

March 10th, 1897.

The "Wawa" is still behind, on account of the Indian Prayer Book which takes up all our time. In a week more the work on the prayer book will be finished, and then it will be easy to make the "Wawa" appear sharp on time, that is by the first of each month.

Send fifty cents for a copy of the English and Chinook manual, 192 pages. It is a curious and interesting book, containing first the prayers and also the catechism in English type as well as in Phonography; this makes the book an exercise book of shorthand with its key. Next come the prayers, hymns, and catechism in Chinook. The titles alone will tell you what the Indians have been brought to know and understand. What has been put down in Chinook is but the translation of what has been taught the Indians in their various languages. The book terminates with 60 pages of chant and music, which contains the chants for Solemn Mass, Requiem, Benediction, and the tunes of the Canticles most familiar to the Indians. Besides that, we have also a Skwamish, Seshel, and Slayamen manual all in one, 160 pages; 50 cents per copy. Also Shuswap manual, 64 pages; Okanagan manual, 32 pages; Lillooet manual, 32 pages; Stalo, or Lower Fraser manual, 32 pages; Thompson manual, 32 pages. The last two, Thompson and Stalo, will be ready by the first day of April next. Each of these five latter manuals, twenty-five cents per copy.

Since the last issue of the "Wawa" we have not had much time to remain idle. We went first to the Skwa village, in the Chilliwack district, where the Rev.

Father Z. Picotte was attending to the Indians under his charge. We went there for the purpose of revising and completing our edition of the Stalo prayers and catechism, and were very successful in doing so, owing to the intelligent assistance of Chief George, and a few other Indians.

On Feb. 13th, we left Skwa, and went up to Lytton, where we remained over Sunday, the 14th, arriving at Kamloops the next morning. A couple of days were busily employed at Kamloops, where on Feb. 17th we had the visit of Father's Cornillies and Peytavin.

On the night of the 17th we left for Spence's Bridge, when, at four miles from the station we had to attend to a sick call. On the following night went to Ashcroft in the company of Fathers Donmeau and Thomas, who were coming from New Westminster. Ashcroft was that night crowded with miners flocking into the hotels looking for beds. It was a very difficult matter to find accommodation for the balance of the night. In those cases we have often no better show than to spread our own blankets on the floor in some corner, and sleep the best way we can. At 7.30 in the morning we were on a wagon pulling out in the direction of Lillooet, driven by an Indian who had come to meet us. We travelled 42 miles that day, the second half on a sleigh, through the marble canyon, where the snow is quite thick, and sleighing very agreeable. Next day, Feb. 20th, we arrived at the Fountain Indian Reserve, where upwards of 200 Indians were awaiting the Priests' visit.

After completing the pages of the Lillooet manual we had pre-