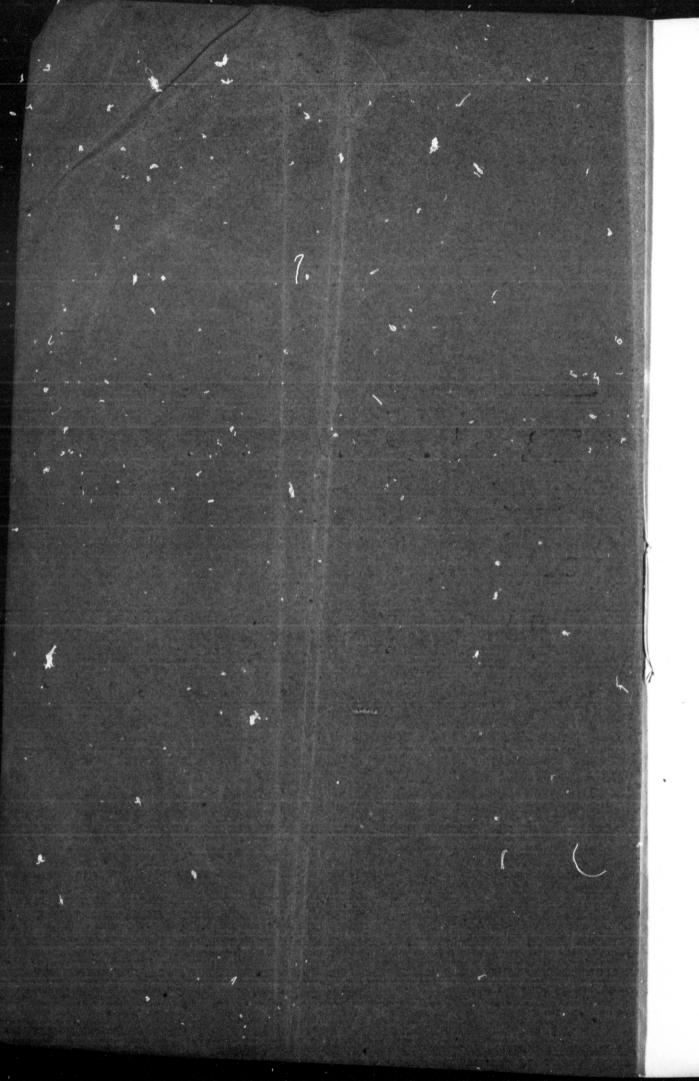
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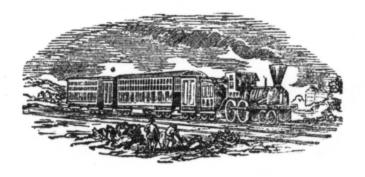
### OTTAWA AND PRESCOTT

## RAILWAY COMPANY

ADOPTED AT

THE MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

HELD THE 26th AUGUST, 1857.



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### REPORT

OF

#### THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

OF THE

# Ottawa and Prescott Railway Company.

In order to place the affairs of the Company in the clearest light before the shareholders, it is deemed best to glance over the principal proceedings, and condition of things, for several years past.

The Company was organized in January, 1851.—
The amount of stock then subscribed was:

Private sub	scriptions				 	 	£24,795	0	0	
Municipal							00 200		0	
Tota	.1						C50 905			

During this year the surveys were completed, and contracts were entered into for clearing and grubbing the woodland on the whole line, and for grading some eighteen miles, which embraced the heaviest work on the

line. At the close of 1851, the outlay upon the works amounted to £7,669 14s. Od., Currency, under the following heads:

Engineering	£2,643	3	6
Clearing and grubbing	1.786	0	0
Grading	2,865		
Incidental	61	9	
MasonryWharfing	38	8	
	275	0	0
Total	£7.669	14	0

### Statement of Affairs on 31st December, 1851:

Outlay on Works, &c., as above £7,669	14	0
Travelling Expenses	12	8
Incidental and Office Expenses 223	18	2
Law Expenses 18	18	
Lands 38	13	0
	13	0
Interest 57	17	2
		-£8.115 6

#### DR.

Collected on Stock £4,718 17 6		
Due Contractors 2,347 0 5		
Due other parties 1,049 8 4		
£8.115	6	3

