

Peguis—continued.

Copy of the letter from Peguis; complaint therein that the lands of himself and his tribe have been taken away by Lord Selkirk and others without the promised compensation; other complaints in the letter against the Hudson's Bay Company, *App. p.* 445, 446.

Testimonials from Lord Selkirk and Sir G. Simpson as to the friendly disposition always displayed by Peguis towards the Company and their servants, *App. p.* 446.

Settlement by Sir G. Simpson, in January 1835, of an annuity of 5 *l.* upon Peguis, *App. p.* 446.

Pelly, Sir J. N. Letter from Sir John Pelly to Earl Grey, dated 9 March 1850, denying the accuracy of a complaint that the Hudson's Bay Company furnish large quantities of spirits to the Indians on the north-west frontier of the United States, *App. p.* 370, 371.

Pembina. There is an American settlement at Pembina, and a small garrison and fur post, *Corbett* 2792-2798—Pembina is very near the boundary line, *ib.* 2799, 2800—There is every facility for settlement on the American side of the frontier, *ib.* 2801.

Pemmican. Pemmican, which is composed of buffalo meat and tallow, is the main portable food of the Company's servants, *Sir G. Simpson* 1855, 1856, 1859—From 2,000 to 3,000 cwt. are made every year, *ib.* 1857—Price given by the Company to the Indians for pemmican, *Caldwell* 5606, 5607.

Pensioners. Particulars as to the enrolled pensioners, partly settlers and partly troops, with whom witness went out to Red River in 1848; some of them are still there, *Caldwell* 5394-5406, 5564, 5565—Promise of free grants of land under which the pensioners agreed to go out as emigrants, *ib.* 5407-5409, 5556—The pensioners relieved the garrison at Red River, *ib.* 5553-5555—It was found, on the arrival of the pensioners, that the Company had not sufficient cultivable land to give them, and so to prevent dissatisfaction, they were compensated in sums of money, *ib.* 5557-5563.

Petitions. See *Red River Settlement*, 8. *Toronto Board of Trade.*

Plumbago. Good quality of the plumbago found near Fort Chipewyan, *Sir J. Richardson* 3083-3085.

Population. Witness delivers in a paper containing a detail of the population in the Company's territories, according to a census or estimate made last year, *Sir G. Simpson* 1471-1473; and *App. p.* 365-367—Estimate of 158,000, including whites and half-breeds, as the total number of souls in the Hudson's Bay territory, *App. p.* 367.

See also *Census.* *Indians*, 1.

Portages. See *Red River Settlement*, 3.

Portisla Prairie. There is a small settlement of whites at Portisla Prairie, about sixty miles from Red River; objection made by the Company to the formation of this settlement, *Sir G. Simpson* 1272-1282, 1359-1362.

Possessory Rights. See *Oregon.* *Territorial Rights.*

Post-Office, Red River. Consideration of a charge founded on a letter written in December 1844 by Mr. R. Lane, then a clerk at Red River, relative to new regulations requiring letters to be sent open for official perusal before posting; any such regulations were probably made by the Government of Assiniboia, and were most likely disallowed by the Home Government, *Sir G. Simpson* 1895-1920.

Statement as to the settlers having complained that their letters are opened and inspected by the Company's officials; belief in the truth of this complaint, *Corbett* 2880-2888—Statement relative to a proclamation by the Governor of Assiniboia, Mr. Alexander Christie, in December 1844, requiring that letters be sent open to the post-office; official documents hereon, *M^r Laughlin* 4768-4783—Letter from Mr. Lane, partly dispensing with the regulation in regard to letters so far as witness was concerned, *ib.* 4778—The Company refused to take letters for Mr. Sinclair, unless he brought them open to the post-office, *ib.* 4780-4783—Witness is not aware of any instance of letters having been opened by the authorities at Red River, *ib.* 5015-5018.

Postal Communication. There are sixty-seven postmasters in the Company's service, *Sir G. Simpson* 983—Arrangement in regard to postal communication; between the Red River and the United States frontier there is no regular arrangement in force, *ib.* 1882-1894, 1921-1953—There is a small charge for conveying letters, *ib.* 1892, 1893—Between the Red River and England the shortest route for a letter would be by Pembina and St. Paul's, *ib.* 1953.

Evidence relative to the postal communication to and from the Red River, *Corbett* 2791, 2875-2879—Origin of the monthly mail communication between Red River and Pembina, *ib.* 2791.

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