

## APPENDIX No. 1

Ronge. There are only Indians there, and they have not gone into anything in the direction of agriculture more than raising a few potatoes. The witness built the saw mill last year and they sawed lumber for their own mission buildings. Archdeacon McKay is putting up a boarding school there, and intends to saw lumber for the houses. The number of Indians that take treaty at that point is over 500. They are Cree Indians.

## MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

The only means of communication is in the summer by canoe.

Whenever the witness had gone to England he had gone down through the eastern country. His first trip to England was in 1876, and he went by way of the United States. There was no communication between Red river and Manitoba and eastern Canada. He crossed over to St. Paul and went that way.

Being asked why, as the Hudson bay ships made pretty good passages to Churchill, he did not come in one of them, the witness replied it took too long.

He explained that there were ships coming down to Moose Factory when he was there regularly every year. They got in as a rule towards the end of August and the beginning of September. In his recollection they were never later than the middle of September in arriving. They did not remain very long, the sailing vessels leaving about September 20 generally. There was a long period when the Hudson Bay Company never lost a ship—many years in succession they never lost a ship. They always had a ship coming regularly to Moose Factory, one or more, and sometimes as many as three to York Factory.

The witness thought that a railway ought to be built up to Lac La Ronge. There would be no difficulties in constructing a railway. It is all level country. There would not be the slightest difficulty.