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“From Ocean to Ocean.”

IMMEDIATELY upon the close of the General Assembly at Winnipeg, a special train started for Vancouver on the Pacific Coast, with the Moderator and a large number of members. We were desirous of seeing what we could of the country, and of the work of our church from ocean to ocean. In every town and village that we passed in Manitoba and the North-West, the “Presbyterian Church” was pointed out to us, and we were able to realize the great work accomplished, and now being done, for the newer regions of our country. There is now no considerable settlement of Presbyterians in the North-West, without religious services; but as the frontier has been continually pushing farther and farther away, it is still in large part outside of regular Christian influences,—the only influences strong enough to check outrage and immorality.

We spent the Sabbath at CALGARY, a rapidly rising town in which our church is faithfully represented by Rev. J. C. Herdman. A church is being built and will be ready in a few months, at present the congregation usually meets in a hall, too small for the increasing attendance. On the occasion of our visit, the largest hall in the

town, the *theatre*, was occupied, and it was filled to overflowing. The Lord's Supper was dispensed in the forenoon. The Moderator preached, and several members of Assembly took part in the deeply impressive services. In the afternoon, a number of members addressed the Sabbath-School. In the evening, Principal GRANT preached to a very crowded house. At half-past 8 o'clock the sun was hovering on the verge of the horizon, and day light continued till half-past 10 o'clock! Over an hour was devoted to open-air-services, in which a number of members took part, and which were attended apparently by nearly the whole population. It was a Sabbath long to be remembered by the visitors as well as by the people of Calgary. Here were men from all parts of the Dominion and from beyond the seas, sitting together at the Lord's table, within sight of the snowy summits of the Rocky Mountains,—scores of ministers and elders, many of them thousands of miles from their homes,—all enjoying profoundly the rest and refreshment of the day, occasionally the thunder crashed in the distance, and snow was falling among the hills; but taken all in all it was a bright, restful, and most happy day.

From Calgary we proceeded to Banff, and thence to Vancouver and Victoria, meeting with our missionaries from time to time;