

established some years ago under the influence of the High-Church party, is next to useless. There are about ten or twelve Episcopalian families upon and near the Mines, who have a service from the Rector of Sydney once in three or four months. With the exception of occasional visits from Mr. Fraser, who resides about twenty miles from the Mines, the Presbyterians scarcely ever hear a sermon from a clergyman of their mother Church; and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper has never yet been dispensed upon the Mines by a Presbyterian minister. It will readily be believed that a large number of those who have lived many years without Gospel ordinances, must have become very much demoralized. At North Sydney, within four miles of the Mines, there is a Protestant chapel, built by general subscription. Here there is a heterogeneous mixture of almost all sects. A faithful, active servant of the Lord would recruit his ranks from amongst these.

"There is also a small Highland settlement at Leitch's Creek, about nine miles from the Mines, anxious to contribute towards the support of a clergyman, and have already subscribed about £30 per annum for this purpose.

"Upon the whole, it may be fairly allowed, that were a prudent, zealous, active man of God to settle upon the Mines, and occasionally visit the surrounding neighborhood, he would realize a salary of at least £150 per annum and with comparatively an easy charge.

"The amounts stated in the foregoing are all in Halifax currency, a pound sterling being equal to 25s. currency."