



PIONEER FARMING IN NORTH-WEST CANADA.

and of the Prolocutor of the House of Delegates he wrote to every member of his Diocesan Synod, placing before them the three names of Assiniboia, Regina and Qu'Appelle, and asking them in their answers to draw their pens through two names which they thought undesirable. The result was that out of eighteen members (eight clergy and ten laymen) fifteen recorded their votes for Qu'Appelle as the name of the See, and thus the important question was decided, and the Bishop became for the future the Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

It remains to speak of the work which has been accomplished in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle since first Bishop Anson took it in hand. We have seen that he laid it down as essential that the means of Grace should be brought within reach of every one in his vast diocese, and that the assistance of laymen should be largely employed. When he paid his preliminary visit to the North-West Territory in 1883 there were in the district of Assiniboia three clergymen—one at Regina, placed there nine months previously by the S. P. G.; one whose work was to visit, as best he could, the various stations along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and one missionary of the Church Missionary Society to the Indians, at Touchwood Hills. The population within reach of the ministrations of the Church, widely scattered over the province, he reckoned at 5,500. He found also, contrary to his expectation, that there were no less than 5,000 native Indians in the diocese, who were divided into six sets of Reserves. He returned in the following year as Bishop, with a staff of eight priests, one deacon and six lay readers. There are now no less than ten priests and three deacons at work in the Diocese, besides three lay readers; and two or three more priests are expected immediately. A synod has been held annually, consisting of the clergy of the Diocese, and eleven lay delegates for the different Mission stations. We learn from the last published charge of the Bishop that the population of the Diocese has been ascertained by the last census to be 22,083, of whom 5,509 are Indians and Half-breeds. Of the remainder 5,722 are members of the Church. There are still 2,079 pagans amongst the Indians. There are 630 communicants on the roll, as against 300 two years ago. Services are held in fifty-one places, at nearly all of which the Holy Communion is

administered at least once a month, and the services are carried on during the winter as well as the summer. Churches have been built and consecrated, or dedicated, at Whitewood, Moose Mountain, Qu'Appelle Station, Moosomin, Grenfell, Medicine Hat, S. Chad, Qu'Appelle Fort and Kinbral. A house has been bought for the clergyman at Moosejaw, and small houses have been built at Medicine Hat and Moosomin. Two schools have been established for the Indians, one at Fort Pelly, and the other at Touchwood Hills.