructed, and which with a line intersecting it from Port Huron opposite to Sarnia, will it is expected be in operation before the close of next year—and that an additional western connection will be secured early next year in the Southern Michigan Railway, which Company is now earnestly occupied in carrying its line to Detroit immediately opposite to this Company's western terminus. The Great Western Railway will thus shortly connect with three great highways leading into the fertile regions of the western states and it cannot but be obvious that the through traffic must in consequence largely increase.

On the East the New York Central Company is found to be largely improving its facilities for business, both as regards double track and rolling stock. With that line this Company is on the most friendly terms.

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The interchange of traffic with the New York and Erie line is rapidly increasing and promises to be most valuable to both Companies. The Buffalo and Brantford line will be again opened for traffic during the coming autumn, and your Directors believe that a proper system of interchanging traffic must prove of considerable advantage to both companies. And the Grand Trunk Railway is expected to be in operation from Montreal to Toronto, thus forming a direct connection with this line, before the close of the present year. With that Company, the Directors are in hopes to arrange fair and reasonable terms for interchange of traffic, which will do away with the possibility of competition and enable both companies to secure the largest amount of traffic that the country can afford.

The opening of the various lines of railway mentioned, all of which must contribute, in a greater or less extent, to the through traffic of this railway, cannot fail to have a most beneficial effect upon this Company's receipts, and the Directors believe that they may confidently express their conviction that the present depression in the net revenue is merely temporary, and arising from a combination of circumstances pressing upon a traffic, unfortunately reduced by the unusual stagnation of business, so much complained of throughout the Continent of America during the last summer.

By keeping steadily in view, as the leading features of their policy and management, the strict limitation of the capital expenditure within the amount set out in this report,—by maintaining friendly and mutually advantageous arrangements with neighboring railways,—by carrying out a strict and judicious economy throughout each department of the service,—and by refraining from entering upon any new outlay of capital, without first obtaining the approval of the Shareholders, arrived at, after the amplest proof of the necessity for, and remunerative character of the outlay,—the Directors believe that the Proprietors may rest satisfied that the Great Western Railway is a perfectly safe and sound undertaking, and one which, now that the great bulk of the capital has been expended, will, from the growth of the traffic yearly increase in prosperity and value.

Signed, on behalf of the Board of Directors,

JOHN S. RADCLIFF,

Vice-President.

Hamilton, Canada West, 8th September, 1856.

N.B.—All the amounts mentioned in the foregoing Report and Accounts, are in Provincial Currency, except when specially stated to be otherwise.

N.B. The Amounts in the following Tab

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N.B. The Amounts in the following Tables are in Dollars and Cents.

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### AUDIT OFFICE.

Statement of Monthly Traffic for the Half-Year ending the 31st July, 1856.

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	GRAND	101	180.097 225.163 330.021 211.403 201.105	1417.904
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		Loca	43.836 62.016 56.486 64.771 61.271	351.091
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Comparative Statement of Totals for the Half-Years ending 31st July 1855 and 1856.

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### GREAT WESTERN

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A Comparative Statement Showing the Earnings at each Station, from Passenger's Ending 31st July,

