

BISHOP DURIEU AND HIS WORK AMONG THE INDIANS. (Reminiscences).—Continued.

Our train stopped one hour at Ogden, and we had to change cars. There we found the saintly Archbishop Alemani, of San Francisco, who insisted upon our staying there to give assistance at the blessing of a new church. Unhappily the time-limit of our tickets was coming to an end and we had to continue our journey.

We arrived at San Francisco on October 6th, and remained there until October 10th, when the steamer for Victoria was to leave. There were only three boats a month from San Francisco to Victoria, leaving on the 10th, 20th and 30th.

At San Francisco we enjoyed the hospitality of the Jesuit Fathers, who were still in their old residence on Market street. They were completing their new college, up the hill. In fact it was to be opened the following Christmas.

We left San Francisco on the steamer City of Chester, and arrived at Victoria, October 14th. Fathers Jonkau and Leroy were then in charge at the old Cathedral, Bishop Seghers having been lately transferred to the archdiocese of Portland. At Victoria we had to wait for the steamer for New Westminster, which then only left twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We arrived at New Westminster on the afternoon of October 17th. Father Horris met us on the street. At the house we found the "good old Bishop D'Herbomez" and Rev. Father Chirouse, senior, Father Chirouse's uncle who had been in these missions ever since 1847.

Bishop Durieu did not remain long at New Westminster after our arrival. After spending two weeks in assisting Bishop D'Herbomez, in the direction of the Missions, making in the meantime a

three days visit to St. Mary's Mission, he started on November 6th on a visit of the district, taking young Father Chirouse with him. They went first to Port Douglas, where they remained from November 7th to November 14th, attending to the Indians of twelve different camps, who had assembled at that place for the visit of the Missionary. On November 15th they were at Chehales; November 19th, at Skwah; November 25th, at Hope; December 2nd, at Cheam, and December 9th, back to New Westminster. After a short stay they left again for the Skwamish, Seachel, Slayamen, etc., spending five or six weeks in visiting those camps.

In February they left again for the Port Douglas district and the Fraser River, between New Westminster and Yale, returning only after Easter. There were six thousand Indians in the districts thus visited and Bishop Durieu had been alone to visit them for several years previous to the arrival of Father Chirouse. It was a life of continuous travelling, accompanied by great fatigues and severe hardships. More than once the Bishop returned to New Westminster in a sickly condition, and I remember Father Horris recommending the state of his health to the prayers of the community.

Once Father Chirouse got well initiated in the mission work, the Bishop relieved himself of part of the burden, but it was not to remain idle, but in order to visit other parts of the diocese. Thus, in the Summer of 1880, he made a trip to Stewart's Lake, and in 1882, he accompanied the Rev. Father Martinet, a visitor from France to the Kootenay Mission, which could be reached then only on horseback, by a tedious and tiresome journey.