

and five of the last party of seven for a week all but one night, and last of all Miss Durtnall and Miss Millen whom, of course, you know. You can imagine what a scramble it has been to get through the work in the few days interval between each set of visitors, washing, ironing (for these I had a woman, of course), house-cleaning, including covering the walls with alabaster down stairs, jam making, have more than occupied my time. The weather has been very warm, the thermometer often standing at 80 to 84 degrees during the day, and the nights, alas, have been made frightful by fighting, screaming, swearing, owing to the immense amount of whiskey lately imported to the Landing. We have no constable here, now, and nothing can be done to stop this terrible drinking, chiefly amongst the Catholics. Next Sunday we shall have the services here, I think, as the church floor has just been painted and will hardly be dry, as the weather has suddenly turned wet and cold. We are trying very hard to get our little Mission Church into order before the winter comes. One of the things we urgently need is a hanging lamp; I wonder whether any kind friends in Hamilton would contribute to this. A regular weekly post is to be established here after October 1st, so there will be no difficulty after that date in sending out parcels to us by parcel post. The bale from the Juniors of the W.A. has just arrived, or rather, we have just unpacked it. I must write and thank our very kind friends for all they have sent us. Did I tell you how pleased I was with the soap received in the first bale with my things? As for my sheets they are perfectly delightful, I revel in their softness and size, too; by far the nicest I have had for years. We are turning into vegetarians, potatoes just coming into season, also peas (such a treat); we do not seem to care for anything else but bread and butter and berries, raspberries and blueberries, which are very abundant."

Extract of letter from Mrs. Holmes, Lesser Slave Lake, to Editor.

"Our new Boys' Home will be completed to-morrow, September 11th. It looks so nice, is a frame building, the only one at present in the Mission, all the others are made of logs and mud. We trust to take in 40 children this winter. It seems a great responsibility, but His grace is sufficient. I trust many of the Lord's people will be led to help us more financially. We do feel so grateful for all the clothing we have received this year. The work is the Lord's, not ours, and he can send the means for to carry it on."