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1851.

THE undersigned herewith present a Report of the
Proceedings of the Railroad Convention, held in this
city, in December and January last.

THOMAS THACHER, }
WALDO HIGGINSON, } *Committee.*
S. M. FELTON, }

PROCEEDINGS.

At an informal meeting of some of the several persons interested in the lines of Railroads leading to Vermont, holden at 11½ Tremont Row, Nov. 13th, 1850, E. FAIRBANKS, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and S. M. FELTON, Esq., Secretary.

It was *Voted*, that a Committee be appointed to call a meeting of the Directors and Superintendents of the Railroads, constituting the several lines of Railway between Boston and Lake Champlain, by way of Concord, N. H., and Fitchburg, Mass., together with the Directors and Superintendents of such connecting lines as it may seem expedient to the Committee to have represented at said meeting, for the purpose of taking means to regulate the competition now existing between portions of said lines, and to consider such other matters as may be brought before them.

It was also *Voted*, to appoint the following a Committee to call said meeting:—

THE PRESIDENT of the Boston & Maine Railroad.
 “ “ Boston & Lowell Railroad.
 “ “ Fitchburg Railroad.
 “ “ Vermont & Mass. Railroad.
 “ “ Sullivan Railroad.

THOMAS THACHER, Esq., of the Cheshire Railroad.

B. T. REED, Esq., of the Ogdensburg Railroad.

NATHAN RICE, Esq., of the Rutland and Burlington Railroad.

DR. WM. J. WALKER, of the Northern Railroad.

J. P. PUTNAM, Esq., of the Vermont Central Railroad.

JOSIAH STICKNEY, Esq., of the Concord Railroad.

THOMAS S. WILLIAMS, Superintendent of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

WALDO HIGGINSON, Agent of the Boston & Lowell Railroad.

S. M. FELTON, Superintendent of the Fitchburg Railroad.

In accordance with the above vote, invitations were sent by the above Committee to the Presidents, Directors and Superintendents of the following Railroads, requesting them to meet at the Fitchburg station, in

Boston, on Tuesday, December 10th, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M.:—

*Boston and Lowell,
 Nashua and Lowell,
 Concord,
 New Hampshire Central,
 Boston, Concord and Montreal,
 Concord and Claremont,
 Contoocook Valley,
 Northern,
 Connecticut and Passumpsic,
 Vermont Central,
 Vermont and Canada,
 Ogdensburg,
 Sullivan,
 Rutland and Burlington,
 Cheshire,
 Fitchburg,
 Boston and Maine,
 Vermont and Massachusetts.*

In accordance with this notice, the Convention assembled at the time appointed, in the room of the Directors of the Fitchburg Railroad, in Boston.

The meeting was called to order by JOSEPH TILDEN, Esq., of Boston, who nominated JACOB FORSTER, Esq., of Boston, as President, *pro tem.*

THOMAS S. WILLIAMS, Esq., of the Boston & Maine Railroad, was elected Secretary, *pro tem.*

MESSRS. CHARLES THOMPSON, URIAH CROCKER, and THOMAS M. EDWARDS, were appointed, on motion of one of the delegates, by the President *pro tem.*, to retire and nominate a list of officers for the Convention. This