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Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions.

The following stations have been lately visited :

Scotch Settlement, Andover, Tilley, Grand Falls. Edmundston, Fort Kent, Brockway, Milltown, Grand Bay, Fairville, and North End. Two Sabbaths' supply were given to St. Stephens, and our College in Halifax was visited with a view to secure ordained missionaries. In the northern district our French missionary, Mr. Lods, has met with good success during the last year. There is need of another laborer in this work. The French Board have agreed to send a student for the summer months provided it meets with the approval of the Presbytery. In Grand Falls our people are very anxious to have service regularly every Sabbath, and have promised to make every effort to meet the expenses of a student while fulfilling their promises for the support of the ordained missionary. Mr. Gratz has labored diligently and faithfully in the large field to which he has been appointed, and the people are fulfilling their obligations with respect to stipends.

There are two out stations in connection with St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, more or less regularly supplied, and a proposal has been made to place a student for the summer under the care of Mr. Macdonald, but no definite steps have as yet been taken.

It will be remembered that Presbytery placed Brockway with Waweig and three other stations in order to

effect a saving to the Board, and if possible build up a congregation. There are ten Presbyterian families in Brockway—the Church is union but no other denomination holds services in the field—the community is quite compact and very prosperous. The only service given during the last six months was on a week night, and that once a month, which is next to no service at all. Some step must be taken without delay for more efficient supply.

I am pleased to report that the congregation of Milltown is about to take steps to call and become a self-sustaining charge. Under Mr. Hawley this mission has grown and prospered. The Presbytery regrets, I am sure, that Mr. Hawley has been laid aside from work for some time on account of severe illness, but I am glad to say that he is now in a fair way for the full recovery of his health and strength.

Mr. Baird, our energetic catechist at Salina, has re-opened a preaching station at Golden Grove. Our people are overjoyed and enthusiastic. Canvas has been made and the contributions are liberal beyond expectation.

Our cause in Fairville has lost nothing during the vacancy—our people have been loyal—and have sustained supply throughout the winter, contributing at the same rate as when under a missionary. This is very exceptional. It is very clear that if a missionary is placed in Fairville without Grand Bay he will still have his hands full, but the work can be carried on to much better advantage, in other words it will be