

of the white man, the slower pace at which they led their wards toward the white man's civilization at least kept the Indians alive longer than did the Protestants with their more rapid rate of progress. In this regard at least they displayed a wisdom superior to the Methodists. Upon the whole, probably history will recognize that the Hudson's Bay Company and the Roman Catholic Fathers rendered a greater service to the Indians of British Columbia than the Protestant missionaries and the Americans rendered to the Indians of Oregon. While they struggled for a slower and more backward form of civilization, yet Canada by extending law over the land, the Hudson's Bay Company by preserving a considerable measure of order among Indians and whites, and the Roman Catholic Fathers by ministering to the spiritual needs of their wards—all contributed, if not to the speedy, at least to the orderly settlement of Oregon."

SKETCH XXXI.

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CHRONOLOGICAL NOTES.

1847. Rev. P. McCormick takes charge of Oregon City, Sept. 6th, and Rev. B. Delorme of St. Louis, French Prairie, on Nov. 3rd. The news of Dr. Whitman's murder reaches Oregon City on Dec. 8th, and is communicated to the legislature the following day.

1848. The bishop of Walla Walla arrives at St. Paul on Jan. 15. Mission of Rev. V. E. Deleveau to Fort Vancouver, Feb. 1st. The archbishop confirms 23 persons at Oregon City, Feb. 13th. The three bishops availing themselves of the chance of their reunion at St. Paul with a large number of clergymen, hold the first provincial council at Oregon City, in that church, on Feb. 28th and 29th, and March 1st, in which regulations for discipline, and 16 decrees were made which received later on the approbation of the Holy See. On March 12th, bishop Demers leaves Fort Vancouver with the Spring Express, for Walla Walla, Colville and the Rocky Mountains, on his way to Canada and Europe, in order to raise funds, and

look for missionaries for his diocese. On May 4th 1852, he was at Oregon City, on his way to Victoria, which he reached while the archbishop was assisting at the I Plenary Council of Baltimore. Rev. J. F. Jayol is sent to Cowlitz, for the Nisqually mission, March 19th. The bishop of Walla Walla celebrates pontifically at St. Paul, on Easter Sunday, April 23d. Mission of Rev. F. Veyret to the Sound, May 8th. The bishop of Walla Walla leaves Vancouver, June 4th, for his mission of Umatilla; arrived at the Dalles, being forbidden by the Supt. of Indian Affairs from going further, he establishes St. Peter's mission at the Dalles, Aug. 23d, admission of the Fathers O. M. I., by the archbishop, in the district of Nisqually, to attend the Indians of the Sound. They established their mother house a mile from Olympian, and from thence visited the Indians of the whole Bay.

On Sept. 12th, four Sisters of Notre Dame arrived at Oregon City for a residence. They occupy the rectory, and open their school on the 15th. Rev. J. Lionet, and Father Lampfrit, O. M. I., arrive over the plains in October. The archbishop leaves St. Paul for his residence at Oregon City, on Dec. 21st. He stays a month at Mr. McKinley's, and rents a house from Mr. Pomeroy for the rest of the winter. Rev. J. Lionet is sent, Dec. 28th, to establish a mission at Astoria: instead of that he established it on the other side of the Columbia, on a piece of land which he cultivates.

The admission of the Oblate Fathers in the district of Nisqually, Aug. 23d 1848, having for object the care of the Indians on the Sound, Father Veyret was recalled from the Bay and put in charge of St. Paul's in the beginning of September, same year.

1849. Rev. A. Langlois leaves Oregon for California, in January. Gen. Lane, first governor of the Territory, arrives at Oregon City, on March 2nd. Same day, Father Lampfrit is sent to Victoria during the absence of bishop Demers. A large brigade composed of families of St. Paul, St. Louis and Vancouver, starts on May 19th, with Father Delorme, for the California gold mines, discovered in 1848. Arrived on the spot, a burning fever decimates them; 40 are carried away by the epidemic,