

"In the meantime, negotiations were being made for the transferring of the Indian work to a reserve. The Home Mission Board agreed to the proposal, and appointed the Rev. Donald Ross, who was at that time the minister of the Presbyterian Church at Lancaster, Ont., to go out to Prince Albert and take up this work.

"At the same time I was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as teacher of their school, and was to go out with Mr. Ross and family. We travelled together, with many difficulties by the way, as far as Winnipeg. There Mr. and Mrs. Ross, being both very ill, were obliged to give up the idea of going any further. I decided to go on and take up my work, if a suitable way could be found for me to cross the prairie.

"We heard of a lady who was going with her family to Edmonton, by way of Prince Albert, who agreed to take me with her as far as that point.

"The Red River carts, which I have already described, drawn by oxen and Indian ponies, were our mode of conveyance. We were six weeks making the journey, camping out all the time, arriving at Prince Albert on October 28th, 1879, with the thermometer standing 28 degrees below zero.

"There was no place where I could board, so I kept house by myself in a room of the old Mission building, inside the stockade, until the small house which had been built by Mr. Nisbet for his interpreter could be made warm and comfortable. After seven weeks I was able to take possession of this little house, and once again, most thankfully enjoyed a warm corner.