

The time I spent on the coast was not long, owing to the length of the outward voyage which extended over a month, a trip that under favorable circumstances is made in from three to six days. We left Halifax on the 18th of May and did not reach Harrington, Labrador, until the 19th of June. A succession of head winds rendered our progress slow and difficult, but the real obstacle was the ice which prevented us from getting within twenty miles of the coast, and kept us for two or three weeks sailing up and down the Strait of Belle Isle. This was something unusual, as the ice generally clears away early in the month of May, or though drifting about, allows a schooner to pass through.

The voyage, though long and somewhat tedious, was not without interest, for as we called at several places on the coast of Newfoundland I was enabled to go ashore and conduct services among the people. Port Saunders, a small harbor on the north-west of Newfoundland, is one of the places at which we called. Here is a lobster factory employing about twenty hands, and five or six families who scarcely ever hear the sound of the gospel. It was on a Sunday morning that we came to this place. In the afternoon I visited the families, and gathering them into one of the houses told them of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. They listened eagerly, and when I left to go on board entreated me to come back next day if possible, and spend a short time with them, as they did not expect to see another missionary this year. But next morning we sailed away and I saw them no more. The people were living in ignorance and poverty. Very few of them could read; to those who could I gave tracts and books. There are, no doubt, many places similarly situated, where a few families are living who seldom, if ever, receive a visit from a clergyman or hear the gospel preached. What a grand opportunity is here offered for Christian work!

The part of Labrador over which I travelled includes a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles, from Harrington in the west, to Forteau in the east. The greater part of this territory is included in the Dominion, and forms part of the Province of Quebec. Blanc Sablon Bay, about one hundred and twenty miles east from Harrington, forms the boundary line between Canada and Newfoundland. The main part of the work of our