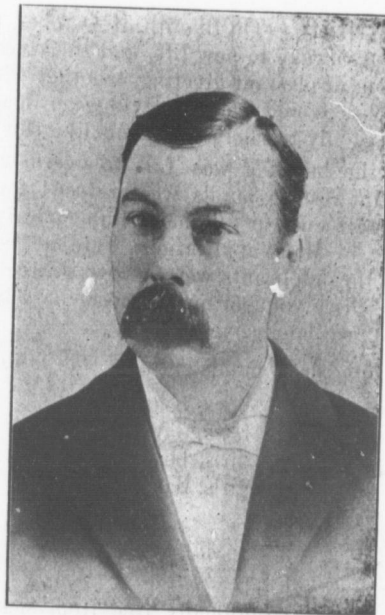




REV. M. B. PARENT.

Grande Ligne.—REV. M. B. PARENT has been much blessed in his work. He has had some discouragement it is true—three families have left the place and ten members have been dismissed—but twenty-seven baptisms, including four conversions from Rome, and the frequent attendance of Catholics at the church have gladdened his heart. The finances of the church are very encouraging. His report contains this item of interest :

Notwithstanding the preserving power of the *Saintes Espèces*, on January last the lightning struck and burned the church of St. Valentin, a few miles from here. When the question of rebuilding came up, the majority wanted the new edifice near the G. T. R. station, a place of greater importance than the old village. The minority insisted on retaining the old spot and went so far as to threaten to call a Protestant minister if their request was not granted. The bishop yielded and granted each party his own church. This however brought new dissatisfaction : they don't feel able to build two churches in a small parish.

We visited some of these people, and, except in one case, we have not found very good ground for the Gospel seed to grow. But we state these facts to show progress in public opinion. Not so many years ago, our people were absolutely submissive, and as to the idea of turning Protestant, they were as far from it as possible. Many of them sincerely believed that Protestants had horns and cloven feet.