

Toronto, Nov. 3rd. 1873.

Sir:

We have the honor to draw your attention to the present condition of the Wesleyan Mission House at St Clair, and the prospective erection of a new one on the Land ceded by the Indians for this purpose in a more central part of the reserve and on which is already erected a commodious and well finished Sanctuary for the worship of God.

More than Forty years have gone since the Indians on this reserve were converted from Heathenism to Christianity solely by the Ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists. The Imperial Government erected the present Mission premises for the ~~Wesleyan~~ Parent Missionary Society, which with Fifteen acres of land cleared at the expense of that and the Canadian Missionary Society, have been used exclusively for the Benefit of the Band, until the encroachment made upon the Land by the formation of the Great Western Rail Road deprived the Missionary appointed to the spiritual charge of this people the advantages of the Societies expenditure for so many years, without compensation in any form, a procedure at variance with every form of Christian equity; and one which, happily, it would be difficult a parallel to in any Missionary enterprise in the Dominion.

During the whole of this long period the Society has steadily maintained this Mission and with the exception of the last few years, the Day school also; and this, too has received an appropriation in addition to what the Indians have voted from their own Funds. You will at