The Evening Telegram

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 4, 1888.

The Townships, Timber and Land Go

SEVERAL weeks ago we published an account of the formation and intentions of the Townships, Timber and Land Company, of which Robert Bond, Esq., M.H.A. for Fortune Bay, is the President, and our readers will doubtless be pleased to hear of its very successful operation up to date, and bright prospects for the future. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in procuring "the right man" as manager, though that has been surmounted, we understand, and in the meantime the task of initiating and organizing for practical work has almost wholly fallen upon the President. Forty-two families have been settled upon the Company's land at Harbor Grace Junction, and the merry ring of the woodman's axe is daily, yea, nightly, heard there, for the settlers are so enthusiastic that they have supplemented their daily labor for the Company by nightly labor upon their own plots of land, which they have been clearing by the light of the moon.

These families have been selected from considerable number of applicants, all of whom could not be attended to this autumn, and came from many different places in Trinity and Conception Bays, and some even from the Labrador. The money for their passages from their homes to the Junction and provieach family for two months, were advanced by the Company, and they were also assisted to erect their houses.

Each family has five acres of land, with frontage upon the road of five chains, and a rearage of ten chains; and if any settler wishes to increase the area of his land he can do so by extending the rearage. The land costs the settler eight dollars per acre, payable in two yearly instalments, which are to be deducted from the amounts due to each by the Company for logs. It is important to remark here that each settler is guaranteed \$3.50 per thousand superficial feet for fir and spruce timber, and vacant lands belonging to the Company, over which it has the right to out timber; and that this guarantee is for so long as the Company continues to operate its mill. Three miles of road have been cleared, twenty-two feet in width, and a large portion ditched. All roadmaking is at the cost of the Company, and the extension and completion of roads is a certainty, because they are necessary to the development of the land more remote from the station than that which has so far been taken up. The Company's fee-simple land stands four miles north and four miles south, half-mile east and half-mile west of the Harbor Grace Junction and is intersected, therefore, by the railway from St. John's to the Junction, and from the Junction towards Harbor Grace. Hall's Bay and Placentia, and also by the Dildo road, which runs through the Company's land, from north-west to south-east, for about one mile. The Company has erected a steamsaw mill 100 feet long by 35 feet wide, with an engine house 25 feet long by 28 feet wide, and capable of cutting 1,500,000 feet of lum ber per year. The frame of this mill is of wood, but the covering is of iron, thus making it fire-proof, an important consideration in a mill so situated. The building has been completed, the machinery will be here by the Allan steamer, and it is expected that the mill will be in operation by the 20th of this month.

mill will be about twelve in number. Messrs. Howley, Harvey and Haddon, efficient land surveyors, have each reported that the land is of excellent quality, and it is all covered with a heavy growth of timber, wych-hazel of the finest quality being abundant. The Church of England, the Roman Catholic and the Methodist denominations have each selected sites for a church, and will commence to build next spring. It is apparent from the foregoing facts that the settlers at Harbor Grace Junction have fallen upon pleasant places, baving not only secured excellent land for cultivation in due season, but also certain and profitable employment in the winter, and this too in such a manner that while earning excellent wages There was no "boodle" for the Government they will also be clearing their own land. The elements of success are here in a marked degree, and if a man cannot farm at Harbor of it" in giving \$40 for clearing on the line of Grace Junction with profit, he should turn his attention to other pursuits, for he will have proved himself unworthy the privileges extended to him. Winter employment is the solution of the difficulties which so embarass this colony, and the Townships, Timber and Lard Company have initiated a scheme which must be promoted by the colony, by the Government, by the public, not alone for its own in-

which its success would hold out to others to come and do likewise.

