

trestle bridges are in fair condition and safe for the present.

The Green Mountain Railway is maintained in safe condition. The company operates a large hotel at the summit of the mountain.

The Houlton branch of the New Brunswick Railway is in good condition. The station buildings at Houlton are old and convenient and should be rebuilt.

The Grand Trunk Railway has been made on the line of the Knox & Lincoln Road. The railroad has been extended from the city to the summit of the mountain, the business center of the city and a new station buildings erected. The road-bed has been built mainly on the old right-of-way. A large amount of ballast put upon it. The bridge and five-tenths miles of new steel rails have been laid. The old wooden rails and ties will be required the coming season. The bridges are in good condition, the station buildings in good order and the track in good condition.

The Kennebec and Kennebunkport Railroad is in good condition.

The Lewiston & Auburn Branch Railroad is regarded as being in good condition.

The many important improvements on the Maine Central Railroad are enumerated by the commissioners, including the new side track from the junction of the double track from Westbrook Junction. A total of 19 spans of iron bridges were built upon main lines during the past season. The track rides remarkably well. Seven miles new side track have been laid and 5,185 tons of new steel rails, 314 of iron and 190,000 cross ties. Ten locomotives, six passenger cars, four baggage cars, one combination and two snow plows have been added to the equipment.

The commissioners say the rails of the Maine Shore line are good but rather light. The business of the road is increasing. The Monson Railroad is in first-class condition.

The Norway Branch Railroad has improved materially during the past season. This road is leased and operated by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, of Canada. The Orchard Beach Railroad is reported

The Ocean street horse railroad has been improved under the management of the Portland horse railroad, but needs still further work. The latter company has made many advances in the past year. One hundred and ninety-six horses are employed, and the road shows an increase in the total number of passengers.

The Portland & Ogdensburg railroad continues to improve. Considerable repair and building has been done during the year. The stations are in good order. The road has been well managed, and no accidents have occurred to the trains.

The Portland & Rochester railroad ranks as one of the best roads in the State.

The Portland, Saco & Portsmouth railroad is leased to the Eastern Railroad, and is not included in the Boston & Maine railroad system. The road is maintained in very good condition in all its parts.

The Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad has now passed under the control of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. The road is in good condition. The track is generally good, but needs more ballast and some new ties.

The work of repairing the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad has been in progress for several seasons past, and the line, with slight exceptions, is now in very good condition.

The Somerset Railroad remains in the same general good condition as when last reported.

The St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad was found by the commissioners to be in fair condition, but to need some new rails, ties and ballast and should also be surfaced and aligned.

The Sandy River Railroad has been much improved during the past year. The business of this road is constantly increasing, and it is undoubtedly necessitate the widening of

Passengers.....	1	8
Employees.....	12	23
Others.....	14	5

NET INCOME.

Arrostook River.....	\$ 13,270
Algonquin & St. Lawrence.....	257,000
Ranger & Piscaqui.....	87,012
Ranger & Katabidin Iron Works.....	1,498
Boston & Maine.....	2,901,052
Bridgton & Saco River.....	5,923
Andover & Maine.....	1,000
European & North American.....	125,043

Kennebunk & Kennebunkport.....	2,923
Knox & Lincoln.....	48,001
Maine Central.....	1,202,197
Moose.....	145
Orchard Beach.....	2,527
Portland & Ogdensburg.....	81,104
Portland & Rochester.....	43,621
Portland, Saco and Portsmouth.....	92,254
Portsmouth, Ft. Falls & Conway.....	15,071
Rumford Falls and Buckfield.....	17,389
St. Croix & Penobscot.....	15,060
York Harbor & Beach.....	3,115
Portland House.....	2,821

**THE STATE.**

**HANCOCK COUNTY.**

The elegant cottage at Bar Harbor, n  
about completed for Col. E. W. Bass

West Port, will be brilliantly lighted with electricity. The house has been wired for lights, which will be displayed in beautiful chandeliers and wall brackets. The dining room will contain eight lights.

**KENNEBEC COUNTY.**

Miss Sophia Hanson of Waterville has accepted a position in the choir at the insane asylum at Augusta.

Mr. Charles E. Adams of Bangor, who is gymnasium instructor at Colby University, is to go to Pennsylvania and become instructor in a large gymnasium in that State. On his return he will enter the Bowdoin Medical School and pursue a full course. Mr. Adams graduated from Bowdoin College at Athens.

stroke of the famous college crew which represented Bowdoin at Saratoga in 1884.

OXFORD COUNTY.

H. W. Cousins & Co., of Fryeburg, dealing in general merchandise, called a meeting of their creditors last Saturday, and a proposition to pay 30 cents on the dollar was made. It is under consideration.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

The Sunday morning Pullman train from Bangor was delayed at Hermon Pond by the breaking of the equalizing bar on the spring of the truck.

Bangor people are talking of a carnival.

A young man named Augustus Johnson,

Boston, who has been at work on the Canadian Pacific railroad, arrived in Bangor Saturday, from Greenville, with badly frostbitten feet. He says that he froze them four days ago, and soon afterwards started for Greenville on foot, reaching there after a hard walk in season to take the train Saturday. Three others reached Bangor Saturday from the Canadian Pacific railroad, who had walked most of the distance. They were somewhat frostbitten, but not seriously so.

**Professor Asa Gray's Last Year.**  
[New York Evening Post.]

Dr. Gray's last year has been one of peculiar happiness. Early in the spring he made a voyage to Europe, and in the company was

Mrs. Gram made a round of visits upon close and new friends. His activity is described as marvellous. On his return in October there were no marked indications that his useful and beautiful life was drawing to a close. He maintained his interest in recent questions, and engaged at once in the work of the "Flora." Even to the last month he came with him to the summer and the winning smile which made his welcome everywhere, and at all times. He continued to answer every demand upon his energies. His answers to the younger botanists were as patient as ever, and all looked for a few years more of his wise counsel. It was hoped that his journey, which had been crowned by the highest scientific honors at

gadenough to the Renewal or our friends might have strengthened him for a few years more of work. On his desk there remained the nearly completed revision of the "Vitae, or grapevines, of America." On his writing table there is left the unfinished necrology of the past year, which must be closed by another hand; but no true delineating character and scientific achievement can be as tender or as true as that the master who has gone to his well earned rest.

**Society Festivities in Ottawa.**  
[Albany Journal.]

At Ottawa the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne are giving a series of winter

tertainments which are to be continued during the session of the House, and of which tobogganing and curling are the main features. In addition to this Lady Lansdowne gives a tobogganing party every Saturday afternoon. The new Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the Hon. Mr. Angers, is having a splendid slide with four chutes erected at Spencer Wood, his official residence on the St. Louis Road, near the city of Quebec, and will open it by inviting the Garrison and other snowshoe clubs to a tramp and toboggan masquerade (the latter a novel innovation of Lady Lansdowne,) on Saturday next.











