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PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

In October, 1870, the Presbytery of Manitoba was formed under the authority of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. It consisted of four ministerial members—Messrs. Black, Nisbet, Fletcher and McNab. There were at the time less than two hundred Presbyterian families in the North-West. The Presbytery has in 1880, twenty-five ministerial members, besides five missionaries not on the roll of Presbytery—thirty regular laborers in all. There was paid salaries to the four members mentioned, in the year 1870, \$2,860 of which \$600 was raised by the people supplied. In the Presbytery, in 1880, there is paid in salaries the sum of \$24,350. Of this \$11,500 is raised by the people themselves, while the remainder of \$12,850 is paid by the Home Mission Committee, Foreign Mission Committee, and the French Evangelization Committee, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with other small amounts from other sources. In the year 1880 as compared with '70 there has thus been an increase of about 800 per cent. in the expenditure, and an increase of over 1,800 per cent. in the amounts raised by the people supplied. It is estimated that there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 Presbyterian families in the Canadian North-West. In 1870 there were eight preaching places supplied with ordinances; in 1880 there are about one hundred and twenty. Statistics show that the advance in the people's contributions (except in Winnipeg and

Kildonan) has been chiefly during the last four years of the period, or in other words, since the disappearance of the grasshoppers. In church building, in which, progress must necessarily be slower than in contributions to the support of ordinances, the recuperative energy of the people has shown itself in this direction chiefly during the last two years of the period. In the year 1879, just closed, there were opened within the bounds of the Presbytery, ten new churches, costing in the aggregate, some \$33,000. Of this amount not more than \$550 was received from abroad. There is, however on these churches some \$18,000 of debt. In a new country this cannot be avoided if progress is to be made, and where people build their own churches. The people are compelled to divide the cost of the building, which is a severe strain upon their energies, over several years. Unceasing efforts should be put forth to clear off these burdens, for all other theories to the contrary, debt is a millstone about the neck. In the case of eight of the ten churches erected in 1879, they were the first churches erected by the congregation; in five they are the only churches in the several localities. The figures given while acting as an encouragement, should, especially in the matter of contributions, act as a stimulus to greater exertion, that the central committees may be relieved of supporting ordinances in existing organizations to be free to extend their help to the newer settlements forming here and there on the prairies.

The names and post offices addresses of the Presbyterian Ministers those resident in the North West are appended.

Rev. J. Black, D. D., Senior Member of the Presbytery, Kildonan.

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