A fortnight prior to the commencement of the colonization alluded to, the Government sent Mr. Mackinson, of Harbor Grace, with two assistants and a staff of surveyors, to establish an "agricultural settlement" on the Dildo Road, so-called. The cultivatable land was to be blocked off into ten-acre lots and twenty dollars per acre paid to laborers for clearing the same. After the clearing had been done, the lots were to be allocated to would-be settlers, upon terms which the Executive, we understand, never finally arranged, and each settler was supposed to build his own house and provide his own food. Had there been any considerable settlement it is probable that it would have been necessary for the Government to assist in the construction of the houses, and to provide food and utensils for the settlers. This necessity did not arise, because at twenty dollars per acre, and subsequently at forty dollars per acre, it was found impossible to obtain any considerable number of laborers to clear the land; and when some was cleared, there were no applications for land by intending settlers. reason is apparent: The settlement was commenced four miles from Harbor Grace Junction and four miles from the water side, and it was therefore impossible for settlers to carry to and from their lots without horses, and even if they had these useful animals, the cost of hauling crops to and fro would make them profitless. The timber cut from their clearings would be valueless because of the long haul to the only market, the mills sions of the best quality sufficient to supply at Harbor Grace Junction, and therefore the settler could obtain no profitable winter employment, which is absolutely necessary to successful colonization of lands in this colony. In fact, the elements of success, so abundant under the scheme of the Townships Company, were wholly absent under the Government's plan, and this absence, quickly perceivable to would-be settlers, caused the failure of the latter. We understand, too, that much less cultivatable land was found upon the Dildo Road than was expected, and that the best of this was at once taken up by Mr. Mackinson and his assistants for their own benefit, a statement which deserves the attention of the \$5 for hardwwood, delivered at the Company's Legislature at its next meeting, when, indeed, mill; that he has the privilege to cut this tim- this whole affair should be, and doubtless will Pleasurable Associations of Christmas. Christber not alone upon his own land, but upon any be, submitted to the most searching criticism. The failure of the Government's colonization scheme, compared with the success of the work done under the direction of Mr. Robert Bond, is a severe reflection upon our rulers, and especially upon the Surveyor General; but there is another circumstance in this connection which deserves mention and illustrates the incompetency of the Government in a still stronger light. When the Government was offering (\$40) forty dollars per acre for clearing the land on Dildo Road, Mr. Bond requested that the settlers upon the land purchased from the Townships Company should be allowed the bonus payable to settlers in an "agricultural settlement" under the provisions of the "Thorburn Agricultural Act," so-called. He pointed out the advantages which would be possessed by settlers upon the Company's land, guaranteed to settle a certain number of families, and said that as the declared intention of the Act aforesaid was to "promote agriculture," he hoped the Government would willingly extend to such settlers the benefit of that Act. This was a request for the minimum offered by the Government upon the Dildo road. Unlike the fatter, it involved no expense by the colony in superintending the settlement, and the successful result of the Company's plan of colonization was beyond a doubt. Any person who thinks that this reasonable request was There are now about 130 men employed in gladly and quickly assented to, does not know cutting timber, and the regular staff of the anything of the spirit which animates our ruleis. They refused to entertain the proposition, and had Mr. Bond been made of no better material than the members of the Executive Council, there would to-day be no settlement at Harbor Grace Junction, only the melancholy traces of a failure similar to that upon the Dildo Road. He persevered, however, and his perseverance has been crowned with success, and though the poor settlers have not hope of a bonus for clearing, land to which the spirit of the law entitles them, they have in the certainty of winter employment, in the excellence of their lands, and the friendship of Mr. Bond and his company, that which is far more enduring, and of far more value.

> the \$20 and eagerness to give the \$40. A Post-Office notice appounces that the mails for the Northward by the steamer Fal con will be made up after the arrival of the mail-boat from Halifax. It was subsequently stated at the Post Office that the northern mail one with molasses, one with general cargo

in the proposal to give \$20 for clearing at

Harbor Grace Junction, but there were "lots

the Dildo Road, and hence the refusal to give

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER of the Evening Telegram for 1887 lies before us for notice. The obliging publishers will please accept our thanks for their courtesy in forwarding to our address a sample copy. Too much cannot be said in favor of the enterprise which has

placed before the Newfoundland reading public such "a charming souvenir of the festive tion. There are few men who deserve more

