

with them; accompanied by any suggestions you may desire to offer with reference to their protection, and to the improvement of their condition.

8. You will have the goodness to report also on the nature and amount of the Currency or circulating medium now employed in the Territories, and of the probable requirements of the Territories in that respect in the future.

9. You will also report on the System of Education (if any) which now obtains in the Territories.

10. You will also please to report as to such lands in the Territories as it may be desirable to open up at once for settlement, transmitting a plan of such Survey as may be necessary, with an Estimate of the cost of survey, a statement of the conditions of grants of land and settlement; the Plan should show the number of townships it is proposed to lay out at once, the size and situation of the townships, and the size of the lots, making the necessary reservation for churches, schools, roads, and other public purposes.

11. You will also report upon the relations at present existing between the Hudson's Bay Company and the different religious bodies in the Territories.

12. You will also report as to the number of Officers now employed by the Hudson's Bay Company in the administration of the Government of the Territories, stating the duties and salaries of such officers, and specifying those who should, in your opinion, be retained. You will also report as to the number of persons whom it will be necessary hereafter to employ in the administration of the Government; and you will report generally on all subjects connected with the welfare of the Territories, upon which it may seem to you desirable to communicate with the Government of the Dominion.

13. It is desirable that you should take immediate measures for the extension of the Telegraph System from the Territory to Pembina, and for its connection at that place with the System of the American Telegraph Company or Companies, making any provisional arrangements for that purpose that may be necessary, and forwarding a copy of such arrangements to this Department for confirmation by His Excellency.

The Honourable Wm. McDougall, C.B.

CANADA.

No. 4.

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COPY of a TELEGRAM from Governor the Rt. Hon. Sir J. YOUNG, Bart., G.C.B.,
G.C.M.G., to The EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.

November 23rd, 1869.

McDougall, who has been designated Lieutenant-Governor of North-West Territory when transferred, has been stopped on his way to Fort Garry by a small force of armed insurgent half-breeds. Authorities of Hudson's Bay Company, with whom the Government still rests, are apparently inactive and powerless. Provisional Committee of Government: John Bruce, President, has been appointed by half-breeds. MacTavish, the Governor, is very ill, and reported to be dying.

No. 5.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Rt. Hon. Sir J. YOUNG, Bart., G.C.B.,
G.C.M.G., to The EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.

(No. 134.)

Government House, Ottawa, Canada,
25th November, 1869.

(Received 8th December, 1869.)

(Answered, No. 7, 8th January, 1870, p. 173.)

MY LORD,

I have the honour to transmit, for your Lordship's information, copies of all the Correspondence up to this date, in the possession of the Canadian Government, relating to the obstruction offered to Mr. McDougall's (the designated Lieutenant-Governor) entrance into the North-West Territory by a portion of the French half-breeds.

Affairs have, however, advanced since the dates given, and we have learnt from other sources that the armed half-breeds, encouraged, as is alleged, by some of the French Priests, have formed a Provisional Government, defied the Hudson Bay Company authorities, and taken possession of the Fort and Stores.

The English and Scotch half-breeds have taken no part in this movement, but are unwilling to come into armed collision with the insurgents; even the French half-breeds themselves are stated to be divided in opinion.

There are no Indians near the place, and their opposition, in any case, to the French half-breeds may, I am informed, be entirely relied upon.

The most extravagant mis-statements have been circulated about the intentions of the

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vinces, 22nd
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