

deacon has charge of the Indian Mission, on the extreme northwest coast.

Thus, then, a few of the chief centres of population are partially provided for.

There remain however—

(1.) The populous settlement of Burrard's Inlet, where two lumber-mills with their accompanying logging camps and trading stores have drawn together a considerable concourse, consisting exclusively of the crews of the ships which load at the mills.

(2.) The agricultural settlements below New Westminster, and extending along both banks of both arms of the Fraser, from the town of New Westminster, to the very mouth of the river.

(3.) The Hudson's Bay trading post at Langley, round which there is growing up a large agricultural settlement.

(4.) Another populous agricultural settlement, above the left bank of the Fraser and bounded by the rivers Sumas and Chilwhelk, containing at present nearly 200 inhabitants within a radius of from three to four miles.

(5.) The central town of Clinton, at the junction of the great thoroughfares of traffic, about midway between New Westminster and Cariboo.

(6.) The town of Lilloet, once occupied by an earnest Missionary Priest, but now unhappily abandoned. At Lilloet, are both Church and Parsonage, and there is just now urgent need of a resident Priest.

I omit from this list the many scattered settlements, that have not yet reached the dignity of being *named*, as well as the still more scattered settlers, who are the pioneers of settlements already promising worldly prosperity.

Thus simply, I place before the Church at home, the most urgent wants of the Church in this archdeaconry of Columbia.

Circumstances exist, however, in the present history of the colony, which promise to multiply these wants, and that speedily. The terms of confederation with the dominion of Canada have been officially published in British Columbia within the last few weeks, and, though not yet definitely agreed to, and accepted, yet, it is all but certain that, before the end of the current year, these terms in some form or another will be ratified. Already, their publication is attracting new settlers to the valley of the Fraser; and, there can be no doubt, that the railroad, to be commenced within two years of their acceptance on the part of British Columbia, will be the means of bringing into the country large bands of labourers, besides many settlers.

Our painful position is therefore this. We see, from month to month, families, who have been under the teaching of the Church, enjoying and valuing the means of grace, provided and offered by the Church at home;