

REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1882-1883.

The Albion Mines Relief Committee beg to present for the information of contributors to the fund their third annual report.

During the year now closed there was added to the fund interest on deposit and on daily balances with the Banks to the amount of \$874.44. The total sum disbursed, as shewn by the appended tables, was \$4197.00, leaving \$20,057.48 at the credit of the fund on November 12th, 1883.

Two of the widows married, and the relief roll, from other causes, has been further reduced. At the beginning of the new year the number of persons entitled to receive assistance in the opinion of the Committee is ninety-two. Many of them are in helpless circumstances, and subscribers may take pleasure in the reflection that their contributions are doing much to alleviate suffering, and, in some cases, to avert positive destitution.

The Rev. J. Thurlow, a member of the Committee, having removed from the Province, his place has been filled by the Rev. Joseph Hale, and Mr. A. C. Bell, M. P. P., has been added to the Committee.

Owing to the ill health of the Secretary, Mr. G. G. Carritt, his duties were kindly assumed by Mr. Charles W. Dickson.

Respecting the services of the Secretaries the Committee desire it to be known that hitherto these have been wholly gratuitous, and they especially desire to call attention to those of Mr. R. MacDougald, whose previous experience in connection with the Drummond Colliery Relief Fund has been of the highest value, and, in the opinion of the Committee, he should receive something more substantial than a mere verbal expression of gratitude.

The Committee are indebted to the Acadia Coal Company for office accommodation during the year.