

naturally the roughest, harshest savage to be found on the continent, of a sullen, morose disposition.) They are almost polished (for a Chipweyan) while in the presence of their teachers, and they even smile and try to look pleasant.

Who ever saw a Chipweyan smile—in his state of nature?

The Eskimo, on the contrary, are very bright and genial, only too anxious to learn whatever they can from the white man—and they are learning much.

THE CHURCHILL FIELD.

The trouble hitherto encountered has been the immense size of the field, far too great for one man. For instance, there is Trout Lake district, Mr. Lofthouse has been far too much taken up with his work at Churchill to be able to get there for a long time.

At the one season when he could travel there (in the summer) his Esquimo and Chipweyans are coming into Churchill and making their longest stay there, and he cannot afford to miss this chance of teaching them.

At other times they only stay for a few days. The *Chipweyans* at Christmas, and again in the spring, when they bring in their fall and winter hunts respectively, and the *Eskimoin* March and April with some furs and a supply of deer meat. He can do little with them during these short visits.

MARBLE ISLAND.

Then there is the "Marble Island" trip, made each summer by the Company's boats, four to five hundred miles up the coast to trade with the northern Esquimo.

This, too, is a trip the missionary can ill afford to make, though he could meet many new Esquimo by doing so. He has made it once at least, successfully, and the Esquimo all ask him to return, and to go and live among them for the winter, a hard hospitality, which the missionary is nevertheless probably willing to avail himself of.

Last year he tried again but was prevented by the ice pack coming down the west shore of the Bay, entailing, as you have perhaps heard from him, a very perilous trip home so as to see his child off by the steamer, balanced on the back of a rickety "kyack," the Esquimo skin canoe, behind an Esquimo, with the sea water washing across him, soaking him to the waist all day. The water was full of ice too,