

them out with a sigh and commit them to the flames, wishing we could do likewise with the freight bill on them. Our generous friends will not mind me speaking plainly on this subject as I am sure they do not wish to add unnecessary expense, but otherwise. Men's underclothing, especially good shirts, are very valuable in our work; we had scarcely any last year. Women's dress material, including good print, is also a great help."

Letters from our Missionaries.—Algoma.

QUEBEC. *Letter from the Bishop of Algoma, to the President, Upper Ireland Branch W.A.*

"Your very kind note with the enclosure of five dollars from the Upper Ireland Branch of the W.A. has reached me, and I assure you I feel very sincerely grateful for the gift. Owing to the gradual withdrawal of the grants made by the great English Societies, and a general falling off of support, our Mission Fund is at a low ebb. Certain special work sorely needed in various parts are, from the same cause, greatly hindered; and it is almost inevitable that, in the near future, we shall have to close one or two of our missions, or turn them into a general missionary district. The scattered character of our population spreading as it does over wide stretches of country, much of which is wholly unsettled, makes it a difficult task to reach and minister to our people. So much expense is involved in getting about over wide areas and in keeping up the necessary buildings in sparsely settled places. One or two parsonages have been greatly needed, and I am applying your contribution to Sturgeon Falls, where we have just built a modest, little house for our clergyman. A debt of something less than \$100, for which I am responsible, remains upon it. Sturgeon Falls promises to grow in consequence of the establishment there of a large pulp and paper mill; we are naturally anxious therefore to provide proper church privileges. It is one of the few places where the French have established themselves among us. As a rule our people are English speaking, but in Sturgeon Falls I suppose two-thirds of them are French. Thanking you once more for your kindness, and especially for the assurance that you will remember us in the future."