

DISPOSAL OF THE DOMINION LANDS.

LANDS RESERVED BY THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

17. Whereas by article five of the terms and conditions in the Preamble... deed of surrender from the Hudson's Bay Company to the Crown, the said Company is entitled to one-twentieth of the lands in a certain portion of the territory surrendered, described and designated as the "Fertile Belt:"

And whereas by the terms of the said deed, the right to Preamble... claim the said one-twentieth is extended over the period of fifty years, and it is provided that the lands comprising the same shall be determined by lot; and whereas the said Company and the Government of the Dominion have mutually agreed that with a view to an equitable distribution throughout the territory described, of the said one-twentieth of the lands, and in order further to simplify the setting apart thereof, certain sections or parts of sections, alike in numbers and position in each township throughout the said Territory, shall, as the townships are surveyed, be set apart and designated to meet and cover such one-twentieth:

And whereas it is found by computation that the said one-twentieth will be exactly met, by allotting in every fifth township two whole sections of six hundred and forty acres each, and in all other townships one section and three quarters of a section each, therefore—

In every fifth Township in the said Territory; that is to say: Certain sections and parts of sections in certain townships to be known as Hudson's Bay Company's lands. in those townships numbered 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and so on in regular succession northerly from the International boundary, the whole of sections Nos. 8 and 26, and in each and every of the other townships the whole of section No. 8, and the south half and north-west quarter of section 26 (except in the cases hereinafter provided for) shall be known and designated as the lands of the said Company.

18. Provided, that the next preceding clause shall not apply to those townships which may be found to lie wholly or in part within the limits of land reserved to Indians, nor to fractional townships or those broken by lakes, but only to whole townships, and that in the several cases above mentioned the Company's one-twentieth shall be set apart by lot, by the Secretary of State and the said Company, or some person duly authorized by them respectively, as follows, that is to say:—

1. In the case of a township which may be found to lie wholly within an Indian Reserve, from the lands unoccupied and unclaimed in the nearest surveyed township or townships; and in the case of a township found to be partly within the limits of an Indian Reserve, and also in the case of a fractional township, as aforesaid, or a township broken by a lake or lakes, from the unoccupied and unclaimed land in such township:—

19. Provided further, that on the survey of a township being effected, should the sections so allotted, or any of them, or any portion of them, be found to have been *bonâ fide* settled on under the authority of any Order in Council, or of this Act, then and in such case clause *seventeen* shall take effect only as regards those sections or parts of sections which may not have been settled on, and shall not take effect as regards such sections or parts thereof