

50 white people in the 100,000 square miles of country, these being the employees of the Hudson Bay Company. We have to live hardy lives, and travel immense distances on snow-shoes or dog trains, these being the only modes of progression and transportation for the greater part of the year. I travel with the natives, live their nomadic life, wear the same clothes and eat the same food. For five months of the year we have lived on fish. Twentyone meals a week and each one fish. Then for perhaps a similar period we would have dried caribou flesh, varied with pemmican. This fare is not enticing, but I have known it worse. In times of famine we have lived on the skins of animals. Indeed anything in the way of the food of civilization is tremendously dear. Flour until recently cost \$30 a sack, and other things proportionately. We used to hear from the outside world only twice a year, but lately we have been receiving a small mail three or four times a year; of course we get very much out of the world's affairs, but my wife and I have patience, and when we get a bundle of papers we begin at the beginning and go right through. In my work I have met with gratifying success. All my Indians are fairly well christianized. I have no hesitation in saying that they are in advance of the Indians of the older part of Canada, and I am speaking from experience. Of course a Missionary has to be Priest, Doctor, School-teacher and General all round man to them. In fact his work is never done. I have had the pleasure of inaugurating the first Diocesan school in the largest Diocese in the world—I think I may make this claim—five years ago. For many years past this Missionary work in the far North West has been in charge of the Church of England, but lately the Church in Canada has been doing its share, and will do more, to carry on the work which we have so well begun."

Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove left for England by the S.S. Lake Ontario. If he succeed in regaining his health he will return to his Mission. He has not been home since 1887, when he took two of his sons to school. Mrs. Spendlove visited England three years ago.