

and the Saskatchewan are among those likely to be desired for early occupation. It is of great importance that the peace and good order of those districts should be effectually secured. Your Committee trust that there will be no difficulty in effecting arrangements as between Her Majesty's Government and the Hudson's Bay Company by which these districts may be ceded to Canada on equitable principles, and within the districts thus annexed to her, the authority of the Hudson's Bay Company would, of course, entirely cease.

Before taking any further step in the negotiations with the Company, I am desirous of being informed whether your Advisers are prepared to assist in these negotiations with a view of accepting the government of any portion of the territory, and undertaking the duties contemplated by the Committee in case sufficiently favourable terms can be obtained. If they are prepared to do so, it will be desirable that they should send over to this country some person duly authorised to communicate with me upon the subject, in order that the negotiations may be proceeded with during the recess, and the necessary measures prepared for obtaining the sanction of the Imperial Parliament and of the Legislature of Canada. If they are not prepared to assist in the negotiations, I shall be glad to hear from you their views upon the subject of the North Western Boundary of Canada.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Cardwell.*