

six days gone and brought back everything in *good order*. As a result he and all his family, save his wife and youngest child, were able to walk over to Church (three miles) last Sunday, and Louis now *does* believe that he has "sisters in the East" who can do a very great deal for him and his children. . . . Peter Cameron, who has rendered most valuable service to the Mission ever since its inception, is taking charge of the Church this winter, sweeping, starting fires, etc. etc., went away from here this afternoon with a very glad heart, occasioned by my handing to him that black "tail coat," a waistcoat and a shirt; his wife and children also got something each. I also gave him that splendid flag you sent, and told him it was to be hoisted for the *first time* on Christmas morning. . . . Bessie McIvor, a half-breed girl who washes for me, got the nice new dress; she is very proud of it, and no doubt will be worn for the first time on Christmas day. If you or one of your members could be at our service on Christmas a.m., pretty well every article of clothing you sent would be seen there, as they almost all seem to mention the "Great Praying Day" when I have given them anything. . . . Among the things sent to himself, Mr. Pritchard mentions dried apples, and says, 'I have not forgotten how to cook them as I had just only eaten the last of those you sent last year.' How kind of you to send that *great big plum pudding*; I have on the strength of it asked Mr. Bannatyne, our last school teacher, to share it with me on Christmas Day. His contribution to the dinner is to be some deer tongues, so you see we are going to fare sumptuously. I will try and make the sauce according to the directions you give. I decided not to have a Christmas tree this year, because the Indians were so badly off I could not delay giving out the things, and more especially for the reason that we have as yet no proper building for an entertainment of this kind. We have decided to erect a sort of school-chapel at Canoe River, where the Indian village is; we are going to start work early in the New Year, and hope to have it completed some time next summer. . . . You will be glad to hear that the work is going on nicely; and that God in His goodness is giving me not a little to encourage me and to make me feel that there is *real* progress in the work. To His Name be the praise."

*From Rev. J. R. Matheson, Onion Lake, to St. George's Branch,
St. Catharines.*

He acknowledges receipt of bale and says: "*It was a splendid bale*; I never opened one with such a variety of articles, and every one of them so much needed and useful. The little box of screws and nails was as useful an article to me here as anything in the bale, and then those groceries, you can hardly tell how glad we were to see them, and such a quantity of them. We had been two whole days without tea, waiting for the freighter who brought the bale, and who