

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Canada Foreign Missionary Society.

As only a part of the time of this meeting is to be occupied with the business of this Society, the Report will be a brief one; and the Board of Management desire to set before you, first in order,

THE LABRADOR MISSION,  
by presenting the Report of their Missionary :—

Caribou Island, Labrador.  
2nd. October, 1890.

Secretary Can. For. Miss. Soc.

DEAR SIR,

The *last vessel*, the Quebec schooner, has arrived upon the coast unexpectedly early, a fortnight sooner than usual. As she returns immediately, I hasten to give you in brief the present position and prospects of the mission work.

I regret that I am not able to report you a more satisfactory progress in the building of the mission houses, but the month's delay in reaching the coast in the Spring, proved a detention to the work which no subsequent diligence could overcome. Superadded to this, are the many hindrances which you in other lands can hardly realize, but which daily occur to embarrass and retard. The entire absence of roads, horses and carts, greatly increases the difficulty and delay of transporting the building materials, while a change of wind or a heavy sea may put an effectual embargo upon boat travelling. The unusually rough and rainy weather of the present season, by prolonging the *curing of the fish*, on which every one depends for subsistence, has prevented the inhabitants from rendering thus far any assistance, and is now keeping two or three workmen from reaching the work. Besides now that "the fish is clear," the people are occupied with removing to their winter quarters, and with setting traps for *furs*, which promise to be unusually abundant this season.