

ing that "sometimes his horse carried him, and sometimes he carried his horse." A feeling of self-preservation as well as of consideration for the stumbling quadruped, induces the adventurer to dismount, and lead his horse over the rocks and stumps and roots, and across the swampy places of his forlorn path. At many parts of the shore line, however, the idea of any means of locomotion, except that known as "shank's mare," would be ridiculous. The completion of a waggon road from Halifax to the county line, on the way to Canso, with good bridle paths between the settlements, would be of Provincial advantage and credit. It would facilitate settlement,—would tend to develop districts valuable for fisheries and in several parts for agriculture and manufacturing purposes,—and might, with wise arrangement, be eminently auxiliary to the spread of education, religion, and general improvement.

Generally speaking, I found the people very hospitable, and inclined to morality, sobriety, and religion. Tracks of the liquor traffic, however, could be found here and there, with the usual results of sin and sorrow. On my return from Musquodoboit, the clergyman for Chetenecook passed, and I heard that he had just been lodging complaint against an unlicensed vendor of liquor, thus taking a step towards ridding his settlement of one of its plagues. Other friends of law and well being, might find similar opportunity for beneficial suppression, at other parts of the shore. At one place where I rested, the woman of the house, in mentioning some of the deplorable effects of those tipping places, enquired, again and again, why such doings were not prevented. Her enquiry might well resound on many ears and consciences of the land.

During my visit, many of the male population were from home, concluding their season trips to Halifax. In proof of this I may mention, that when I was at east side of Jeddore, a picturesque fleet of thirteen coasting vessels came up the harbour one afternoon, and others arrived after dusk. Perhaps the best time for a mission to the Shore, in reference to finding the people at home, the weather moderate, and the roads and paths practicable, would be during parts of March and April. At several places wishes were intimated that Temperance visits should be periodical.

In consequence of the limited time at my disposal at each place, and the difficulties arising from scattered settlement, want of roads, deficient experience, &c., I did not urge immediate organization of Temperance Societies. That might be prepared for, by circulation of printed advice and rules, and might be attended to at another opportunity. At some places the people expressed inclination for such organizations as Divisions of the Order of Sons of Temperance.

I found the mode of administering the pledge, by acceptance of card, and enrolment of name, convenient and acceptable.