

stockholders, so far as the 5 sections and the tunnelling are concerned, must be approved by the legislature.

There was another class of works, continued when others were abandoned on the 15th of December 1839, and persevered in after the 1st of June 1840. The time for completing this class had expired, and the Board had power to abandon them, yielding, however, to the opinion of the chief engineer, the contractors on them were severally authorised to proceed. The Board was informed, that the sum of \$60,000 would complete them all, and was willing to be so liberal and magnanimous to the company, to proceed; as the cost of recommencing these contracts, would bear a large proportion to the amount needed to finish them.

Besides the works above enumerated, there were a few contracts at first suspended, and afterwards, at the instance of the chief engineer, recommenced. And a very small amount of work was let, upon which less than \$10,000 was expended, which the chief engineers of the company have concurred in saying was necessary to protect sections already finished.

The whole amount of scrip paid out since June, 1840:

For monthly estimates for work on the 50 miles,	
is stated to be	\$203,241 42
Of which was paid on the tunnel and the five sections mentioned above, that all will admit ought not to have been abandoned	114,828 60
	\$88,412 82

The balance of the scrip issued after the 1st of June, 1840, was put out for acceptances of the company, given for work done before the last session of the Legislature commenced, for improvements and repairs on the finished canal, for salaries to officers, and for existing debts which the board had no other means to pay. As this did not increase the amount of the debts of the company, but simply changed their form, I presume that the conduct of the board, in this particular, will be exempt from criticism.

These being the facts in the case, we then have an issue only of \$88,412 82 as to the policy of issuing which there can be, I think, any contrariety of opinion.

In the appendix will be found that part of the proceedings of the stockholders at their general annual meeting in June, 1840, relating to the issue of this scrip. There may be seen the authority under which the board proceeded, and the motives