

great hopes for the future, both among the Protestants as well as among the French Romanists. We have a flourishing Sabbath School and entertain bright hopes of the children and youth, some of whom are seeking the Saviour. May God water the seed sown in our weakness, to him be all the glory.

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY.

The reports of three Catechists will be noticed, two being in New Brunswick the other in the Province of Quebec. The most northerly station in New Brunswick is

CARAQUETTE,

and three adjoining preaching places. Of Caraquette, Mr. McClure who did his work well says, there are only five Protestant families in attendance, worshipping in a small church nearly completed—the only church in the field—Tracadie 20 miles south 5 Protestant families but only two are Presbyterians. Both Caraquette and Tracadie are surrounded by a French Roman Catholic population.

Little Shippegan, small settlement of 8 families at the Northern end of the Island—French not numerous here—service once in three weeks.

Miscon Island 11 families, service in School House every three weeks, on the same day as at Shippegan.

Besides the permanent settlers many are employed at the lobster factories around these shores. There are a dozen factories within easy access to our meetings. At one of these upwards of 25 Protestant men were employed during the past summer. If these stations were properly organized and a collector appointed I have no doubt but that a considerable sum would be raised for defraying the expenses of the Mission.

Taking the field as a whole it is a very hard one to work. Long journeys of from 20 to 30 miles have to be made, both by land and water every few weeks. None but men capable of standing hard work should be sent here.

OF ESCUMINAC AND POINT LE GARDE,

on the other side of the Bay Chaleur and therefore in the Province of Quebec Mr. Shearer says:—The field is well deserving of a regular summer supply and as often as possible during the winter. There are many young people at Point le Garde who need to be cared for and drawn into

the church. The contract is let to erect a small chapel there, which will help to draw them in and interest them in church work. Unless the field can be enlarged it must always remain a Mission Station, as the population of the district is not likely to be increased by families coming in. If anything could be done towards enlarging the field and making a regular congregation, I feel sure the people would contribute as liberally as their means would permit to support a settled pastor.

TABUSINTAC AND BURNT CHURCH,

near Miramichi River, were assigned, through the want of ministers, to a Catechist, and Mr. R. P. Cobb of Princeton reports:—

Arrived on field and began work May 13. Charge embrace two regularly organized congregations, Burnt Church and Tabusintac, each with church buildings. In the afternoon or evening of each Sabbath I preached in the outlying stations as given above, belonging to the two churches. The services were all well attended. I at once organized Sabbath schools in each church, which were tolerable well attended. I found it impossible to hold prayer-meetings, although it was my desire to do so. I however preached during the week at school houses when occasion offered. The field is an interesting and important one, and should be supplied with preaching services without delay. While there is much to deplore in the evident lack of spiritual life among many of the members, still there is reason to believe that God's Spirit is striving with some, and that with careful and faithful effort the cause of Christ here may be largely stimulated and advanced.

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WORK OF MR. FERRY AT LAWRENCE TOWN.

Term six months, visited 80 families, conducted one prayer meeting, one children's class, organized cottage prayer meetings in three districts conducted by Elders—Lord's Supper dispensed by Mr. Morrison of Dartmouth both at Lawrence town and Cow Bay. Added to the Roll, 18 adults and three under 16 years of age. Received for Manse, \$310; Sabbath School, \$20; For Catechist, including horse and board, \$270; total, \$600.

DICBY AND BAY VIEW.

Mr. G. B. Hallock, writes.—The field