

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT—continued.8. *Discontent among the Settlers ; Petitions by them*—continued.

witness, in 1850, to the settlers at Red River, encouraging them to uphold their rights of trade, independently of interference by the Hudson's Bay Company, *M'Laughlin* 4732-4734.

Tranquil condition of the settlement in 1855, *Caldwell* 5362—Considerable excitement in the colony, more especially in 1849, on account of the Company's monopoly of trade on the one hand, and on the other hand the attempts of the half-breeds to carry on an illicit trade, *ib.* 5528-5552. 5593-5599.

Witness lays before the Committee (*App. p.* 437-439) a petition, signed by some hundreds of the inhabitants of Red River, and presented to the Legislative Assembly of Canada; it has been forwarded to witness by Mr. Macbeth, a member of the Assembly, *Isbister* 6094-6098.

Petition signed by Roderick Kennedy and 574 others, inhabitants and natives of the settlement, to the Legislative Assembly of Canada, complaining of the rule of the Hudson's Bay Company, and praying that measures be taken for extending to the settlement the protection of the Canadian Government, laws, and institutions, *App. p.* 437-439.

9. *Annexation to Canada, or Formation into an independent Colony considered :*

Obstacle to the settlement being governed or administered by the Canadian Government, *Ross* 17. 124-143—Inexpediency of forming the settlement into a separate territory for self-government, *ib.* 135-141—The natural affinities of the settlement are with the valley of the Missouri, and not with the valley of the St. Lawrence, *Lefroy* 238, 239.

Advantage of aggregating the Red River to Canada, rather than of forming it into a separate government and colony, *Isbister* 2534-2549—Increased value of property at Red River, if the settlement were annexed to Canada, *ib.* 2625-2627.

Reference to a report by Mr. Coltman in 1819, upon the government of the Red River Settlement; suggestion therein for a transfer of the Government from the hands of the Company, *Hon. W. H. Draper* 4080. 4178.

Belief that terms for a transfer of the colony to Canada might easily be arranged, *Right Hon. E. Ellice* 5839—Preliminary steps necessary, if this country were to establish a colony at Red River; means of government, a military force, settlers, and communications must be found, *ib.* 6033-6046—Sundry obstacles and considerable expense which would attend the formation of an independent British colony at the Red River, *ib.*

10. *Suggestions by the Committee :*

The Committee consider that the Red River district is among those likely to be desired by Canada for early occupation, *Rep. p.* iv.

In case Canada should not be willing, at a very early period, to undertake the government of the Red River district, it may be proper to consider whether some temporary provision for its administration may not be advisable, *Rep. p.* iv.

See also *Administration of Justice.* *Artisans.* *Banking Accommodation.*
Canada, 4. 9, 10. *Colonisation and Settlement.* *Conveyance of Land.* *Currency.*
Distillery, Red River. *Doll, Mr.* *Duties on Imports.* *Education.*
Emigration. *Exports and Imports.* *Floods.* *Freights.* *Fuel.* *Government by the Company.* *Half-breeds.* *Indians, 5.* *Military Force.* *Navigation of the Lakes and Rivers.* *Pensioners.* *Post Office, Red River.* *Roads.*
Selkirk, *Lord.* *Thorn, Adam.* *Timber.* *United States.*

Reliance, Fort. Exceeding coldness of the climate at Fort Reliance; the soil as well as the climate renders cultivation impracticable, *Sir G. Back* 3471-3477. 3499-3501.

Religious Instruction. The chaplains in the territory are paid by the religious societies to which they belong as well as by the Company; their keeping a school depends upon the instructions of the society and not of the Company, *Sir G. Simpson* 1250-1254.

Reference to and explanation of the bequest of 10,000 *l.* by Mr. Leith; it was left for the purpose of extending the Protestant religion in and amongst the native aboriginal Indians of Rupert's Land, *Sir G. Simpson* 1332-1343. 1449-1459.

Authority for the statement that, practically, the Company do not promote religious instruction, and that their donations to missionaries are given with the view that the latter may shut their eyes to the obstructions offered by the Company to the settlement of Indians around the missionaries, *Isbister* 2485-2499. 2550, 2551.

Regulations of the Company in regard to religious worship on the sabbath, *App. p.* 368.

See also *Christianity.* *Church Missionary Society.* *Churches.* *Education.*
Missionaries and Missionary Stations. *Vancouver's Island, 10.*
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