

OUR SALTCOATS CROFTERS.

At the terminus of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway are settled forty or fifty families of Crofters, who last year came from the Hebridean islands of Lewis, Harris, and Uist. They were sent out by the Imperial Emigration Society, and are assisted by from £120 to £160 per family. Last year they broke up land and tried a small crop, but from drought it failed; this year they have an average of nearly ten acres a family of wheat and have harvested a good return. On the road to their destination a Gaelic speaking missionary was sent by us to join their train, and on the first Sabbath after arrival, under the open Northwestern sky, they heard the Gospel preached in their own tongue. Their present missionary, Mr. McMillan, is a devoted Nova Scotian Highlander, of whom they are very fond. Two months ago two school districts, "Eden," and "Tupper," were laid out, and in the former, Colin McLeay, a Lewis man, and first-class teacher, has begun work, while in the latter Mr. McMillan will undertake teaching in the spring. This has been done through our agency, though the Northwest Council pays three-fourths of the salary, and gives \$100 to each school to assist in building. These Crofters are now contented, and would not return to the "land of the Gael."

FIRST ICELANDIC PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

On the twenty-eighth of September the Presbytery of Winnipeg met in the "Martin Luther Icelandic Church," in Winnipeg, to ordain Jonas Johannsen, an Icelandic student of our College. The building, which contains about 400 people, was crowded to excess with spectators, chiefly Icelanders. Rev. Dr. Duval, of Knox Church, presided and made a most impressive address to the young minister. Rev. C. D. McDonald, the new pastor of Kildonan, gave a thoughtful sermon on the benefits of Christian education, and Rev. Dr. Bryce addressed the people, complimenting them on their progress in English, and urging them to rally round their minister both in spiritual and temporal things. The meeting marks an era in Icelandic evangelization.

BREVITIES.

A new church at Oaklands, near Portage la Prairie, will be opened on the 19th inst., and another at Prospect on the 26th.

Fourteen families, with eighteen signatures, have subscribed \$655 for a new church at Marquette.

Down at Port Caldwell, Lake Superior, a little church for the fishermen is going up.

Medicine Hat congregation has bought a beautiful new manse for its estimable new pastor.