

in course of erection by the Indians at Sucker Creek, a third about to be built for the Indians, and by them, largely, at Sheguiandah, while a fourth has been promised to Little Current by a Canadian Churchman resident in England. The more immediate object of the Bishop's present visit was to consult with the Indians as to the building of the church for which the necessary funds had been so generously raised by the church women of Toronto. Plans and specifications had already been prepared, but objections had been raised by the Indians to the employment of a white-man as the builder, on the ground of the apparent reflection that would thus be cast on their interest in the work, and their ability to carry it to a successful completion. A pow-wow was accordingly summoned for the evening of the 11th, at which all the men of the band were present, with several squaws and children. Chief Manitowasing, on behalf of the band, stated their view of the case and for himself and them expressed a willingness to do all the work on the church for nothing, provided it was left entirely to them and no white-man was engaged as architect. The sentiments of the Chief evidently voiced the feelings of all present, as was shown by the indistinct but expressive tokens of approval that came from all sides. The Bishop then replied, pointing out the importance of the task before them, and the sacredness of God's house, and the necessity of giving Him our very best in everything, and specially emphasizing the fact that a man might build a boat, a house, or a barn, and yet know nothing of church-building. Also calling their attention to the difficulty which must arise from the length of time they would take, if they undertook to put up the building themselves, first, for want of machinery to prepare the timbers, and next, from the necessity of going away frequently to earn money for the support of their families while doing all this voluntary labour, closing by giving notice of another meeting at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, before his departure for the Georgian Bay. The pow-wow then ended with the singing of "Jesus lover of my soul," in Ojibbewa, in which old and young united very heartily, followed by the benediction.

Sunday's services were all well attended. Seventy-five were present at 10 a.m., the service, with the exception of the lessons, being in Indian. The Bishop preached, Mr. Frost acting as interpreter. An afternoon service was held for the whites, the Bishop preaching again, and a third time at Little Current, about seven miles away, where from eighty to ninety were present. On Monday the adjourned pow-wow was held, at which the Bishop stated his decision to this effect; that having accepted the white-man's plans and specifications, he would have the lumber supplied by the white-man also, and all the material prepared in his mill, so that everything would be ready for its place, and delivered on the ground—then the Indians if they wished, could put it together, under the direction of the Missionary and the Chief, first putting in a solid stone foundation, and receiving twenty-five cents per day as wages for all work over and above what was voluntary. (This sum had been suggested as sufficient

to obtain food.) The Bishop's proposition, however, was not favourably received. "The Chief had said they must build their new church and, they must obey him, etc. etc. Finding it necessary to be firm with them the Bishop then repeated his proposition, saying that he would call on his return that way about a week later, and hoped that in the mean time they would discuss the question among themselves and decide to agree to the arrangements he had proposed, as otherwise the church could not be built at all. The pow-wow then concluded with the usual "boo-zhoo's" and hand-shakings, and the Bishop went on board the *Evangeline* to resume his journeyings east.

KILLARNEY.

Killarney, on the north shore, was our next point. Here we found a neat little village of probably a hundred and fifty inhabitants, nestling in a bay most completely land-locked, and offering a perfect shelter from almost any wind that might blow. The 'Bayfield' lay at anchor here, this being her head-quarters; during the new survey now being made under the direction of Commander Bolton, who, with Captain McGregor, kindly furnished the Bishop with minute instructions as to his course to French River. Finding, however, that we had some forty miles to cover before dark, and the day being somewhat thick and hazy, we changed our plans and stood in towards Collins Inlet, fortunately meeting the tug belonging to the mills there, and following her guidance up a broad, deep stream, running between steep, thickly wooded hills on either side, till we reached our destination about seventeen miles from Killarney.

COLLINS' INLET.

It was now seven o'clock and no time must be lost if service was to be held that evening, so two of the party set off to find the manager or foreman of the mill, and notify the workmen and their families. Just at this point a heavy rain-cloud broke, and a torrent poured down which threatened to disappoint our hopes, but despite the weather and the shortness of our notice the schoolhouse was filled to the doors, some standing all through, and we had another hearty and soul-stirring service, in which every member of the congregation seemed to be taking part, both in the singing and responses. After the sermon by the Bishop the customary notice was given as to baptism, a hymn was sung, followed by the benediction, and the people scattered, one man informing us that for three years they had been depending on the store-keeper for religious services, that in all that time not a solitary minister of any Protestant communion had visited the place to care for the people's souls! Need it be added that the resolve was there and then silently registered, that so far as the church of England was concerned, no room would be left for the utterance of a rebuke like that again. At 9 a.m. next day six little ones were baptized into the church of Christ, the parents expressing their most grateful thanks for the opportunity of obtaining this long wished for privilege for their children.

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