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RED RIVER SETTLEMENT—continued.

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5. *Climate*:

At Red River the winter lasts for five and a half months, *Sir G. Simpson* 744—Provable amelioration of the climate in consequence of the cultivation, *Isbister* 2577—Remarks relative to the climate of the Red River colony; it is about the same as that of Upper Canada, *Crofton* 3190-3204—Unfavourable character of the climate, *Right Hon. E. Ellice* 5847.

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7. *Trade with the United States*:

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8. *Discontent among the Settlers; Petitions by them*:

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Statement relative to a report by witness, on his return to England in 1848, upon certain complaints made by settlers at Red River; data on which he answered nine or ten questions with reference to Mr. Isbister's memorial, *Crofton* 3412-3430.

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