

With regard to this question and answer it is to be remarked that the boundary of Canada here referred to is determined by the limits of Rupert's Land, under the charter of Charles II.

Question 718.—Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company for 37 years, is asked :—

"How would you describe the limits of Rupert's Land to the west?"

Answer.—"The Rocky Mountains to the west."

Question 737.—"I (Mr. Gladstone) think you have spoken of Rupert's Land as including, from west to east, the whole country beginning from the Rocky Mountains and moving eastward?"

"Yes, to the shores of the bay [*i. e.*, Hudson's Bay.]"

738.—"Do you understand that to have been the original signification of the term Rupert's Land, dating from the period of the charter?"

"Yes; that it includes the land on all waters falling into Hudson's Bay. They form the boundary of the territory."

739.—"There is a reference in the charter to the fall of the water, is there?"

"I cannot call that positively to mind; that is the impression on my mind."

740.—"It is difficult, I suppose, for you to state what you would take as the northern boundary?"

"The northern boundary of Rupert's Land I call the Methy Portage and Lake, dividing the waters that fall into the Arctic Sea. There is a height of land at the Methy Portage."

Question 3106.—Sir John Richardson, C. B., is asked :—"Then there has been no mine opened on the Hudson's Bay territory?"

Answer.—"Not that I know of. The water-shed into Hudson's Bay, I suppose, divides the two Governments. The water-shed into Lake Superior belongs to Canada, and the water-shed in Hudson's Bay to the Hudson's Bay territory."

Question 4056.—The Hon. Mr. Draper, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Upper Canada, deputed by the Canadian Government to attend the Committee in Canadian interests, is asked :—

"Taking the points in the order in which you have mentioned them; first of all with regard to the question of the limits of the Province of Canada, are there any statements which you wish to lay before the Committee on that head?"

Answer.—"I should say with regard to that point that the view which is taken, be it sound or unsound, is this :—At present it is understood by us" [*i. e.*, in Canada] "that the Hudson's Bay Company claims as a legal right all the land which is drained by any streams, no matter how remote their sources may be, which flow into the Hudson's Bay Straits or Hudson's Bay. We consider that as an ill-founded claim" [*i. e.*, as it affects the Canadian boundary].

[Annexure 7]—See Parliamentary Paper 224-260 of 1857, appendix 5, enclosure memorandum.

Question 4130 [by Sir John Pakington]—"We see on that map" [plans referred to in the Report—Parliamentary Paper 224-260 of 1857—Annexure 7] "a district close to the line of boundary between the United States and the British territory of very considerable extent, marked pink. I apprehend that that is so marked pink because it does not come within the definition of Rupert's Land, as described by the waters which fall into Hudson's Bay. Is not that so?"

Answer.—"I suppose it to be so."

It is to be here noted that the map alluded to [Arrowsmith's] shows a water-shed boundary to Rupert's Land, as in the map [Annexure 7] attached to Parliamentary Paper 542 of 1850; and of these maps Mr. Richard King says, in reply to question 5641 :—"I hold in my hand one of Arrowsmith's very best and recent maps, he being the great authority upon that country" [*i. e.*, British North-west America].

Question 5833.—The Right Honourable Edward Ellice, M. P., connected with the Canadian fur trade and Hudson's Bay Company since 1803, was asked :—

"Have you ever considered the question of a boundary between your territory and Canada?"

Answer.—"Yes; I have considered it very much. Until you have some decision of a court of law against it, you must take the words of the charter."

"Taking the grant in connection with the various occasions on which the Legislature and the Government of this country have been cautious to save the rights of the Hudson's Bay