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REPORT
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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
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CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

The Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund are grateful to God for the amount of work that He has enabled them to do during the past year. Financially the year has been a very trying one in Manitoba; and yet the stimulus given by means of this fund to the efforts of our people in Church erection has been such that we have to report aid extended to *twenty-five* buildings, as compared with aid to *fourteen* reported last year.

Of this number *four* have received assistance in the form of a free grant, the grant being in each case given to complete the building, viz.: one at Deloraine, and three in the Prince Albert group, the people at Prince Albert having at the same time erected a brick Manse without any assistance from the fund. In all the other cases, aid has been extended in the form of a loan, the periods allowed for repayment varying from two to three years.

Two Manses have been erected, one at Rat Portage, and one at Gladstone. Two buildings, combining Church and Manse according to the plan suggested by the Board, have been erected, one at Virden, the other at Broadview. The Church erected at Regina has, through a loan from the Board, been converted into a Manse; the small Church at Gladstone, which was inadequate for the growing congregation, has been enlarged, and nineteen other places of worship have been added to our list.

The buildings to which aid has been given may be presented under three groups: those on the main line of the C. P. Railway; those in Southern Manitoba; and those lying North of C. P. Railway. In many cases labor has been contributed by the congregations, the value of which is not included in the estimate of the total cost of the buildings here given.

- (1) VIRDEN: about 50 miles west of Brandon. Combined Church and Manse. Loan advanced \$500. Total cost \$1,500.
- (2) MOOSOMIN: trails start from this point for Fort Ellice on the North and the Moose Mountain district on the South. Loan advanced for Church \$500. Total cost \$1,028.
- (3) GREENFELL: distributing centre for a district which is being rapidly taken up. Loan on Church \$401. Total cost \$850, without plaster; Church not yet finished but fit for summer use.
- (4) BROADVIEW: repair shops of C. P. R. established here. Loan on combined Church and Manse \$900. Total cost \$1,600.
- (5) INDIAN HEAD: head quarters of Indian Agency for the Qu'Appelle district, and of the celebrated "Bell Farm." Loan on Church \$1,000. Total cost \$2,195.
- (6) QU'APPELLE (or TROY): point of departure for stage line to Prince Albert, and site of Government Immigration buildings. Loan on Church \$425. Total cost \$850.
- (7) REGINA: Capital of the Province of Assiniboia and head quarters of N. W. M. Police and Indian offices. Loan of \$400 to convert former Church into a Manse. Total cost \$1,500. The congregation worship in a rented hall.
- (8) MOOSEJAW: one of the terminal divisions of the C.P.R., has attracted a large number of settlers. Loan on Church \$1,000. Total cost \$1,550.