· om i mionio	PASSEN	ERS	& SUNDR	IES.	FREIG	нт а	SUNDRIE	s.
STATIONS,	1855		1856		1855	•	1856	
Suspension Bridge	271 813	49	290,474	57	89,568	95	207,833	17
Thorold	1,189		1,799		603		725	
St. Catherines	9,640		11,396		1,355		1,936	
Jordan	636		1,205		199		1,550	
Beamsville	1,538		1,609		328			
Grimsby	2,148		2,594		395		526 1,030	
Ontario	533		636			90	38	
Hamilton	62,930		80,159		The state of the s	SHEET IN		
Hamilton Wharf		.11		102	48,361	99	34,032	
Wellington Square			1,784	71		••	28,690	
Bronte						••	182	
Oakville		• •	2,085			J -	172	
			5,405			• •	639	
Port Credit			3,720				440	38
Mimico		1000000	571					
Toronto			50,128				10,615	
Dundas	3,322		5,163		3,505		5,296	
Flamboro'	730		1,006		1,838	25	2,157	
Copetown	90		686				792	
Lynden	305		1,294		2,063		5,027	35
Harrisburgh	3,324		3,539		1,024	90	1,043	03
Branchton	113		223					
Galt	10,164	99	8,193		16,860	85	14,485	331
Preston			7,696				7,112	96
Paris	21,608	69	17,704	77	12,510	22	12,519	19
Princeton	1,933	92	2,979	471	2,749	62	3,176	55
Arnolds			143	921	196	00	1,366	80
Eastwood			443	241	117	00	99	25
Woodstock	11,927	32	14,142	91	6,892	16	8,729	80
Beachville	1,231	23	1,973	303	1,912	42	2,891	63
Ingersoll	10,505	12	15,022	213	5,778		9,641	
Edwardsburgh	1,075	69	1,614			00	58	
London	41,140		44,891		21,169		27,755	
Komoka	2,394		3,144		261			
Mount Brydges	1,032		3,698		225		690	
Edfrid	1,531		1,365		350		538	
Mosa	493		1,792				688	
Newbury	5,004		4,954		1,001		1,555	
Bothwell	,,,,,,	00		$24\frac{1}{2}$	1,001		15	
Thamesville	580	11	817					40
Vasburgs	1			75			20	10
Chatham	13,551	75	12,845		1,635	091	2,404	00
Babt. Creek	10,001	1.0	173		1,000	2	2,404	00
Belle River	1,002	66	1,002		10	40	297	60
Puce	1,002	00		00	10	*0	291	00
Windsor	170,909	10	194,279		62,315	10	83,541	00
Mails & Express Freight	29,201	19	36,398		02,315	12	83,541	00
mans & Express r reign	29,201	00	30,398	22		••		• •
Totals \$	683,604	80	840,522	$22\frac{1}{2}$	283,252	$71\frac{1}{2}$	479,153	423

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FREIGHT AND LIVE STOCK TRAFFIC FORWARDED FOR THE HALF YEARS 1855 AND 1856.

	LIVE	втоск.			то	TAL.		
1855		1856		1855		1856		
		. 6						
2,163	46	4,266		363,545	83	502,574	$14\frac{1}{2}$	
. 14	00	103		1,806		2,629	$19\frac{7}{2}$	
21	35	90	55	11,017	33	13,423	$62\frac{1}{2}$	
				836	08	1,387	$26\frac{\tilde{1}}{2}$	
34	25	. 39	DV6485900,C00	1,900	$72\frac{1}{2}$		$39\frac{3}{4}$	
65	<sub>1</sub> 70	30	, 16	2,609	91	3,655	56	
				540	79	675	49	
654	52	825	18	111,946	52	115,017	$39\frac{1}{2}$	
		114	39			28,805	$01\frac{1}{2}$	
		52	12	1 2		2,019	16	
		3	$74\frac{1}{2}$			2,261	$33\frac{1}{2}$	
••••		18	46			6,063	42	
	••••	123	02			4,283	75	
						571	00	
1		986	54			61,730	$85\frac{1}{2}$	
34	90	33	-25	6,862	35	10,493	$31\frac{1}{2}$	
				2,568	97	3,164	17	
		147	00	90	25	1,626	$50\frac{3}{4}$	
		4	00	2,368	05	6,326	32	
		3	50	4,349	27	4,586	$06\frac{1}{2}$	
				113	38	223	$26\frac{1}{2}$	
81	62	148	62	27,107	46	22,827	$58\frac{1}{2}$	
		16	70			14,826	08	• •
222	35	276	14	34,341	26	30,500	10	
9	80	23	22	4,693	34	6,179	$24\frac{1}{2}$	
				196	00	1,510	$72\frac{1}{2}$	
				117	00	542	$49\frac{1}{2}$	
130	19	492	11	18,949	67	23,364	82	
230	26	38	20	3,373	91	4,903	$13\frac{3}{4}$	
134	45	399	14	16,418	31	24,062	363	
				1,082	69	1,672	$79\frac{1}{2}$	
1,189	65	2,434	96.	63,500	26	75,081	$09\frac{1}{2}$	
32	25	189	42	2,689	091	3,527	$77\frac{1}{2}$	
17	00	31	05	1,275	49	4,420	$52\frac{1}{2}$	
		95	45	1,882	48	1,999	27	
85		30	57	578	10	2,512	15	
74	95	445	55	6,080	61	6,956	29/4	
		*				735	$24\frac{1}{2}$	
		19	00	580	11	865	05	
317						-31	75	
317	30	942	51	15,504	$07\frac{1}{2}$	16,192	$99\frac{3}{4}$	
						173	81	
				1,019	06	1,300	07	
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24,401	$13\frac{1}{2}$	85,804	45	257,625	431	363,625	17	
				29,201	00	36,398	22	
29,914	131	98,228	37	996,771	65	1,417,904	021	