The work of grading proceeded in 1852 at all those places on the line where cutting or filling exceeded four feet depth. The clearing of the woodland on the roadway was completed. The entire outlay on the works and lands in 1852 amounted to £30,664 6s. 6d., Currency, distributed under the following heads of expenditure:

Engineering $\pounds$	2.689	7	10
Fences	463	3 0	11
Lands and Damages	3,025	19	4
Clearing and Grubbing	4,148	15	1
Grading	18,584	18	3
Incidental	403	8	2
Masonry	117	13	2

Superstructure	374	11	2
Wharfing	289	2	9
Travelling Expenses		15	3
Law do	33	1	0
Salaries	<b>333</b>	3	6
Trotal	220 664	6	6

#### Statement of Affairs at the close of 1852:

5 25			
Dr.			
Collected on Stock £35,846	14	3	
Bills payable 7,200	0	0	
	14	9	
Due sundry parties 8,837	8	6	
		£51,904 17	6
Cr.			
Outlay in 1851 £ 8,113	6	3	
Do. 1852			
Discount on Municipal Debentures 4,275	0	0	
Cash in Bank of Montreal and			
Treasurer's hands 8,850	) 4	9	
		£57 904 17	6

In view of the liberal railway policy adopted by the Government of Canada in 1852, and extended to several railways in other parts of the Province, application was made to the Legislature for aid by way of loan, but without success, although the application was strongly backed by the surrounding County and minor Municipalities.

In the latter part of 1852, authority was obtained by Statute, 16th Victoria, cap. 52, to issue New and Preferential Stock of the Company; and on the 8th of March, 1853, at a general meeting of shareholders, a By-law was passed to carry the provisions of this statute into effect—the terms of such preference being to the extent of six per cent. before the old stock shall be entitled to any profits or dividends. Of this stock, there has been issued 2,863 shares, of £10 each, amounting to £28,630, Halifax Currency.

A By-law of the Company was passed in March, 1853, which authorized the issuing of £100,000, Sterling, Bonds, secured by a first mortgage upon the Railway.— These Bonds were accordingly made and issued, and in April, 1853, John MacKinnon, Esq., the President of the Company, proceeded to England, to negociate these securities. A portion of the Bonds, amounting to £56,700, Sterling, was disposed of to the Ebbw Vale Iron Company for 5,400 tons iron rails, leaving a balance of £43,300, Sterling. Of this balance, about £36,000, Sterling, are yet unsold. These Bonds bear interest at 6 per cent. per annum, and are payable in 1873.

A contract for cars and engines, amounting to £45,000, Halifax Currency, of which £25,000 was payable in Stock, and the balance in money, was made in June, with Messrs. Brainerd, White & Co.; and the £25,000, Currency, of the New and Preferential Stock has since been issued to them on account of that contract, according as the work proceeded and was delivered to the Company. The whole of the cars, amounting to 131, of all kinds, and four locomotives, were received, and two other first class locomotives, which are part paid for, are yet to be received. These two new machines are now very much required, and when they are placed upon the Railway, the equipment will be sufficient to perform any amount of traffic that may be expected, at all seasons.— One of the engines is now ready, and the other awaits the orders of the Company, according to terms of contract.

Mr. MacKinnon returned from England the last week in June, and had been unable to effect any transaction, beyond the purchase of the iron. The amount resulting from stock subscriptions was not sufficient to carry the work much farther. A sale of the Bonds had been depended upon to raise the funds required to meet the cost of track-laying and other expenses involved in getting the track carried through, and put in a condition to yield some return from earnings. In this emergency, the Company applied to the Municipalities of Ottawa and Prescott for aid. These Municipalities, by vote of the inhabitants, agreed to a loan, under the provisions of the Municipal Loan Fund Act of Upper Canada—Ottawa to the amount of £50,000, Halifax Currency, and Prescott £25,000, Currency—secured by a second mortgage upon the Railway to these Municipalities.

