

From this forest village, in a north-westerly direction from the Lake, we learn from our missionary that there is another settlement, where there are nine or ten Presbyterian families, who earnestly desire supply from the Canada Presbyterian Church.

In addition to the settlements mentioned, there is another in this District, north-west from Parry Sound, about 25 miles distant, on what is called the North Road. Only one visit has been given to this place by Mr. Caswell, but he reports most favorably of the country in that direction, and also of the very cordial reception he received from the people.

I must now leave the Parry Sound district, and in doing so I desire to bear testimony to the Christian courtesy and cordial hospitality of our friend Mr. Beattie, M.P., and especially to the substantial aid he rendered us so freely. May many such men be raised up to aid in converting the Forest into a fruitful field.

On Tuesday I set out for Bracebridge. The sail over Lake Rosseau was delightful. This lake is a perfect gem of beauty, about 12 miles by 7, variegated by numerous islands, a place fit for a philosopher's musing or a poet's fancy. This lake will soon be connected with Lake Joseph by a short canal, a lake of larger dimensions, and much spoken of for its lovely and variegated scenery. It is also being connected in the same way to Lake Muskoka, at Port Carling. The length of the cut here is about 80 yards, and must be blasted through the solid rock to the depth of 25 or 30 feet. The land in this neighbourhood is settling rapidly. Two years ago there were only three men here, and now there are about forty families. A station has been organised here by our missionary, with an attendance of about sixty.

From this point I proceeded to Bracebridge, over Muskoka Lake. The scenery on this lake is unsurpassed by anything I have seen in the Dominion. It is about 20 miles long, and of varying width, and is studded with 360 islands.

Bracebridge is a small village on the Muskoka River, about seven miles from the mouth. The village is built on piles of rocks on either side of the river; but there is said to be much good land in the neighbourhood. Its population is about 200, and it promises to be the centre of business in that locality. The *Northern Advocate*, edited by Mr. McMurray, is published here, and is a somewhat spirited journal.

Our people have a church here, which is expected to be ready for comfortable occupation this winter. The usual attendance is about fifty. In connection with this centre, there are several other stations. One in the Township of Monck has an attendance of about 60; one at Falkenburg, 6 miles in another direction, has an attendance of 30; one at McNichol's Church, 18 miles from Bracebridge, has an attendance of 50, and one at Wingfield, 4 miles from McNichol's, has an attendance of 30.

The new village of Gravenhurst, 12 miles from Bracebridge, is another important centre. This village is situated on Lake Muskoka, 14 miles from Washago, and about 30 miles from Orillia. A meeting was held here during our visit, at which a site for a church was obtained and a building committee appointed, with a promising prospect of success. In connection with Gravenhurst there are also several stations;—one at S. Falls 6 miles east, with an attendance of from 30 to 60; one on Draper Road, with an attendance of 50, and one at Muskoka, 9 miles from the Georgian Bay, with an attendance of 50.

Services were held at Gravenhurst, on Friday, and at Bracebridge on Saturday, when 21 persons were received into the fellowship of the Church,