

over frightful roads; 2000 miles in canoe; 40 to 50 miles on foot over portages through the forest; I have slept 60 times on the ground, sheltered by a little canvas tent.

I have said Mass as many times under the same tent. I have visited 14 missions, comprising a population of 4500 Catholic Indians.

Six of these missions had never been visited by a bishop. I have preached seven retreats of from four to six days. I have confirmed 1100 Indians, whose good dispositions have greatly edified me.

I have been pained to note the dearth of missionaries. In ten or twelve important centres, the Indians, pagans and Protestants alike, are anxious for a Catholic priest, and I have not one to send them.

The foundation of a mission among the Eskimos is a pressing necessity. More than 3000 of these people, still pagans, but well-disposed, will fall into the hands of Protestant missionaries, if we do not go them at once. But, for this work more missionaries are wanted.

We should also need fairly large amounts of money in order to start new missions, and to build up the old ones.

Here, at Le Pas, they are building me a very modest "place", and a reasonably large house which may serve as Cathedral, school, or hospital in case of need. The alms which I collected last autumn will not suffice to pay for these buildings; still less, to furnish them.

I ought also to build a school at Norway House, which will cost a lot of money, etc., etc.

O all powerful Providence of my God! help me! Teach those Christians who have money to spare, the good they can do by their alms.

This is what I said to our Dear Saviour, this evening, at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On coming out of church, I noticed that our Catholic population has grown largely during our absence.