It was intended to lay down a portion of the track in 1853, and the Directors hoped to be able to open the road from Prescott to Kemptville that season, but the delay which occurred in receiving the rails put it out of their power to do so. Only 1,400 tons of the rails were received, and these arrived very late. At the end of 1853, the expenditure of that year amounted to £51,414 5s. 2d., under the following heads:

0			
Engineering£ 2,	942	5	8
	908		10
	173	18	0
Grading	647	4	3
	852	16	7
Masonry	727	7	3
	751	17	2
	827	<b>2</b>	3
	929	16	6
	337	4	10
	841	9	5
	000	0	0
	450	5	9
	457	19	5
Law do	13	15	11
	253	11	3
	299	3	1
	,414	5	2

# Balance Sheet of the Company, 31st December, 1853:

5 me company, 51st L	Jeco	ember, 185	3 .	
$\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{R}}$ .		, 100		
Collected on Stock. £44,190	16	2		
Municipal Loan	10			
Floating Dobt	0	0		
Floating Debt 8,800	11	3		
C	-	-£127,991	7	5
CR.		,		
Outlay in 1851 £ 8,115				
Do 1852 8,115	6	3		
30 664	6	6		
1000 51 414	-	2		
- 1500dit on Depentures 4 275	0	0		
The Commercial Bank and Treasu-				
rer's hands	9	6		
The		-£127,991	7	5

The season of 1854 opened with dull prospects of getting the track carried through. The President, Mr. MacKinnon, went to England a second time, and returned without being able to realize anything upon the first Bonds, which remained there unsold, and which were the best securities the Company could make. Freights, both Ocean and Inland, rose to very high rates. rose some 50 per cent. above former ordinary rates; men were scarce, and sickness prevailed on public works to an alarming extent. Money became very scarce and difficult to be obtained. During the early part of the season, returns were expected from the sale of securities in England, and, counting upon funds from that source, operations were proceeded with. When the disappointment occurred as to the receipt of funds, it was only by the Directors giving their personal credit, and advancing their own means towards the work, that the track was eventually carried through.

The track-laying commenced at Prescott the last week in May, 1854, and reached Kemptville,—nearly 24 miles,—the first week in August. The first locomotive was placed upon the track the first week in June, and

two others came on near the last of the month. On the 8th day of August, a regular train commenced running to Kemptville daily. The first 26 miles of track from Prescott was laid by the Company. The work was very well done. A contract was made with Messrs. French & Co., in the month of August, for the whole of the balance of the track-laying, and for other works on the line .-Very great delay was experienced in receiving the iron. Several large cargoes were lost, and the re-shipping of other iron occupied much time. The utmost exertions were made both by the Contractors and the Company to secure the opening of the road through before the closing of the season, but it was not till the 20th December that the track reached the East bank of the Rideau River, opposite the City of Ottawa. The difficulties experienced during the latter part of 1854 were very great, and it was only by concentrating all available means upon the track, and such works as were indispensably required to put the track in running order, that the Company was able to get the road in a condition to be opened for business.

A contract was executed in 1854 by the Northern N. Y. Railroad Company, for establishing and maintaining a Railway Steam Ferry, between their Depot at Ogdensburgh and the Depot of this Company at Prescott, and on the faith thereof, an agreement was made for a first class iron vessel, fit to perform the service. Owing to that road passing out of the hands of the shareholders, the contract became worthless; and, rather than incur the outlay under the circumstances, the builders of the vessel were settled with in October last, by allowing them 340 shares stock for their damages, and a release taken, indemnifying this Company from further obligations in respect to the vessel.

It should be remembered here also that the Municipality of the Township of Gloucester took advantage of an error in the By-law, under which their subscription of £5,000 was made, and by legal proceedings got rid of the obligation to pay it, and the subscription was in consequence of no value.

The outlay in 1854 amounted to £83,776 11s. 5d., under the following heads:

0	
Engineering	0.0.115
Fencing	
Clearing and Grubbing	. 1,064 10 4
Grading	
Incidental	_
Masonry	0
Superstructure	
Wharfing	. 17,954 16 5
Wharfing	211  1  2
Bridging	3,352 7 0
Bridging	$1,274 \ 13 \ 4$
Interest Equipment	
Equipment	23,396 13 6
Freight of Iron Rails Lands	9,194 10 10
Lands	1,823 12 3
Salaries Travelling Evponsor	817 7 4
Travelling Expenses.  Law Expenses	442 8 9
Law Expenses	83 19 5
-	
	00

£83,776 11 5

# Statement of Affairs, December 31st, 1854:

Received from Stock £5	70.445
Municipal Loan	09,440 0 2
Income	75,000 0 0
Paytonic	- 0.40
Sundry Accounts. 2	5,299 8 3
	£187.130 10 0

CR.

