

towards the North, by a line striking the most northern waters of the great River Esquimaux, Ashuanipi or Hamilton, and thence along the left bank of the same River to its entrance into the Bay du Rigolet (Hamilton inlet); towards the East and the North-East, by the Meridian of the most Easterly point of the sources of the River St. Paul or Petit Esquimeau, and along the same river, towards the East, as far as the 52nd degree of North latitude, and following that parallel until it strikes the meridian of L'Anse au Blanc Sablon, the present admitted boundary of the Province of Quebec.

This would not to any great extent affect the territorial area to which we are entitled and of which we claim the definitive and indisputable possession, whilst it would greatly lessen the cost of settling the limits and the expenses of administration of that territory.

Consequently, Your Committee are of opinion that the Western, Northern and Eastern limits of the Province are and must be admitted, defined and determined, as follows:

All the territory included Westward by the actual extension of the present frontier line between Ontario and Quebec until it strikes the South bank of James Bay,—following the shore line of the same Bay as far as the mouth of the East Main River; towards the North, by the right shore of the said River, from its mouth to its source; from the point, still going towards the North, by a line striking the most Northern waters of the Great River Esquimaux, Ashuanipi or Hamilton, and along the left bank of the same River to its entrance into the Bay du Rigolet (Hamilton inlet); towards the East and the North-East, by the Meridian of the most Eastern point of the sources of the River St. Paul, or Petit Esquimaux and along the same River, towards the East as far as the 52<sup>nd</sup> degree of North latitude and following that parallel until it strikes the Meridian of L'Anse au Blanc Sablon, the present admitted boundary of the Province of Quebec.

Wherefore, Your Committee recommends that this House do pass Resolutions with a view of requesting the Federal Government to adopt or cause to be adopted such measures as will be deemed expedient to settle and determine in a definitive manner as belonging to and forming part of the Province of Quebec, all the territory included within the limits above mentioned.

Humbly submitted,

Es. DUHAMEL,

Chairman.

Quebec, 19th June, 1886.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Blanchet, seconded by Mr. Duhamel,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the question of the North and North-western limits of the Province of Quebec, and the steps necessary to be taken in order that such limits do include the territories to which it is entitled.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Blanchet, seconded by Mr. Duhamel,

Resolved, That whereas the North-western and Eastern portions of the Province of Quebec have never yet been determined throughout their whole extent in a clear, distinct and precise manner,

That this uncertainty especially as respects the northern portion of the frontier and with the absence of a boundary that is recognized and established beyond all doubt, is of a nature to create, in the future, serious embarrassment to the Government of this Province;