

in this Diocese, and the Archbishop said to me at Easter, that he could not ask any one to come up from Eastern Canada on only \$350, which is the guarantee of the Home Mission in newly opened districts. He is right in one sense, and yet an injustice may be being done to some one who would be willing to work up, and I feel certain that he would find that the Home Mission grant was not the only source of his stipend. We are to have a student here for the summer, and it is hoped that an ordained man can follow in September. Having such distances to travel, I could merely hold a few services and make my way back to Shoal River, so that I have not been able to visit the people in the valley during the whole winter. On return after Easter, of which mention was made in my last letter, that I was about to set out upon the journey, I was traversing muskegs and bog meadows alone. Everything in the way of food, blankets, change of clothes had to be carried in a pack. Parts of the road were not so deep in water as on the way out, but the bottoms were thawing out of the soft places, so that with what water remained the walking was about as difficult as two weeks earlier. The Swan Lake not being open, and the ice not in a safe condition to venture upon, from Birch River, accompanied by an Indian, I set out for the mouth of the Swan River to look up timbers for building purposes. Our route lay across bog meadows following rivers, creeks and duck ponds, and making frequent portages. I learned what I could of the timbers, returned after two days to Birch River, and the ice having brokeh up in the meantime, and the lake cleared, I pushed on to Shoal River. During the short time that I was there the spring gardening had to be attended to and preparations made for this journey. On this we were back to the mode of travel in vogue one hundred years ago. Part of the way in canoe and across country in saddle with pack-horse."

June 7th—"I have arrived in Winnipeg. When in Swan River I was told that two bales of clothing had arrived to my address. These were yours from St. Simon's. I opened them and repacked, shipping them back to Winnipegosis, so that they may go on to the mission by boat. I am greatly pleased with the articles. Our Diocesan Synod meets next week, after which we shall all be returning to our work. I earnestly thank St. Simon's Auxiliary for their annual gifts and help, and wishing them all encouragement in the Master's work."