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# HOME MISSIONS.

(WESTERN SECTION.)

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

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**Deficits.**—For years, the Home Mission Fund (Western Section) has been in an unsatisfactory state. The first year after the union the Committee reported a debt of \$9,125, and ever since it has been wiping out and dreading deficits. Why? Because the pace of the work is faster than that of the revenue. A scrimp diet never satisfies a growing boy, and the Church has kept the Home Mission Committee on short rations.

**The Work.**—The work entrusted to the Committee extends from Gaspé to Alberni, and includes all within the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North-West Territories. The Missionaries of the Committee, in these provinces, conduct services in *seven* languages, at 1,007 points, with an average Sabbath attendance of 35,779. Connected with these stations are 11,356 families, 3,734 single persons, not connected with these families, and 14,253 communicants, *i. e.* one-eighth of the families and one-sixth of the young people of the Church. From these missions are to come our new congregations, as well as the additional revenue to maintain and extend all the enterprises of the Church. Happy the Church that has her quiver full of healthy growing children, even though they may occasionally be clamorous for more funds. They are the hope of the future.