

6th. For the purpose of the last article, the Fertile Belt is to be bounded as follows: On the south by the United States boundary; on the west by the Rocky Mountains; on the north by the northern branch of the Saskatchewan; on the east by Lake Winnipeg, the Lake of the Woods and the waters connecting them.

7th. If any township shall be formed abutting on the north bank of the northern branch of the Saskatchewan River the Company may take their one-twentieth of any such township which for the purpose of this article shall not extend more than five miles inland from the river, giving to the Dominion of Canada an equal quantity of the portion of land coming to them of townships established on the southern bank.

8th. In laying out any public road canals, &c., through any block of land reserved to the Company; the Canadian Government may take without compensation such land as is necessary for the purpose, not exceeding one-twenty-fifth of the total average of the block; but if the Canadian Government requires any land which is actually under cultivation, or which has been built upon, or which is necessary for giving the Company's servants access to any river or lake, or is a frontage to any river or lake, they shall pay to the Company the fair value of the same and shall make compensation for any injury done to the Company or their servants.

9th. It is understood that the whole of the land to be appropriated within the meaning of the last preceding clause shall be appropriated for public purposes.

10th. All titles to land up to the eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, conferred by the Company, are to be confirmed.

11th. The Company is to be at liberty to carry on its trade without hindrance, in its corporate capacity, and no exceptional tax is to be placed on the Company's land, trade, or servants, nor any import duties on goods introduced by them previous to the surrender.

12th. Canada is to take over materials of the electric telegraph at cost price, such price including the transport, but not including interest for money, and subject to a deduction for ascertained deterioration.

13. The Company's claim to land, under agreements of Messrs. Vankoughnet and Hopkins, is to be withdrawn.

14. Any claims of Indians to compensation for lands required for purposes of settlement, shall be disposed of by the Canadian Government, in communication with the Imperial Government, and the company shall be relieved of all responsibility in respect to them.

15. The Governor in Council is authorized and empowered to arrange any details that may be necessary to carry out the above terms and conditions, and the Right Hon. Earl Granville, one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, is to give necessary directions herein accordingly.

Here follows the "address of the Canadian Parliament to the Queen," "resolutions," &c.

SCHEDULE C.

The Governor and the Company of Adventurers of England trading into the Hudson Bay.

To Her Majesty Queen Victoria:

DEED OF SURRENDER.

To all to whom these presents shall come unto or concern:

The Governor and company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay send, greeting;

Whereas, the said Governor and Company

were established and incorporated by their said name of "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into the Hudson Bay," by letters patent granted by his late Majesty King Charles II., in the 22nd year of his reign, whereby his said Majesty granted unto the said Company and their successors the sole trade and commerce of all those seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes, creeks, and sounds, in whatsoever latitude they should be, that lay within the entrance of the straits commonly called Hudson Straits, together with all the lands territories upon the countries, coasts and confines of the seas, bays, straits, rivers, creeks, and sounds aforesaid, that were not already actually possessed by or granted to any of His Majesty's subjects, or possessed by the subjects of any other Christian Province or State; and that the said land should be from thenceforth reckoned and reputed as one of His Majesty's Plantations or Colonies in America called Rupert's Land; and whereby His said Majesty made and constituted the said Governor and Company and their successors absolute lords and proprietors of the same territory, limits, and places aforesaid, and of all other premises, saving the faith, allegiance, and sovereign dominion due to His said Majesty, his heirs and successors for the same; and granted to the said Governor and Company and their successors such rights of government and other rights, privileges, and liberties, franchises, powers and authorities in Rupert's Land as are therein expressed.

And whereas, ever since the date of the said Letters Patent, the said Governor and Company have exercised and enjoyed the sole right thereby granted of such trade and commerce as therein granted, and have exercised and enjoyed other rights, privileges, liberties, franchises, powers, and authorities thereby granted; and the said Governor and Company have exercised or assumed rights of Government in other parts of British North America not forming part of Rupert's Land, or Canada, or British Columbia.

