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OUR RAILROADS.

We have received a copy of the Annual Report of the President and Superintendents of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta, and Wilmington & Weldon Railroads, together with the report of the Treasurer.

From this exhibit it will appear that the business of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, has increased in two years \$317,426.25 which is a little more than seventy-six per cent, while the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad in the same time has increased \$150,991.37 which is more than twenty-seven per cent.

The very great increase of the local business, especially of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, is a matter of congratulation and full of promise.

We have recently published the report table for the year 1873. The amount of business done exhibits a wonderful increase and is truly immense. This report shows that a large part of this increase comes from the rapid and extraordinary growth of the local business of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad.

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GENERAL COLON.

We publish in this issue a most interesting letter from General Colson, written upon the subject of the Red Sea. His letters are always of interest.

W. B. GODWIN'S RESIGNATION.

Rocky Point, Jan. 18, 1874. Messrs. Editors: As I have been asked and written to several times whether anything appeared in the minutes of the meeting of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, relative to the nomination of Lowery's widow as Vice-President of the Association, and having seen some discussion in the newspapers in regard to the same, I have felt it necessary to make a statement.

The official record in regard to this matter reads as follows: 'Robinson being called to the attention of the meeting, and unanimously elected.' I heard the name of the widow Lowery mentioned, but neither the President nor the Vice-President, as we knew the spirit in which it was said, and I believe every man in the room would have been glad to see her nominated and unanimously elected.

I have written this much in the hope that Mr. Godwin will reconsider his position and that the Association shall come to the Association from what was intended and regarded as a harmless proceeding.

THE MAIL ROBBERY.

The investigation of the robbery of stamps from the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, was continued yesterday.

On the night of the 7th of last December, about 10 o'clock, a party of about a dozen men, armed with revolvers, entered the post office at Wilmington, N. C., and proceeded to break open the mail boxes.

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