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REPORT

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MANAGEMENT OF THE INDIANS IN BRITISH NORTH
AMERICA BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

JANUARY 27, 1870.—Presented by Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,
ordered to be printed, and recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 21, 1870.

SIR: Referring to the communication addressed to you from this department, under date of April 14 last, in reply to your letter of the 8th of the same month, requesting that our consul at Fort Erie be instructed to inquire into and report upon the treatment of the Indians within the Dominion of Canada, their present condition and the means employed to bring them into habits of civilization, I have the honor now to inclose you the report of Mr. F. N. Blake, at that time United States consul at Fort Erie, but now holding that office at Hamilton, Ontario.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HAMILTON FISH.

HON. SIDNEY CLARKE,
Chairman of Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Hamilton, Ontario, January 6, 1870.

SIR: According to the instructions issued from the Department of State, in compliance with a request from the Hon. Sidney Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs in the House of Representatives, I have the honor to submit a report on the condition and treatment of the Indians in British North America, and the means used to bring them successfully into the habits of civilization.

During the wars between the French and English in Canada, the aborigines were freely employed on both sides; but since the acquisition of the Provinces by Great Britain, the Indians have not only kept the peace toward the government under which they live, but have been its faithful allies in war, and abstained from violence among themselves.

It is now also an established fact that the Indians of Canada have