And whereas, by British North America Act, 1867, it is amongst other things enacted that it shall be lawful for her present Majesty Queen Victoria by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, on an address from the Houses of Parliament of Canada to admit Rupert's Land and the North Western territory, or either of them, into the Union of the Dominion of Canada on such terms and conditions as are in the address expressed, and as her Majesty thinks fit to approve, subject to the provisions of the said Act.

And whereas, by the Rupert's Land Act of 1868, it is enacted amongst other things that for the purposes of that Act the term Rupert's Land shall include the whole of the lands and territories held or claimed to be held by the said Governor and Company, and that it shall be competent for the said Governor and Company to surrender to her Majesty, and for her Majesty, by any instrument under her sign manual and signet, to accept a surrender of all or any of the lands, territories, rights, privileges, liberties, franchises, powers and authorities whatsoever, granted or purported to be granted by the said letters patent to the said Governor and Company within Rupert's Land, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon by and between Her Majesty and the said Governor and Company; provided, however, that such surrender shall not be accepted by Her Majesty until terms and conditions upon which Rupert's Land shall be admitted into the said Dominion of Canada shall have been approved of by Her Majesty, and embodied

in an address to Her Majesty from the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in pursuance of the 146th section of the British North America Act of 1867; and upon the acceptance by Her Majesty of such surrender all the rights of Government and proprietary right, and all other privileges, liberties, franchises, powers, and authorities whatsoever granted or purported to be granted by the said letters patent to the said Governor and Company within Rupert's Land, and which shall have been so surrendered, shall be absolutely extinguished; provided that nothing in the said Act contained shall prevent the said Government and Company from continuing to carry out in Rupert's Land, or elsewhere, trade and commerce.

And whereas, Her said Majesty Queen Victoria and the said Government and Company have agreed to the terms and conditions upon which the said Government and Company shall surrender to her said Majesty, pursuant to the provisions in that behalf in the Rupert's Land Act of 1868, contained, all the rights of Government and other rights, privileges, liberties, franchises, powers, and authorities, and all the lands and territories, except and subject, as in said terms and conditions expressed or mentioned, granted, or purported to be granted, by said letters patent, and also all similar rights which have been authorized or assumed by the said Government and Company in any parts of British North America not forming part of Rupert's Land, or of Canada, or of British Columbia, in order and to the intent that after such surrender has been effected and accepted under the provisions of the last mentioned Act, the said Rupert's Land may be admitted into the union of the Dominion of Canada pursuant to the thereinbefore mentioned Acts, or one of them.

And whereas the said terms and conditions on which it has been agreed that the said surrender is to be made by the said Governor and Company, (who are in the following articles designated as the Company) to her said Majesty, are as follows:—

[The terms are the same as those in the Order in Council preceding.]

Now know ye, and these presents witness—That in pursuance of the powers and provisions of the Rupert's Land Act of 1868, and on the terms and conditions aforesaid, and also on condition of this surrender being accepted pursuant to the provisions of that Act, the said Government and Company do hereby surrender to the Queen's Most Gracious Majesty all the rights of Government, and other rights, privileges, liberties, franchises, powers and authorities, granted or purported to be granted by the said Government and Company by the said letters patent of his late Majesty King Charles II., and also all similar rights which may have been exercised or assumed by the said Governor and Company in any parts of British North America, not forming a part of Rupert's Land, or of Canada, or of British Columbia, and all the lands and territories within Rupert's Land, except and subject as in the said terms and conditions mentioned, granted, or purported to be granted, to the said Governor and Company by the said letters patent.

In witness whereof the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into the Hudson Bay have hereby caused their common seal to be affixed the nineteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

THE LAW RETAINED BY THE COMPANY.

The schedule above referred to of lands selected by the Hudson's Bay Company at their posts, the district of the English river; posts of isles, a la Croise, 50 acres; Rapid