

LAKE WINNIPEG FISHERIES.

During two or three months of the fishing season Mr. Hope F. Ross, a Theological student of Manitoba College, was sent as missionary to the fishermen at the mouth of the Great Saskatchewan and of the Little Saskatchewan on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Mr. Ross was most successful while there, and the following is taken from his report: "Service was conducted two or three times each Sunday. The missionary also preached every Sunday through an interpreter to a large band of Saulteaux Indians. Probably ten nationalities were represented among the fishermen, the majority of whom, however, were Icelanders. Services were held in the fish shed and on the fish barges. Over two hundred have been present at service on the fish barges. On my departure upwards of one hundred Icelanders came up in line each to give me a most friendly shake of the hand. During the summer two large boxes of the very choicest literature arrived, addressed to the fishermen employed by the Fish Companies. This literature was the gift of Knox Church, Winnipeg, and certainly no gift was ever received with deeper gratitude than the gift of reading matter by the lonely fishermen on the shore of Lake Winnipeg."

THE PORTAGE NECKLACE.

In a semicircle around the north of Portage la Prairie are being erected the four new churches of Macdonald (opened by Rev. P. Wright, Oct. 26th); Oakland (opened by Rev. Dr. Bryce, Nov. 2nd); Prospect (opened by Rev. P. Wright), and High Bluff (soon to be finished), while last year Burnside church was refitted. We are reminded of Cowper's couplet:

"The villas with which London stands begirt
Like a swarth Indian with his belt of beads."

All but the "swarth," for Knox church, Portage la Prairie, is a bright and shining light to the region around.

BREVITIES.

A crofter's daughter from Saltcoats, brought by one of our ministers to Winnipeg hospital, has just gone home cured of one ailment but stone blind. Christian ladies in Winnipeg have fitted her out with warm clothing as she returns to her friends. Blessed are the merciful!

Showers of blessings are following the evangelists, Crossley and Hunter. Rev. J. Pringle, of Port Arthur, writes that he received at his communion 87 new members; Rat Portage was much influenced; Portage la Prairie is now having a month of special services from the evangelists; and Morden is to follow.

Rev. R. A. Munro had the pleasure of seeing, Oct. 5th, his new \$2000 church at Pine Creek, Alberta, opened. Revs. J. C. Herdman, of Calgary, and J. A. Matheson, of Davisburg, officiated to large congregations.