

After all, I imagine the sufferings of the dogs are even greater than those of the men. I have seen them lie down tired out before going a half mile from their last post office, where of course they had had a short rest. The poor brutes are only fed once a day, on boiled meal with a little grease melted in it. Feeding them only once a day is however not from cruelty or stinginess, but because it is found to be best for the dogs. Every night then, after the days' work is done, they get a mess of greasy porridge, and then they go to sleep. No night prowling, or sheep killing for them, you may be sure, they are only too glad to rest their weary limbs, and will scarcely stir if you walk over them.

I always dislike to see dogs in a sleigh, for they are often lazy and deserve the whip, but when you give it to them, they look back at you with such a deprecating, abject look of misery, and they yelp so pitifully, that one feels himself a brute to hurt them so, at least a white man does. I don't think a half breed thinks much about it, for they thrash them often most unmercifully. I must say however I never saw the mail carriers so cruel to his dogs as some of the half breeds living around me are. I hope the days for transporting Her Majesty's Mail in Algoma by sleigh dogs are about come to an end. We hope that by next winter the railway will have taken away the necessity for them. Then the onward march of civilization will have made this short account, of Our Winter Mail, valuable as a description of an old fashioned custom, and we who now think it quite the thing, will wonder how we ever got along with one mail a week, brought to us on a small sleigh, drawn by a team of mongrel curs.

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EDITOR OF THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS,
SIR:

Not having had a change of any kind from the routine of travelling over my immense tract of country and a large correspondence for two years, I gratefully accepted an invitation this spring to Port Hope. I addressed the boys of Trinity College school on mission work, both during service in their beautiful chapel and in their speech hall. Beyond the first statement that my expenses must be met, not one word was said about money, my aim being to rouse the interest of the boys, amongst whom might be a future missionary. A society was formed amongst them, to keep alive the mission spirit, and to make that spirit a bond of union between the old and the resident boys. These boys gave a good illustration of voluntary self-denial. As I sat resting myself in the headmaster's room, a stream of boys entered, and as each passed he laid some money on the table, simply saying, "For Mr. Crompton's work, sir." Thus was put down no less a sum than \$14.34, every cent of which would have been spent as pocket money is spent by youths. The compliment was overpowering to me; I could only say, "Thank you, boys, very much." The total gifts at Port Hope school were \$35.78.

It would also ask you to grant me room to make the following most grateful acknowledgements, viz: Large supply of female and under-clothing for distribution from C. W. A. S. Toronto, per Mrs. O'Reilly, Hon. Sec; box of clothes from Port Hope; numberless tracts and periodicals from well wishers in England; copy of Wheatly and other books from Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Napanee; copy of

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WILLIAM CROMPTON.

Aspdin P. O., Muskoka, June 10th, 1884.

Shingwauk Journal.

MAY 24.—To-day, being the Queen's birthday, was a general holiday. The weather was beautifully fine, and the pupils from both the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes all went together for a picnic. Just before starting there was a scramble for a hundred cents on the grass, then each had a colored flag and all marched down to the boats. Our dock has been newly done up, well planked over, and a good tramway down to it from the Institution. We had two boats; about 35 of the party in the "Missionary, and the rest in John Esquimaux' boat, which he lent us for the occasion. We chose no particular spot for the picnic, but went where the wind carried us, found a nice clear grassy spot, spread our tablecloths and unpacked the baskets, and then sat down to enjoy the feast. By half past three we were back again to the Shingwauk, and the next two hours were taken up with athletic sports for which prizes were given. The brass band from the Sault very kindly came down, and played while the games were in progress, and then we had a tug o' war, the representatives of the Sault against the employes and big boys of the Shingwauk, the Shingwauk boys beat. Afterwards some of the small Shingwauk boys were pitted against boys from the village, and then the villagers carried away the palm. In the evening we had a few fire-works and a large bonfire, and thus the pleasures of the day were brought to a close.

JUNE 2nd.—Our Indian bootmaker, Harry Nahwuhquag-ezhik, left us to-day. He has been working steadily all winter, and can do all our mending, and can turn out as good a pair of top boots or lace shoes as a white man. He will probably return to us in the fall.

JUNE 5.—Another of our old boys, William Aundag, returned to us to-day, asking for work, and we set him on fence building.

JUNE 13.—This morning, we all expected the bishop. The "Missionary" was ready and decked out with flags, and when the Athabasca came by, we left the dock with a picked crew of Shingwauk boys, and sailed in her wake to the American dock. It proved however, to be only an advanced guard of the party, the bishop and Mrs. Sullivan to follow on the next boat on Sunday.

JUNE 17.—Mr. McLean, Government School Inspector, visited both our homes to-day, and examined the children. He spoke in terms of high commendation of both Institutions.