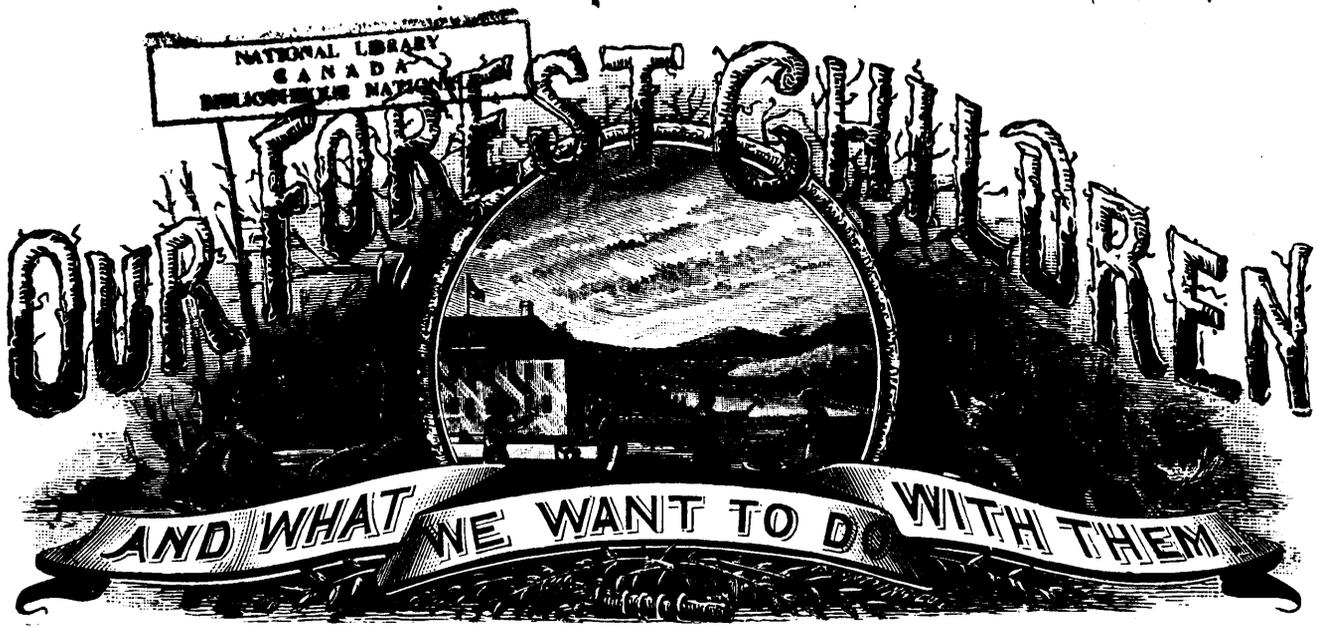


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HAVE you seen the Summer Number of OUR FOREST CHILDREN? If not, send for a copy before they are all sold. It is very prettily got up, illustrated, 20 pages and cover, 9 by 12 inches in size, full of interesting matter about the Indians, and price only 15 cts.; seven copies for \$1; 50 copies for \$6.50.

Medicine Hat.

MEDICINE HAT is about 700 miles West of Winnipeg on the South Branch of the Saskatchewan, just 100 miles from the Blackfoot Indian Reserve. We propose to make this the site of a Western Institution. The Bishop of Qu'Appelle, in whose diocese the place is situated, writes very warmly of the project. He says, "I should think Medicine Hat would, for many reasons, be a specially good position for your proposed Institution, being near *coal* and *water*, and the junction to the Southern regions *via* Dunmore." Mr. Dewdney, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the North-west, with whom we conversed on the subject when passing Regina, expressed himself in favor of the locality; and favorable correspondence has been had also with the authorities at Ottawa. As to funds, we have at present \$800 on hand; this being the balance of money contributed to

the establishment of "Branch Homes in the North-west," after paying for the building erected at Elkhorn. We have already taken steps towards securing a site; the spot selected adjoins the Church of England property, a little back of the town, on the slope of the hill. This will be a good prominent position where we can have land enough for workshops and garden, besides Institution buildings, and for a farm we can secure land a few miles back. We believe that the right place for an Indian Institution to be in a *White centre*, where the pupils can learn trades, mingle with white people, attend an English Church, and be as far as possible separated entirely from their old friends and old habits and associations. We have followed this plan in regard to the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, and also with our newly-opened Institution at Elkhorn. We hope that our friends will now come to our help and enable us to start this work at Medicine Hat. We have \$800 to begin with, and we would like to raise it to \$5,000. Government, like Providence, helps those that help themselves. If we had not gone in boldly and made a start as we did at Elkhorn, we should never have come in for that big Government grant. If the Indians are to be brought under Protestant teaching, if Government money is to be diverted into Protestant channels, then Protestants must exert themselves; otherwise the Roman Catholics will have it all their own way. It will be a disastrous thing for the country if the large majority of our 128,000 Indians are brought under Roman Catholic influence. A little hearty, earnest effort just now is what is wanted. May God stir up the hearts of His people to help us.