



THE MISSION-HOUSE, HERSCHEL ISLAND, THE NORTHERNMOST
STATION IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

here and there in small parties, and wandering about in search of food, the sheep, about five thousand in number, have to be shepherded. The mission stations are from eighty to nearly five hundred miles apart. To visit each of these would occupy the Bishop more than a year, and he would have to travel about four thousand miles.

The people are of different races and tribes, having different languages. There are a few white people, more half-breeds, still more Eskimo, and Indians most of all. Of the last there are several tribes—Chipewyan, Yellow Knife, Dog Rib, Beaver, Sikany, Slavi, Mountain, Hare, Nehany, and Tukudh. Each tribe has a dialect of its own, and the language of the Indians is quite unlike that of the Eskimo. All the Indians are now nominally Christians, but most of them are Roman Catholic. The