

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

enters the polar basin, where, striking the circumpolar continent, it is thrown back into the North-West Atlantic, through three principal channels, namely, the one between Iceland and Greenland, the second through Baffin Bay, and the third through Wellington Channel, Prince Regent's Inlet, Fury and Hecla Strait, through Fox's Channel into Hudson's Strait.

This regular and uninterrupted flow of the great ocean stream, gives certain and reliable currents,—a fact which is of the highest importance in a commercial point of view, as it opens out the channels of ingress and egress into Hudson's Bay, and converts the Bay and Strait into a pathway for the wealth of the eastern quarters of the globe, as well as for that to be derived from our own country.

To capitalists the knowledge of the foregoing facts must be an assurance that they are not investing their money except in enterprises that have already proved successful to the Hudson's Bay and other Companies, and that they have here a field for investment, from which they may fairly expect remunerative and legitimate profits.

We have the larger half of a continent teeming with animal, vegetable and mineral wealth, only awaiting the hand of labor to draw it forth and enhance its value a thousand fold; and nature opens the gateway by which this wealth may be sent to the remotest quarters of the globe, and the produce of other countries be brought into our midst.

Respectfully submitting the above,

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

WM. KENNEDY.

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1. HENRY JOHNSTON.
2. Carpenter and Cooper.
3. Winnipeg.
4. Have been in employ of Hudson's Bay Company 13 years, at York Factory on Hayes' River, Hudson's Bay. Left Stromness on 9th July, 1860, on the "Prince of Wales;" were five weeks and three days from Stromness to York Factory. Saw no ice on the way either in Straits or Hudson's Bay. Went home in 1865. Left York Factory on 21st September for London. Our passage occupied 31 days; delayed on account of contrary winds. Saw