Do during 1854	£94,468 17 11
1004	00
Material on hand	3,045 13 11
Due by sundry parties	$365 \ 0 \ 0$
Due by sundry parties	5,483 14 11
	£187 130 10

In January, 1855, an offer was received for a lease of the Railway for several years, on terms which were regarded as favourable, and in March of that year a general meeting of the shareholders agreed to the lease. Certain terms, however, were specified, which obliged the Lessee to perform obligations, which were not fulfilled, and the agreement amounted to nothing. Mr. MacKinnon again proceeded to England to effect a transaction with the first Bonds, but returned without being able to do anything with them. The embarrassments of the Company then became serious. In consequence of the war breaking out in Europe, it was impossible to raise money in England or in Canada on ordinary securities. X The earnings of the Road were small. cost of running the road was considerable. The bills incurred to get the Road in operation had to be met, and with any available means of the Railway it was impossible to meet them. A large amount was due to the Commercial Bank of Canada, and an arrangement was made with the Bank for time, by giving a chattel mortgage upon the rolling stock then on the Railway, and some further personal security. Other claims were arranged in various ways, so as to afford the Company time and opportunity to get matters brought to a proper footing. In the meantime, the track was improved as much as possible. Four miles of cribwork was filled up solid with earth embankment, and all the large cuttings and the worst places on the track, amounting to thirty miles, were ballasted. Several buildings were erected, where absolutely required, and, with the very limited means at command, all that was possible was done, not only to render the track safe and serviceable to the public, but to decrease the cost of the working serviceIt was aimed to command the confidence of the public as to safety and business punctuality, and to prevent accidents, which are always ruinously expensive, and injurious every way.

The Earnings at the end of 1855 amounted to ..£13,060 17 1 The Running Expenses amounted to ... 9,934 15 9

The amount expended on works, &c., to the end of 1855 was £291,946 16s. 4d., under the following heads:

Engineering£	11,948	8	6
Fences	2,901	16	4
Clearing and Grubbing	6,217	6	3
Grading	58,424	1	0
Incidental	2,620		4
Masonry	8,196		5
Superstructure	28,785		3
Wharfing	4,602		2
Buildings	6,195	0	11
Bridging	3,368		9
Interest			
	,	16	11
Equipment	42,858	0	9
Iron Rails and Freight	82,333	16	5
Travelling Expenses	1,216	1	1
Law Expense	809	3	0
Salaries	271	5	8
Lands and Damages	5,495	3	8
Discount on Debentures—Loss on	0,200	•	•
Bills of Exchange—Iron			
	54		
Lost, &c	7,488	10	11

£291,946 16 4

Statement of the Affairs of the Company on 31st Decr., 1855:

Stock subscribed by Munici-

palities.....£ 28,500 0 0

" Private Subscriptions . . 20,895 0 0

New and Preferential Stock on

Total Stock... £ 74,395 0 0

1st Mortgage Bonds, £100,000, Sterling£	121,666	13	4			
2nd do. to Municipalities	75,000	0	0			
Chattel Mortgage, Commercial			_			
Bank	25,143		7			
R. Bainbridge & Co.'s account.	22,288	1	8			
Balance of Floating Debt	31,320	10	8			
Income to date	13,060	17	1			
and only to distribute the same of the sam		-	£362	,874	12	4
CR.						
By Cost of Railway and Works	£291,946	16	4			
Balance of Stock uncollected	6,680	18	6			
1st Mortgage Bonds (balance).	52,681	13	4			
Running Expenses £9,934 15 9						
Material on hand 1,515 11 2						
	11,450	6	11			
Cash on hand	114	17	3			
	-	-	—£36	$2,\!874$	12	4

