

1834, there is no evidence of article 7 of the treaty of 1825 having been revoked, or of any attempt having been made to revoke it, by either one country or the other.

Mr. Moore says the line was agreed upon as a compromise, and the treaty was drawn up and signed, and that until a recent period the line as it was then understood by both Governments remained unquestioned; also that in all the maps the line appeared following the sinuosities of the coast and running around the head of the inlets, including Lynn Canal.

I find no authority for the statement of any admitted line, either by Russia or England, or of any maps having their sanction carrying the *lisière* around Lynn Canal, or any other canal; on the contrary, all the correspondence and information lead to the opposite conclusion. Any atlas or map made or copied by geographers for their own purpose would, of course, have no binding effect upon these Governments.

The Professor then goes on to say: "But more significant than any map is the fact that the greater part of the strip of mainland in question was, for many years after 1839, leased at an annual rental by the Hudson Bay Company. In support of this he quotes a note or extract from Sir George Simpson's trip around the world. In any event the quotation is extremely vague. Sir George was Governor of the Hudson Bay Company, and anything he may have said in his trip around the world, or that any officer of the Russian-American Company might have said, would, indeed, be of small importance. But if Sir George were to be quoted at all it would have been better to produce his evidence as taken before the House of Commons' Committee in February, 1857.

It appears that the Russian-American Company and the Hudson Bay Company began quarreling over this strip of territory, and for the sake of peace, as Sir George said, the latter company made a lease of part of the *lisière*. This lease was dated in 1839. Sir George was asked this question in that investigation:

"Besides your own territory I believe you administer a portion of the territory which belongs to Russia, under some arrangement with the Russian-American Company?"

Answer: "There is a margin of coast, marked yellow in the map, from fifty-four degrees and forty minutes up to Cross Sound, which we have rented from the Russian-American Company for a term of years."

In this connection, it would be very interesting to know what has become of that map. Sir George Simpson and his company were before the House of Commons' Committee to defend them-