

bath, I preached to quite a good congregation at Grand Falls, and in the evening again at Andoon.

On the following week, I preached up the Tobique, and visited the principal Presbyterian families, finding myself, on Saturday night, at Long Island, forty miles from the mouth of the River. We had service on Sabbath, at 10 a. m., in the house of Mr. Jenkins. Here assembled quite a number of Presbyterians, who dwell apart in this beautiful forest region. After sermon and a hasty dinner, I had the indescribable pleasure of being paddled in a canoe down the noble Tobique to Three Brooks, a distance of sixteen miles. That trip was an event to be remembered. I was laid upon a couch of straw in the bottom of the canoe, with pillow of straw supporting my head, so that I might comfortably observe the scenery as we were borne along by the swift current. My linen coat, thrown over the gunwales of the craft, made an awning over my lower extremities, and my umbrella protected head and face from the solar rays. Thus ensconced, we glided rapidly, yet with scarcely any perceptible motion, past the green fields, past the gothic arches of the graceful elms, past the foot of the beetling cliffs, till we ran the bow of our frail craft upon the beach within a few rods of the residence of Mr. Edgar, where a large congregation were waiting to hear the word of life. After telling once more, as best I could, the good old story, we hastened on to Arthurette, six miles further down, where a third service was held at 6.30 p. m. This closed my labours on the Tobique and in the County of Victoria. I reached Andoon, on Thursday morning, in time to take the stage for Woodstock.

Collections were taken at nearly all the stations, which amounted in the aggregate to \$6.35, and Hon B. Beveridge placed in my hands \$10. Mr. Newcomb kindly passed me on his line of stage coaches to Woodstock, so that, although I had a good deal of expense at several points, such as Woodstock and Grand Falls, my receipts just about covered my expenditures.

I need not give any details of the claims and peculiarities of this mission field. I rejoice to say that there is an excellent prospect of its being very materially strengthened by an immigration of Scottish Presbyterians soon to be located in New Perth, in the immediate vicinity.

Report of Mr. John A. Gerhard.

I arrived in St. John on the 18th July, and at once proceeded to my field of labor. On the third Sabbath in July, I had service in Glassville; but hearing that no definite arrangement was made as to what time I

was to be there, (morning or afternoon), only a small portion of the congregation was present.

The week following, I visited Florenceville; had service in town in the morning and in Greenfield in the afternoon. Both services were well attended. The people gave evidence of a general desire that prevails among them to have a stationed pastor. The congregation is not only being scattered, but is rapidly falling away. It offers a most promising field of labour to any one who is truly interested in the cause of our Saviour. Sister churches are being established; and, in a short time, will present a huge barrier to the Presbyterians. The church membership at present is very small, and mostly composed of the older people, while the young are neglected, and thus become indifferent as to whether they belong to a church or not.

The week following, I returned again to Glassville, where I remained for two weeks; visited the greater portion of the congregation; but, owing to my short stay, it was utterly impossible to visit all the families. I had service in Central Glassville every Sabbath, and in East and West Glassville every Sabbath alternately.

Report of Mr. John P. Hales.

I left St. John immediately after the May session of your Presbytery for the Glassville and Florenceville field, to which I was appointed: and remained there during the months of May and June, eight Sabbaths. Of these, five were spent in Glassville, where services were usually held in the centre church in the morning, and at one of the out-stations in the afternoon. The settlement spreads over considerable country, and contains, I think, something over eighty families, the majority of whom are Presbyterians. As I found opportunity, I called on these in order, and had completed the whole round, with the exception of six or eight families, when I was transferred. And I hope that this part of the work was not altogether in vain, although I felt keenly at the time, and have oftentimes since, how ineffectively it was performed.

Inasmuch as I have freely expressed myself, in regard to this field, to one of your Presbytery, and as a later report has been handed you by my successor, any comment on the state of things in that quarter may be unnecessary; yet I cannot refrain the hope that some earnest worker may soon be found for Glassville and Florenceville. Very much, it seems to me, depends upon the speedy occupation of this field; and I know not where any one could hope either for better opportunities for successful work, or for kinder people to work among. The