AUDIT OFFICE.

A Comparative Statement, showing the number of Passengers Outwards and Inwards at each Station for the Half Years ending the 31st July, 1855 and 1856.

	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.						
STATIONS.	OUTW	VARDS.	INW.	ARDS.			
	1855.	1856.	1855.	1856.			
Suspension Bridge	75,717	76,0831	45,5031	54,564			
Thorold	1,513	1,860	$1,120\frac{1}{2}$				
St. Catherines	10,810		11,6441				
Jordan	1,187		1,468	2,058			
Beamsville	2,543	2,435	2,435				
Grimsby	3,5431			3,672			
Ontario	924	994	7751				
Hamilton	43,1091		$41,324\frac{1}{2}$				
Wellington Square		2,731	11,0212	2,665			
Bronte		2,9821		3,023			
Oakville		7,281		7,210			
Port Credit		5,5851		5,539			
Mimico		1,280		1,553			
Toronto		$34,693\frac{1}{2}$		34,955			
Dundas	5,242	$7,832\frac{1}{2}$	5,014	7,448			
Flamboro'	1,279	$1,481\frac{1}{2}$	$1,324\frac{1}{2}$	1,4051			
Copetown	82	1,252	114	1,114			
Lynden	$349\frac{1}{2}$	2,085	$244\frac{1}{2}$	1,816			
Harrisburgh	$5,264\frac{1}{2}$		5,370	$5,122\frac{1}{2}$			
Branchton	$223\frac{1}{2}$	2	1771	3651			
Galt.	$8,934\frac{1}{2}$		10,905	8,8791			
Preston		$6,983\frac{1}{2}$		$8,130\frac{1}{2}$			
Paris	$15,953\frac{1}{2}$	14,461	$15,090\frac{1}{2}$	14,996			
Princeton	$2,729\frac{7}{2}$	3,574	2,579	$3,476\frac{1}{2}$			
Arnolds		$226\frac{1}{2}$		157			
Eastwood	10 207.	540	7	4341			
Woodstock	$12,337_{\frac{1}{2}}$	14,1481	12,876	14,831			
Beachville	$2,338\frac{1}{2}$	3,385	2,177	3,172			
IngersollEdwardsburgh	10,800	$13,452\frac{1}{2}$	10,800	$12,730\frac{1}{2}$			
Edwardsburgh	2,139	3,345	$2,329\frac{1}{2}$	3,359			
London	$25,005\frac{1}{2}$	30,311	$26,463\frac{1}{2}$	30,930			
Mt. Brydges	2,749	4,426	$3,154\frac{1}{2}$	4,784			
	1,333	4,725	1,3671	5,0021			
Mosa	$1,912\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2,092\frac{1}{2}}{1.7301}$	$1,586\frac{1}{2}$	$2,046\frac{1}{2}$			
Newbury	$\frac{569\frac{1}{2}}{3.8011}$	$1,730\frac{1}{2}$	$832\frac{1}{2}$	1,5681			
Bothwell	$3,801\frac{1}{2}$	$4,105\frac{1}{2}$ $898\frac{1}{2}$	$3,833\frac{1}{2}$	$4,465\frac{1}{2}$			
Thamesville	5701	$\frac{898\frac{1}{2}}{741}$	6001	757			
Vasburgs		741 46	$668\frac{1}{2}$	8331			
Chatham	7,1231	6,806	6,8891	30 6 657			
Baptiste Creek	$\begin{array}{c} 7,123\frac{1}{2} \\ 228 \end{array}$	2101	2	6,657			
Belle River	1,1271	$1,306\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{240\frac{1}{2}}{1,297}$	220			
Puce	1,12/2	1,500 \(\frac{1}{2}\)	1,201	$1,148\frac{1}{2}$			
Windsor	36,981	41,348	65,285	64,094			
Totals	$288,431\frac{1}{2}$	400,0951	288,4311	400,0951			

