

Superintendents should not only be familiar with the condition of the Company's property, but should also be familiar with the requirements of shippers, and this can only be accomplished by frequent trips over the line, and stoppages at all important points and direct communication with shippers. On account of the great increase in traffic, the prompt movement of trains and the quick unloading and handling of cars are matters that are of vital importance to your Company. It is believed that much better results can be accomplished by a re-divisioning of the line, and in anticipation of the completion of the Clinch Valley Division, about 115 miles in length, during the year 1888, I recommend that the line be divided into five divisions as follows:-

Eastern Division,	from Norfolk to Crewe, This including the Lambert's Point & City Point Branches, will be a total mileage of	143.41 miles
Roanoke "	from Crewe to Roanoke, including the Blue Ridge Branch,	136.60 miles
New River "	from Roanoke to Bluefields,	105.80 miles
Western "	" Radford to Bristol, including the Cripple Creek Extension and branches,	154.08 miles
Clinch Valley "	from Bluefields to Norton, including all branches to coal mines,	142.27 miles
	Total	682.16 miles

Each of these Divisions to be in charge of a Division Superintendent, who will report to the General Manager who should have an Assistant.

The re-divisioning of the line will necessitate the construction at both Crewe and Bluefields, of an engine house, turn table, small repair shops, store house, office building, houses for employees, yards and sidings for the handling and making up of trains,