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To an Address of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 28th April, 1873; For a Copy of the Report of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, for 1872-73, with any subsequent Correspondence concerning the Indian Affairs of the said Province.

By command.

J. C. AIKINS,

Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

7th May, 1873.

INDIAN BRANCH,

OTTAWA, 6th May, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith, in compliance with the Address of the 28th ult., from the House of Commons, "a Copy of the Report of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, for 1872-73," and also, copies of "any subsequent correspondence which has been received at or despatched from this Office, "concerning the Indian Affairs of that Province."

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. SPRAGGE, D. S.-I. A.

The Honorable J. C. Aikins,
Secretary of State for Canada, &c. &c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

VICTORIA, January 13, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report upon the native tribes of this Province, together with the accompanying map, shewing their geographical division according to dialect, which will be delivered to you by Mr. McLennan, of the Canadian Pacific R. R. Survey Corps.

The limited time which has intervened since I assumed the duties of my office has prevented me, perhaps, from entering more fully into details respecting many important subjects of the Report, but I trust it will be found sufficient, as a basis upon which to inaugurate some wise policy for the future government of British Columbia Indians.