

is worth £750 currency on the spot. This is such an encouraging beginning that we shall hardly be able to keep our hands off the Refining Furnace till we hear from you. Should we, however, commence to take the bottom out of it also the materials will be laid carefully aside, and such drawings and measurements kept as will enable the mason to put it up again when necessary. This, of course, has been done in regard to the furnace we have been operating upon. I may as well mention that we selected the furnace that we thought would have the biggest bottom.

LOCATION.

Anything that has been spent since 3rd July under this head has been for necessary repairs of houses and buildings, &c.

I was anxious to make a good road from the store, at least along the principal row of houses, and got a portion of it completed before the severe weather set in. You will perceive by the accounts that transfers from merchandize and purchase of houses, &c., negotiated prior to 3rd July have thrown this account into the back ground.

STORE.

The store requires no particular notice in this place further than that during the last half year a very safe and very good business has been done, as will appear from the statements and accounts sent herewith. The magnitude of the establishment was not such last year as to afford so large a field as usual.

POPULATION.

The population presently at the Mines is 304, of which 124 are males, 66 females, 57 boys and 57 girls.

So far as I have had an opportunity of judging, I would say that there are few more healthy places on this continent than the Bruce Mines. Since I came, there has been very little sickness, and no deaths save that of a very young infant.

There is resident at the Mines a worthy and respectable Missionary of the Methodist Church, to whom one of the company's houses is allowed free. The Sunday School which Mr. Campbell was at considerable pains to establish, is still carried on, and