

- (9) CALGARY: at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, distributing point for the cattle ranches and mining districts of the West, as well as for Edmonton to the North. Loan on Church \$290, already repaid in full. Cost about \$700.
- (10) RAT PORTAGE: 135 miles east of Winnipeg, centre of large lumber-manufacturing district and possessed of unlimited water power. Loan on Church \$1,200.
- (11) RAT PORTAGE: Loan on Manse \$800. Total cost of Church and Manse \$4,200.

II. In Southern Manitoba:—

- (12) UNION POINT: Station connected with the congregation of Morris. Loan on Church \$100. Purchased by congregation for \$257.
- (13) MIAMI: Station connected with the congregation of Lintrathen. Loan on Church \$150. Cost \$400.
- (14) DOMINION CITY: on the C.P.R. Pembina branch, near Emerson, distributing point for Roseau district. Loan on Church \$324. Cost \$1,500.
- (15) GREENRIDGE: about eight miles from Dominion City, important agricultural district. Loan on Church agreed to \$500, already advanced \$400. Building in course of erection, to cost \$1,000.
- (16) DELORAINE (or CONDIE): about eight miles West of Deloraine proper, which is the chief trading point of the Turtle Mountain district. Grant to finish Church \$150. Cost, excluding labor, \$300. The people at Deloraine worship in a hall which is held as Church property.

III. North of main line of C.P. Railway.

- (17) STONEWALL: 20 miles from Winnipeg. Terminus of Stonewall branch of C.P.R., and trading point for district to the north. Loan on Church \$1000, of which \$250 have been repaid. Cost \$2300.
- (18) GREENWOOD: Centre of good agricultural district, north of Stonewall. Loan on Church \$800, of which \$150 have been repaid. Cost \$1600.
- (19) GLADSTONE: Thriving town on the M. & N. W. Railway. Loan on Manse \$800. Cost \$1750.
- (20) GLADSTONE: Loan to aid in enlarging Church \$200. Total cost of improvement, \$1000.
- (21) CADURGIS: Good agricultural district west of Minnedosa. Loan on Church \$250. Cost \$550.
- (22) HUMESVILLE: Neaf the station of Chater on the G.P.R. and centre of good agricultural district. Loan on Church \$300, of which \$60 have been repaid. Cost \$1200.
- (23) COLLESTON, PRINCE ALBERT: Grant to finish Church \$100. Cost \$300.
- (24) WILLOUGHBY: Prince Albert Group. Grant to finish Church \$100. Cost \$300.
- (25) THE RIDGE: Prince Albert Group. Grant to finish Church \$100. Cost \$300.

The importance of the Prince Albert district, in connection with our work, may be inferred from the fact that, out of a population of about 6000 souls, we number more than 100 families on our roll. The Board in making grants to these churches, stipulated that in the event of any one of the buildings being sold the grant should be returned.

The total advances from the Fund on buildings for the year have thus been \$12,200; and the total cost of those buildings \$28,730. Additional advances were made to complete two buildings aided by the Board last year: viz. to NELSON, loan on Manse \$200, and to MARINGHURST, grant for combined Church and Manse, \$100.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement, and from the Treasurer's report, that some of the congregations have already repaid instalments on the loans advanced by the Board. In a number of other cases instalments are due, but, owing to the financial depression and the failure of many settlers to realize as much as they had hoped for from their crops, payment has been delayed. Security is taken by the Board in the form of notes given by the trustees of the several congregations, or in the form of a mortgage upon the church property, but, of necessity, the Board must rely for the payment of these loans upon the good faith of the congregations.

The sites for all these buildings have been given to the Church free of cost, the majority of those on the main line of the C.P.R. having been given by the Canada North-West Land Company. At Fort Qu'Appelle, where it was important to secure a site although the church has not yet been erected, and where land could be procured only from the H.B. Company, the Board have advanced the necessary payment, the site being given at one-half the ordinary prices.

The C.P.R. Company have conveyed building materials for churches erected at points along their line at one-half the usual freight rates; and the Board has been able to secure lumber and other materials in many cases at lower cost than could have been done by the congregations.

During the year a considerable number of names have been added to the list of subscribers to the fund in response to the appeals of the Superintendent of Missions, and a large proportion of former subscribers have paid the instalments promised by them. There have been received, in all, by the Treasurer on account of subscriptions since the last report was submitted to the Assembly, \$11,742.26, of which \$6396.69 are on account of subscriptions reported in the statement submitted last year, and on new subscriptions \$5346.67.

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