

time he has confined his labours chiefly to a circuit of forty miles, embracing four small churches. The regular preaching stations were Newcastle, McKay's Settlement, Whitney's Settlement, Little Southwest, North Esk, and Black River. There has been preaching regularly every Friday evening in the Town of Newcastle. A visit was made to Doak Town in January, and in May one was made to Bathurst, notices of which have already appeared. Your missionary during these ten months has travelled 1857 miles, visited 144 families, attended 30 Prayer and Conference Meetings, preached 112 sermons, organized one Sabbath School, and received some \$120, in addition to the amount received from the Board. There is a Mission House now in course of erection in Newcastle; and an effort will be made to finish the Meeting House in Black River this season. The finishing of the North Esk Meeting House is also contemplated. The cause of Christ has not made that advancement that could have been desired, yet there is cause for thankfulness and hope.

"(Signed)

EDWARD HICKSON."

This valued brother is highly appreciated by the people of his charge; but he feels it to be his duty to devote himself to a field less extensive, so as to be able to give more time to study, consequently the Board is under the necessity of securing the services of another minister to take his place. This section of the Missionary field is assuming very great importance. Newcastle is a growing town, and its commercial relationships are being rapidly extended. The money and labour expended there, have produced highly encouraging results. At the several stations the cause has been much revived and strengthened. Many have put on Christ; and four Baptist Chapels have been erected: and now, as stated by Brother Hickson, a Parsonage is in course of erection at Newcastle. Our esteemed Brother, John Harding, takes a lively interest in this Mission, and has contributed largely to its support. He says it is the key to that vast northern country, extending on to the Canadian boundaries.

RESTIGOUCHE.

Your Board have done what they could to strengthen the infant cause in this northern county. Rev. W. A. Crandall removed to that region some two years ago, and laboured indefatigably and successfully the first year without any support except what he received from the people. For the last year the Board has contributed a small amount to aid him in his self-denying work. His last report to the Board was dated April 29. In this he says: "For a few weeks past there appears to be a deep solemnity pervading the minds of the congregation, and several are inquiring the way to God. About 50 scholars are in regular attendance at the Sabbath School. Since I last met with the Board, I have been engaged preaching twice and three times on the Sabbath, attending our Sabbath School, Conferences, and visiting and preaching through the week."

Rev. D. Blakeney has also been labouring in Restigouche since September last. He was invited there by the people, and applied for some assistance to your Board, and obtained a grant of \$40. He has laboured principally at New Bandon and Armstrong's Brook. Up to April 13, he reports having travelled 2600 miles, preaching 84 sermons, attended and addressed four Conference Meetings, and delivered four Temperance addresses.—Received from the people \$56.40. He says "That Restigouche field presents at present a most inviting and encouraging prospect for missionary operations, and the call is loud and earnest for the united prayers and liberality of our churches."

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