

INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. J. NISBET.

INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Since the last Record was published two letters have been received from the Rev. J. Nisbet, one dated 23rd July, and the other begun on 30th July and finished 3rd August. In the former letter he gives an account of a visit to White Fish Lake, a locality which offered some inducements for settlement. After seeing the place, however, it was agreed, that, although it might be made a branch station, it did not possess so many advantages as the place previously mentioned, down the river from Carleton. To this place Mr. Nisbet has now removed, as will be seen from the letter which we subjoin.

So far, the mission party have been highly favoured, and our brother has already had several opportunities of proclaiming the Gospel to the poor Indians.

It was the intention of Mr. Nisbet and Mr. Flett to proceed in the Fall to Edmonton, to visit all the Cree camps, and examine fully into the state of matters. They will be able also to see a number of Presbyterians who are in the employment of the H. B. Company.

The following is Mr. Nisbet's letter.

"N. Saskatchewan, July 30th, 1866.

Rev. R. F. Burns.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—As I have an opportunity to send to Carleton to-morrow I must write you a few lines, in the hope that the letter may still be in time for the company's carts to the settlement.

My last letter was written at our camp near Carleton, after I had returned from Big White Fish Lake. In it I stated that it was impracticable to take loaded carts to that place without making a road first, and that a small party could not undertake; still, the place is very central, and has many advantages, and should be our first branch station; indeed, I purpose taking up a claim there the first opportunity. I mentioned that we had determined to come on here without further delay.

I closed my letter at Carleton when the boys were loading the boat, and after Mr. McKay had gone off to the plains to purchase provisions from the Indian hunters, and Mr. Flett had left with the cattle to come here by land. The loading was not completed till late at night, so we did not leave Carleton till last Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. We got the whole of our goods on the boat, but it was more of a load than is usual at this season; the consequence was, that we grounded on sand bars four times, but the delay was only trifling, requiring only all hands to get into the water and shove a little. The water might be three feet deep where the boat grounded.

ARRIVAL AT MISSION LOCATION.

After a pleasant sail (or rather row) down the river, for fourteen hours, we reached our landing place about 8 a.m. last Thursday. I soon found out the houses of our friends, where Mr. Flett had just arrived with the cattle. There I found eight tents of Indians. The principal Indians of the district were there. Mr. Flett and I went into one of the tents where the old men were assembled and had a little general conversation with them. We told them the object of our coming, and we let them know that we intended to camp a little way down the river, and that if they had anything to say to us we would be glad to see them there. There are three families of settlers here, all are from Red River; one family are pure Indians, from the Indian settlement, and the others are