

the method of ironing them with a hot iron to let the daylight in again. One would iron, the other mop with a sponge below. The thermometer would in the very cold weather sink to perhaps 20 or 30 degrees below zero *inside* their single boarded house, and getting up to light the fires in the morning was no joke in such a temperature unless one happened to be an Indian or an Eskimo.

Their stove-pipe was faulty too, and would either catch fire on an average once a week, or melt the snow on the roof through cracks that opened in the water-soaked timbers, causing it to descend in a gentle cataract, thickened by soot, upon whatever happened to lie beneath, the clean linen and bedding by preference.

They scarcely ever dared to go out of the home both at the same time for fear of the chimney catching fire; and on Sundays, when service was held, the house had to "go cold"—a considerable discomfort in that winter climate to return to it afterwards.

THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH.

Later on there was the same trouble to be encountered in the building of the church as in the building of the house.

It was no leisurely proceeding like the raising of church edifices by the monks of old.

The same short space of summer between the arrival of the ship and the early winter storms caused trouble.

This time the builder, contractor, carpenter, mason, joiner, iron-monger, roofer, &c., &c., in short the missionary has for assistant a raw Chipweyan boy.

It is some time after their first settlement at the mission that the new Church is built.

It was subscribed for and made in England, and sent out on the Company's steamer. Shortly after they had been compelled to go home on account of Mrs. Lofthouse's illness; and the Chipweyan boy is one of many natives that has been taken into the mission house for treatment, and nursing, training, &c.

The same superhuman efforts have to be made to finish the structure before the equinoctial gales begin. Towards the completion an unlucky fall from a high ladder, as the missionary is working on the chancel, crushes three of his ribs and lays him up helpless in bed for several weeks.

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