

several gullies along the beach, which often give trouble to passers-by. I will give you an example:—Early this summer, I was travelling alone to Amherst and was crossing one of these gullies, when suddenly I found the horse and cart sinking. I knew at once I was in quicksands, and immediately jumped out of the cart up to my knees in water and sand, and by constantly moving, succeeded in untackling my horse. The animal, finding itself clear of the cart, plunged tremendously, and by so doing, got clear of the quicksands, but the cart sank as far as the box, and would have disappeared altogether, had not the pressure of water under the box resisted it sinking. Fortunately, some men were busy hauling a seine close by, and with their assistance, I recovered the cart, and got off with a good ducking of water and sand. But to return—on this occasion with the Bishop no trouble ensued and we arrived safely at Amherst.

On Thursday, Divine Service was held and six persons confirmed. At midnight the Bishop embarked on board ss. "Albert," much to our regret, for we were all sorry at his departure, for words of holy love, counsel and comfort had been given to all.

The next point of importance is our schools.

I wrote to the Department of Public Instruction, Quebec, requesting permission to form all the Protestants into one school municipality, to be under the control of a Board of Trustees selected from the different islands. But this was not granted. However, the Council gave permission to declare dissent, and to have one schoolmaster under the joint control of two or more Boards of Trustees. Accordingly declarations of dissent were signed and forwarded, two Boards of Trustees were formed, and one schoolmaster passed examination for diploma. This school-master is to receive two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum, and he is to work at alternate intervals at Grindstone and Grosse Isle under the joint control of the two Boards. This is but a beginning. I hope before many years have passed to see a school-master for each municipality (dissentient of course.) We can get men easily, but money is what we want.

My own work has gone on as usual. I have visited as often as possible my several congregations on the different islands, holding services in churches and houses, and administering Holy Communion at proper intervals.

The amount collected for the Church Society is \$19.49.