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THE HARVEST—DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

We are sure we but give expression to a feeling shared by all thoughtful members of the community, when we notice, as matter for gratitude to God, the propitious harvest and favourable season of ingathering all but closed. The "kindly fruits of the earth" are secured, and our barns are filled with plenty. Any exceptional disappointments in localities are scarcely heard of amid the general congratulations. We believe it is allowed that no harvest of the past decade of years, or two decades possibly, has exceeded the present. We trust the effect will be felt among all departments of the social and industrial population. We are glad to observe suggestions, of a day of public thanksgiving, already made through the press. We should hail such an appointment by the authorities, and cannot doubt the cordial concurrence of all parties. But whether on motion of the secular heads of the Province, or by the action of Churches, the thing should be opportunely gone into; and the goodly sight of a people going together to worship the Giver of all our mercies, should not be hindered, nor unduly delayed.

COLLECTION FOR THE FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

The third Sabbath of September being the day appointed by the Synod for the annual collection on behalf of the French Canadian Mission, it is hoped that this important mission will not be overlooked by the ministers and congregations of the Church. It has been conducted during the past year with energy and success, as the interesting report for 1865 will show. For now twenty-five years it has prosecuted its difficult work among the French Canadian Roman Catholics, and been the means of enlightening and converting many.

In connection with this mission there are three ordained pastors, and fifteen missionaries and colporteurs; six organized churches with a membership of about 200, 18 stations at which divine service is regularly held with an aggregate attendance of about 1200 persons, and 300 children under Sabbath school instruction.

The schools at Pointe aux Trembles for boys and girls educate annually about 100 young persons, all of them French Canadians, and many the children of Roman Catholic parents.

About 1500 copies of the Word of God are annually circulated among the French people, especially in the parishes on the north side of the St. Lawrence, and every effort is made by the colporteurs to extend the knowledge of the Gospel.

These efforts are not without their fruits. They have been blessed to many souls. Young and old have profited by them. Light has been widely diffused into the darkness, and a general awakening of the public mind is obvious. At no time in the history of the mission has the work been more promising or the field more open.