
Documents relating to the opening up of the North-West Territories to settlement and cultivation.

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Quebec, 19th February, 1864.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have the honor to enclose a Report of the Executive Council on the proposals of the Atlantic and Pacific Transit and Telegraph Company, transmitted to me with Your Grace's despatch, No. 49, of the 1st of May, 1863.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) MONCK.

His Grace the Duke of NEWCASTLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Extract from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 18th February, 1864.

The Committee are of opinion that in view of the recent change in the constitution and objects of the Hudson's Bay Company, which, from the correspondence laid before the House of Lords, appears to have been effected, and the claims which the new organization have reiterated with the apparent sanction of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, to territorial rights over a vast region not included in their original charter, it is highly expedient that steps be taken to settle definitely the North-Western Boundary of Canada.

The Committee therefore recommend that correspondence be opened with the Imperial Government with a view to the adoption of some speedy, inexpensive and mutually satisfactory plan to determine this important question, and that the claim of Canada be asserted to all that portion of Central British America which can be shewn to have been in the possession of the French at the period of the Cession in 1763.

Certified.

WM. H. LEE,
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