

excavation between the city of Baltimore and the valley of the Patapsco in a distance of seven miles is 655,568 cubic yards. The embankments along the same distance are 698,629 cubic yards, making together 1,284,197 cubic yards. The masonry on the section within the city, and on the first and second divisions of the road, is upwards of 56,000 perches of stone work, and is executed in a very superior style of workmanship.

Along the valley of the Patapsco it has, in many places been found necessary to conduct the road through extensive beds of hard granite or limestone, and at the "Buz-zard Rock" the road has been carried through a solid mass of rock rising 58 feet above its surface. These formidable difficulties have, however, in the short space of about one year, been overcome, and twenty-five miles of the road are now nearly ready for the reception of the Rails. The expense of constructing the remaining forty-one miles thence to the "Point of Rocks," it is confidently believed, will be very considerably less than for the twenty-five miles from Baltimore to the forks of Patapsco. When the road shall, therefore, have been completed to that place, it may safely be computed, whether we regard time or expense, that the work will have been much more than half accomplished as far as to the valley of the Potomac, and the Board are fully persuaded, that the entire graduation and masonry, may be completed as far as to the "Point of Rocks" by the end of the year 1830. From that time fifty miles of it may be constructed annually.

The location of the entire line from the forks of the Patapsco to the "Point of Rocks" has been completed, except a distance of about twelve miles, and the whole line will be finished before winter, and be ready to be put under contract. The road when constructed to the Potomac, will, at once, open to the city of Baltimore the trade of the fertile and extensive valleys of that noble river and its widely extended tributaries, and from that time cannot fail to become profitable, both to the stockholders and to the public.

The further progress of the work west of the "Point of Rocks" must, of necessity, be suspended till the termination of the suits now pending between this Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company: measures had been taken in the early part of the last season, to extend the road from the "Point of Rocks" westward, as far as to the west side of the Catocin Mountain, and eastward,