

ST. JOHNS.

Our venerable missionary stationed here, the Rev. T. Riendeau, who, with enfeebled health, has continued to do what he can to make the Gospel known around him, writes that the cause in St. Johns has not been as encouraging this year as last year, though he had better hopes at the first. Last year they could rejoice in few conversions, in seeing several persons baptized and join the little flock ; while this year some of these converts were removed by death, and others had gone west as far as Dakota. He is, however, happy to learn that in this far-off region they faithfully bear the testimony to the truth they have received ; so that we send witnesses for the Gospel even there.

Our friend thinks that the cause of the Gospel has sustained a severe trial in St. Johns, in the fact that the Morissette case was pleaded and lost here ; however, it may prove more favorable than we now see, as the case is not ended.

Brother Riendeau has felt much encouraged by the kindness and help of English Protestant friends in St. Johns, and wishes to acknowledge here his indebtedness to them.

CONCLUSION.

The Report just read is not one that speaks of large increase in number of conversions, nor of great revival seasons, and still it is, perhaps, one of the most important ones ever brought to our Annual Meetings. It shows that the missionaries and their immediate friends have been hard at work ; that accomplishing the usual amount of labor round them, they have attempted great things for God in this priest-ridden Province, and that they are determined to continue and increase the good work. We all know now by long historical record that the great missionary work is chiefly accomplished by great souls filled with the Spirit of the Master, whose ministry was pre-eminently a missionary ministry, and who taught us to "pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Only those laborers whom He sends will properly do His work.

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