

Of this amount, there was in the treasury, or in transitu, on the 1st of January instant, the sum of \$4,295 97, which was retained to meet the current expenses, and supply any deficiency that might arise during the winter, when the navigation of the canal will be closed by ice; and the residue, together with the larger portion of the fund appropriated to the purpose as mentioned in the annual report, have been disbursed in payment of loans negotiated with the banks, to meet the pressing demands of the company in the year 1843, and of debts due and in arrear for annual expenses. The balance still due and unpaid for repairs and annual expenses from previous years, according to the statement of the Treasurer and Accountant, is \$50,000.

This, being a debt chargeable on the gross revenues, will be paid by the remaining means in possession of the company to the extent thereof, and the residue by instalments, from time to time, as a surplus may be realized over the amount necessary to defray the current expenses, which, by a regulation established in April last, are now paid in cash as they accrue. The benefits of this regulation have fully met the expectations expressed by the Board in their annual report, as is clearly demonstrated by the diminution in the ordinary expenses of the nine months during which it has been in operation.

The total current expenses of the year 1844, notwithstanding an extra outlay of \$2,981 for *improvements*, as we have before mentioned, exhibit a decrease of \$1,478 24, compared with the expenses of 1842, and of 36,421 04, compared with those of 1843, as will appear from the following summary:

	1842.	1843.	1844.
Costs of repairs, ordinary and extraordinary, including work chargeable to construction -	\$26,750	\$61,957 61	\$27,909 30
Pay of President, Directors, Clerk, Treasurer, Engineer, Superintendents, Collectors, Lock Keepers, Office rent, and all other charges. - -	22,100	21,835 19	19,462 46
	48,850	83,792 80	47,371 76

These totals show the entire expenses of the Company on the finished portion of the canal to be, for the year 1842, \$363 per mile per annum; for 1843, \$623 per mile per annum; and for 1844, \$352 per mile per annum. The expenses of 1842 have heretofore been regarded as a fair standard of the annual expenses of the company; and the large expenditure of 1843 is attributable to extraordinary causes, which have been fully explained in former communications and reports. We think we are fully warranted