

yet what the expense will be, but at the close of the year I will give you a detailed account of the expenditure.

Our catch of fish was smaller than we hoped for, being but 1,400. It will take over 3,000 for the winter. We are keeping up a winter fishery, and I have bought 500 of the Indians, so that we shall not suffer I trust.

Most of the Indians are very orderly and moral in their habits. But like most other communities they have an occasional black sheep.

We have had winter since the 15th of October. The thermometer on November 3rd, was 50 degrees below freezing.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

*From the Rev. Michael Fawcett, dated Portage La Prairie, Manitoba,
December 11th, 1873.*

I have not written you for a long period, multiplicity of business and a crowd of duties must be my apology. We are all well, and have moved from the Bluff into the Parsonage, built on *Wood's Acre*. We had hard work to get into it, as it is so uncertain here about getting lumber and other building materials. The building is not finished yet, we have a man sawing away now in the meeting room where I am writing. Our house is a good frame, of the size of Rev. G. Young's. The meeting-room 21 x 27 inside, the hall or stairway takes up same room. We have a large barn, a good oak frame, 26 x 33, both of which are well shingled. So far they have cost \$2160. The house is not finished, and we have no painting done, no fences made, no cistern or caves troughs, which altogether will cost about \$500 more. I have now borrowed \$400, and when the whole is finished I shall be about \$1000 in debt for borrowed money. I have got from the Missionary Committee and from all other sources \$1667. I will give you when it is finished a detailed account, or I will give you such up to this date, if you require it. So much for building.

We have had a glorious revival at High Bluff, our protracted meeting continued six weeks. The older members were greatly blessed, and a great many converted, thirty of whom have united with us. Brother Walton was very useful. God has blessed his labors here. We expect soon to commence a protracted meeting at the Portage, as we have no class yet formed.

Our first service in the meeting-room was held on Sabbath last; our first week evening service will be held this evening. No regular week evening service has ever been established yet. Do pray for us. I left here on Monday morning last to go to Oak Point, a distance of sixty miles, but after travelling twenty-four miles I had to return, as there was no broken road for horses, and I had no dogs to drive. I have had two horses all summer, one was not sufficient for my driving. I cannot afford to keep but one much longer. As I did not get to Oak Point, which is on the north side of Lake Manitoba, I preached at Mr. Cowland's, Poplar Heights, where no Methodist minister ever before preached. I had six or eight to hear me. Messrs. William and Edward Hyndman, from Ontario, have recently taken claims here. They were truly glad to hear a Wesleyan minister again. I go on the 21st of this month to Palestine, on the third crossing of the White Mud River, to dedicate a small church, just built by Bro. George Edwards, and to hold his first quarterly meeting. It is about forty miles from here. They had to draw their lumber from this place. There is but one small class yet on the Palestine mission. Rev. G. Young is now engaged in a revival meeting in Winnipeg. I am glad to hear of the prosperity of our good Bro. E. R. Young, in London. I trust that God will give our good people more of that missionary spirit which was in our blessed Jesus. We are all well, and tolerably comfortable in our new house. We were not a little dis-