

at which it was proposed to appropriate a tract of land for the use of French half-breeds, estimated, by a competent engineer, at over two millions of acres,—including the Company's reserve and our Mission Property,—and all this without asking our leave. The party have memorialized the Government on the subject. It is satisfactory to us, that the English mixed-blood are, without exception, opposed to the movement. They have stated in the strongest possible way, that they would regard their being made a separate people a great misfortune,—that they have anticipated Canadian rule with great satisfaction, and hope to enjoy the privileges and protection of British subjects. We are now anxiously waiting to know the result of these movements. If the French Jesuit is to rule in our Councils, then farewell to progress and harmony; and the finest country in the great North West will have all the discordant ele-

ments, and retarding influences, so discouraging to the settler of the neighbouring Province. We hope and pray for better things.

From our Missions I have heard cheering intelligence. Brother Campbell is now at the Mountain House. The schoolmasters of Victoria and Whitefish Lake are doing a noble work. I enclose you a letter just received from the Victoria teacher, with an account of their school examination. I expect to visit Woodville in a few days, and Victoria on the 1st of March, for the purpose of holding a Missionary Meeting.

GEORGE MCDUGALL.

P.S.—Since writing the above, it is very satisfactory to state, that our friends at Edmonton have cancelled the debt on the Mission House, and also opened a subscription for a church; when we consider their circumstances, most of them being laboring men, their gift is munificent.

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From the Rev. P. CAMPBELL, dated Woodville, April 10th, 1872.

Notwithstanding we are in the hurry and bustle of moving, I deem it my duty to address a few lines to you. The enclosed Schedule will furnish you with the number on trial, and in full membership; also, the number of marriages and baptisms. These returns are correct so far as I am able to judge. I have always taken the names of those who have sought admission into the Church, and will leave for my successor a complete list containing the names of all members, and when taken on trial, &c. When I review the past two years and over spent with the

Stoney, I feel thankful to God for the prosperity given. I found a people, a few only of whom were enabled to testify to the forgiving love of Jesus. I labored at a very great disadvantage, not being able to understand them, or they me. I found their language much more difficult to understand than the Cree; indeed, there is not a white man in the country able to speak it. I made up my mind to try and obtain a knowledge of it,—and would have succeeded had the Committee seen fit to allow me to remain as their Missionary; as it is, I am able to understand much