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A visit to the Pointe aux Trembles schools is always a source of pleasure. The demeanour of the pupils, their hearty singing and apt answers, and the general discipline of the institution commend the work as worthy of the largest measure of confidence and support.

MISSIONS IN WESTERN CANADA.

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Western Canada will in an increasing degree become the Home Mission field of the Presbyterian Church. The Free Grant lands of the East are exhausted, while in the West vast areas of farming and pasture lands are open for settlement, and promise homes and comfort to thrift and industry. The fisheries, the mineral and lumbering interests of the West demand, not only capital, but population, for their development; and as these resources are known to be extremely valuable, a steady influx of people may be expected. The rapid construction of railways is rendering every part of the country accessible. The famous Saskatchewan valley will be tapped by the railways to Prince Albert and Edmonton, the former of which is already open for traffic, and the latter to be finished in July, 1891. Railways are also being built to reach the mineral wealth west of Port Arthur and in British Columbia; and companies are organized to bring the oil and coal of the Pease River and Crow's Nest district to market. Along these roads and at their termini settlements are forming, and villages and towns springing up; and the moral and spiritual welfare of the people should be the care of all the Churches.

The work of our Church has already attained to considerable proportions. Of the 276 mission fields in the Western Section, as per last report, 121, or 44 per cent., are in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West. Connected with these are 441 stations, 3,943 families and 4,165 communicants. Besides these there are 24 augmented congregations, which are simply mission stations in a more developed state, with 76 stations, 1,073 families and 1,486 communicants. The average Sabbath attendance of both classes last year was about 17,000. The grants paid by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee last year to maintain ordinances in missions was about \$25,500, and in augmented