

byterian family named Price were the first settlers here, and for some time there was not a soul within thirty miles of them. The mother is now a confirmed invalid, but an earnest Christian, and her reception of a minister of her own church was very hearty. On August 21st, morning service was held at Coalfields with a congregation of 30, and in the afternoon the first Presbyterian service at Estevan. This service was unique. The first building in Estevan was enclosed around the sides, was floored, but had no roof. In this enclosure, with planks arranged as seats, a most intelligent congregation of 73 persons assembled and heard the gospel preached. The collection of \$11 was devoted to the first payment on the new church site. Arrangements were made for sending in supply at once, and October 1st will see the minister on the ground. Estevan promises, like so many Northwestern towns, to be strongly Presbyterian. The coal mines of Estevan are of great importance to Manitoba. The Dominion Coal Company and the C. P. R. are under bonds to deliver coal in Winnipeg at \$4 a ton.

THE FIRST FRUITS.

The Synodical Home Mission Committee meeting, in Winnipeg, has just closed. On previous years at this time there has always been a despairing feeling, because scores of stations were of necessity left vacant for the winter. This year the summer session scheme placed at the disposal of the Committee twenty-five theological students for mission work. Just about as many more are needed, and in no long time we hope to see Manitoba College with fifty theological students ready to rush into this gap for winter supply. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee meets in a few weeks. Before that we hope to see five or ten more from the Eastern colleges offering their services for Muskoka and Algoma for the winter. At any rate the quarter of a hundred available for Manitoba and Columbia Synods will leave many more catechists ready to go to the country skirting Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. We put in a strong plea for Algoma, Muskoka, and the Upper Ottawa.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The new building approaches completion, and is a credit to the city and province. At date (Sept. 15th), \$28,000 have been subscribed for its erection. Winnipeg is expected to contribute \$20,000 of the \$45,000 required. The young graduates have undertaken \$1000. Furnishing of students' rooms at a cost of \$1000 is being undertaken chiefly by ladies and Christian Endeavor societies. Friends in Ottawa have promised upwards of \$3000; and those in Montreal some \$7000. The canvass is progressing. The college property is now worth about \$100,000 and is yet unincumbered. The Board is very hopeful of having the whole of the new building paid for by the end of 1893. The formal opening will likely take place during Synod, about the twentieth of November.