

President's Report.

To the Stockholders of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Co:

GENTLEMEN:

We beg leave to submit to you the 41st annual report of the operations of your road and its condition. The cry of "Hard Times" has been universal throughout our country, and the general depression of business has been felt by us, in common with all other transportation companies; but we have no reason for complaint, notwithstanding the decrease in our earnings and receipts, as you have a road virtually without debt, all accounts are promptly paid upon presentation and adjustment, and your road bed, motive power, and rolling stock are in better condition than at any time since the close of the war between the states.

We have purchased two first-class passenger locomotives of the most approved model, which are doing splendid service, and are satisfactory in every respect. These with the two freight locomotives, which we bought four years ago, and which have done excellent service, with the old locomotives still in use and doing good work, amply provide us with motive power.

During the last fiscal year we have purchased seventeen sixty-thousand-pounds box cars. These with the twenty flat cars bought in 1892, the two fish cars of sixty thousand pounds capacity, one bought and the other built in your shops, with the supply of box and flat cars previously on hand, give us all the rolling stock that we need for local business.

Our road bed is in very fair condition, as is evidenced by the speed and smoothness with which our passenger train makes its quick schedule, the same having been shortened one hour between Goldsboro and Morehead City.

We cannot repeat too often the paramount necessity of gravel upon the road bed, in order to bring it up and keep it in first rate condition. The soil on which your track is laid is of such a character that the road bed cannot be rendered permanent without the addition of gravel or some other equally stable substance, and it is our wish and intention to commence the work as early as practicable. We have to report that in consequence of a demand made by the War Department of the General Government for increased facilities at the draw in Trent river bridge, we have been obliged to make a contract for putting in a new and en-

larged draw therein, at a cost of several thousand dollars. We have contracted for an-iron draw, which we think will prove much more substantial and satisfactory than a wooden one, and the ease with which it can be handled will be of great advantage to the Company and to the shipmasters who use the opening. We hope to have the work completed before the coming winter.

We have had split switches placed on the entire main line, which contribute greatly to the safety of our trains running a fast schedule.

In consequence of the large outlay for cars, motive power, road bed improvements, the cost of the iron draw, and our diminished receipts, we have not thought it proper to declare a dividend this year.

Our traffic relations with connecting lines continue to be satisfactory, and it will be our aim and endeavor always to maintain pleasant relations with all with whom we have transactions as long as it is in our power.

For more detailed information we beg to refer you to the reports of the officers of the several departments.

Respectfully submitted for the Board.

W. S. CHADWICK,
President.

The Committee on Finance Submits the following Report.

To the Stockholders of the A. & N. C. Railroad Company:

Your Committee attended regularly at the office of the Company and examined in detail the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1895, and found them neatly and correctly kept, and all disbursements evidenced by approved vouchers.

Your Committee finds that the total amount of money that came into the hands of the Treasurer, from all sources for the year ending June 30th, 1895, was.....\$ 154,516 97

Cash on hand, June 30th, 1894..... 50,378 93

Total to be accounted for.....\$ 204,895 90

Disbursed for same period,..... 182,303 51

Leaving balance on hand,.....\$ 22,592 39

Gross earnings for same period,..... 136,526 21

Total amount of expense, less Dividend, Taxes and Ins.,.... 103,742 76

Dividend,..... 35,944 00

Fixed charges,..... 26,003 53

Extraordinary expenses,..... 21,349 49

Total operating expenses,..... 84,393 27

Balance,..... 52,132 94

Deduct sales old material,..... 322 99

Leaving net proceeds to balance,.....\$ 51,809 95

You are aware of the fact that the past twelve months has been one of great depression in all business; Railroads have felt it very sensibly, fully as much if not more than other branches of business and we take it you will be gratified to find your property not only in good financial condition, but its physical character very much improved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. DANIELS, Chm.,	}	Finance Committee.
E. H. MEADOWS.		
E. B. HACKBURN,		
S. I. WOOTEN,		
JOHN A. STEVENS,		

NEW BERN, N. C., September, 1895.