

Kitamaat a Post Office.

Through the favor of Dr. Coulter, the missionary obtained an interview with the Hon. Wm Mulock, Post Master General, at Ottawa, and laid before him the difficulties under which we labor in regard to mail at Kitamaat, there being no mail service. Our mails have been dropped by the C.P.N. boats at either Lowe Inlet or Hartley Bay, from which places we have obtained them sometimes by canoes which have chanced to call, other times by canoes sent especially at great expense. Our canoe men are always careful in transporting, but at times the mail has unavoidably gotten wet and letters, papers and books been badly damaged.

The Honorable Minister, after carefully considering the matter in detail, shewed his practical sympathy with our situation, and, in keeping with the progressive attitude of the Government, placed Kitamaat on the list of Post Offices, made provision for bi-monthly mail service, and provided water-proof bags, lettered "Kitamaat P. O."

This much we can say, we have received the greatest consideration and kindness from P. O. Inspector Fletcher and Postmaster Shakespeare, Victoria, who have carefully forwarded our mails and taken such precautions to prevent its being lost or lay in their power.

Changed Hands.

Hitherto the Kitamaat Home has been under the management of Mr. Raley, but through the recommendations of the British Columbia Branch of the Women's Missionary Society, it was brought prominently before the Board of Managers at Hamilton in October. After carefully considering the matter in all its bearings, the W. M. S. decided to take over the Home and thus relieve Mr. Raley of

much responsibility. This does not mean that he withdraws any of his sympathy or interest, as the ladies have especially requested him to continue the same and to counsel with them and the staff and use his influence with the parents and children as in the past.

Notices.

The missionary and family expect to return to Kitamaat, if all is well, at the end of the month.

Henceforth, if auxiliaries and friends sending bales, etc., to Kitamaat will obtain duplicate receipts for freight charges and forward such to the missionary, together with a complete list of the contents with their value noted, he will endeavor to have the amount of freight refunded.

By request, I state the pressing needs of the Kitamaat Mission: A DEACONESS and a safe BOAT in which the missionary can visit his appointments.

I have received, too late for this issue, an account of a wonderful operation successfully performed by Dr. Bolton at his hospital. The account is written by the patient himself, a Kitkah-tah man, and it will appear in the next issue.

"Dawn at Kitamaat," crowded out this quarter, will continue in our next.

The potato crop was not so heavy as last year. Turnips were good—one in the Mission-house garden grew to 34 inches in circumference and was presented to the head chief, Jessea.

We understand Messrs. C. H. Emerine & Co. have taken the contract to cut a 5 ft. pack trail from Kitamaat to Kitselas canyon on the Skeena river, a distance of 45 miles, work to commence early this spring. Without a doubt, this will be the easiest and safest route to Hazelton and the wide extent of country to the east and north of Kitamaat.