

little or no education, then coming to this Coast and not hearing a sermon or prayers, some of them for 16, 20, or 22 years. Marrying into Romish families, they being the majority here, they easily fell before the persecution, persuasion, and ridicule of those into whose society they were thrown.

I omitted when speaking of my Congregations to remark, that at the Mission House I have had an average of ten Romanists, only two were partially hindered by the interference of the Priest, (those two I have since joined in Matrimony,) the others all remained regular and attentive, and two earnest in their enquiries after the truth.

I have been doing what I could to prepare candidates for Confirmation, but it is no easy task considering the distance they are apart, and I hope your Lordship's visit will occur at a time when they can find opportunity to attend, say, latter end of August and September. Although on a scattered coast like this, I presume there will have to be a Confirmation at various places, as it will be impossible for all to attend at one time or place.

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### ACTON VALE.

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It is with feelings of thankfulness, that at the close of this year I report, that the Mission can still be maintained. The circumstances that have effected the Township of Acton for the last two years have been of a very depressing nature.

There are so many vacant houses at the present time, that compared with what it was three years ago, Acton Vale might be called "The deserted Village."

No more than half the houses are occupied, and these mostly by women and children, their husbands being obliged to seek employment elsewhere.

Under such circumstances, it would be unreasonable to expect much of this Mission.

The Congregation, however, deserves praise for having done its part, and indeed more than its part, in my opinion, when compared with some missions possessing more and wealthier members. There are still thirty Protestant families in the Mission, living in hopes of brighter prospects in the Spring. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, there being fifty-eight names on the roll with an average attendance of forty-five Scholars.

On the first of September two years ago, we entered the Parsonage. In order to effect the purchase, a loan was contracted of \$600, which we obtained on advantageous terms. This we propose to liquidate by yearly payments of \$50. The Parsonage is as convenient and comfortable as can be desired.

For reasons already mentioned, nothing has been done towards the liquidation of the debt of the Church, which amounts to about \$380. The interior of the Church has been recently improved by the creation of a pulpit and reading-desk.

When the prosperity of Acton began to decline and our means were insufficient to meet the assessment, it was arranged that the Mission of Upton, (diocese of Montreal,) which happened at the time to be without a clergyman, should temporarily form part of my charge, and that divine service should be celebrated at both places every Sunday.