

During his career there was first used as a manse a building which until a short time before was a coal bin for a neighboring blacksmith, but which with some additions, paper and paint, became a suitable residence for the missionary. A Mr. Brunton, now a missionary in the East followed Mr. Campbell and remained for two years, 1899-1901. Mr. W. F. Robertson, now of Melita, Manitoba, was the next to arrive. He stayed two years and was the first Cariboo missionary to be married while in Quesnel. His example in this respect has been followed by all his successors: Rev. C. A. Mitchell, 1904-1906, now of North Bend, formerly of Calgary; W. J. Allan, 1906-1909, now of Cobden, Ontario; and W. Stott, 1910-1915, whose resignation has been accepted by Presbytery. During the last five years some notable advances have been made. In January, 1911, Mr. Stott was formally inducted into the pastoral charge of Quesnel, the first induction to take place in Cariboo. This ceremony is usually performed with at least three members of Presbytery in attendance, but in this instance Rev. Duncan Campbell, clothed with Presbyterial powers did it all alone. Making the trip up the Cariboo road just after the New Year, he struck 30 degrees below zero weather for the four-day trip up and a slightly reduced temperature for the return. The induction took place in the little church on Friday, the 13th, 30 degrees below, and 28 persons present.

The same year the little 1895 church passed into the hands of the Anglicans, who had lately entered the field, and a fine new \$5,000 church (Cariboo prices) was erected. Two years later a companion to the church—a comfortable six-roomed manse—was built at a cost of \$2,000. The manse was built free of debt, thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, and the debt on the church at the present time stands at somewhat less than \$2,000.

#### PRESBYTERY OF CARIBOO

The third meeting of the recently organized Cariboo Presbytery was convened at Fort George, there being present A. C. Justice (Moderator) P. T. Pilkey and W. Stott, ministers; S. L. Hilborn, representative elder, and Messrs. Cameron, Sinclair and McLarty, missionaries of Willow River, Vanderhoof and Fort Fraser, respectively. The Presbytery nominated Dr. Neil, of Toronto, as Moderator for 1915 Assembly, and appointed its own commissioners.

The resignation of Rev. W. Stott from the pastoral charge of Quesnel was read, and after being laid over for a time, was accepted. "to take place on June 30th or at an earlier date, if such earlier date should prove to be mutually desirable by both congregation and minister." The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Quesnel on the occasion of the induction of Mr. Stott's successor, which will probably be about midsummer.

A number of matters had to be thoroughly thrashed out so as to be ready for presentation by Mr. Pilkey at the Synod meeting in Vancouver in April. The Presbytery had been assessed \$1,000 for the Budget, but instead \$400 was agreed upon as a reasonable figure.

The problem of mapping out the mission fields to be manned and the kind of men and equipment to be supplied was the biggest task of the Presbytery. It was necessary to cut down these to the minimum. The Presbytery asked for four students and two ordained missionaries besides the ministers with regular charges.

The reports on Social Service, Religious Education and Home Missions were carefully presented and eagerly discussed. Mr. Justice presented the Social Service report, which gave a survey of the social conditions prevailing throughout the Presbytery, and dealt with the progress made in questions of public morals, labour questions, and the effects of the war on the life of the Church. The report on Religious Education presented by Mr. Stott, dealt with the condition of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, and showed the value of keeping careful statistics. The Home Mission report, presented by Mr. Pilkey, gave a comprehensive survey of the work that had been done during the winter and the needs for the coming summer.

"Election of Officers and Conveners for 1915" was one of the items on the docket, but in view of the coming changes in the personnel of the Presbytery it was decided to continue the present officers until the midsummer meeting at Quesnel.