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the continued and heavy rains. Under these circumstances it was considered advisable not to visit Woodville; but arrangements were made for the Teacher, who had been engaged for that place, to go in as soon as the people returned, which would be in a few days. For some time past Woodville has not been occupied by a Missionary except during the few months that Brother Manning spent there; and as the people are somewhat unsettled in regard to their Reserve, it does not seem advisable that a Missionary should be sent there at present. The newly-appointed Teacher will conduct religious services as well as teach the school, and in this way the spiritual needs of the people will be met till such time as a permanent Reserve is fixed upon.

EDMONTON.

We reached Edmonton on Thursday afternoon, August 12th, and were courteously entertained at the hospitable home of R. Hardisty, Esq., Chief Factor of the H. B. Company's posts in the Upper Saskatchewan District. This post occupies a beautiful and commanding site on the North Saskatchewan river, about 200 miles east of the mountains. Though not doing the enormous business it once did, it is still a place of importance, and is destined, I think, to be one of the great centres when the far North-West becomes peopled. The soil in the neighborhood is of excellent quality, and large crops can be raised. There is quite a little settlement along the river, and two mills are in course of erection within a mile of the Fort.

Although Edmonton has long appeared on the Minutes of Conference, it was, for many years, merely a kind of headquarters for the Missionaries, to which they resorted at intervals for letters and supplies, while traversing a vast extent of country. It was not till 1871 that buildings were erected, and the place became a mission in fact as well as name. This work was accomplished by the indefatigable labors of the late George McDougall, who succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of many residents of the place. In the Circuit book I saw a list of contributions that would do credit to many a wealthy neighborhood in Ontario. Only \$400 were given by the Missionary Society to clear off a final balance. The premises occupy a beautiful site on the north bank of the river, half a mile from the Fort, and consist of a neat church and Mission house, surrounded by an extensive garden.

The frequent change of Missionaries at Edmonton has operated disastrously. Between the leaving of one Missionary and the arrival