

LETTER FROM REV. MR. JANSEN. A Trying Initiation to N. W. Work.

The letter below reached us on Saturday, and Mr. Jansen's friends will be much interested in the racy account he gives of the journey to his field, while they will hope for him and similar laborers less harassing difficulties in the near future. We will be glad to have the further communications he promises:

Melfort P. O., Sask., N. W. T., July 8, 1902.

Dear Mr. Ramage,

Thanks for your paper. Durham papers seem to improve a great deal after having travelled some two thousand miles. They seem now to be letters from home, and now in return a few lines to my friends in and around Durham. On June 16th reports reached the people of Prince Albert that the broken down ferry was restored and that the strong Saskatchewan river allowed courageous travellers to cross. So I started in full earnest to secure my outfit. A nice and good team of Western ponies, buggy, etc., were bought. Next a tent and its necessary belongings were purchased, as I was not certain to find a suitable residence. I took the manse with me, and if need be keep-house, with or without a housekeeper. Besides these, one thing and another more and I was ready to start off for a trip of eighty or more miles.

One thing however I needed more, namely, a guide. A young man from Bruce County a Mr. McK. offered his services half of the way; the offer was accepted and on Tuesday, June 17th at 10 p. m., we started. And what a trip. What roads what conditions. The oldest settlers declare that the country was never before in such a state. The roads were in a state of inundation. Mud, mud, from one to two and three feet deep. Bridges and culverts swept away and yet there was no other way but to go ahead. Worst of all my guide after the first day piloting took the wrong road, and to me we were in "deaths often" dangers by land and water. That we were not drowned or lost or perished in one way or other was a marvel. I thanked God and took new courage. I cannot describe this trip. The young man had been in Africa in the Boer War, but I believe that he feared more for his life than on the Veldt. Many a time he shook his head and was almost ready to say something strong but he did not. We went through swamps, rivers, parts of lakes, creeks, mudholes, bluffs, etc., as if we were after De Wet and were sure to catch him. Had our ponies given way or our buggy broke down I am sure you would never have heard of your former pastor again.

We reached at last a stopping place or post office called Carrot River, and just dinner time. There was plenty and good food for hungry travellers. I began to realize I was in the far West and had to learn Western ways. Here I met a Knox student whom I took for one of the "hired hands" and strange to say he knew me. How little did I know that within a week I would look more like a "hired man" than he did. Here I met the Mailman who hearing that my guide was not going further kindly allowed me to follow him. He certainly knew the road better, but with his four horses he could go through places where courage would have failed me and I believe my untramed, though willing ponies, would have refused too. He now and then looked behind him and smiled, and when we got through a very bad mudhole, I shouted "three cheers for the King," and McDonald smiled again. I thought that I had seen bad roads in Muskoka and on the Manitoulin Island, but no Sir no comparison can be made. We came towards evening to another P. O. called Flett Springs, which is one of my preaching places, here we stayed overnight and as there had not been a mail for three weeks there was great rejoicing. The people were very kind to entertain us, but they having a large family, and three special passengers I learned another feature of Western ways, how to accommodate people desirous to stay overnight.

Next morning we started off now not only mud below but rain from above, but onward we had to go. I followed on, retreat was not possible, even in spite of reports that bad places were awaiting us. But the Lord had this far guided and kept me and so joyfully I went on not knowing what would befall us before I would reach my destination. However though we passed through deep mud and waters we arrived at last at the Melfort P. O. which has now received the name of town, as it has been located by the railway company for a town site.

Now came the next step in the procedure where to find a boarding place. On this and other experiences, such as seeing the wild heathen Indians with their painted faces, etc. etc. I hope to write to you some other day, when I am confined to stay indoors through rain and cold weather of which we have a great deal this year. This much my dear sir, in my experience as a Missionary in the North West. With kindest regards to all Durham friends.

Yours truly, A. G. JANSEN.

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HOPEVILLE Intended for last week

We are glad to see in the Review, a new correspondent has sprung up at a place called Campbell's Corners and is likely to be a good one, although the epistle does not say where "Campbell's Corners" is. There are several settlements of Campbell's in Proton township. We are of the opinion that it is not far from Beer Street, one of the suburbs of our town; and I would not be surprised but that it would take in part of Beer street being again rechristened by the temperance element in that section.

Considerable holidaying and visiting through here this summer. The Glenister family, that was in Toronto, returned home, and a Mrs Glenister of Toronto is now visiting here, accompanied by her daughter.

Mrs Rowlin, with family of Toronto, is here on a visit and pleasure trip with her parents, Mr John McKechnie. (Old John) Donald McArthur, an old Proton boy son of the late Malcolm McArthur, arrived here some time ago from the States, where he lived for some years. He was on a wedding tour and stayed a few days. He came by Pricerville where he got his wife, formerly Miss McArthur.

On 12th July quite a few went to Dundalk and report having a good day.

Died on the 14th, infant son of W W Hall, Jr., and was buried at the Esplan church cemetery, on the 16th, the Rev Mr Broad officiating.

In the north part of Proton, on July 17th, Mr Thos G Broughton about 90 years of age, died. He was one of the first settlers of the new survey. He was buried on the 18th, in the Methodist church cemetery, 16th Con., the Rev Mr Hill of Dundalk, officiating.

Rain, Rain, is the talk here now and our people are looking for fairer weather, to make hay.

Our crops look well, but we want more dry warm weather to bring them in.

(This Week's Budget.)

On the 24th inst, Messrs J. McArdle, V. Hill, the Wilson and Kinnell families and others attended the funeral of an old friend, Mr. R. J. Conkey, of Pricerville. The friendship formed by these and the deceased in the '40s of Hope 40 years ago was still a binding link. There was a large funeral.

Mr. W. J. Glenister, our yillage contractor, will in a few days have the brickwork of Mr. Jno. S. Hardy's house done. Supposed to be one of the largest and best residence in Proton where there are many good ones. It is all of the best white brick, and built on a very substantial cut stone wall.

Mrs. Glenister, Toronto, has returned home, but some of her family remain for a while.

Mrs. Scarlett, who was ill, is convalescent. Miss Annie Haw is very low still and under Dr. Sneath's care.

Blacksmith Allen yields the hammer alone for his man is helping at haying for a few days.

Born, Sunday, July 13, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coulter. Geo. says he would have named him, King Wm. Had he been born a day sooner. He says he has now sons enough to organize an orange lodge when they grow up.

Proton boasts of a first class crop of hay, and prospects of a good crop of grain and roots.

CRAWFORD.

Richard Boyce purchased a new buggy from Angus Brown of Louise.

We are glad to report that Miss Maggie Haeste is able to be around again after a severe attack of measles.

Alex McDonald is laid off work with a sore hand. We trust him a speedy recovery.

An exciting time was going here a week ago last Saturday when the brave heroes of the 8th and 9th con's., gathered at the home of Mr Sandy Brown's, to raise his barn. They chose Duncan McLean and Bob Grierson as

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