

Rocky Mountains was vested in the late Dr. McLoughlin; it was afterwards placed in the hands of three partners, who were constituted a Board of Management. I think this change occurred in 1845, and existed at least up to 1850, and I believe still exists. The first Board of Management was composed of Dr. McLoughlin, Mr. P. S. Ogden, and the present Sir James Douglas. On the retirement of Dr. McLoughlin from the service, the late Chief Factor Work was made a member of the Board. Several changes have taken place since, but I have not been in a position to know definitely what they were. When I left in 1850, the three gentlemen alluded to, I believe, constituted the Board.

*Int. 14.*—In all your statements with reference to the property of the Company, as shown in the list marked A, is not your recollection more from your actual knowledge of the property, than from your conviction that document A is a copy of the paper taken by you to Norway House?

*Ans.*—From my intimate knowledge of the buildings that existed at the posts about which I have been examined, I recognize the description as correct; and it is quite possible that as the list seems correct as regards them, I may have been induced to consider it a true copy, but the way in which the list itself is drawn up, also leads me to consider it such.

*Int. 15.*—In all your estimates of the value of the property of the Company, state whether you have been guided by your judgment of what it was worth to the business of the Company in the state of the country as it was arranged at and before 1846, or your knowledge of its value in the market at dates subsequent to that time, taking into consideration change in population, business, and the supposed jurisdiction of the country.

*Ans.*—In my answer to Interrogatory 41, I have stated fully upon what I have based these estimates with reference to the state of affairs existing in the spring of 1847, and in connection with the business of the Hudson's Bay Company at that time.

*Int. 16.*—How many white inhabitants were there in Oregon in 1847; state to the best of your judgment and knowledge?

*Ans.*—I think there might have been about fifteen thousand, most of whom were settled in the "Willamette" Valley and "Tualatin" Plains.