

public fame brands the party as a witch. She is avoided and dreaded, and exposed to much painful annoyance. The true remedy for this is an increase of Christian intelligence and practical good sense. Only shew these people that ill-kept cattle won't yield milk, or that filthy pans and tubs destroy cream and butter, and witchcraft will vanish from among them. These incidents prove the necessity of combining a knowledge of common things with religion, in order to make the people of these parts intelligent and prosperous. It would, however, be wrong to speak of these people as either irreligious or immoral. Instances of vice or crime are very uncommon, and their general regard for religion is exemplary. A few years will produce a great improvement among them. Through the influence of the present School and Church agencies, existing evils will disappear.

Having discharged our mission in Winslow, having held friendly counsel with the elders and minister of the Church, and partaken of the generous hospitality of the Manse, our route now lay towards the north-east through the counties of Wolfe and Megantic to Inverness—a distance of sixty-miles. The whole region through which we now pass is almost unmitigated bush. Miles upon miles the dark wooded and mountainous landscape stretches out to the north, south and east. The road followed a straight course over hill and down dale. Only here and there was the dark monotony of the scene relieved by a patch of cleared land, and a little settlement of French Canadians. Along this route the settlers are chiefly French—young adventurers from the district of Quebec. Wild lands can here be got on easy terms; and, for those who have nothing in the world but strength, and a will to work, prosperity and comparative affluence are their reward. Into these wild regions we found the priest following his flock. On good elevated lands the Church and the priest's house are built, and that too in stately and elegant proportions. Nor have these people been neglected by the Protestants of Canada. Pierre LaHay, one of the most enterprising and intelligent of Colporteurs, has travelled this region on foot, with the Word of God in his hand and on his lips. He was our guide by the way, and from time to time enlivened our journey by accounts of his labours in these parts, and of the character of the settlers. There is an awakening intelligence among the French people. They are coming to know what Protestantism really is. They see the superior intelligence and progress of Protestants, and begin to guess that their religion accounts for it. The Word of God is read by many of them, and the leaven of truth is silently working. God will assuredly open a great door and effectual among these interesting and agreeable people.

Much of the scenery through which we passed was beautiful. Lake Aylmer, over which we were punted, is a fine sheet of water, and the banks all around it appeared to be well suited for settlement. The geological character of the country is the same over the whole of the district through which we have travelled. Altered Upper Silurian rocks were visible on the flanks of the granitic and trapean hills, and large boulders of the prevailing rocks lie scattered over the country. The drift chiefly consists of sand and clay; and in no place did we find boulders deposited to such an extent as to impede cultivation. One of the most beautiful and well cultivated tracts through which our road lay was that of the Township of Halifax. It lies upon high ground to the west of Lake William, in Megantic County. The road through it was in excellent condition. Winding along the banks of the lake for a distance of eight or ten miles, it afforded a noble view of a country picturesque and fertile. To those who have suffered from the *ennui* of travelling over the everlasting plains of Upper Canada, nothing can be more pleasing than the rich and varied scenery of the Eastern Townships. The tide of immigration will yet be attracted to these fine lands. The time is coming when the population of this part of the Province will be vastly increased. It is a mistake to suppose that Lower Canada is used up