

admit of the free passage of vehicles of every kind, a sign with large and distinct letters placed thereon, to give notice of the proximity of the railroad, and warn persons of the necessity of looking out for the cars; and any company neglecting or refusing to erect such sign shall be liable in damages for all injuries occurring to persons or property from such neglect or refusal.

1876, ch. 242, sec. 20.

176. Each and every railroad company incorporated under this article, shall annually, in the month of January, make a full report of the condition of its affairs to the comptroller, showing the amount of the capital stock of such company; the gross amount of tolls or receipts, during the previous year; the cost of repairs and incidental expenses; the net amount of profits, and the dividends made, with such other facts as may be necessary to a full statement of the affairs and condition of such road; and the comptroller shall present an abstract copy of such report to the general assembly at each session thereof.

Ibid. sec 21

177. Whenever the line of any railroad company now existing, or which may hereafter organize under this article, shall cross any canal, or any navigable water, the said company shall file with the board of public works the plan of the bridge and other fixtures for crossing such canal or navigable water, designating the place of crossing; and if the said board shall approve of such plan, it shall notify such company in writing, of such approval; but if the said board shall disapprove such plan, or fail to approve the same within twenty days from the filing thereof, then it shall be lawful for such company to apply to the circuit court, or any judge thereof in vacation; and upon reasonable notice being given to the members of the board of public works, said court or judge shall, upon good cause shown, appoint a competent, disinterested engineer, not a resident of any county through which said road passes, to examine such crossing and to prescribe the plan and condition thereof, so as not to impede navigation; and such engineer shall, within twenty days from his appointment, make his return to the circuit court for the county where such crossing is to be made, subject to exception