

but owing to the fort built by it, at the mouth of Columbia River, it did something of itself, and much more by the opposition it stirred up among the other companies, to encourage exploration.

(6) In 1821, by the union effected, there was but one fur company in Canada—the United Hudson's Bay Company. While at times following the policy of erecting a Chinese wall around its territory, yet, by the work of its officers, and by the facilities it afforded to great explorers, the Hudson's Bay Company has done much to increase the geographical knowledge of Rupert's Land and the regions beyond.

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