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A Comparative Statement, showing the number of Tons of Freight, Outwards and Inwards, at each Station, for the Half Years ending the 31st July, 1855 and 1856.

STATIONS.	NUM OUTW		NS OF FRFIG	many period of the same of the same
	1855.	1856.	1855.	1856.
			1000.	1000.
Suspension Bridge	13,010	29,905	20,529	17,241
Thorold	213	241	116	393
St. Catherines	- 300	416	717	1,190
Jordan	103	64	19	71
Beamsville	150	150	118	128
Grimsby	. 168	503	224	
Ontario	103	11	450 101 White Burn 100 100 100 100 110 110	273
Hamilton	16,575)		1 1 010)	76
TT:la WTL	-	9,517	15,812 }	10,572
Hamilton Wharf	5	6,451	, 5	14,871
Wellington Square		55		177
Bronte		105		177
Oakville		281		496
Port Credit		111		561
Toronto		2,140		5,369
Dundas	1,352	2,236	1,040	2,920
Flamboro'	1,136	1,352	155	211
Copetown		493		96
Lynden	1,385	3,705	4	37
Harrisburgh,	465	643	165	275
Branchton			100	1
Galt	9,090	6,486	8,159	3,358
Preston	0,000	3,253	0,100	
Pania	5,163	5,930	1 700	2,644
Paris	855	1,521	1,703	2,097
Princeton	224		135	188
Arnolds		1,142	5	• • • • •
Eastwood	92	96		1
Woodstock	1,999	2,879	1,727	2,118
Beachville	627	1,022	316	349
Ingersoll	2,977	4,096	1,302	1,450
Edwardsburgh	8	50	49	50
London	5,393	6,991	10,632	13,094
Komoka	72	47	334	1,039
Mt. Brydges	109	343	184	899
Ekfrid	195	238	125	191
Mosa		253	96	373
Newbury	268	590	907	1,120
Bothwell		6	9-12-22	38
Thamesville		1	17	
Chatham	395	603		43
Baptiste Creek	999	005	684	1,005
		100		10
Belle River	10.005	182	4	95
Windsor	13,637	14,331	10,689	23,142
Totals	75,968	108,439	75,968	108,439

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54,564 1,395 12,325  $2,058\frac{1}{2}$   $2,283\frac{1}{2}$ 

3,672 855 58,022  $2,665\frac{1}{2}$  3,023 7,210

5,539 1,553 34,955 7,448 1,405‡

1,114 1,816 5,122½ 365½ 8,879½

 $8,130\frac{1}{2}$   $8,130\frac{1}{2}$  14,996  $3,476\frac{1}{2}$  157

 $434\frac{1}{2}$   $434\frac{1}{2}$  3,172  $2,730\frac{1}{2}$  3,359

30,930 4,784  $5,002\frac{1}{2}$   $2,046\frac{1}{2}$   $1,568\frac{1}{2}$ 

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### AUDIT OFFICE.

A Comparative Statement Showing the Number of Head of Live Stock Forwarded from each Station, for the Half-Years ending the 31st July, 1855 and 1856.