The contents of this excellent Christmas Number are as choice as they are varied and attractive; the taste of the most fastidious critic will be met here. The illustrations are all very fine. They comprise the Frontispiece, including Title-Dreaming of Christmas. Second Title Page, Ring in the New Year. Ring the Joy Bells, Ring. Peace on Earth. Love or Money. Poetry Illustrated. Birth of the Redeemer. Ferns and Flowers. The Happy Homestead. A Mummering Scene and Haul of Wood Thirty Years Ago. The Old Church, Bonne Bay. Bonne Bay and Harbor, with steamer Leopard at Anchor. Bonne Bay | concerts, so common a feature of social life in from the Deck of the Leopard. Falls at Bonne large centres of population, remained undevel-Bay. Town and Harbor of Twillingate. oped here; but with the institution, at last, of Episcopal Church, Twillingate. Town and this form of enjoyment and the establishment Harbor of Trinity. Town and Harbor of Little of skating rinks, the rewards and the stability Bay. Cape Bonavista Light House. Six views of his band-corps have become more assured. on Little River, West Coast. The Mouth of This is all the more gratifying since the Humber. Episcopal Church, Bay of Is- Mr. Bennett has been always most libe-

Views on the Humber River. vity. Our Christmas Greeting. The Benevolent Character of Christ. The Inspiration of Christmas-James Murray. Newfoundland, My Home-Lydia Chancey. The Old Forts and Fortifications of Newfoundland-Bev. M. A., Fitzgerald. A Christmas Greeting from the Prairie - Rev. D. Beaton. Our Christmas Poet. Christmas in the Far North-L. A. W. The Snow Storm. Evening-Mrs. Ohman. On Earth Peace, Good Will-M. Through the Cloudless Arch of Midnight. Lines on Terra Nova-Barnes. The Winter at Sea. Our Heart-Rev. F. Woods, D.D. The Person of Christ. Teachings of Christianity. mas Day. Before the Yule Log - T. J. Murphy. Observations on Pastoral Poetry-Hon. Thomas Talbot. Christmas Day in other Lands. Terra Novean Exile's Song-P. J. D. Tidbits from Tullockgorum-Rev. L. G. Macneil, M.A. A Christmas Hymn-Rev. J. W. Vickers. A. Mother's Love-J. D. M. Twenty-one-P. S. A Christmas Hymn-Mrs. Ohman. A Christmas Song. Leaves from the Garden City-S. Prowse. What Shall We Read-Rev. T. Hodgkinson. Uncle Jce Burton's Strange Christmas Box-Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A. Elsie McDougald's Sailor Lover -Lydia Chancey. English Children and Christmastide-G. C. Fearn. Agriculture in Newfoundland-Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, D.C.L. Our Country-Rev. J. Parkins. A Holiday Ditty-M.

The assertion, it will be generally admitted, is amply borne out—the assertion, viz., that the 1887 Christmas Number of the Evening Telegram is far superior to all previous efforts in the same direction. We are justified, therefore, in anticipating for it a wide circulation that it will reach very many persons as well within this island as without it; that it will abundantly testify that Newfoundland is not so far behind in the van of civilization and progress as she is falsely, very maliciously represented to be by certain individuals. Let them know now that the colony is not in the backward state she is said to be; that she can produce something else besides codfish and seals, or fogs and dogs.

We congratulate the enterprising publisher on the large success of their latest literary and

fine art venture .- H. G. Standard. We heartily thank our esteemed contem porary for the foregoing generous sentiments and sincerely wish him a happy and prosperous New Year. The reverend editor of the Mercury, in the vindictiveness of his nature, hadn't the common courtesy to even acknowledge the receipt of a "sample copy." But heu pietas! heu prisca fides!—ED. TEL.]

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE steamer "Peruvian," from Halifax, arrived at 3 o'clock. She has 700 barrels of flour and 70 packages of miscellaneous merchandise to discharge and some freight to receive. She will not sail till ten o'clock tonight. Her passengers are :-

From Halifax—Mr. and Mrs. Gosling, Messrs. C. McK, Harvey, J. E. Hamilton, C. W. Strafflor, A. O. Whiteway, Ward, Allworthy, 13 in steerage; for Liverpool—Mrs. R. L. Mare, Misses Collins, Phillips, E. A. Benjamin, 6 in steerage.

FIVE sailing vessels arrived from abroad since yesterday; one with salt, one with coal.

THE PARADE RINK.

Professor Bennett's New Departure.

