trade has been scattered through the territory of Minnesota? and of what advantage would a diminishing trade of a few hundred thousand dollars be to Canada, at the cost of maintaining a demoralized population in a state little better than that of vagrant Arabs!

Let not, then, the good sense of Canada be overborne by a mere spirit of opposition to the Hudson's Bay Company. There is too much of this spirit manifested in Prof. Hind's report—although it is by no means so virulent as much that had appeared. Let the whole question, however, be discussed in a spirit of fairness devoid of party spirit; and I am convinced we shall arrive at a proper conclusion.

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