

MUSKOKA.

From our own Correspondent.

THE various Fall Shows of the different Agricultural Societies, are now being held throughout the district. The different grains are a good sample, although owing to dry weather, the crops will turn out light. An exhibition of the products of this district has been shown at both the Industrial and Provincial Exhibitions.

Rev. E. S. Stubbs has removed from Port Carling to Bracebridge. Though resident at the former place less than a year he has made hosts of friends and through his energy the church work in the Port Carling mission has made much headway, and it will be a great pity if the people there are left without a resident clergyman.

Ufford is now supplied alternately by the Rev. Messrs. Stubbs of Bracebridge and Plant of Pt Sydney. The people there much appreciate the efforts being made to give them occasional ministrations.

The Rev. William Crompton for many years one of the most hardworking of our missionaries, has given up travelling and now confines his attention to Aspdin and Lancelot. The Rev. gentleman will be much missed through his old district, where his name has been for years a household word.

The building of the Gravenhurst and Callendar Railway is being pushed ahead rapidly. This line will run right through the heart of the District, and will be about 114 miles in length. Over one thousand men, with a full complement of teams etc. are now at work and the force is daily increasing. The advantages to Muskoka when the railway is completed will be immense.

A very successful Sunday school picnic was held lately at Port Sydney. The church schools of Beatrice and Brunel attended, and all spent a very enjoyable day.

A party of about fifty of the members of the British Association visited a portion of this district on Saturday Sept. 6th 1884, and remained till Monday. On Sunday morning divine service was held at Port Cockburn, by the Rev. W. M. Campion of Cambridge, and in the evening by Dr. J. H. Gladstone, a relative of the English Premier. The party seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves, and spoke in high terms of the beauty of the scenery of the Muskoka Lakes.

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd formerly of Gravenhurst, is now stationed at Huntsville, much to the delight of the Churchmen there.

ENGLISH PAPERS FOR BACKWOODS' SETTLERS.

WE take the liberty of clipping the following letter addressed by the Rev. W. Crompton of Aspdin, Muskoka, to the Editor of the Dominion Churchman, and would congratulate Mr. Crompton on the success he has met with in providing papers and magazines for so many families—"Coming into this country as I and my family did when the settlers were sparsely scattered and we had no roads, we realized to its fullest extent what it was never to see a newspaper for weeks together, I wrote to old friends in England at once, and several

papers were sent to me. These we lent around, and seeing the eagerness with which they were accepted, the idea came into my mind that perhaps I could set floating some plan by which a regular supply would come. The inconvenience of all papers coming to our out of the way place was soon evident, and I suggested that our friends in England would send their church papers, magazines, when read, direct to the settlers through their own post office. This idea I sent home early in 1876; it was soon taken, and in a very short time I had over one hundred correspondents, each of whom became a head-centre and really represented many senders of papers. Before the year 1876 was out, I suggested to a lady, the mother of a large family, that she should ask her little folk, if they would send their picture papers when done with to the little ones in the Backwoods, the children themselves to fold and address their own papers. The blessing of God was upon this idea also, and the youngsters readily took it up. In addition to newspapers, magazines, &c., at Christmas, Epiphany, Easter and Ascension-tide, there are many ornamental cards sent to the various families, so that I can say as far as our church people are concerned, Muskoka has been saturated with church literature of the best kind. As nearly as I have been able to ascertain, the following is a complete list of the names of the papers, &c., sent viz: Church Bells, Church Review, Church Times, Family Churchman, The Banner, Guardian, John Bull, Standard, Punch, Morning Post, Bristol Times, Northern Advertiser, Manchester Courier, Illustrated London News, The Field, The World, Graphic, Telegraph, Times, Weekly Times, Penny Illustrated Paper, Banner of Faith, Our Work, Penny Post, New, and Old, Church of England Chronicle, Gosseller, Dawn of Day, Echoes From Our Work, Childrens Friend, Sunday, Little Folks, Chatterbox, Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, Sunday Friend, Longman's Magazine, Pictorial World, The Argosy, Monthly Packet, Saturday Review, Quarterly Review, Girls Own Paper, and a host of Parish Magazines. Besides this immense variety of weekly literature many have received books of different kinds. It has also been a source of great pleasure to me to get up a system of regular correspondence between the kind donors in England and the recipients in Muskoka, so that letters are sent from all parts of the backwoods here to those at home, who are thus furnished with a statement of our progress from the people themselves, and a guarantee that the work professedly was really being done. These letters have done an immense amount of good to the writers on both sides of the ocean. I have read many of those which came from, but none which went to England. Very many more than one thousand Backwood's homes have thus for 8 years, been cheered, comforted and enlightened by the advent of these papers. They have given a tone to our society which nothing else could have done, and I must confess, it is most unwillingly that I lay down the work. It has been hard work, very hard, absorbing every moment of spare time I had to spend with my family at it has really been a "work and labour of love." I have had personal advantage from the labour, however, in receiving many joyous and encouraging letters from old and new friends at home. The work so far from growing less was spreading. Only two weeks ago, I sent