

ly intended to stimulate Station Agents to an increased diligence.

The Council trust that in the future, the local traffic may be more equitably treated than heretofore.

LEVIS AND KENNEBEC AND LAKE ST. JOHN RAILROADS.

It having been represented that several lines had been aided with rails, the officers of both these roads prayed to the Council to support their application for similar assistance. The Council, in consequence, memorialized the Government, and received a reply, that they had only loaned old rails to two companies which had lines acting as direct feeders to the Government road.

UNPREPAID LETTERS.

Representations having been made of the serious evils arising from the law requiring the prepayment of all letters, and under which all unprepaid letters are sent to the General Post Office at Ottawa before delivery, causing unnecessary and vexatious delay, and in many instances subjecting the receiver to heavy loss, the Council memorialized the Government on the subject.

The Council are now informed (though not officially) that it is not the intention of the Government to propose any change until the present system has had a fair trial.

JOINERS' UNION BILL.

The Council gave their best attention to this Bill, which was brought before the House last session, and succeeded in obtaining such amendments as they trust will render the operation of the act beneficial to the promoters, without injury to the trade of the country.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The Council, on learning that a Petition had been sent to the Government against the carrying out of the proposed

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