



LOGGING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

as the bishop describes him, was "a man with stout country shoes, corduroy trousers, a colored woolen shirt, a leather strap round his waist, and an axe upon his shoulder, driving a mule or horse laden with packs of blankets, a tent, bacon, a sack of flour, a coffee pot, a kettle, and a frying pan."*

In this method, halting at intervals for rest and cooking, which involved the making of his own bread, the missionary would travel for hundreds and hundreds of miles to preach occasionally to Indians or miners, as the case might be. As to the miners and the work among them, we may quote from "Under His Banner":—

"The society was the very roughest conceivable. The 'ne'er-do-weels' of all the earth seemed to be gathered together. One of the clergy, finding not a soul come to church, stood outside a drinking saloon, and boldly denounced the wickedness of the people. The yells with which he was received were like those of Pandemonium; but, doubting his own wisdom, he continued to deliver his testimony, and retired half convinced that he had done foolishly. Yet the bold words, sternly uttered, had their effect at least on one of the gamblers

present, who became a firm ally of the man who had without fear borne witness to the truth."

The bishop himself has spent weeks at a time among men of this description.

The Church in British Columbia had a favorable start. It was provided with a bishop almost before it was a recognized colony, and an endowment sufficient to secure an income for himself and two archdeacons supplied by one wealthy person in England, yet the progress has not been what might have been expected.

Troubles arose through the disaffection of Dean Cridge, of Victoria, who joined the Reformed Episcopal movement, and through Mr. Duncan of Metlakatlah, who has endeavored to lead his flourishing little colony away from Church principles and is now trying to lead them from the country altogether, though his attempt to form a settlement in Alaska has been refused by the United States authorities. But besides these internal interruptions to Church progress, the country itself has been long in a crude, uncultivated state, with a constantly changing population.

Now, however, there is every prospect of better things. There are three Dioceses, where before

* Under His Banner, by Rev. H. W. Tucker, M. A.