

## REPORT.

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In submitting their fourth Annual Report, the Committee on the Mission to the Lumbermen desire to express their gratitude to God for the measure of encouragement they have had in their labours during the past season.

Your Committee secured, though for a much shorter period than they desired, the services of the Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Beachburg, who visited the shanties on the Black River and Coulonge, and of the Rev. James Fraser, of Chelsea, who visited those on the Gatineau and its tributaries.

The Rev. Mr. Cameron reports as follows :—

"I left home for the shanties on the 22nd January, and reached the shanty of Mr. R. J. McAlister, of Eardley, the same day. Next morning I proceeded up the River and visited the shanties of Capt. W. Findlay, at Moose Lake, and Messrs. Caldwell, and McTiernan & Fraser, the shanties of the last named firm being the furthest up on the Black River this season. On my way down I visited the shanties of Messrs. McCaushon & Fraser, Fraser, McLean, Capt. W. Findlay at Kedar's Creek, and Messrs. Comrie and Anderson at the same place. I then passed over to the Coulonge and visited the shanties of the Hon. Geo. Bryson and Mr. E. Carmichael. I visited, in all, seventeen shanties, five depots, and several stopping places. I conducted Divine service twenty-one times, family worship twelve times, distributed large quantities of religious literature, addressed between four and five hundred men, and travelled more than three hundred miles. The tracts, but especially the copies of the 'British Workman' are gladly received, while the copies of 'Le Messager des Familles' were welcomed by the young Frenchmen. Several shanties have sent in contributions to the funds of the Mission, and some others have signified their intention of doing so. All these are free-will offerings, unsolicited by any one. In all the shanties I was kindly received by men of all denominations, and returned from my two weeks labour among them invigorated rather than exhausted."

The Rev. Mr. Fraser reports as follows :—

"The Gatineau being one of the main tributaries of the Ottawa, with timber limits of vast extent, a number of large firms, a greater number of small firms, and a very great number of jobbers—each of the latter