

breakfast, dinner and supper, and appear to get along very well on it. Our missionary had to accommodate himself as much as possible to the ways of the people and does not seem to be at all the worse because of it. The only domestic animal known here is a species of dog with a good admixture of the wolf. The fish diet would seem to have given it more brain capacity than the average canine possesses, for Mr. McLean relates how it goes and procures the fish for itself out of the abundance with which these waters teem.

The waters of northern Lake Winnipeg literally abound with white fish, regardless of the fact that four fish companies for the past eight years have been taking therefrom. Mr. McLean relates that three men in a sail boat caught three thousand fish in one day this season. These fish are frozen at Grand Rapids and Horse Island as they are caught, and shipped to West Selkirk, whence they are taken to the American markets. This work gives employment to two hundred men at the above-mentioned places and among these our missionary worked during the fishing season. On Horse Island, which has an area of some ten square miles, there are a few permanent residents. Three white husbands are found here, but through long association with the Indians, are greatly degenerated.

Our missionary had many difficulties to contend with in his work on behalf of these people. It was hard

to get an opportunity to speak to them as their life was a very laborious one. The boat hands went to work at two o'clock in the morning and did not stop operations until night fall. The shore hands began work at nine o'clock in the morning and usually remained at it until midnight. It will be seen that week-day meetings were impossible. Services were held on Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock in the evening and were well attended. The majority of the people could understand English. Mr. McLean started a day school for the children which was attended by twelve scholars, only three of whom could understand the English language quite well. Reading, writing, a little arithmetic and the geography of Manitoba were taught, together with much Bible knowledge. This was an ideal public school where secular and religious education received equal attention. The children soon learned the Lord's prayer and showed considerable eagerness for religious instruction.

There lives on Horse island an old man who is now eighty years of age. He was born, and brought up near the island and has not been five miles south of it during his long life. He is contented with his lot and would not change his position for anything. An old "fiddle" and a pair of dogs are his only companions. He owns a Bible but is not able to read it. He repeats the Lord's prayer daily and asks God to keep and provide