## OLD COLONY RAILROAD.

It is said that the Old Colony Railroad Co. propose taking up the track re-locating it along the north shore, passing through the villages of Yarmouth, Dennis, East Dennis, West Brewster, Brewster, and joining the old track at East Brewster. Also a new line will probably be built from Falmouth to Chatham along the south shore. The change of route between Yarmouth and East Brewster will shorten the distance between Boston and Provincetown some six miles or so, and with the Plymouth line via Bournedale the distance between these terminal stations will not exceed 106 miles.

The foregoing piece of intelligence is floating through the Massachusetts newspapers. It is hardly probable how ever, that the management of the Old Colony Railroad Co., without some little preliminary agitation, has concluded to take up its track from Yarmouth to East Brewster and leave the six stations in Yarmouth, Dennis and Harwich without a means of reaching the city by rail; and also to open two now routes in place of the present arrangement. The writer of the paragraph never was far on the Cape, if he had boen he would not be guilty of such a piece of utter stupidity.
He had doubtless overheard some of the speculations indulged in by those enterprising citizens who are in the habit almost daily of building railroads -at the grocery stores and shoe makers' shops; and took them to be railroad directors! The route which was originally seleoted for the Cape Cod branch of the $O$. C. railroad has always been a marvel and a puzzle to outsiders, as well as our own people. It carefully picks out the uninhabited plains, avoids the villages, and winds its way through the sylvan retreats of the Cape, wherever this is practicable. The villages thus avoided have naturally desired closer relations with the railroad. Looking over the map a scheme naturally presents itself, which would accommodate the entire travel of the County. This is the discontinuance of that portion of the existing road between Harwich and East Brewster-some 12 miles-and the construction of a track from Yarmouth, through Dennis, East Dennis, and Brewster to East Brewster, thus accommodating a well-populated region, now in a measure cut off from direct railroad facilities. This scheme has been plausibly urged in public discussions, but it is not probable that the railroad company has seriously considered it. The project of a road on the south side of the Cape from Chatham to Woods Holl has been projected by the same parties who have planned the other routes mentioned, but it is hardly probable that the Old Colony will deem it good policy to build an opposition to its own lines.

## The Advocate <br> Was Saying . . . <br> 95 YEARS AGO

Our Cape freight train bound into Boston Saturday, ran off the track near Titicut station about noon and smashed up things pretty generaily. A small dump car first got off the track and was the cause of this mischief. Fifteen cars of the train were thrown from the track, down the embankment on both sides of the road, and one completey over the stone wall into the wools It is said to be the most destructive disaster that ever occurred on the road. The track was torn up for about a quarter of a mile. A brakeman was seriously injured, and the conductor slightly.
Mr. Zenas W. Write, of East Sandwich, of salt hay notoriety, was one of the victims in the donkey car, who, states the Gazette, after being pitched and turned, rolled out from under scratching his caput, saying he was "all right."
this year. Whenever this is done, it will have to be done by a separate and independent organization, and will call for some more definite announcement than a paragraph in an out-of-theway newspaper.

