

HOUSE.... No. 368.

NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 1, 1871.

Mr. MERRIAM, of Leominster, moves to amend the Bill (House, No. 357), by striking out the word "railroad" wherever it is used to designate a narrow gauge railroad, and substitute therefor the word "railway."

Also, strike out the words, "within the limits of any town," in the 9th line of the 1st section. Also strike out the word "said," before the word town in the 10th line of the same section, and insert instead thereof the word "the," and insert after said word "town" the words, "through or into which such railway is proposed to be built."

Also strike out in the 5th line of the 5th section, after the word "point," the words, "or points," and all the words after the word "or" at the end of the same line, to the word "town" in the 7th line same section, and insert instead thereof the words, "to any point in the same or any."

Insert a new section after section 6, as follows:—

1 SECT. 00. If the corporation does not begin the
2 construction of its road and expend thereon at least
3 five per cent. of the amount of its original capital
4 stock within two years after the date of the certificate
5 of its establishment, and does not complete and put
6 in operation its road within three years after said
7 date, its corporate powers and existence shall cease.

