

## *Indian Affairs in the North West*

DELIVERED BY

HON. DR. SCHULTZ, M. P.,

IN THE

*House of Commons of Canada, 31st March, 1873.*

*(From the "Ottawa Times.")*

Dr. Schultz moved, seconded by Mr. Bowell, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence from Indians and others in the Province of Manitoba with the Government, on the subject of the dissatisfaction prevailing among the Chiefs, Headmen, and Indians, treated with in Manitoba and adjacent Territories in the year 1871.

Dr. Schultz, in moving this address, said:—

I have made this motion Mr. Speaker, mainly to enable me to place before this Honorable House, some facts in connection with the Indians of the North West, which I trust will be considered of sufficient importance, at least to lead Honorable Gentlemen to investigate for themselves, a subject which for the first time, has become a really important one in this country.

While every-one felt pleased when the long negotiations between Canada and the Hudson Bay Company drew to a close, and proud of the Imperial Proclamation of 15th July, 1870, which added 3,000,000 square miles, to the area of the Dominion; few remembered however at the time, that this territory had a population of 68,000 Indians, whose rights by the conditions of the transfer we were bound to recognize, and to whose care and protection we were firmly pledged.

These Indians were as yet, lords of the soil, their rights, at least in their own Country, none disputed, and yet while people grumbled at the one million and a half, which was paid by us to extinguish the intangible title of the Hudson Bay Company, and regretted that this Corporation should have been allowed to retain