

THE WATER-WORKS OF AMERICA.

We present, to-day, the Tables of Water-Works on this Continent, corrected and amplified, but still incomplete, owing to the surprising inattention of a few of the companies, who with a very little effort, might enable us to perfect the columns.

As at present advised, there are—

86 American Water-Works.

17 British Provincial do.

93 Water Works on this Continent, of which :

68 American Works cost \$62,914,579

6 British Provincial do. 3,180,000

74 Water-Works, ascertained cost, . . . 66,094,579

In addition to which,

18 American Water-Works, estimated cost, 6,400,000

1 British Provincial, 1,000,000

93 Water-Works, probable cost, . . . \$73,494,579

We shall continue our efforts to perfect these statistics and publish them as early as possible; in the meantime, we are much gratified to observe the growing interest manifested by the various Water-Works, nearly all of which have become subscribers to the JOURNAL, and brought in their train a number of advertisers.

The increase and extension of water-works, is steadily progressing in all parts of the country, and notwithstanding the political dissensions between the North and South, we are satisfied that the coming spring will witness a still greater increase than ever before.

Several companies have already adopted our suggestion in reference to water-meters, and we do not at all relax our injunctions to every water board to insist upon their use, be the supply of water greater or less. There is no telling how soon the most bountiful supply may be circumscribed elsewhere, by an accident similar to that which occurred in this city last month, but with the meter in use, it can never result in serious embarrassment.