

fifty acres each (this would be granted with pleasure by the Colonial Government) in "Skidgate Channel." The necessary tools and outfit could be purchased at Victoria more cheaply than in England. They would proceed to Skidgate Channel, select the best site for settling on, in the centre of which they would first erect a large square Mission-house. This could be built in a couple of days, and when completed all the families would take shelter there, and then commence to erect houses for each family, completing one house at a time. With all hands at work, in two months every family will have a house to themselves; then let B, C, D, &c., help A to dig or plough and seed ten acres of A's land; then A, C, D, &c., help B to do the same, and so on till all have ten acres planted and fenced off. This would take about three months to complete, and then every family would work alone and at his own time in future, while the four Missionaries would begin their labours amongst the Indians in the immediate neighbourhood; and as they favorably progressed and lightened the amount of work, one would remain, one go east and settle in Harriet Harbour, the third go south among the Indians of Gold Harbour, and the fourth settle amongst the Indians at the very head of the island. By this means there would be a connecting link between each Mission station, and easy communication with the nearest Mission station on the main land at Fort Simpson, accessible by canoe.

On the voyage out from England all could perfect themselves in the Indian language, a man of ordinary intelligence being able in a few days to make himself acquainted with the some 300 words which constitute the language.

Bush life sounds harsh and rough. But the amount of physical labour is no greater than involved in farming in England, the only difficulty being in cutting down timber with the axe; but this is easy and rather pleasant work after a month or two's practice (Canadian bushmen prefer the axe to any other farming tool).

It now only remains to be known the amount of funds necessary for each family (the Government might contribute, but independently of them). £40 for each family of say six members would be ample; and if they had not enough, the money might be safely advanced to them, the chief Missionary acting as banker or trustee; this money would pay the fare out, and leave sufficient in hand, on arrival at Victoria, to purchase outfit there, and once a month vessels would be sure to call at the stations for orders and to discharge goods. A family who have settled are always sure of getting credit, if required, their credit being