

REPORT
OF THE
PAW PAW RAILROAD COMPANY,

For the year ending December 31st, 1873.

OFFICERS AND OFFICES.

Names.	Residence.
H. S. Ismon, President.....	Jackson, Mich.
Henry Ismon, Secretary.....	Paw Paw, "
Horace S. Ismon, Treasurer and General Manager.....	Jackson, "
John Ihling, General Superintendent.....	Paw Paw, "

General offices at Paw Paw.

Names of Directors.	Residences.
Horace S. Ismon.....	Jackson, Mich.
Henry Ismon.....	Paw Paw, "
E. O. Briggs.....	" "
Edward Martin.....	" "
G. R. Ismon.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
George W. Lawton.....	Lawton, "
W. D. Thompson.....	Jackson, "

CAPITAL STOCK.

Amount of Capital Stock subscribed.....	\$15,000 00
Amount of Stock paid in.....	15,000 00
Amount of cash paid to the Corporation on account of the original Capital Stock.....	15,000 00
Amount of Capital Stock paid in per mile of road.....	3,750 00

COST.

Total cost of entire road to date, all for Michigan.....	\$80,000 00
(This is to include grading and masonry, bridging, superstructure, land, damages, and fences, station, engine, and car houses, and cost of engineering.)	
Total cost of entire equipment.....	6,000 00
(This to include locomotives, cars, machinery and tools, and machine shops not included above.)	
Proportion of total for road and equipment per mile of road.....	\$21,500 00

CHARACTERISTICS OF ROAD,

(All in Michigan.)

MAIN LINE.

Length of Main Line, from Paw Paw to Lawton.....	4 miles
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SIDE TRACKS.

Aggregate length of Sidings, and other track not above enumerated.....	.50 mile.
Aggregate length of Main Line, Branches, Sidings, and other track.....	4.50 miles.

GAUGE.

What is the gauge of your lines?.....	4 feet 8½ inches.
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MILEAGE.

Number of miles run by passenger and freight trains during the year ending Dec. 31st, 1873.....	9,870
Total mileage.....	9,870

SPEED OF TRAINS.

The highest rate of speed allowed for express passenger trains.....	Miles per hour. 20
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BRIDGES AND TRESTLES.

Wooden bridges, number of.....	1; length.....	340 feet.
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CROSSINGS.

What railroads cross your road at grade in this State, and at what locality?—None.	
Number of crossings of highways at grade in this State.....	6
No crossings over or under railroad.	
No crossings at which gates or flagmen are maintained.	
What regulations govern your employes in regard to these crossings?	
Ringing of bell before crossing.	

RAIL.

How many miles of iron rail, and how many of steel have you in use, and what is their relative durability, practicability of use, and value as used on your road?	
Four miles of iron.	
Weight of iron or steel rail respectively per yard of track?	
Iron rail, 56 pounds.	

EQUIPMENT.

Number of locomotives of more than 20 tons weight, exclusive of tender.....	1
Number of passenger cars.....	1
Number of other cars, as follows: flat.....	1

FENCING.

How many miles of fencing have you on your road in Michigan?.....	8 miles.
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EARNINGS, EXPENSES, ETC.

MONTHLY EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1873.

Tariff Earnings.

MONTHS	Total for Transportation of Passengers.	Total for Transportation of Freight.
1873. January.....	\$323 43	\$292 37
February.....	324 63	245 46
March.....	420 75	285 57
April.....	385 39	371 41
May.....	304 00	293 35
June.....	363 90	247 57
July.....	433 15	351 76
August.....	370 60	245 47
September.....	449 00	269 44
October.....	419 65	310 01
November.....	341 77	262 23
December.....	379 65	210 12
Total.....	\$4,515 92	\$3,384 76
Total passenger tariff earnings for year.....		\$4,515 92
Total freight tariff earnings for year.....		3,384 76
Total tariff earnings for year.....		\$7,900 68

MONTHLY EARNINGS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES RESPECTIVELY.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
Express	\$97 04	\$91 47	\$99 87	\$112 54	\$88 47	\$98 31
Mail	66 66	66 67	66 67	66 66	66 67	66 67
Total	\$164 60	\$158 14	\$166 54	\$179 20	\$155 14	\$164 98

	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Express	\$83 36	\$85 63	\$94 88	\$100 40	\$106 98	\$91 77
Mail	66 66	66 67	66 67	66 66	66 67	66 67
Total	\$150 02	\$152 30	\$161 55	\$167 06	\$173 65	\$158 44

Total tariff earnings for year ending December 31st, 1873.....	\$7,900 68
Total earnings from other sources for year ending December 31st, 1873.....	1,951 63
Total	\$9,852 30

EXPENDITURES FOR OPERATING DURING THE YEAR.

Cost of Maintenance of Way and Buildings.

Repairs of roads exclusive of bridges and new rails.....	\$1,118 22
Repairs of bridges.....	376 07
Repairs of buildings and fixtures.....	82 75
Total for maintenance of way, all for Michigan.....	\$1,577 04
Cost per mile of road kept in repair.....	394 26

Cost of Maintenance of Motive Power and Cars.

Repairs of locomotives.....	\$273 92
Repairs of passenger, baggage, and mail cars.....	342 48
Cost of fuel, wood, \$1,191 28.....	1,191 28
Oil used by engines, and other material used for cleaning.....	59 00
Total for maintenance of motive power and cars, all for Michigan.....	\$1,866 68
Cost per mile of road operated.....	466 67
TOTAL expenditures for operating the road, all for Michigan.....	\$3,443 72
Expenses per mile of the road operated.....	860 93

RECAPITULATION OF EARNINGS.

From passengers.....	\$4,515 92
From freight.....	3,385 06
United States mails.....	800 00
Expresses.....	1,151 62
Total earnings, all for Michigan.....	\$9,852 60
Earnings per mile of road operated.....	2,463 15

PASSENGERS.

Total number of passengers carried during the year.....	18,061
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TARIFFS.

PASSENGER TARIFF FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1873.

Highest rate per mile for distances less than five miles.....	6½ cents.
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FREIGHT TARIFF FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1873.

	Class 1.	Class 2.	Class 3.	Class 4.	Grain.
Highest rate per mile per ton for whole length of line.....	50 c.	50 c.	50 c.	50 c.	25 c.

Total amount of freight carried in year ending Dec. 31, 1873..... 2,207 tons.

MISCELLANEOUS EXHIBITS.

TONNAGE OF ARTICLES TRANSPORTED.

Cereals.....	197
Agricultural products, except grain.....	30
Flour.....	600 bbls.
Provisions.....	41
Manufactures.....	22
Animals.....	280 head.
Lumber and forest products.....	624
Coal.....	13
Stone and brick.....	58
Merchandise and other articles.....	1,026

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER.

U. S. MAIL.

What is the compensation paid you by the U. S. Government for the transportation of its mails, and on what terms of service?
Eight hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly.

ACCIDENTS TO PERSONS.

None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF JACKSON, ss. :

H. S. Ismon, President, Treasurer, and General Manager of the Paw Paw Railroad Company, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has caused the foregoing statements to be prepared by the proper officers and agents of this Company, and having carefully examined the same, declares them to be a true, full, and correct statement of the condition and affairs of said Company, on the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1873, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed),

H. S. ISMON,
Pres't and Treas'r.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, A. D. 1874.

H. V. PERRIN,
Notary Public Jackson Co., Mich.