

backwoods to support, so that our proportion of aid from them must for years be very small. On the other hand the sects in Canada are comparatively rich and able to contribute liberally towards their North-West Missions. Often a preacher will visit regularly settlements where Churchmen are as numerous as Nonconformists, and where Church of England services are never held because we have nobody to hold them. The staff of the Diocese, including all our Lay Readers, is not enough for all the Churches and out stations now open.

A decrease of the S.P.G. grant, then, must greatly retard the advance of the Church in the care of her widely scattered flock in this Diocese.

We all hope and pray that we shall not be left till we can stand on our own feet better and more securely than now ; even though this is a golden year all over the country, "One swallow does not make summer," neither will one prosperous year make this Diocese rich, because as the country prospers, and prosper it will, new settlements bringing new calls for help will continue to be established ; and until the self-supporting Churches are in the majority the Diocese cannot, without outside help, carry on her Missions as she ought.

Yours faithfully,

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NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

The following extract from a private letter from a member of the North-West Mounted Police may perhaps be interesting to our readers. It was written by a young man who was at one time a lay-reader in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and an active Sunday School teacher, till he left the Diocese and joined the mounted police force. For some time after he joined the force he was stationed in various parts of the Diocese, and though unable to assist in Church work as an office-bearer, he endeavoured to do all he could in the parish in which he was stationed. He has lately been stationed near to Calgary, one of the chief posts of the police force :—

"I wonder if you happened to see in the papers any account of the floods which visited the eastern slopes of the mountains this summer.