

## EXHIBIT 5.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30th June, 1876.

For His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Temple,  
Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, etc., etc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN LANDS.

In the annual report for last year the then Superintendent General was enabled to state that, while the report was in the hands of the printer, he received intelligence from the British Columbia Government that they had accepted the basis proposed by the Dominion Government for the settlement of this grave and complicated controversy, which had been the subject of correspondence between the Governments for the two preceding years.

The despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, announcing the acceptance by his Government of the terms proposed by the Dominion Government, is dated 8th January, 1876, and was received here in the latter part of that month.

It was agreed between the two Governments that the settlement of the Indian Reserve question should be referred to three Commissioners, one to be appointed by the Dominion Government, another by the Government of British Columbia, and the third to be named by the Government of the Dominion and the Local Governments jointly; that these Commissioners should visit, as soon as practicable, each Indian nation in British Columbia, and, after full enquiry into all matters affecting the question, determine for each nation the number, extent, and locality of the Reserves to be allowed to them. In doing so the Commissioners were to be guided generally by the spirit of the terms of union between the Dominion and Local Governments