Our readers will have noticed by our advertising columns that a change of management of that fashionable centre of amusement-the Parade Rink-has taken place and that lovers of good skating, which soon becomes monotonous unless wedded to fine music, will be catered, to this season of 1888, by Professor Bennett in place of by the shareholders of that instituat the hands of the music-loving public than David Bennett. A leading member of the military band of the old Royal Newfoundland Companies, he has, since the disbandment of that famous corps, over thirty years ago, been the sole survival of its popular musical agency, and the only means, in fact, by his tuition of members of civic societies and by the formation, since his sons grew up in years, of a company of his own, to minister to the public taste for the music of a brass band. During those years he has had a pretty hard struggle in maintaining an efficient organisation, for the field of furnishing popular evening lands. Scene at Humber Sound and Group of ral in giving the use of his band to help on charitable and other movements. The literary contents are very choice. They free of charge, when required. The accomare as follows:-Representation of the Nati- modation for ladies and gentlemen in the Parade Rink, under his management, will meet every requirement. The interior will be made bright as noon by four electric lights, and outside a fifth electric lamp will show the way. With a well-kept skating surface, and with the limitless number of brilliant and sweet airs in the repertory of the band, the Parade Rink bids fair to be a "favorite haunt of the masses" and of society this winter.

Letter From the Vestry of Trinity Church

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,-I see in your columns of yesterday that particular reference is made to the Rev. H. J. Wood preaching in the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches on Sunday last, and that he was on a short visit to St. John's. His presence in St. John's is in connection with accusations of a very grave nature, brought against him by the vestry of the Reformed Episcopal Church of this citywhich accusations he has not been able to clear himself of, and are still sustained by the vestry. I remain, dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

CHAIRMAN OF COM. OF INVESTIGATION. P.S.-I would also beg leave to state that the Rev. H. J. Wood has been excluded from officiating in Trinity Church since he came to St. John's this last time.

Thomas Kline Replies to Robert Scott.

St. John's, Jan. 3, 1888. Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,-In your issue of Tuesday last. 7th Dec., there appeared the following advertisement, which, I presume, refers to m,e although my name is not correctly spelled in same : NOTICE: Whereas THOMAS CLYNE, of St. John's, Tin Can-Maker and Sealer, engaged himself to subscriber on the 17th inst., for the winter and coming Lobster Season, and whereas said THOMAS CLYNE has absented himseif and cannot now be found, this is to warn all whom it may concern that any one harbouring or employing said THOMAS CLYNE during the above period, will be dealt with as the law prescribes. dec27,21

BOBERT SCOTT.

I would like to state through your columns that the contents of said notice are utterly untrue. I did not engage myself to Mr. Scott, as stated by him, neither did I hide myself in any way from him, and at the present moment I am open to an engagement for the coming season in any capacity, in connection with the business of preserving Lobsters. Any person requiring me can find me at No. 5 Delahunty's Lane, off Prescott Street. As the insertion of the notice in your widely-circulated newspaper must of necessity have a tendency to injure me in my reputation, I trust you will give this letter equal publicity, and by so doing oblige,

> Yours respectfully, THOMAS KLINE.

In the Magistrates' Court, yesterday, in the hearing of a suit, Drownse vs. Spry, for the settlement of outstanding differences between the two, an important part hinged upon the mode of notification for the renewal of fire insurance. Defendant demurred to his liability for the re-insurance of plaintiff's property. The policy had expired, but plaintiff, instead of sending defendant a written request to continue the risk, sent him a verbal message by his (plaintiff's) errand-boy. His Worship upheld this view—the notification should have been committed to writing. Defendant's paywill remain open till eight o'clock to-morrow from Boston, and one-Messrs. Bowring's | ment into court of \$9.85, in settlement of balment, by the public, not alone for its own in- (Thursday) morning. The Falcon will prob- new parquentine Vidonia—with flour from ance, was accepted. Mr. Fraser for plaintiff; trinsic merits, but also for the inducement ably leave at the usual hour—ten o'clock. New York.

By Telegraph

30.000 MINERS ON STRIKE. Continuous Snow Storms in Europe. MEATH AND DUBLIN PROCLAIMED

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 4.

