

fourth Sunday being due to the Okanagan Lake church, which is under the same father's care. The week days are spent in visiting scores of intermediate places and people residing at or off the different stations and section-houses along the line. A thorough visit throughout the whole distance mentioned above, giving one night to each little place or house along the road, would take no less than three or four months. One can easily understand that a life of continual moving from house to house is one fraught with numberless hardships, especially in the winter, in the mountains, where the snow is usually four or five feet deep, often more. Indeed, three priests would be none too many for the district that incumbs to a single one.

Next comes the Okanagan district, extending from Vernon, near the head of Okanagan Lake, down south to Penticton, at the foot of the same lake, eighty miles, then thirty miles more south to Osoyoos, and fifty miles more on the Similkameen as far as Princeton. The latter can be travelled only on horseback. Now, there are a number of settlements branching off from this line. The Sundays of each month are divided between Vernon, White Valley, Mission Valley and south of Penticton, including Fairview. Over 400 Indians south of Penticton and 400 more at the head of Okanagan Lake have also to be cared for the missionaries of the above two districts. Till lately there were three priests attending to the above districts, but by the death of Rev. Father Walsh, O.M.I., last January, and the removal of Rev. Father Marchel for the needs of other districts in the country, this immense district devolves upon Rev. Father Cornellier, O.M.I.

From Kamloops radiates the third missionary district, first from the Kamloops Indian reserve, up the North Thompson fifty miles, then east of Kamloops to the Shuswap Indian reserve forty miles, then south to Nicola Valley, including Douglas Lake, Quilchena, Coutlee's, Coldwater, South Nicola, or even as far as Granite Creek and Mamette Lake, a promenade of nearly 300 miles of a circuit, to attend to about 600 people. Then, again, from Kamloops west along the Canadian Pacific as far as Yale, or 150 miles, with a branch off from Ashcroft fifty miles north. There are some 1,800 Catholic Indians and 400 whites along the circuit of this last district, which can be visited only once in four months each. There are, besides, some 2,000 Indians not Catholics, but to whom some good could be done by frequent visits of the priest. It is easy to see that even five priests would find sufficient to do in this latter district, and we would consider it a blessing if there were at least two. *Rogate ergo Dominum meis ut mittat operarios in messem suam.*

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Since the above was written, Rev. Father Peytavin has been appointed to attend to the parish church of Kamloops and the surrounding district, in place of Rev. Father Guertin, who goes east on account of ill-health. It is not yet known at this writing who is to take Rev. Father Peytavin's place in the mountains.

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It has been impossible to get illustrations in time for the present issue of the WAWA, but it is the editor's intention to have the paper illustrated, so as to make it more attractive, especially to its Indian readers.