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the half-breeds, *Caldwell* 5365-5368—Good social position of some of the half-breeds, *ib.* 5573, 5574.

See also *Education*. *Red River Settlement*, 8.

Headingley. The original terms in regard to land at Headingley were, that each settler should pay 2*l.* for each lot of land, whereas the terms have since been raised to 12 *l.* and 15 *l.*, *Corbett* 2684, 2685.—See also *Missionaries and Missionary Settlements*.

Health. The country about the Red River, &c., is very healthy, *Lefroy* 313—The troops at Red River in 1846-48 continued in excellent health, *Crofton* 3402-3405.

Herd, Captain David. (Analysis of his Evidence.)—Has for the last eighteen or nineteen years commanded a ship of the Hudson's Bay Company, sailing between this country and Fort York; was previously an officer in one of their ships for three years, 4566-4570—During the last twenty-two years witness has seen only one whale in Hudson's Bay, 4571—There are white porpoises in the Bay, and these are commonly called whales, 4571. 4638-4641—Even if there were whales in the Bay, fishing could not be carried on on account of the ice, 4572-4578.

Particulars as to the difficulty of navigating the Bay by reason of the ice; save for six weeks or two months in the year the Bay is not navigable, 4572-4578. 4592. 4603-4606. 4645-4649—Witness has seen very few seals, and does not believe there are any fisheries of any value, 4579-4584—Doubt as to there being any advantage in a steamer over a sailing vessel for the voyage to and from Fort York, 4585-4595. 4642-4646.

The voyage is farther and more difficult from London to Fort York than to Montreal, 4597, 4598—Witness's ship, which is 524 tons burden, takes out a general cargo for the use of the colony, and brings back oil and skins; he has no cognisance of the value of the cargoes, 4599-4602. 4607-4612. 4619-4623. 4629-4631—All the goods, which sometimes include presents for private individuals, are consigned to the Company, 4612-4618—Difficulty in making up the return cargo when the vessel is not full, by the addition of tallow from Red River; short supply there, 4623, 4624.

No application has ever been made to witness by merchants at York Fort to put cargo for them on board, 4625-4628—Probable quantity of oil brought from the Bay to this country, 4629-4635—Private merchant vessels never call at York for trading purposes, 4647, 4648—Bleak appearance of the country about York, 4649, 4650.

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Indian Corn. Indian corn may be cultivated between the latitudes of 49° and 51°, and ripens very well at the Red River, *Isbister* 2572-2577.

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Particulars as to the amount of Indian population, *Sir G. Simpson* 993-997—The Indian population of Rupert's Land is estimated at 42,840, *ib.* 993—In the Company's territory, east of the Rocky Mountains, the Indian population is estimated at 12,730, *ib.* 995—West of the Rocky Mountains, the population is calculated at 80,000, *ib.*—The total Indian population (including that of Vancouver's Island) is estimated at 139,000, *ib.* 996, 997—Increase of the Indians in the thick-wood country, and decrease of the Indians in the plains, *ib.* 999-1005.

Mode of ascertaining the number of Indians in different districts, *Sir G. Simpson* 1062. 1066—The total of the Indians east of the Rocky Mountains is 55,000, and west of the mountains 80,000, *ib.* 1472—Further opinion that the Indian population in the thick-wood country is increasing, *ib.* 1615—Over about 25,000 Indians east of the Rocky Mountains, that is the Plain tribes, the Company have no control, *ib.* 2001.

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