

scarcely be obtained at any cost. It is at least \$40 per ton; and oats are \$1.25 per bushel. Flour is being used for the horses, and it is expected that large quantities of bread will have to be baked for them, to keep them alive until the boats bring a supply of food in the spring. I sometimes think I could make good use of two large dogs and a tobagan, but I shall have to depend very much upon a good constitution and snowshoes.

Every other Sabbath morning I put on my snow shoes and go across to a mine about three miles from home, and hold a meeting at half-past ten o'clock. After the meeting I hasten home, to be in time for the Sabbath school at half-past two. In going out to visit the mines I always take with me papers, such as the *S. S. Advocate* for the children, and tracts for the men.

I feel anxious to do what I can for our Master's cause in this locality, and to lay a foundation for our cause; for I feel confident that in a few years there will be many people in Thunder Bay districts. I believe there are rich minerals in our rocks, which by time, patience, and means, will prove to be

worth searching for. Our winters are somewhat long and severe, and just right for mining purposes. Indeed, I think the winter is much better for mining here than summer. I also feel confident that Thunder Bay must become a very important centre of commerce between the Atlantic and the Pacific. This place is the natural outlet for Manitoba and our great west. Now the whole country between here and Manitoba is open for development, as the Indians have been settled with.

A railroad should be built from here to Manitoba as soon as possible, as that country cannot be properly developed without it. A large number of men are now employed, completing the survey of the road from Thunder to Fort Garry, and it is to be hoped that our Government at Ottawa will make, as soon as possible, arrangements for the building of the road.

As soon as the ice forms in our Bay, and is safe for crossing, I hope to visit Silver Islet, and see Bro. Galloway. From what I learn he is doing nicely and taking well with the people.

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## INDIAN CAMP-MEETING.

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THESE gatherings for religious exercises have long been practised and prized by the Methodist Church; and their observance has been greatly blessed in the conversion of sinners and in the edification and revival of the membership of the Church. Occasional irregularity by scoffers may sometimes form temporary inconvenience; but even this class of visitors has of late years been rarely met with. Our Indian brethren enter into these special ordinances with great zeal, and conduct them with intelligence and order. There is a design cherished that, during the ensuing summer, a great gathering of the Northern Bands should be held at some point on the shores of Lake Superior,—say Michipicoton or Nipegon. If this project be thoughtfully and prayerfully carried out by a suitable agency, it will doubtless be signalized with large spiritual results. As we had not room for the Rev. ALLEN SALT'S account of one in our last number, we give his simple narrative of what he saw at New Credit:—