In February, last year, it was decided to make application to the Legislature for aid, as it was clear beyond question that a road passing from the St. Lawrence at Prescott into the Ottawa country was fairly entitled to consideration, at least to a limited extent, when Railways through other sections of the Province were most bountifully provided for out of the provincial Accordingly, in the month of March a deputation proceeded to Toronto, and endeavoured to secure assist-In the Grand Trunk Relief Act of that session, aid was proposed to this Railway in conjunction with two other lines, as subsidary lines to the Grand Trunk Railway, but in an indefinite shape, and on such footing as to leave the matter uncertain. After the session of Parliament, an arrangement was effected with the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, based upon that Act, whereby a loan of £13,000, Currency was obtained, and property of the Company given in security for it, to the satisfaction of all parties This amount relieved the company of concerned.

several very pressing demands, the payment of which saved the Company very serious loss. During last year, £7,000 was expended on buildings, fences, cattle guards, ballasting ditching, and other works.

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The Earnings in 1856 amounted to\$66,021	09
Running Expenses for 1856	08
No an age -	
\$2 <b>02</b> 40	01

In May last, the application to the Government for aid was renewed, and terminated in a definite arrangement for a grant of £50,000, Sterling, less the £13,000, Halifax Currency, received last year, agreed upon and settled by an obligation on the part of the Grand Trunk Company, and an Order-in-Council on the part of the Government. As yet, none, of this grant has been realised. It will relieve the Company from embarrassments, and place matters on such a footing, that the earnings can be applied so as to sustain credit—erect proper station buildings at Ottawa—put the track in first rate order, to economise outlay; and in all respects improve the condition of the Company's affairs. The papers relating to this transaction are now laid before the shareholders.

The entire cost of the Railway and works and equipment up to the first day of this month is \$1,255,422 : 08, under the following heads of expenditure:

Total Cost of Railway and Works to 31st July, 1857:

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Engineering		
Fencing	49,566 70	
Clearing and Grubbing.	12,124 81	
Grading	31,528 25	
Grading	260,689 77	
Incidental	14,853 19	
wasonry	34,855 13	
Superstructure.	126,092 22	
w maring		
Buildings	20,298 32	
Bridging	36.562 82	
Bridging Interest	16,974 71	
Interest	69,107 34	

Equipment	174,630	50
Iron Rails, Freight, &c	329,335	28
Travelling Expenses	2,560	76
Law Expenses	3,086	88
Salaries	9,535	84
Lands and Damages	21,065	38
Discount on Debentures	18,900	00
Damage on Bills of Exchange	1,460	00
Loss of Iron	8,594	18
Damage for breach of Ferry-boat Con-		
tract (stock)	13,600	00

\$1,255,422 (8

The balance sheet is herewith submitted, and shows the state of the Company's affairs at present. The uncollected stock, which, it is believed, can be made available, will reduce the balance of floating debt several thousand pounds.

General Statement of Affairs of Ottawa and Prescott Railway Company, 31st July, 1857:

$D_R$ .			
50851 Shares Capital Stock \$203,420 00			
2863 " Preferential do. 114,520 00			
Total Stock	\$317,940	00	
1st Mortgage Bonds (£100,000 Sterling)	486,666	67	
2nd do. to Municipalities of			
Ottawa and Prescott	300,000	00	
Chattel Mortgage to Commercial Bank.	100,573	92	
R. Bainbridge & Co., account of Iron,			
Shipping Charges, Insurance,			
Interest, &c	89,152	32	
Balance of Floating Debt	96,515	59	
Loan from Provincial Government	52,000	00	
Income to date	155,773	32	
		\$1,598,621	8 <b>2</b>
CR.			
Cost of Railway & Works, Interest, &c. \$	1,255,422	08	
1st Mortgage Bonds (balance)	210,727	67	
Stock unpaid	19,605	54	
Interest on Government Loan	2,400	00	
Running Expense to date	105,304	11	
Material on hand	4,162	42	
divina "paga resustant bergi en "		\$1,598,621	82

Arrangements are being made, on satisfactory terms, to afford the Grand Trunk Railway Company a communitation by rail between the present Junction and the Ottawa and Prescott Railway wharf at Prescott. The business arrangements this season with connecting lines have been harmoniously carried on, and continue so.

It is well deserving of notice, that the Iron Rails on the Ottawa and Prescott Railway have proved of excellent quality, and up to this time scarcely a flaw is observable in them. For two years past, two trains each way have been run daily between Prescott and Ottawa. The regularity and safety of the trains on this road since it was first opened are well known, and can be referred to with much satisfaction. No passenger has ever yet been injured on this railway. Amidst all the difficulties which have been experienced, the trains have been free from accidents, and remarkably punctual.