STATIONS.	DESC	RIPTIC	N OF	LIVE S	STOCK.	Total No.	of HEAD.
	Horses.	Cattle,	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	1856.	1855.
Susp'sion Bridge.	413	386		1,543		2,342	1,485
Thorold	2	37				39	12
St. Catherines	13		1			27	21
Beamsville	5	the state of the s		14		22	7
Grimsby	7	4		6		25	220
Ontario						20	220
Hamilton	147	112	2	31	324	616	329
Hamilton Wharf.	27	9		22	0.51	60	040
Wellington Sq.	7	16		10	1	35	
Bronte	2	10	1000	10		2	••••
Oakville	5	7					
Port Credit	28	CONTRACTOR STATE	5	28	12	12	
Toronto	199	69	0	52	5		
D 1	199	2		52	b	Quo	
Flamboro'	1	2		• • • • •		11	15
	teriology turbates					1	
Copetown	26	4				30	
Lynden		2				2	
Harrisburgh	2					2	
Galt	7	14		161	240	422	113
Preston	2	7	1	26	74	110	
Paris.	28	117	4	60	292	501	290
Princeton	8	3				11	58
Woodstock	32	38	27	101	770	968	475
Beachville	9	7				16	569
Ingersoll	29	86	17	201	347	680	421
Edwardsburgh .							the Maria Transfer
London	96	455	5	298	3,210	4,064	2,289
Komoka	28	9			190	227	128
Mount Brydges.	8				. 28	36	6
Ekfrid	4	. 6			124		
Mosa	5			23	147	175	240
Newbury	24	115	2	24	426		19
Bothwell						001	10
Thamesville		15				15	
Chatham	128	213		257	948		136
Windsor		19,403	4	4,655	96,161		26,256
Totals	1,417	21,174	80	7,512	103,299	133,482	33,059

Comparative Statement of totals for the Half Years ending the 31st July, 1855 and 1856.

Half year 1856.	1,417	21,174	80	7,512	103,299	133,482
Half year 1855.	1,002	6,479	38	4,880	20,690	33,089
Increase	415	14,695	42	2,632	82,609	100,393

AUDIT OFFICE.

A Comparative Statement Showing the Number of Head of Live Stock received at eack Station, for the Half-Years ending the 31st July 1855 and 1856.

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STATIONS.	DESC	RIPTIO	TOTAL NO.	TOTAL NO. of HEAD			
7	Horses.	Cattle,	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	1856.	1855.
Susp'sion Bridge.	49	17,492	1	4,316	100932	122790	29085
Thorold	4					4	7
St. Catherines	16	104		22	52	194	134
Beamsville	4					4	
Grimsby	6	8				14	367
Ontario				23		23	
Hamilton	91	951	43	632	439	2156	1174
Hamilton Wharf		2				2	
Wellington Sq	2	1				3	
Bronte							
Oakville	8	5			12 X 1990 N	13	
Port Credit	8	25	2			35	
Toronto	97	2,171	5	1,411	409		
Dundas	1	3		28	100	4 32	31
Flamboro'	6	4		-		10	
Copetown	6	1				6	
Lynden	2	4				6	2
Harrisburgh	4	- 1		3		7	62
	10	12				22	58
Galt Preston	9	35	3			47	. 00
	10	18	8	1		37	141
Paris		3	2	1		11	28
Princeton	6	66	3	28		149	28
Woodstock	45		9	20		24	2.5
Beachville	24	18	3	8		74	189
Ingersoll	45		Ű	. 8	••••	2	198
Edwardsburgh	2			110	1 410	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	146
London	164	97	2	116	1,412		
Komoka	10	25	2	6	2	45	9
Mount Brydges.	18	23		21	26		5
Ekfrid	. 2					2	4
Mosa	5	1				6	
Newbury	28	7	1	23	4	PORCES AND SERVED	26
Bothwell		1				1	
Thamesville				2		2	2
Chatham	32	8	2			42	78
Windsor	703	90	3	872	16	1684	1568
Totals	1 417	21,174	80	7.512	103299	133482	33089

Comparative Statement of Totals for the Half-Years ending the 31st July, 1856 and 1856.

Half year 1856.	1,417	21,174	80	7,512	103299	133482
Half year 1855.	1,002	6,479	38	4,880	20690	33089
Increase	415	14,695	42	2,632	82609	100393

### AUDIT OFFICE.

A Statement, showing the number of Passengers conveyed Monthly, for the Half Year ending the 31st July, 1856.

