

act of that body, authorising a subscription of a million of dollars to the stock of the company, it was discovered that it had been designed to extend the basin to the ravine of Market street, in Georgetown, near the lower end of the section denominated 3; so that by the decision of the stockholders, at their extra meeting, the canal was extended but 2,276 feet beyond the point required by the act of Congress, as well as by the interest of the principal parties to the charter of the company.

In the final adjustment of all the details of the plan approved by the general meeting for fixing the termination of the canal, reference was kept in view to all the provisions of the recent compromise between the District Corporations, which had led to the settlement of the most embarrassing question to the Board that had occurred since its first institution. Ground has been provided for the eastern abutment of the Alexandria aqueduct; and such an elevation is proposed to be given to the water in the Rock creek basin, as, while it saves the cost of much excavation, will ensure to the present and future canal of Washington, at all times, an adequate supply of water, at such a level as its corporate authority may hereafter prefer.

The tide lock provided in the mole which is to sustain the water of Rock creek at this level, will connect its navigation with the wharves of Georgetown, above the basin, and those of Washington and Alexandria, below; while a breadth and structure are given to the mole by the disposition of the surplus earth from the excavation of the Georgetown sections, which if judiciously applied, will more than repay, it is believed, the total cost of the extension of the canal through that town, and the residue of the section next above it.

Omitting those two sections, and their appurtenances, from the preceding consideration, on account of their peculiar object and structure, and there remain of those under contract, ninety, extending over a distance of somewhat more than 46 miles. On 71 of these, as well as on the 2 extending through Georgetown, the contractors had entered upon their labors before the 1st day of May.

The 78th section, averaging, in depth, 6 feet cutting, was begun on the 15th of January, the middle of the late inclement winter, and completed on the 6th of May, so as to entitle the contractor to one of the premiums in-
stances. by the Board to promote the progress of the ca-