

Origin and History

THE Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools date from 1841. A few Christian men like the Rev. Messrs. Taylor, Strong and Wilson, and Messrs. Court, Redpath, Dougall, with Colonel Wilgress as their president, had formed the French-Canadian Missionary Society in 1839. Throughout the Province they sent evangelists who distributed the Word of God and organized here and there small mission fields. Mrs. Daniel Amaron, the wife of one of the colporteurs, started a school at Belle Riviere, thirty-five miles from Montreal, where the Society had bought a house and a piece of land. Five pupils were in attendance the first session. They made so much progress that the parents refused to obey the priest who was ordering them to keep their children at home. Soon the school became too small and in 1846 it was transferred to Pointe aux-Trembles, where the Society had bought a farm. Mrs. Emmanuel Tanner, another devoted wife of one of our French pastors, had started a school for girls in Montreal, and it was also transferred to Pointe-aux-Trembles.