

whole country. The last two weeks it has been as hot as anyone could wish, the thermometer recording 105 deg. in the shade. As a result of the hot weather the bush fires have started again, and the country is virtually covered with smoke.

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After the Corpus Christi Festivals at Kamloops, we started for Clinton and High Bar, where about eighty Indians were expecting the visit of the priest. There were over sixty Confessions and about fifteen Communions. Those Indians are anxious to improve themselves as much as they can, and have learned, as if it were by themselves, to read the Chinook and their own language in Shorthand. They have in consequence learned all the Prayers and Catechism in the Shushwap Manual, printed two years ago. Forty of them receive THE KAMLOOPS WAWA regularly. Leaving High Bar, one has to make an ascension of 3,800 feet to come to the Alkali Lake wagon road. Instead of returning via Clinton, we came over the Pavilion Mountain, where an elevation of 5,000 feet above sea level is attained. It was very cold during the night, and snow was seen at a short distance. On June 30th we came to Bonaparte, where the Indians were assembled. About ninety of them made their Confessions, and fifty received Holy Communion. On July 11th the children of the Kamloops Industrial School were allowed a fortnight vacation, and the greatest number of them went to their homes at the Shushwap, Nicola, the North Thompson, and Deadman's Creek. A few, whose families were too far away or could not be found at home, remained at the school-house and enjoyed the time in recreations

and picnics. On July 19th a trip was made by steamer to Shushwap, which was enjoyed very much. We went to Lytton for Sunday, July 24th, and thence to North Bend and Spuzzum, where the Indians had nearly all gone to the salmon canneries around New Westminster, returning to Kamloops on Tuesday morning, July 26th. On Friday, the 29th, came the turn of Deadman's Creek, where about ninety Indians were together. Sixty made Confession and about twenty-five received Holy Communion. At present everybody is engaged at haying, and it is impossible to retain them any length of time besides the Sunday, so we returned to Kamloops on Tuesday, Aug. 2nd. The following evening an Indian (with horses) came in to take us up the North Thompson, fifty miles north of Kamloops, where we arrived on Friday evening, Aug. 7th, to find the men quite busy haying, and the women were coming down from the mountains with basketfuls of huckleberries. They remained around Saturday and Sunday. We made a census of the whole band, and found that it numbered 162, including children. There were ninety-five Confessions and thirty-five Communions. Not to detain them too much from their occupations, we returned to Kamloops on Monday, Aug. 8th, just to attend to this issue of THE WAWA.

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