

number of the clauses with slight amendments.

On SATURDAY the House was in committee on the Railway Bill. The Attorney General added two new clauses, one to the effect that the branch railway to Pictou town should not be undertaken by the company until the Town of Pictou had satisfied the Governor-in-Council of its willingness and ability to maintain the ferry across Pictou harbor, and another to the effect that before the charter should be granted the company must satisfy the Governor-in-Council that at least 25 p.c. of its ordinary share capital has been actually paid up. The bill passed in Committee.

On MONDAY the Hon. Mr. Townsend introduced a bill to allow "the Great European and North American Short Line Railway Company," to construct a railway from Cape North in the Island of Cape Breton to the Strait of Causo, and from New Glasgow via River John, Tatamagouche, Wallace and Pugwash, to the Intercolonial Railway, at or near Oxford Station. The House then went into committee and passed several bills.

We copy the following items from the obituary record of the Industrial Monthly, published at Washington:

Journalism has recently lost in Philadelphia, by death, two able representatives, Dr. Sheldon MacKenzie and Col. John W. Forney.

Scholarship mourns the loss of Rev. Dr. Cramp, formerly President of Acadia College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, in the 87th year of his age; and Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., L. L. D., of Yale College, New Haven, Conn., two men of great ability and broad culture.

The English Church Missionary Society reports that on the Niger tribe after tribe are ready to receive teachers. On the delta of the Niger the people by hundreds are throwing away their idols, and the churches are thronged every Lord's Day, while the famous old temple at Bonny, studded with human skulls, is going to ruin.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

SURPRISE POUND PARTY. — The Rev. Odell Parker and family were not a little surprised a few evenings since, to find their "cozy home" rapidly filling up with neighbors and friends.

After some cheering salutations, interesting addresses and good music, this good brother was formally presented with a purse and various "pound" presents.

This aged minister has ever been a faithful warm-hearted Christian worker, and still retains his brilliancy. The prayer meetings, Sabbath School and Temperance cause are made interesting by his timely words. His cheerful presence never fails to add interest to such gatherings.

"Faithful words" oft spoken
In the Master's name,
Will secure a blessing
Richer than earth's fame.
"Seeds of kindness" planted
In the human heart,
Followed by the Spirit
Will new life impart.

W. J. G.

FROM BARRINGTON, Feb. 1st.—**Dear Brother**—The wreck of the *Moravian* within 10 miles of our western coast has caused considerable excitement during the past month. Many of the wreckers have been quite successful in saving considerable quantities of lard, cheese, butter, meat, etc., receiving one-third for salvage. Cheese and dough-nuts are no longer rarities among our fishermen, and for fear that a surfeit should induce dyspepsia, a quantity of "Malto-pepsi" has been saved, so that the remedy is at hand. Cheese of the best quality is now sold for 6 to 10 cents, and butter for 15 to 20 cents per lb.

The Toronto people have sometimes been represented as unfriendly towards our Province, but now they are sending us the very cream of their exports. Of course it is not a voluntary offering, but yet it may have a tendency to soften the asperities of some who have no love for anything from the Upper Provinces.

Disaster.—Our Baptist brethren at Argyle Sound, a part of my field, have met with quite a misfortune. They have been struggling for some time past to erect a place of worship. They had the roof shingled and were preparing the outside finish when the gale of the 2nd ult., which was very severe in that locality, blew down their structure and paralyzed for a time their efforts. As they are poor people and greatly need a meeting-house, I would be glad to receive donations from any kind friends who are disposed to sympathize and help. At present they are more needy than the Wood's Harbor people, who have received aid sufficient to give them a good start in building.

Insurance.—I have been informed that

insurance on places of worship can be effected at the rate of 1 per cent. for three years. The companies represented in this locality charge a higher premium. Will some kind friend inform me in what company and through what agency we can obtain policies at the lower rate. The information would likely be serviceable to others also.