Only four locomotives have as yet been employed on the Railway for all purposes, and it will be seen by referring to the statements of running expenses harewith submitted, that, considering the service performed, they have been kept up at a very moderate expense.

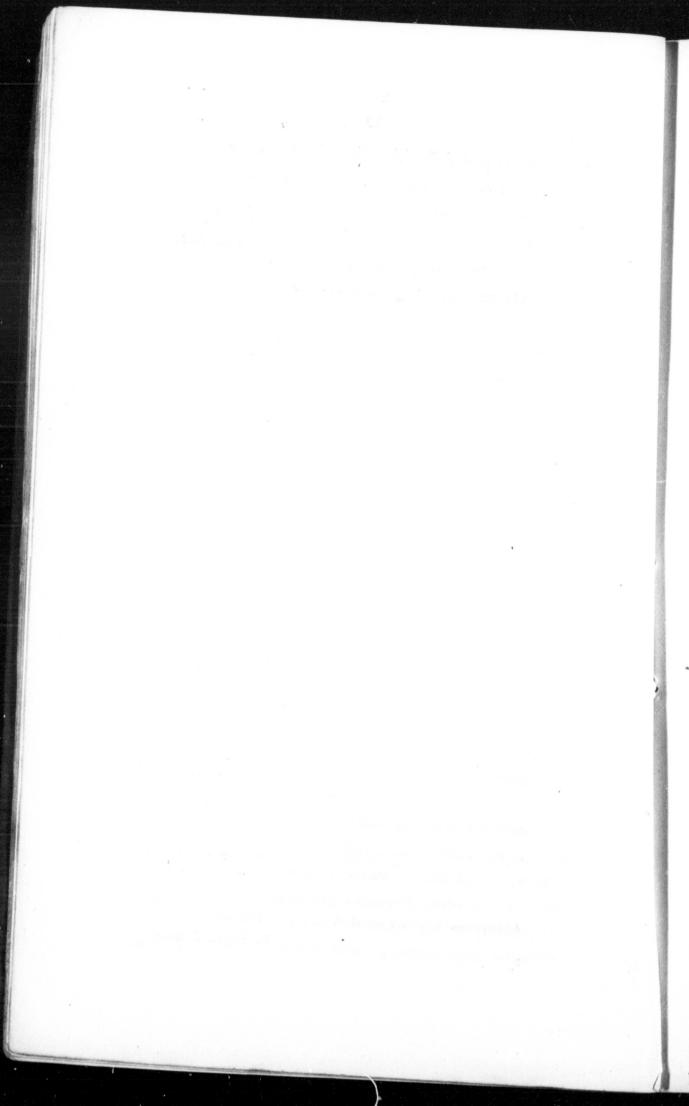
The business of the Road keeps steadily increasing, and each year shows a large increase upon the preceding year. At the same time, the cost of working the Road proportionably decreases, and will be less in proportion to the business as the track is ballasted, and the various buildings are erected, and other facilities for business afforded. The past three years has been a period of extraordinary depression in business, and has been felt with extreme severity in our section of the country. As business assumes its former activity and magnitude, so must the business of the Road increase, and, notwith-

standing the past difficulties, there is reason to hope that, with proper management, the stock of the Road will yet prove remunerative.

ROBERT BELL,

President.

Ottawa & Prescott Railway Office, }
Ottawa, 26th August, 1857.



