

them would be, as is said of some German wines, like having a cat pulled by the tail up one's throat. Windows well glazed with old clothes were in perfect keeping with the sign. At length I arrived at Sayabec House, so called from a stream on the side of which it is built. It, as well as another house close to it, was put up in connection with the works on the railroad. There are no houses near them. Sayabec House is at present occupied by Mr. Taylor, one of the engineers on the railroad. I was very kindly received by him and Mrs. Taylor, both of whom are members of the Episcopal Church, of which his father is a clergyman. As they did not know beforehand of my intended visit, and, besides, were engaged in preparations for the departure next day of some relations who had spent a few weeks with them, and were returning to Kingston, Ont., I could not then have a meeting there.

*Wednesday, October 4th.*—Spent the forenoon in going over a part of the line with mine host. After dinner, I set out for Cedar Hall, a house nine miles distant, where I had made arrangements for a meeting in the evening. As I went along the Metapedia road the whole way, my journey was a very easy one. The Notre Dame mountains, which one now and then sees on his right, and portions of scenery on Brochu's Lake on his left, as he goes between the two places, are very pretty. When I was half way it began to rain, and gave every appearance of doing so all night—which it did. In due time I reached my journey's end. Cedar Hall is close both to the Metapedia road and the Intercolonial, which is within a short distance of Brochu's Lake. It was built by Messrs. Neilson and McGaw, contractors for the section below that near which I live, and is occupied by them, their assistants, and several of their workmen. The whole of this section—somewhat over 20 miles in length—is either close to the Metapedia road, or, at furthest, but a short distance from it. Of course this is a very great convenience to the contractors. Another is the abundance of lime-stone at different parts, which is close to the road, and easily quarried. They have thus both building-stone and lime on the spot. A part of the line goes through a kind of free-stone, some of which has been wrought; but, on account of its greater hardness, it is more expensive than lime-stone. The latter is, therefore, of course preferred, as it is equally suitable for building purposes. I saw several culverts, all of which appeared to be built in a most substantial manner. There is no very "heavy" work on this section. The contractors hope to have it ready this time next year for the laying of the track. Both gentlemen are Presbyterians, belonging to Ottawa. Some of those whom I met were Metis acquaintances, but most of them were utter strangers to me. At the appointed hour I held my meeting. Notwithstanding the rain, all of our people who were within reach attended. Mr. McGaw, and one or two more of them, were necessarily absent. About 20 were present, half of whom were French Canadians. More of the latter would have been present, but they expected that the services would be wholly in English. Here I again conducted the exercises and distributed tracts in both languages. Some of the French Canadians were inclined to slumber while I was speaking in English; but no sooner did they hear their mother tongue, than they listened, to all appearance, with the greatest attention. I also sold all my remaining stock of the *British Workman* and the almanac in French, besides several copies of portions of the New Testament in the same language. If I had had other numbers of the first, I have no doubt that I could have sold them: as I have already said, the price was a nominal one.