

Over a thousand dollars have been expended on it, and 450 more are required to finish off the interior.

Mr. Workman besides paying a subscription of \$200, is, I am sorry to say, about \$300 more out of pocket.

R. C. TANBES.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE BISHOP FROM
THE MISSIONARY STATIONED AT

ST. AUGUSTINE RIVER, LABRADOR.

It is with extreme pleasure I take up my pen to hold communication with you, and through you with the world, for we seem as though we were shut out of it during our nine months of winter imprisonment.

With feelings of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, I state that the health of my family and myself is and has been (on the whole) throughout the winter very good, and that the prospects of the Mission are improving.

Your Lordship will remember, that in my communication of September last, I stated my hope of being able to take possession of the Mission House in October. Mr. Robertson, whose house I then occupied, came with his family into winter quarters on the 4th of October, and I was obliged to go into residence at once, although the house was in a very unfinished state, the floors not being laid, nor the windows in, nor a partition in the whole building,—it was in fact just a shell. This was owing in part to not getting the timber from Quebec, and in part through the neglect of the carpenter; however, by putting in two or three windows, blocking up the others, and putting up temporary partitions, and laying loose boards on the beams to form a temporary floor, we managed pretty well, and through the care of our Heavenly Father we escaped without any thing worse than slight colds.

Your Lordship would have been amused to see me working away, sometimes with hammer, nails and saw, putting up partitions, and at other times going in the boat to fetch the timber from the place where it was landed from the vessel. It required considerable skill and strength to force our way through the ice which even then began to coat the river; and the work was not of the warmest kind, for often the mittens getting wet were frozen like beads on my hands. Had the boards arrived earlier I could have had plenty of voluntary help, but just then the people were settling with their traders, or removing into winter quarters, and we could not wait for them, and feared the ice would be too thick for boats.

The carpenter has been at work all the winter, (when sober) and I am glad to be able to state that the house though not quite finished, is about the warmest and most comfortable on the Coast, not excepting the one erected by the "Canadian Foreign Mission" at Caribou, said by the Missionary, Mr. Carpenter, to have cost upwards of \$3,000.

I have used the front room for Public Worship, but it proving far too small for the Congregation we added to it the front passage. The average regular Congregation here has been about 45, including my own family, but at Christmas, Easter, and other occasional times we have had as many as 60 present. I have held when at home regular services, twice on the Sunday, and a Sunday School. A weekly lecture on Wednesday evenings, subjects—The Creeds, Lord's Prayer, Commandments, the Catechism and Confirmation. During the whole winter,