

visited by a priest with direct jurisdiction, some twelve or fifteen years ago, a few other families followed. These were soon joined by some young men, adventurers from Nova Scotia. They intermarried among the English families ; but as soon as the first priest visited the place these women were received into the Church, their marriages blessed, and their children baptized.

The first visit of a missionary priest here was made in 1863, by the Very Revd. Alexis Bélanger. He had been pastor of St. George's Bay for some years previous ; but as there was scarcely any means of communication between the two places, the voyage being long and tedious, and his avocation laborious in his mission, it was only in 1868 that he could pay them another visit.

It was astonishing what work that missionary had to do while on the last visit especially, as the parish register which he left amply testifies. So many baptisms, so many marriages to bless, so many to be instructed who wished to become united to our holy Church—these combined with the poor accommodations, or rather the want of all accommodations a part of the time, so exhausted his strength and impaired his health that he only lived a few days after his return to his own residence.

After the death of this estimable missionary, the poor people were so horror stricken that they did not deem it proper for themselves to have any thing to do with interring his mortal remains, even seeing no possibility of getting a priest from any quarter, there being none within hundreds of miles away. In this dilemma they took the singular resolution of taking his remains to Quebec, his native diocese, a distance of 600 miles. For this a vessel was chartered and four of his parishioners volunteered to accompany the remains.