

A PARISH AS BIG AS A STATE
The Story of a Missionary Who Lives on the Canadian Prairies.

A fortnight ago, on the plains of the Canadian Northwest, near Calgary, a reporter met a missionary of the Church of England, who was on his way to visit his brother at Brandon, several hundred miles east. His field of work is in the prairie wilderness south of Calgary, where his parish extends to the boundary line.

"It is fourteen months," he said, "since I came out from England to begin the life of a missionary on these prairies. I expected the change would be very great, but I was overwhelmed when I realized the entirely new conditions under which I must live. My parish is 100 miles long and forty miles wide, and at least once a year I am expected to visit every person in it. It is a pretty hard life, and sometimes I wish I were in old England again."

The speaker was about 28 years of age, a fairly educated young man from the English provinces, full of earnestness and evidently possessed of considerable perseverance. He was in clerical dress, wore a broad brimmed, black felt hat, and seemed rather uncomfortable in the heat, which the sun was pouring down upon the plains.

"I live all alone," he continued. "Sometimes I do not see a human being for days together. I had a little shack put up for me to live in. It is a common pine board shack of one room, and in it I have my library, my bed, and a cook stove. There is a well to be leaky, and when I go back shall try to patch it up, for a good rain storm makes things very damp. I live largely on tinned meats and flour, which I procure at Calgary. Sometimes a hunter or an Indian gives me bit of game which is quite a treat."

"No one knows till he tries it himself how many discouragements there are in the life of a frontier missionary. I often travel ten miles to keep an appointment to preach, and not a soul comes to the place. Two weeks ago I travelled eighteen miles, and only two men came to the meeting house. They said that as no one else had come it wasn't worth while for me to preach, and so they went away. The largest congregation I have addressed was eighteen people. I am compelled to keep a horse, which, fortunately, costs me nothing for feed, as he picks up his living on the plains. I am in my Mexican saddle, on his back, a good deal of the time."

"What salary do you missionaries get?"

"The Missionary Society of England pays me \$400 a year. The Bishop of my diocese gives me, in addition, \$100 from the funds in his charge. A collection is always taken up at the meetings for my benefit. Sometimes it amounts to ten or fifteen cents, and sometimes I get as much as fifty cents or a dollar. Many of the people are not in sympathy with my work, and do not care to help it along. I thought an occasional wedding might eke out my income, but I have not had a single marriage ceremony to perform as yet. The Presbyterian missionary has been more fortunate, for he has had several weddings. The largest audience I have addressed was at a funeral, where over 100 hundred people were present. I have not read a book for months. In fact, I have very little time to read. I am in the saddle most of the day, and when at home am engaged in preparing my meals, mending my clothing and other duties of the house."

"I presume you are looking forward to better times soon," said the reporter.

"Yes, I think I shall stick to my work. The discouraging feature has been that I have not been able to see that I was doing much good. Perhaps I shall see better results in the future. Ranchmen are coming into the country, and its population before many years will be much greater than it is now. I shall not then pine, as I do now for human society, and as I get better acquainted and little churches are started my list of friends will increase, and I shall find missionary life more pleasant. I sometimes think that it would be more agreeable to be a missionary in Africa or India, for there, at least, I could find plenty of people among whom to labor without going miles and miles to see them, and then find very likely that there was no one there to meet me."

DOGS FED FROM THE DINING CAR
They Have the choicest crumbs that fall from the Tourist's Table.

Fort William, on the north shore of Lake Superior, seems venerable enough with its two or three buildings, a century old, of the Hudson Bay Company and the Catholic Fathers; for nearly every other hamlet between Ottawa and Winnipeg was called into being by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and is therefore in its infancy.

Between Fort William and Winnipeg the railroad traverses a very wild region, dotted and streaked by lakes and rapid rivers, and covered with small timber greatly charred by fire. There is scarcely a wilder stretch of road along this transcontinental highway. At Savanne, well on the way to Winnipeg, a spectacle is witnessed twice a day that amuses the travellers on the Atlantic and the Pacific express trains. As the trains halt for a few minutes at the station a number of half-bred Indian women are always seen on the platform, and as they are about the first specimens of the sort that are met on the journey west, the travellers gaze at them with considerable interest. Their attention, however, is suddenly diverted to the other side of the track, where twenty or thirty dogs of various breeds are seen, some of them fine specimens of the Hudson Bay dog and others of mongrel descent and respectable appearance. All are gathered around a pile of kitchen refuse which has been thrown out by the dining car cooks.

All stray scraps of meat are kept by the cooks until they reach Savanne, where twice a day, upon the arrival of the west and the east-bound trains, the dogs have a fine feast. The owners of the animals never pretend to supply them with food, and the dogs depend entirely upon the treat they get from the dining cars. There is always sure to be enough for them, though their appetites are very keen, and the scramble for the choice morsels is heartily enjoyed by the lookers-on.

These dogs are owned by the half breeds, and are very useful in winter as sledge teams. The half breeds hunt and they have Hudson Bay sledges, to which they hitch their dog teams and bring home the products of the chase. Savanne is probably the most southerly point where dog sledges are in use. The trains stop only a few minutes,

and when they pull out the crowd of dogs may still be seen pushing and snarling around the garbage heap, and they may be trusted to keep closely to it until they have devoured everything eatable.

Watkin's Eiffel Tower:
Sir Edward Watkin's project of an "Eiffel" Tower for London has assumed substantial form. An estate of 280 acres has been purchased, a company formed without application to the public, a plan has been approved, a station erected on the contiguous railway, the foundations of "The Tower" have been commenced, and on Saturday a large party of representatives of the press were conveyed from Baker-st. to Wembley Park in twelve minutes to see what was going on. The ground acquired is undulating and woody. The estate is nearly divided between the building properly and the ornamental park, with its "Tower" and Winter Garden. A fine lake of over five acres is being formed by the aid of the Upper Brent River, which will be pleasant for boating in summer and the scene of curling, rinking and skating in winter. The tower will stand on the highest eminence in the park, from which, at present, pretty views are to be seen extending some miles beyond the immediate surroundings. The design of Mr. Stewart, one of the competitors for the prize awards, has been adopted as the basis of the plan, and Sir Benjamin Baker has been associated with him in the construction. The tower will be mainly supported on four large concrete blocks, in dimensions 26 feet long by 20 feet broad, and 25 feet deep. The excavation for one of these blocks is nearly completed, the geological formation of the hill being stiff clay. The elevation of the site is about 140 feet higher than the site of the Paris tower, and the ironwork of the Wembley tower will be 1,000 feet. As this will stand on a sort of pedestal portion of 150 feet, the total height will be 1,150 feet, or 350 feet above the Paris, example. The roads and ornamental grounds are being prettily laid out by Mr. Miller, and there is undoubtedly an attractive settlement being formed which if it can be always reached with the promptitude of Saturday's journey, should prove a popular place of resort as well as residence.

Toronto's Great Fair.
The wheel of time has again revolved and the people of Canada are invited once again to visit Toronto's great Industrial Fair, which will be held this year from the 7th to the 19th of Sept. Many important alterations and improvements have been made in the buildings since last year. The attractions on this occasion will be on a far more extensive and elaborate scale than ever before. Space in all the buildings has been applied for earlier than usual this season, and the live stock and agricultural department is away ahead of any previous year. All intending exhibitors should bear in mind that the time for receiving entries will close in a few days, after which the books will not be again opened. In conclusion, we may say we cannot recommend a more profitable or interesting holiday trip than a visit to the Toronto exhibition. During its continuance the cheapest rates of the year will prevail on all railways.

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