

prices to be charged on goods and stores, appears to have given general satisfaction since. The statements and accounts forwarded herewith will give you such further information as you may wish in regard to this department.

POPULATION.

From a census taken by Dr. Longpree on the 9th instant, it appears that the population at the mine is as follows :—140 men, 71 women, 74 boys, 67 girls ;—total, 352 souls ; of whom 142 men and boys are in the Company's service.

The salubrity of the climate may be inferred from the fact, that out of a population numbering from 304 to 352 souls, there have been *no* deaths, save these of two young infants, since May, 1852.

The recent addition of a competent school teacher has rendered our establishment almost complete, having now a duly qualified minister, doctor, and schoolmaster, with a good library, at the mine. There are few, if any other, mines on the lakes can hold forth so many advantages to steady, industrious workmen with families, as does the Bruce.

Where sixpence a week only is charged for the tuition of each child, a considerable portion of the expense of maintaining a school will necessarily have to be borne by the Company until a larger force is employed at the mine. There are about thirty scholars attending the school, and about fifty subscribers to the library and reading-room, at present. At your suggestion, the rate of subscription to the library was reduced from 2s. 6d. per quarter to 1s. 3d. Since which, and the handsome donation of books by yourself and Mr. Falconer, the number of subscribers has greatly increased.

I have much satisfaction in noticing under this head the general steadiness and industry of the workmen, and quietness of the whole community.

PROPERTY.

Where (as in this instance) a flourishing mine and village have sprung up in what was a few years ago almost an untrodden forest, the outlay required to accomplish this, in the absence of all conveniences, and where labor and materials