MONTHS.		G EASTWA		Nume	ER OF PA WEST	SSENGERS WARD.	GoING	GRAND
	Local.	Foreign	Total.	Local.	Foreign	Emig'nts	Total.	TOTAL
February March April May June July	$\begin{array}{c} 18,013\frac{1}{2} \\ 22,870\frac{1}{2} \\ 25,617 \\ 28,744\frac{1}{2} \\ 28,442 \\ 26,671\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$2,812\frac{1}{2}$ $4,849$ $7,796\frac{1}{2}$ $5,850$ $6,946\frac{1}{2}$ $6,446$	$\begin{array}{c} 20,826 \\ 27,719\frac{1}{2} \\ 33,413\frac{1}{2} \\ 34,594\frac{1}{2} \\ 35,388\frac{1}{3} \\ 33,117\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$18,298\frac{1}{2}$ $22,937$ $27,530\frac{1}{2}$ $29,734\frac{1}{2}$ $28,060$ $27,393$	$4,072\frac{1}{2}$ $5,759$ $11,605\frac{1}{2}$ $10,510$ $6,437$ $4,653\frac{1}{2}$	$677\frac{1}{2}$ $1,563$ $4,213$ $4,946\frac{1}{2}$ $3,474$ $3,171$	$23,048\frac{1}{2}$ $30,259$ $43,349$ $45,191$ $37,971$ $35,217\frac{1}{2}$	43,874 57,978 76,762 79,785 73,359 68,335
TOTALS	150,359	<b>34,700</b> ½	185,0591	153,9531	43,0371	18,045	215,036	400,095

### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

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### AUDIT OFFICE.

A Statement, showing the number of Tons of Freight conveyed Monthly, for the Half Year ending the 31st July, 1856.

Months.		R OF TONS EASTWARD.			R OF TONS		GRAND
	Local,	Foreign	Total.	Local.	Foreign	Total.	TOTAL.
February .	6,641	2,782	9,423	5,397	2,169	7,566	16,989
March	6,508		9,115	5,304		9,319	18,434
April	5,714	2,584	8,298	6,120	8,585	14,705	
May	6,996		7,198	5,877	4,136	10,013	17,211
June	7,955		7,963	6,931	1,229	8,160	16,123
July	8,576	69	8,645	6,847	1,187	8,034	16,679
TOTALS.	42,390	8,252	50,642	36,476	21,321	.57.797	108,439

Comparative Statement of Totals for Half Years ending 31st July, 1855 and 1856.

July, 1856 <sub>-</sub> July, 1855 <sub>-</sub>			$50,642 \ 40,005\frac{1}{2}$		$21,321 \\ 9,483\frac{1}{2}$	$57,797 \\ 35,962\frac{1}{2}$	108,439 75,968
Increase Decrease	$12,256\frac{1}{2}$	1,620	10,6361	9,997	11,8371	$21,834\frac{1}{2}$	32,471

AUDIT OFFICE.

A STATEMENT SHOWING THE EARNINGS OF TRAINS, FROM PASSENGER TRAFFIC, AS PER THE UNDERMENTIONED PARTICULARS, POR THE HAIF-YEAR ENDING THE 31st, JULY, 1856.

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tion	265	96	1	1	265	96	1	69	206	67	62	31	268	86	1	71
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### AUDIT OFFICE.

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Grand Totals for Half Year.

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A Statement Showing the Description of Freight forwarded from each Station, for the Half-Year ending the 31st July 1856.

