

treated. . . I had only one letter from Winnipeg by the spring packet. This is a busy time with us, when the Indians and Esquimaux assemble from their winter wanderings. They will soon be moving, some to the mountains to hunt Reindeer, others to fishing places, where they will remain all summer. The Indians of this Mission have made progress in the knowledge of God, and many among them have a love for the truth as it is in Jesus our Lord. The Rev. John Itssieltla, ordained last July by our Bishop, is I trust, endeavouring to make full proof of his Ministry, and his labours are much appreciated."

Dr. Hodgin's *Hand Book of Missions* says, "Peel River is in the land of the midnight-sun. To see the sun at midnight you must arrive not later than the end of June. . . The Rev. Archdeacon McDonald has laboured here long and faithfully, and his work has been much blessed. . . Many Esquimaux come here to barter their furs, they are all heathen. It is for their evangelization that Mr. Stringer has devoted himself."

For the August payment of \$50 towards Annie McDonald's board at her aunt's in Winnipeg, only \$38 has been received. Donations towards our Education Fund are very badly needed, one boy has had to be taken from school. Will not members try to interest their friends in this Fund.

When the Bishop of Athabaska left Toronto last May, Mr. Weaver of Toronto accompanied him, and has been appointed to the new Mission of Wabiskaw. Writing home, Mr. Weaver expressed himself with much sympathy as to the needs of the Indians of this vast Mission. "No Missionary has occupied this ground, and the people have had no presents of clothing, etc." Mr. Weaver took a small supply with him, and says, "The things I brought with me are most valuable, but there is nothing at all for big boys or girls, say over twelve, all are very poorly clothed, ragged shirts and overalls; the women and girls with a most scanty supply of cotton clothing. I feel sure they have nothing put away for winter, as there are no boxes or anything to hold clothes in their houses, or tents. Anything for men, women or children, is badly needed. The only way a man can get clothes for his family is by hunting, and trading the furs to the H.B. Co. He pays frightfully dear for what he buys, and animals are scarcer every year. The principal food of these Indians is fish."

From Mr Haynes, South Camp, Blackfoot Reserve, September 1894

. . . We are in our new Home and a fine institution it is. We have worked hard and are in a certain measure ready for our inmates. We take our first three boys in on Saturday and desire your prayers, that, from the very commencement we may be divinely guided in all things in and about the institution. . . . When we were at the