

MAIN STEM.

Repairs of Road.

The aggregate cost of repairs during the years 1837, '38, and '39, were very large, reaching the maximum in the latter year, when it amounted to \$97,920 74—in 1840, it was \$85,463 73—in 1841, \$70,097 69—and the estimated repairs of 1842, is \$62,000, which is based upon the six months already passed.

In 1836, '37, the road was almost impassable; hence the heavy repairs of 1837, '38, and '39. When once put into good order, as a matter of course the expense of keeping it so, by an active and judicious supervision, is materially diminished.

Supervision.

In 1837, '38, and '39, there were nine Supervisors on the Main Stem, rendered necessary by the condition of the road.

In 1840, the improvement in this respect enabled the company to dispense with two. On the first of April last two more were discharged, and there are now but five Supervisors who in the present condition of the road are able to do the work which required nine in 1839.

Labourers and Horses

These were at their maximum in 1840, when there were 137 men at an average of 91½ cents per day, and 10 horses at 67 cents per day. In 1841, 123 men at 90¼ cents, and 8 horses at 67 cents per diem. On the 1st April instant, the number was reduced to 87 men at 80½ cents, and 6 horses at 67½ cents per day.

WASHINGTON BRANCH.

Repairs of Road.

Here the numerous deep cuts which are the peculiar characteristic of this work, and the heavy slips which abate only with time, caused heavy and increasing expenditures through 1837, '38, and '39, in which last year, they were \$35,828 35. In 1840, they diminished to \$27,655 88. In 1841, to \$22,664 48, and with the experience of six months of 1842, they are estimated for the year at \$18,500.

Supervision.

In 1837, and '38, there were five Supervisors on the road, whose principal labour was at the slips of the deep cuts.

In 1839, they were reduced to four, and in 1840, to two, which is the present number, and both of these are absolutely necessary, and will be until the cuts cease altogether to slip, which cannot be expected for some years to come.

Labourers and Horses.

The greatest number of these was in 1838, when 90 men at 95 cents, and 11 horses at \$1 per day were employed.