

but the Legislature has provided against any possible abuse, by enabling us to deal with the excess over a fixed maximum. In the case of St. John's Cathedral, statutes have been laid down making the cathedral income as helpful to the general diocesan work as possible. As we have never possessed any lands for general church purposes, I need scarcely add that we have absolutely no funds from the sale of lands for mission purposes in the new settlements. As to the property of the other churches in Winnipeg, it belongs to themselves. It is certainly not more than will be required to help them to exchange their present wooden churches for churches of a more permanent character—more especially as there may be a division of parishes. But though correct information was most fully supplied by me, the old erroneous stories survive and are still circulated; and they are, I may say, almost officially brought to my notice, for furnishing grounds for want of sympathy and help from our Canadian brethren. I can only repeat in the presence of those that have access to all the facts, that they are utterly baseless. I would add that I am ever glad to give any member of the church who may call on me the fullest information respecting any of our funds.

And now what is the bearing of the large influx of immigration and the extensive settlement of country by a sparse population on the work of our church.

More than 50 municipalities have been formed for local government in the parts of Manitoba now being settled. In only 15 of them is there a resident clergyman of our church. In the others, containing nearly 700 townships, each township consisting of 36 square miles, we have no clergyman. Yet there are few of these townships without settlers, and they are as a whole being rapidly taken up and sparsely settled on. In fact, in the municipalities in which we have a clergyman there are several having only one clergyman for from 14 to 40 townships. But to feel the full gravity of the position of the church, we have to look beyond Manitoba. A large part of the immigration this year is passing into a part of this diocese in the Northwest Territory, lying west of the Province of Manitoba, in what is the proposed Province of Assiniboia. There is yet only one clergyman in all this new Province for the incoming settlers. He is stationed at Regina.

This is surely a most grave state of things. In fact to realize its full gravity we have to look beyond numbers. If we merely look at numbers, we may find in some large city in England a larger population, in a sense, without the means of grace, than our whole population. But the numerous settle-