

and sleepers. The road is newly fenced. About half the road has been lately reballasted and the remainder is being done. The grades are favorable to the load. Four way sidings are laid down at the Junction for exchange of full and empty trucks, and marshalling. The main track runs up to the passenger platform of the Intercolonial railway. A Fairbairn's weigh-bridge, and narrow gauge trucks, and a tipping stage, for supply of coals to the Intercolonial railway locomotives are provided, telegraph posts and wires are fixed.

ROLLING STOCK.

The rolling stock belonging to the Railway consists of:

- 4 locomotives.
- 80 hopper coal wagons (capacity, 6 tons).
- 25 flats or timber wagons.
- 10 gondolas.
- 2 passenger cars.
- 2 box cars.

PARRSBORO'.

Parrsboro' is the nearest of the Nova Scotia coal ports to the United States. It is situated on a natural harbour open all the year round except in winters of unusual severity, when it may be closed for a few weeks. Its trade consists principally of lumber and coal. Plans have been prepared for the construction of new wharfs and coal shipping stages, and the works will be commenced this coming spring, and a line of vessels established to carry coal to the New England ports.

COST OF PRODUCTION OF COAL.

The Company's books shew the average cost of production to be \$1.05 per ton ; when the extensions and