

a year. The staff upon each section, now consists of 1 engineer in charge, 1 assistant and 2 rodmen, with such temporary assistants as axe or chainmen as may be occasionally wanted. On Nos. 1, 8, 19 and 20, there are but 1 engineer and 1 rodman. On No. 13, where the work is heavy, there are two assistants. As the work on the sections approaches completion, the staff will be reduced, as has been done in 1, 2 and 8. The line has been divided into 3 Paymasters Districts instead of 4, saving salary. The office of Asst. Secretary has been abolished. at a saving of \$300 per annum. The salary of the 4 District Engineers has been increased to \$3,000 each, with an allowance of \$600 per annum for travelling expenses. The salary of the Secretary has been increased \$600.

The total amount paid so far for engineering expenses has been—

Before 1st January, 1869	\$150,711 80
Survey and location, 2 years ending December 31, 1870.....	170,638 91
Construction and engineering ex- penses ditto.....	240,188 92
Miscellaneous ditto ditto	15,304 31
Paymasters, Assistants, &c.....	14,630 76
Chief Engineer's office and staff ..	22,229 36
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As the work progresses, engineering expenses of course decrease.

Several wooden houses have been built by the Commissioners for the use of the staff, in unsettled parts of the country. These are so located as to be available for trackmen, &c., when the railway is finished.

The Commissioners have had valuations made of the "right of way" over the whole line. The aggregate quantity of land taken

for the use of the railway (exclusive of station grounds not yet selected, and of lands purchased at Moncton) is 6,858 acres; the aggregate valuation for land and buildings is \$140,440. Rate per acre \$18 20; ditto per mile of railway (including cost of buildings) \$309. The payment for these lands, &c., has not yet been completed over the whole line, some of the parties having refused to accept the amount tendered, and intending to submit their claims to the Dominion arbitrators.

Moncton, having been selected by the Gov. in Council as the most suitable place for the erection of workshops, being the point of junction with the European and N. Am. Railway. 50½ acres of land have been bought at a cost of \$13,081, and the necessary buildings contracted for, at a cost of \$83,923.

It is expected that rails will be delivered so that the portion of the line between Riviere du Loup and Trois Pistoles may be opened during the summer. Rails for the line between Amherst and Truro will be delivered in the Fall, and the track laid from both ends. The remainder of the rails to be delivered in 1872, and track-laying actively prosecuted over the whole line.

The total value of the work done up to 31st Dec., 1870, was \$1,752,143. The approximate total force employed in October, 1870, was—

Foremen and Mechanics	21,770
Labourers	108,506
Boys	11,960
Horses	29,426
Oxen	323
Quarrymen	3,418
Total—men, 133,694; boys, 11,960; horses, 29,426; oxen, 323.	

The total expenditure up to 31st Dec., 1870, was \$3,565,692.

Dominion Appointments.

REGISTER OF DOMINION APPOINTMENTS, COMPILED FROM THE "CANADA GAZETTE."

- 21st June, 1870—Etienne Parent, Esq., Deputy Sec. of State, to be Deputy for signing Money Warrants.
- George Gilkes, Windsor, Ont., to be a Preventive officer in H. M. Customs.
- 15th July—James C. E. Carmichael, Chatham, Miramichi, N.B., to be a Fishery officer in command of the Government vessel *Sweepstakes*.
- 8th August—Allan James Grant, of L'Orignal, Prescott, Ont., to be Deputy Judge of County Court for Prescott and Russell.
- 5th September—Thomas Kennedy Ramsay, Esq., Montreal, Qc., Assistant Puisné Judge Superior Court, Prov. of Quebec.
- 28th September—Gedeon Knight Houson, of Le Preau, N.B., to be sub-Collector of Customs.
- 28th September—Hon. John W. Ritchie and Hon. Jonathan McCully to be Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.
- 30th September—Alex. Cameron, Baddeck, N.S., to be Collector of Customs.
- 10th October—Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, of Wallace, N.S., Jeremiah Northrup, Esq., of Halifax, N.S., to be Senators of Canada.
- 24th October—Hon. Bliss Botsford, of Moncton, N.B., to be Judge of County Court of Albert, Westmoreland and Kent, N.B.
- 29th October—Benjamin Burland, of St. Johns, Qc., to be Collector of Customs.
- James B. Ruel, of St. John, N.B., to be Collector of Customs.

- Noe Langevin, Quebec, to be Landing Waiter of Customs.
- 9th November—Henry Godson, of Toronto, Ont., Commissioner for administering Oath of Office in the District of Toronto.
- Charles Edward Romain, of Guelph, Ont., to be do. do. in District of London.
- Archibald Paterson, of Halifax, N.S., to be do. do. in Province of Nova Scotia.
- 16th November—C. S. Gzowski, of Toronto, Ont., D. D. Calvin, of Wolfe Island, Ont., George Laidlaw, of Toronto, Ont., Hugh Allan, of Montreal, Qc., Pierre Garneau, of Quebec, Qc., Hon. W. I. Stairs, of Halifax, N.S., and Alex. Jardine, of St. John, N.B., to be Commissioners to inquire into and report upon improvement of Water communications of the Dominion, &c.
- 18th November—Geo. B. Spencer, Hamilton, Ont., to be Collector of Customs, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 24th November—Hon. Adams George Archibald, Hon. Francis G. Johnson, Hon. Alfred Boyd, and Hon. Marc. A. Girard, all of Fort Garry, to be Commissioners for administering oaths to persons appointed to office in the Province of Manitoba.
- 25th November—Hon. A. G. Archibald, Hon. F. G. Johnson, Donald A. Smith, and Paschal Brelau, Esquires, of Fort Garry,