

April 15th, 1898.

THE Kamloops Industrial School has now a brass band in full operation. It has been started only a few months, and is already able to show itself with great advantage. On Easter Sunday a performance was given at the Indian reserve, which made the Indians wonder very much at how much music their children could learn in such a short time. On the following day the band played at the stand in front of the Court House in the city, and was very much appreciated by the population of Kamloops.

The weather has been rather cold during the month of March, and the spring has been put back a few weeks. It has changed to a fine spring weather from the beginning of April, and everything is looking for the best at this writing.

The Holy week has been spent as usual at Kamloops, the Indians following regularly the exercises every day. There were 250 confessions and nearly 200 communions.

The Very Reverend Father Soullier, General of the Order of the O.M.I., died on the 3rd of October, 1897, and the Chapter General of the Order is to be assembled on May 16th next to elect a new Superior General. On that account a Provincial Chapter was held at New Westminster on March 31st for the purpose of electing a delegate for the Chapter General, and Rev. Father Fayard, of New Westminster, has been appointed delegate. He left for Europe with Rt. Rev. Bishop Durien on the 13th of the present month.

Missionary Work Among the Indians.

One must not imagine, as it has been done many times, that missionary work among the Indians in this country is a very agreeable one. Indeed it is consoling to visit some of the camps where the Indians are truly fervent; it is also very interesting to assist at some of the greater meetings where all the Indians rival with each other in regularity. But even there one must not forget that "everything that shines is not gold," and often the poorest in grace will try to appear equal to the most fervent on those occasions. It is not always that the missionary meets with Indians as well disposed. There are camps where there is very little fervor among the Indians; there are others where "tares have been sown among the grain." It even happens that a tribe that had at one time given good encouragement to the missionary has fallen into demoralization to such an extent as to make one doubt whether the bad is not going to exceed the good, and if faith is not liable to become extinct among these Indians after a certain number of years.

There are also places where the Indians show hardly any interest in the missionaries or in religion—where they will possibly show him good regard, address him in a flattering and encouraging way, but will revile him when he is gone and do all they can to keep the Indians in a spirit of indifference, and even hostile if possible.

There are camps where nearly all the Indians have been baptised by the first missionaries in the country, and never fail to have their children christened at