

held at *Paris* during the current year; that a further estimate will be required to meet the expenditure, and that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Chairman of the British Commissioners, has assigned a most prominent place to *Canada* in one of the main Towers, where a Canadian Trophy is now being erected.

That while we are grieved to know that a very disastrous fire occurred in June last in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the city, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government, we feel that His Excellency's Government were right in deeming it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate wants of the people who were rendered destitute by so appalling a calamity, as His Excellency was in sanctioning the appropriation of some public money with which to commence the erection of new buildings for the public business; and that we shall have pleasure in confirming these acts in the usual way.

That we are much gratified to be informed that during the last summer His Excellency's Commissioners made another Treaty with the *Blackfeet*, *Blood* and *Piegan* Indians, by which the Indian title is extinguished over a territory of 51,000 square miles west of Treaty No. 4, and south of Treaty No. 6; that the treaty has been made on terms nearly the same as those under Treaty No. 6, though somewhat less onerous; and that the entire territory west of *Lake Superior* to the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the boundary nearly to the 55th degree of north latitude, embracing about 450,000 square miles, has now been acquired by peaceful negotiation with the native tribes, who place implicit faith in the honor and justice of the British Crown.

That we learn with much interest that, early in the past summer, a large body of Indians under *Sitting Bull*, from the *United States*, crossed into British Territory to escape from the *United States* troops, and have since remained on the Canadian side; and that the *United States* Government made a friendly but unsuccessful attempt to induce these Indians to return to their reservations. And that we agree with His Excellency in hoping that such arrangements may yet be made as may lead to their permanent and peaceful settlement, and thus relieve *Canada* of a source of uneasiness and heavy expenditure.

That we are well pleased to know that the surveys of the *Pacific* Railway have been pressed to completion during the past season: that a complete instrumental survey of the route, by the valleys of the *North Thompson* and *Lower Fraser* Rivers, has been made with a view to ascertain definitely, whether that route presents more favorable features than the route already surveyed to *Dean Inlet* and *Bute Inlet* respectively; and that it is believed that the additional information now obtained will enable His Excellency's Government to determine which route is the most advantageous from *Tête Jaune Cache* to the sea; and that we thank His Excellency for the promise that full information will be laid before us at an early day, of the season's work in this and other directions.

That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the abundant harvest reaped in all quarters of the Dominion, and that under this and other influences there has been some improvement in the Revenue returns, thus indicating, as we trust with His Excellency, that the commercial depression that afflicted *Canada* in common with other countries, is passing away.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us, that his attention having been called to some imperfections in the existing system of auditing the *Public Accounts*, a measure providing for a more thorough and effective supervision will be submitted for our consideration.

That we share with His Excellency the conviction, that the prospect of obtaining, at an early day, greater facilities for reaching the *North Western Territories* and the Province of *Manitoba*, is sure to attract a larger number of settlers every year, and that as much of the prosperity of the Dominion depends on the rapid settlement of the fertile lands in those Territories, it is desirable and necessary to facilitate such settlement as much as possible; and that we are pleased to learn, that in order to effect this, measures will be submitted for our consideration concerning