Thirty thousand miners are on strike at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Small-pox Spreading in San Francisco.

Snow storms in Europe continue. Railways are stopped and many deaths are reported from cold.

Counties Meath and Dublin have been proclaimed.

Small-pox is spreading in San Francisco. Eighty thousand immigrants settled in Canada last year.

FROM CAPE RACE.

(Special to the Evening Telegram.)

CAPE RACE, This Evening. Wind northwest, blowing a strong breeze and showery. The Allan steamer Peruvian went inward at 8.30 this morning, and the schooner Cleddu Belle at 9.20.

THE NEW CURRENCY DIFFICULTY

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR, -All the business men were prepared to adopt the system of dollars and cents, and the great majority of us were pleased that the long-looked-for order or proclamation had been issued by the Government, giving timely notice, so that we might make our arrangements for keeping accounts, &c.

The latest order or notice issued by the banks, however, takes all by surprise. Just twenty-four hours, and these money-making and save-the-few-at-the-expense-of-the-many institutions, keep their doors closed during the time, so that no opportunity is afforded the public of exchanging the coins that have been so unjustly reduced in value by those two

There is a large amount of Canadian and American silver affoat throughout the island, and mostly in the hands of the middle and poorer classes of the people, from the amount in hand after last weeks receipts, that the small shop-keeper has, to the few shillings held by the trades people or laborers. All alike are robbed of twenty per cent. just by the order of two great monopolies, who, with us, like elsewhere, are barriers to the progress and prosperity of the great majority; but worse perhaps with us, than in most places, for the reason that the very same persons who control those institutions have also control of the Government of this unfortunate country. Yours. &c..

St. John's, Jan. 3, 1888.

LOCAL VARIETIES

THE letter of our correspondent "Index," referred to yesterday, is unavoidably held over till to-morrow.

THE barquentine Petunia, Captain Charles Nicholls, was cleared out this afternoon by Messrs. P. & L. Tessier, for Brazil, with three thousand and odd drums of the chief staple.

WE are requested to state that the first of the services in connection with the "Week of Prayer" will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 7.30 this evening. The speakers will be Rev. George Bond, B.A., and Dr. Tait.

MARRIED.

On the 30th ulto., at the residence of Mrs. Archiba Carmichael, Lazy Bank, by the Rev. Geo. J. Bom Mr. Silas Bendle Soper, of Carbonear, to Miss Sophi Catherine Oakley, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Carter, of Greenspond. Last evening, at the R. C. Cathedral, by the Very Rev Archdeacon Forristal, Maggie, youngest daughter of Sub-Inspector Kenna, to Captain John Anderson, a na

On the 3rd inst., Henry Dyer, aged 27 years, a native of Liverpool, England. Funeral at 3 o'clock to-morro from his residence, Queen's Road; friends and acquain ances will please attend without further notice.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Jany 3-Lavinia, Mitchell, Cardiff, 13 days, J & V Stewart - 300 tons coal. S H Morse, Pike, Souris P.E.I., J & W Pitts—5993 bush oats, 150 qtrs qtrs beef, 37 carcs mutton, 3 pkgs poultry, 165 -Charles Pupper, Cassidy, Sydney, 9 days Goodridge & Sons-130 tons coal, 70 qtrs b

Consuelo, Dornom, Turk's Island, 20 days Murray-114 tons salt. Michael Joe, Dale Charlottetown, 13 days, Clift, Wood & Cobush oats, 70 qtrs bee', 29 carcs mutton, heads cabbage, lot poultry. Energy, Strong Demerara, 30 days, A Goodridge & Sonspuns molasses. A K Walter, McInnis, Bost 14 days, S March & Sons - 250 bals meal, 300 lour, 20 brls apples, 20 brls oil, 20 brls pit part general cargo.

Dec 31 - Curlew, Delaney, St Pierre, Bowring B - ballast. Zanoni, Halfyard, Glace Bay, Jo Woods & Son-ballast. Little Willie, Tippe Barcelona, E Duder-2800 qtls fish. Porti Dawson, Halifax, Harvey & Co-1319 qtls fis 177 brls herring.
4—Petunia, Nichols, Pernambuco, P & L Tessie

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