

fully in that Province, and his reports are, generally, both interesting and encouraging.

Mr. Lowry has again been working in the neighbourhoods of Toronto and Hamilton, and has sold a very large number of copies of the Scriptures to people who would not have come to Depositories for them.

Mr. McPhail has been labouring in the counties of Ontario, Victoria and Simcoe, but has not had anything of special interest to report.

Mr. Taylor was for a time working in the back townships of the county of Lennox. During part of September and October he was occupied at the Agricultural Shows, and he has since then been engaged in the counties of Haldimand and Brant. He has again been very successful both in selling Bibles and in awakening an interest in the Society's work among the crowds attending the Shows, and on several occasions people have said to him that they thought the Society's case of Bibles in different languages the most interesting thing to be seen. He has received much kindness and help from the officers of the Branches at Brantford, Peterborough, Ingersoll, Norwich and Simcoe, which have been visited in this way during the year, and he has also experienced much courtesy from the managers of the various Exhibitions. The Directors would take this opportunity of publicly expressing their thanks to these gentlemen.

Mr. Badger was not able to begin so early in the past winter as he usually does; but he has been working faithfully for two months in the new townships to the north east of Parry Sound and around Maganetawan; and considering how scattered and how poor the settlers are as yet, he has succeeded in selling a good many copies of the Scriptures, and has of course also given them where he judged he could wisely do so.

SISTER SOCIETIES.

The Directors regret that they are unable to give any account of the progress of several of the Sister Societies in the Dominion, not having received their reports as usual. The report of the Montreal Bible Society shews that though their free contributions have decreased, their income stands at about the same figure as before. They have, after careful inquiry and correspondence with the Parent Society in England, undertaken a most important and interesting work, the publication of the four gospels in the Iroquois language. They have ascertained that there are several thousand of this tribe in both Quebec and Ontario, and that Chief Joseph, of Oka, the translator, is quite competent thus to give, with their help, a good and useful version of the gospels to his own people.

The Quebec Bible Society has been feeling the inconvenience of a straitened income, and the Secretary writes in one of his letters:—"We have, through the pressure of the times, been obliged to suspend our English work altogether in the past year, and were it not for your Society's grant we could do nothing for the French." In another, he says:—"Were it not for the generous gift of the Upper Canada Bible Society the French here would be left without God's word." The Secretary has at times sent up their French Colporteurs' reports, which are very interesting, and a few extracts are given with those of our own Colporteurs, in another part of this report.

The Directors are glad to report that they have, within the last few days, received gratifying news of the returning prosperity of our noble neighbour, the American Bible Society. The Rev. Dr. Gilman writes:—"We have not yet ascertained all the figures which enter into the aggregate of our circulation abroad. The issues from this House were larger than in any year since 1865, and reached the high mark of 1,130,345 copies. The distribution

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