

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The sturdy veteran, Dr. Sheldon Jackson is again in Alaska. On his way he re-visited British Columbia, of whose church affairs he speaks as follows:

The presbyterian churches of British Columbia, with the exception of the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria are in connection with the Established Church of Scotland. There are five ministers in the Presbytery, towards whose support the old Kirk pays \$5,000 annually. It also grants \$250 to the building fund of each new church erected. The wealthiest and largest church of the Presbytery is St Andrew's, Victoria. It has grown steadily under the ministrations of the Rev. S. McGregor, its pastor. Its influence for good extends throughout the whole province.

At New Westminster the Rev. Robert Jamieson has been for fifteen years the acceptable minister at St. Andrew's. In addition to his duties at St. Andrew's Mr. Jamieson has done much outside work of exploration. This has now been largely taken off his hands by the Rev. A. Dunn, who is stationed at Langley, twenty miles above on the Fraser River. Mr. Dunn has five preaching stations, and is accomplishing much towards supplying the spiritual destitution of that section.

In the beautiful valley of the Nicolai River, one of the tributaries of the Fraser is another of the Home Mission stations of British Columbia, the Rev. George Murray having several preaching stations, some of which are a hundred miles apart. Across the Strait of Georgia, on the east side of Vancouver's Island is Nanaimo, another Home Mission station, and a few miles to the north is still another, at Comox. And the regions beyond, with their increasing population, are earnestly asking that they, too, may have Gospel privileges. While the Presbytery has not yet commenced any work among the Indians on this coast, they hope to be able to do so soon. But off to the eastward, across the great mountains, upon the Saskatchewan River, that one thousand seven hundred miles away empties into Hudson Bay, the Presbyterian Church of Canada has its five missionaries. The First Presby-

terian Church in Victoria, for local reasons, has no ecclesiastical connection. Its pastor, the Rev John Reid, has recently connected with the Presbytery of Puget Sound. His work in Victoria has been marked with frequent revivals, and the Church become strong and influential under his labors.

ANNUAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES
OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
FOR THE LAST THIRTY YEARS.

This is a subject of no small interest in itself, besides affording a striking evidence of the increasing life of the National Church. In 1842 the Committee's income was £5029; in 1843 only £2249; in 1844, £4500; and in 1845, £2782; These figures exhibit the sad effect of the great secession which threatened the destruction of the Home Mission Scheme. How rapidly and steadily the Church regained strength after 1843, appears from the increased funds annually cast into the Committee's treasury. Their income in 1850 was £3804; in 1855, £4124; in 1860, £5022, in 1865, £5541; in 1870, £7359; and in 1875, £11,858. In 1877 there was a fall to £8725; but in 1878 a rise to £18,088, by much the highest point ever attained. The exceptionally large receipts in 1875 and 1878 were the results of munificent legacies and donations. It is, however, very encouraging to know that the income from church-door collections and parochial associations has been uniformly advancing, and was, last year, £2600 above the average of the seven previous years. These facts may well cheer the friends of the Church, and stimulate them to renewed efforts for her extension.

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