

with him for Schooner Bay and establish him in the scene of his labours.

I should not have carried my Report to this undue length, but for my wish to explain fully the altered and expanded condition of this Mission, and also to show my present position with regard to the arrangements for a School. Should the latter not meet with the immediate success which their outset promised, it will be seen that the defect is not in the feasibility of the undertaking, but is a result of the unforeseen circumstances with which I have had to contend; I am hopeful, however, that it will succeed, and at once.

I cannot close my Report without recording my testimony to the fruitful results which have followed the zealous and energetic labours of my predecessor, the Rev. J. Hepburn, among those of my flock who were here at the time of his incumbency. Of these, I can only say that he has laboured, and I am reaping the fruit of his labours.

I have not been able to enter into any details of my own work. During the winter I paid the usual visit to the Forteau Mission. My journeys during that season amounted in all to about 820 miles, and the length of coast-line visited to about 320 miles. Since navigation opened I have twice made the tour of my mission, and have been much gratified with the readiness everywhere manifested to take advantage of my ministrations. This has been the case not only with my own permanent flock, but also with the crews of the fishing vessels which frequent this coast in the summer season. These have made a very large addition to my Congregations.

The new Church barge is a fine and commodious vessel, possessing the advantage of a small cabin capable of affording sleeping accommodation for two persons.

I have to acknowledge with gratitude the many kind contributions of clothes and other necessaries which have been sent from Quebec and from Drummondville for the relief of the suffering poor on this shore; also, the handsome gift of a magnificent Church Flag with which Messrs. Dobell and Beckett have generously presented us.

I propose (D. V.) next summer to return, according to engagement, to my flock at Drummondville, in case a successor can be found to give his heart to the work which is going on in this Mission. The field is a noble one; the hardship by no means excessive; the perils to be avoided by prudence and precaution; the climate bracing and exhilarating; the people simple, teachable and affectionate.