

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 27th March, 1865.*

The Committee have had under consideration the Report (hereunto appended) of the Hon. the President of the Executive Council, on the subject of his communications with the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in London, in reference to the opening up to settlement the North-West Territories

The Committee respectfully recommend that the negotiations be taken up by the Deputation of members of Council now about to proceed to London, at the point to which they had been so ably brought by the President of the Council, and carried, if possible, to a successful termination.

Certified,

WM. H. LEE, C. E. C.

*Extract from a Despatch (No. 95,) from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, dated 17th June 1865.*

"On the fourth point, the subject of the North-Western Territory, the Canadian Ministers desired that that Territory should be made over to Canada, and undertook to negotiate with the Hudson's Bay Company for the termination of their rights, on condition that the indemnity, if any, should be paid by a Loan to be raised by Canada under the Imperial Guarantee; with the sanction of the Cabinet, we assented to this proposal,—undertaking that if the negotiation should be successful, we, on the part of the Crown, being satisfied that the amount of the indemnity was reasonable, and the security sufficient, would apply to the Imperial Parliament to sanction the agreement and to guarantee the amount."

*Extract from the Report of the Delegates to England, dated 12th July, 1865.*

"The important question of opening up to settlement and cultivation the vast British Territories on the north-west borders of Canada, next obtained the attention of the Conference. Your Excellency is aware that the desire of the Government of Canada for a satisfactory and final adjustment of this matter has been often formally expressed. In your Excellency's Despatch of 19th January, 1864, to the Colonial Secretary, the anxious desire of the Canadian Government was communicated "for some speedy, inexpensive and mutually satisfactory plan," for settling definitely the North-Western boundary of Canada," and the claim of Canada was asserted to "all that portion of Central British America, which can be