

## LOCATION.

Some improvements have been made on the location during the past year; but, owing to the scarcity and high price of labor, these have been more limited than otherwise would have been the case. For this reason, I have not been able to carry out fully the valuable suggestions of Mr. Redpath and yourself on this subject.

The road commenced in 1852 was finished last year. It extends from the store along the front row of houses as far as the Manager's house, and is about quarter of mile in length. Another road has been formed from the store along the back row of houses; but, owing to the unfavorable nature of the ground, it cannot (like the other) be called a good road. Beside being a convenience to the workmen and their families, these roads will soon repay the outlay put upon them, by enabling us to transport much larger loads to the various points of the location where materials, cord-wood, and stores are required. A larger proportion of the men than formerly being married men, and in anticipation also of the arrival of miners from Scotland, we made considerable repairs on all the unoccupied houses this fall, in addition to which, three new houses have been built last season.

The heaviest expenditure, however, under this head is for materials and repairs. These, where all the houses are constructed of wood, must necessarily be heavy. I have it in contemplation, however, to reduce somewhat the rent of the log-houses, on the understanding that the tenants pay for materials and make their own repairs, which, being of a rough description, they can all readily do. In this way I hope to effect a considerable saving in future.

There is a balance of £141 11s. 6d. in favor of this account; I think for the first time.

## THE STORE.

Considering the number of men employed, the business done at the store during the last twelve months is large, and the returns such as expected.

The arrangement you made last summer in respect to the