Donations.—My "nice fur cap" comes from the ladies of Pubnico. I don't know where the "nice warm overcoat" will come from, or when. Other articles of clothing from a Wood's Harbor lady, \$5 and a lot of beautiful cards &c. for the children from a gentleman at Port LaTour; \$5 from a merchant in Barrington. All these, except the cap, are from persons who are not Baptists. With kind regards to all the dear friends who rendered my visit to your city so pleasant, and with best wishes for the success of your new enterprise, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
W. H. RICHAN.

The mail steamer *Peruvian* arrived from England, about 2 on Sunday morning, and came to the wharf, but on its being found that she had a case of small-pox on board, the health officer Dr. Wickwire, ordered her out into the stream, refusing to allow any passengers to land, or any person to go on board; even the Emigration agent Dr. Clay was not allowed. The day was very stormy but a tug was obtained, and the patient placed in a covered boat, and removed to the quarantine hospital at Lawlor's Island. The steamer was thoroughly fumigated, and brought to the wharf at midnight, and the cabin passengers allowed to land on Monday morning. The mails were landed and fumigated on the wharf on Sunday, and the mail train left about 5 o'clock in the evening. On Monday, Capt. Ritchie was fined \$400 by His Worship the Mayor, for breach of the quarantine laws in allowing the "Peruvian" to come to the wharf, with small-pox on board.

The Dartmouth Town Council deserve great credit for their prompt action in the recent case of small-pox brought from Chicago. All the family except the mother, her sister, and the servant were removed from the house, which was effectively quarantined and means faithfully used to prevent contagion. The young man died, but we have not heard of any person having taken the disease.

There were five hundred and twenty-one cars of freight reported inwards and outwards at the Halifax terminus last week. Among the number inwards were two hundred and fifty-three cars of coal.

A curious accident occurred on Thursday last, at the Railway wharf at Richmond. A train of fifteen cars loaded with coal was coming down to supply the steamer *Carroll*, shortly to be there. By some means one of the couplers gave way, and the cars ran one after another clean over the wharf into the harbor where was a depth of fifty feet of water. It will be a work of some time to get the broken cars and the coal up. If the *Carroll* had been at the wharf, it must have been a very serious disaster.

We hear that Gates Brothers are purposing to remove their Organ Factory from Melvern Square to Truro.

The heavy storm experienced in Halifax on Sunday last, seems to have extended to New Brunswick and the New England States. The drifts on the railway will greatly interfere with the travelling public for some days.

THE TABERNACLE RECORD for 1881—shows by the Treasurer's [Mr. J. E. Irish] Report. The sum of \$1591.18 as cash received by Sabbath and other collections for regular running expenses, cash paid out \$1535.33, leaving in hand \$55.85.

Total cash collected in 1881.

Running Expenses Fund.....\$1591.18

Mission ".....50 94

Communion ".....50 75

Building ".....8 00

Total.....\$1700 87

Expended, 1881.....1665 27

Balance.....\$35 60

Cash balance now on hand.

Mission Fund.....\$24 38

Running Expenses Fund.....55 85

Communion Fund.....61 70

Building Fund.....38 10

Balance.....\$180 13

The above does not include Sabbath School funds, or the special donations made to the Building Fund.

This is the showing after seven year's work.

We would thank friends for help sent, any one not having received acknowledgement and certificate please write. We still hope others are planning to help us raise the \$2000 we so much need and thus share with us in the good work going forward.

Insurance.—I have been informed that

it is a rejoicing time, souls are being born again. Baptized Jan. 1st, two; Jan. 22nd, two; Feb. 5th, one, two received by letter.

J. F. AVERY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—On Thursday evening there will be a musical and literary entertainment in the Spring Garden Vestry, provided by the Sabbath School teachers and friends. We understand that a good programme has been prepared, and a large company is expected.

On the same evening there will be a Sociable in the Vestry of the North Baptist Church—the proceeds to go to the Halifax Dispensary Fund.

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A discovery of rich iron ore in the county of Megantic has taken place. It is within eight miles of the Intercolonial Railway.

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