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From these and other causes, many neighborhoods are very inadequately provided with a preached gospel. There are thousands living in utter ignorance and neglect of the great salvation. It is our duty as Christians and patriots to use every means in our power to evangelize these perishing multitudes.

Newfoundland and Labrador have special claims on us, in view of the spiritually destitute condition of many of the inhabitants. The former, including the large bays, which penetrate far into the interior, has a coast line of 1200 miles. The interior is uninhabited. The people are principally settled in the harbors and islands around the coasts and bays, and are dependent on the fisheries. Many of them are engaged in a continual struggle for the bare necessities of life. Green Bay contains about 200 islands, nearly half of which are inhabited. Our Colporteur, during the past season, visited 79 islands and harbors in this Bay and found 913 families, an average of 12 to each. There are very few roads in Newfoundland, except around Conception Bay, from St. John's to Harbor Grace. The Colporteurs found the families visited throughout Newfoundland and Labrador almost wholly destitute of books of any kind except the Bible. If our resources would permit we should have four or five Colporteurs in this part of the field during the summer months. Who will assist by liberal contributions to enable us carry out this desirable object?

New Brunswick also is very greatly in need of just such work as this Society is doing there to some extent, but it should be prosecuted on a more enlarged scale. The Society have had a faithful and successful Colporteur for several years in the northern Counties. Several have been employed for a short time in other parts of the Province. But there should be a dozen good earnest men constantly at work in that important part of our field.

There are comparatively few book stores in any of the Provinces, outside of the Commercial Capitals. In Nova Scotia there are nine, beside those in Halifax, the number having more than doubled since this Society began its work. In New Brunswick, out of St. John and Fredericton Cities there are but two. In Prince Edward Island there are none except in Charlottetown and Summerside. In Newfoundland, none except in St. John's. The great mass of the people