

## ONTARIO.

*To Mrs. Dobbs, St. Paul's, Brockville, from the Rev. George Bruce, Fairford Mission.*

"I am thankful to say that your valuable and useful bale of clothing arrived in good condition. I must say the articles of your model bale were highly appreciated; every article sent could not have been better selected. Ladies have a peculiar gift in exactly knowing the wants and needs of poor people, though they may be thousands of miles apart; it is needless to comment upon these things, every article was acceptable as well as serviceable. Sometimes I think our circumstances may hardly be understood by people living in a civilized country where things are easily obtained; but when, as we are now, over a hundred miles from the railroad, and when any article is required we have to sit down and count the cost. The linen thread which came in your bale was the cause of much rejoicing, we were destitute of thread at the time, as well as tea, sugar and ginger. Dear Mrs. Dobbs we cannot, or ever will be able to thank you and your kind co-workers for your unbounded liberality. Fairford and Sandy Bay owe lasting obligations to your kind Auxiliary, pen and ink cannot describe the good you are doing. You kindly enquire about Mr. J. Fabell having to pay \$2.25 for freight. Nestbourne, where the bales are landed, is a little over 100 miles from here, so it is the freight from there to here, another item. I could not charge you freight, I always paid it myself, feeling you did enough when you paid the bale to Nestbourne. I may mention that last Sunday I baptized an adult and an infant, the Sunday before two infants; in looking at the register, I find the number I have baptized is near 900 persons. I am now instructing the third generation, and I am not such a very old man for all this. We are expecting the Inspector of Indian Agencies, when the Schools will be examined. We are preparing the children in a small way; the subjects will be History, Geography, Grammar, Bible History, Arithmetic, Drawing, Writing, and Vocal and Instrumental Music. I may say this will be the first time for an Indian girl to play on the Harmonium. We received a second-hand one last Fall, no music books, but had to persevere under difficulties, and now Isabella can assist at the services on the Sunday."