

of Mr. Ross, beyond Turtle Lake. In carrying out the arrangements made, I preached at the Junction on Saturday at 11 a.m., and after service formed a communion roll, embracing the names of about 12, and thereafter a meeting was organized for electing a committee of management. It was not deemed expedient to elect and ordain elders in the meantime. After refreshments, Mr. Johnston and I started for the other station. We walked along the Parry Sound road for about 5 miles, and then were met by Mr. Ross with a canoe. On reaching his fine clearing we found the families in his neighbourhood assembled in the barn. After public worship, a communion roll was formed containing about the same number of names as at the Junction. We remained under the hospitable roof of Mr. Ross for the night, having been called upon in the course of the evening to solemnize a marriage between one of Mr. Ross's daughters and Mr. McLean, the owner of an adjoining farm. On the Sabbath morning we had service in the barn, and united in the observance of the Supper, Mr. Johnston acting as an elder. We returned to the Junction by the same route as that by which we had come on the previous day, a horse, however, having been provided for my accommodation from the landing place to the Junction. We had service again here, and again engaged in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. The attendance was good, and at both places much solemnity prevailed, and I am not without hope that many felt it good to wait on these solemn services. After resting at Rosseau over the Monday I left by the steamer on Tuesday morning, and on the evening of Wednesday reached home in safety. I shall ever feel a deep interest in the spiritual progress of those places, where it was my privilege, for the first time, to dispense the memorials of Christ's broken body and shed blood.

One or two remarks I would make before closing. 1. I was favorably impressed with the aspect of the country around the head of Lake Rosseau. There is a great deal of good land. Mr. Ross, whose name I have mentioned, has a fine clearing of 65 acres, and his crops are excellent. He owns 1000 acres. I have no doubt there will be soon a large population all around. 2. The situation of the village at the head of Lake Rosseau is most important, and should not be lost sight of by the Presbytery. From this point the road starts for Lake Nipissing, and is already made to within a few miles of that Lake, and the Parry Sound road also passes the head of Lake Rosseau. From these and other advantages, the place has a great importance, and I have no doubt in a few years there will be a flourishing town, the centre of a large and fertile district. 3. I know of no finer trip than to the head of Lake Rosseau. It is cheap, and takes but a short time, while the scenery is most varied and interesting, and the air bracing and invigorating. Facilities will be greater next season, when the lock at Port Carling is completed, and the steamer can proceed without interruption from Gravenhurst to Rosseau. It is a trip which ministers, needing a little change, (and every minister should have some change in the heat of summer) may take without much trouble, and a visit to some of the mission stations will do themselves good, and give encouragement to those who stand greatly in need of it.

The Presbytery of Simcoe has, in the Muskoka district, a large and interesting mission field, in the cultivation of which they need the sympathy and assistance of the Church at large.

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