# Operating Expenses of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway, commencing July, 1854:

				•				
Descr	ption of Outle	ay.	To end 1855	of	For 18	56.	To 31s July	t of 57,
Oil and Waste Fuel Watch and Swit Wood and Wate Engine and Fire Repairs of Cars Conductors, Bag Stationary and A	chmenr Station Att	endance	Dols. 1329 2685	cts. 38 00 50 79 98 68	Dols. 1140 4142	cts. 12	Dols. 801 2512 1014 712 2187 1003 1213 1116	25 25 25 50 28 61 00
Goods Damaged, Repairs of Roady Tools and Machin General Superint Repairs of Locon Do. Bridge Do. Buildi	and Cattle K way nery in Shop endence notives es.	illed	2857 650	37 84 46 00 04 49	104 $15879$ $128$ $2536$ $1313$ $190$	77 55 82 26 36 98 11	148 4946 139 1226 1327 191	88 44 17 33 95
Contingent and C Labour, Handlin	Office Expense g Freight d Train ts	es	395 615 753 2780 39739	89 80 04	1387 1684 2966 85	83 54 77 27 00	835 1124 1351 2089 812 24783	85 76 01 40
Number of Miles								
Ditto	Pass	enger Trains		-66		٠,.	36,	946
Average Number of Miles Ditto	Cost of Trains run by Freig	aber of Miles. s per Mile ght Trains in I	1856	.51	cents.		35,	478
	Totol Num	aber of Miles.					-	
Number of Miles Ditto		ght Trains to a	31st Ju	ly,			24, 22,	
Average		aber of Miles. s per Mile					46,	818
Total Number of Ditto	f Miles run by ditto	Freight Tra Passenger Tr						
Average		assenger and l s per Mile	•••••	. 54	cents.			
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#### Earnings of Ottawa and Prescott Rvilway, for 1854;

R. BELL, President.

### Earnings of Ottawa and Prescott Railway, for 1855:

	Passe		Freig	ht.	Sunda	ies.	Tota	ıl.
January February March April May June July August September October November	Dols. 983 780 1388 1829 2011 2695 2475 3208 3459 3294 2463	23 86 24 77 24 91 09 42 29 43 64	$\begin{array}{c} 1646 \\ 1051 \\ 1533 \\ 1184 \\ 922 \\ 993 \\ 1617 \\ 2169 \\ 2062 \end{array}$	89 58 56 66 24 32 90 72 04 50 83	263 239 216 204 243 221 221 222 221 228 265	15 43 75 09 76 53 74 89 90 85 87	1850 1616 3251 3085 3788 4101 3619 4425 5298 5692 4792	27 87 55 52 24 76 73 03 23 48 34
December	$\frac{1631}{2622I}$	65 77	$\frac{2448}{16830}$	34 58	$\frac{401}{2950}$	$\frac{04}{70}$		

R. BELL, President,

### Earnings of Ottawa and Prescott Railway, for 1856:

	Passe gers.		Freig	ht.	Sundr	ies.	Tota	il.
January February March April May June July August September October November	1370 1310 1500 2263 2902 2988 4420 3634 4293 4249	$\frac{21}{71}$	2167 3422 2135 2106 2932 2458	64 51 37 30 83 26 00 42	Dols. 227 219 232 232 229 229 224 226 229 245	00 00 88 94 00 62	3308 3793 3492 4663 6554 5353 6749 6791 6978 7650	94 75 45 68 42 09 08 13 51
December		24	3260 29870		240 2759	56	5337 66021	

R. BELL, President.

#### Earnings of Ottawa and Prescott Railway, for 1857 :

	Passen- gers.		Freight.		Sundries.		Total.	
January February	Dols. 1498 1508	57	Dols. 2423 2124	cts. 13 80	Dols. 241	cts. 0 25	4162	70
March	1937 2716	82	2424	76	238 246 249	69 25	4609	
May	2991 3368	94	3033	82 39	247 241	62 50	6273	
July	4420			07	225	96		46
	18441	10	17377	44	1690	27	37508	81

R. BELL, President.

# Passengers and Freight transported over Ottawa and Prescott Railway during 1857:

	Freight.	Movement.	Passengers.	Mileage.	
January	1.835.377	45.127.102		42.394	
February	1.329.544 1.504.178		$1.459 \\ 1.892$	49.737 68.498	
April	1.065.550		2.7611	87.640	
May	1.438.338		$3.074\frac{7}{2}$	127.375	
June	951.771 892.351	21.614.279 20.471.437	$\frac{3.343}{4.191\frac{1}{2}}$	139.118 179.287	
	9.017.109	203.748.342	18.052	694.049	

Average Receipts per mile each passenger..........2.66 cts.

Do. Number of miles travelled by each passenger. 38.45

Do. Amount received from each passenger ..... \$1.02

Do. Receipts per ton for freight each mile.....5.75 cts.

R. BELL, President.