

About the time the tracks above mentioned were completed, it was determined to lay the remaining portion of the second track from the point mentioned, to Ellicott's Mills, a distance exceeding six miles, with stone sills, laid longitudinally of the road, and surmounted with the iron rails. Accordingly a contract was made to that effect, and the work has been in progress during the several months past. It would have been completed before this time, but for the unfavourable state of the weather during the latter part of the fall, and the present winter, and might be finished in a few days from this time if the inclemency of the season did not prevent. A short time after the rails are laid will be occupied in dressing off the road, and making the horse path; but it is believed, that the two tracks from Baltimore to Ellicott's Mills will be finished and ready for use in the course of a few weeks.

The abundant supply of fine granite in the hills bordering on the Patapsco, afforded a fair opportunity of testing the experiment of constructing a rail way composed exclusively of stone and iron, and during the past summer contracts were made for laying, in this manner, the first track on the second division, extending from Ellicott's Mills to the Forks of Patapsco, a distance of nearly 12 miles. This track is not yet completed, but arrangements have been made to insure its completion by the first of April next. The aggregate distance of the several parts yet to be laid with stone sills on the first and second divisions, under these contracts, amount to rather more than two miles out of eighteen.

An agreement has been made with several enterprising contractors to lay the second track on the second division, with stone and iron; to be completed by the fourth day of July next. The quarries relied on are abundant, and the stone superior in quality to any hitherto used in the construction of the road, and from the character of those who have undertaken the work, a confidence is entertained that the track will be completed by the time specified.

The graduation and masonry of the third division, from the forks of the Patapsco to the base of Parr spring ridge, being in a state of forwardness, a contract was made last fall to lay a single track of stone sills throughout the said division. The work is now in progress, and is also, by contracts, to be completed by the fourth day of July next.

About two miles on the east side of the summit of Parr spring ridge, and nine miles on the western side, have not been definitely located. This location is, however, intended to be made during the present season, so that the entire line of the third division