

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

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Your Lordship will probably be surprised w.h.c. I inform you that, from the year 1842 to 1849 inclusive, the average quantity annually imported by the Company into the whole of the territories under their control, to the east and west of the Rocky Mountains, is only 4,396½ gallons; a quantity which, if distributed only to the men employed in the service in daily allowances, would amount to less than two table-spoonfuls to each man. It is to be observed, too, that out of the above-mentioned quantity the troops stationed at Red River Settlement in 1846, 1847, and 1848 (whose consumption in daily rations alone was upwards of 4,500 gallons) had to be supplied, and also the corps of pensioners who succeeded them. There cannot, therefore, have been much left for the demoralization of the natives.

Appendix, No. .

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. N. Pelly.*