STATIONS.	No. BARR		. NO. O.	F BUSH	ELS.	LUMBER.		Merchandi not enume ated in th
	Flour.	Pork.	Wheat, Corn, and Rye.	Onts.	Barley.	FEET.	Hog. Tons.	foregoing 'Tons,
Susp.Bridge	146		532	1017	1	10400		26868
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St Catherines						33250		208
ordan			898				DOM: SALE DISTRICT	392
Beamsville			41			8000		31
Frimsby	240		274			16000		99
Ontario	240	****	1391			3081625		126
Hamilton	153		13326	1570	209	Fogoro		7
Do. Wharf.	11628			772		596000	THE RESERVE	8153
Welling'n Sq		3110	14002				• •)• •	4403
Bronte					405			38
Dakville	30					90000		47
ort Credit	Nebb med Sills		1070		372	53000		. 158
			1072		108	11200		45
Coronto			618			8000		1828
Dundas	4315		809		1096	241200		1302
lamboro'	*:::-					999000		8
opetown	418		640			358900		5
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Iarrisburgh.			14248			851800		71
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aris	26642		298351		3981	787800		1296
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rnolds						1246000		75
Eastwood						544600	1125 127 182 5 CV	10
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Beachville	3324		51421	151381	712	45400		14
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Edwardsb'rg						42800		30
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Newbury			2109	361		2741600	• • • • •	38
othwell			2100	••••	• • • • •		****	80
hamesville.			400			6000	• • • •	2
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elle River	1					247000	• • • • •	330
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### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—[AUDIT OFFICE.]

GENERAL STATEMENT OF TRAFFIC FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1856.

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		40.716.668			22.686.825		1.421.709		5.125		4.534.478		197.928		84.674		11.886.421		81.528.510							81.528.515				MILEAGE OF EACH.	1
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ion, for

Merchandise not enumerated in the foregoing. Tons.

# STATEMENT SHEWING THE MILEAGE OF CARS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 1856.

1027,794	301,331	273,422	559,636	2194,756	182,702	463,200	359,444	1001,942	TOTAL	· To
4	11,322	7,360	17,344	31,244	4,708	13,244	8,428	25,924	31st.	" "
139	25,889	14,518	74,864	97,018	18,236	39,160	33,436	77,456	26th.	" "
128	25,975	12,528	76,348	119,020	11,932	37,452	40,576	.80,864	12th.	" July
125	28,245	16,868	73,584	112,614	12,764	39,316	37,064	77,408	28th.	n n
123	26,672	30,204	63,984	106,790	11,496	38,360	38,048	82,560	14th.	" June
106	26,852	24,564	66,232	119,646	13,460	41,844	37,760	86,632	31st.	
92	30,316	45,464	65,632	209,018	17,728	35,700	36,032	89,852	17th.	" "
84	27,679	35,360	18,856	305,530	18,500	37,728	29,148	91,374	3rd.	" May
63	26,631	26,428	21,752	264,840	15,848	36,100	26,412	99,464	19th.	" " "
35	22,835	23,486	31,196	219,228	12,580	36,320	24,604	80,468	- 5th	" April
29	15,000	10,496	23,820	184,598	12,522	31,028	16,928	67,948	22nd	" "
30	13,750	9,172	6,444	163,769	12,048	31,812	11,928	56,074	8th.	" March
21	13,314	9,158	8,100	143,494	12,812	27,020	9,916	51,884	23rd.	
10,812	6,651	7,816	11,460	117,950	8,068	18,616	9,164	34,034	ry, 9th.	856. Februa
Grave	Wood.	Platform.	Cattle.	Freight.	Conductors.	P.O.Expr's & Baggage.	2nd Class.	1st. Class.		DATE

STATEMENT SHOWING THE MILEAGE OF ENGINES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31st July, 1856.

Wood. FORTNIGHT TOTAL.	923 38,1321														32,666 876,777
Construction.	106	1,805	2,568	2,496	2,9521	5,333	7,005	7,689	8,896	10,282	10,490	10,418	11,056	3,758	85.6941
Piloting.	6,861	10,2701	10,814	12,608	11,607	14,299	13,661	14,2671	12,6511	12.4841	12,928	8,157	11,363	3,088	154.5601
Freight.	15,4861	20,8963	21,4664	22,5071	23.3844	25,5871	26.947	25 0531	18 255	17 2101	17,0451	20.346	16,955	5,652	276.794
Passenger.	14.961	21,8421	22,0501	21,7491	23,0283	22,632	2 93 1671	93 4651	98,696	99 0491	98 946	29,20T	90,004	9,470	397 1071
Fortnight Ending 1856.	February 9		March 8	22	Annil	19		14. ay		T 14	June 14		July 12		. Carponia