

son's Bay Company, and the Imperial Statute to which you refer, there is another title to an immense tract of land which has not been considered by the Imperial Government. And between the Canadian Government and the people of this country, the same title intervenes, and still holds good.

I hope in the near future to be able to send you a copy of the title.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES TAYLOR.

The Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald,
Ottawa.

To which letter I received no reply.

Before the death of the late Mr. Thos. Bunn, he informed me that the principal records of the country had been saved by Mr. J. H. McTavish, and were being safely protected by him for future use, and advised great caution as to how I approached Mr. McTavish on the subject. I need not hardly add that I have taken the greatest precaution in approaching Mr. McTavish, and have, after several years been successful in discovering Colony Register A, and also receiving information regarding all the other books and records of the District of Assiniboia.

When I opened the subject to Mr. McTavish, he told me how the books and records had come into his possession. He also said that he had lent Register A. on one occasion to Governor Morris, and that the book was now at Government House, Winnipeg, in possession of Governor Schultz. For other books, maps and records, he advised me to write to Sir Donald A. Smith. When I asked Governor Schultz to allow me to see Register A, he hesitated, and then promised to let me see it some time later on. I waited a considerable time, when one day I received the following letter:

(Private)

Manitoba and Keewatin Government House,

Winnipeg, 17th Dec., 1888.

Dear Mr. Taylor:—

Wednesday (first) evening at 7 p.m. The book you would like to look over will be at your service at 9 p.m. and any notes or copy you wish to make can be made.

With best wishes in which Mrs. Schultz joins,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

John Schultz.

Jas. Taylor, Esq.

Winnipeg,

And so Register Book "A", that we had been searching for, for years, was placed into my hands by Governor Schultz in December, 1888, eighteen years after the transfer of this country to Canada. I set to work at once to make a copy of Register A., for my own use, photographed the maps, and then returned the Register on the 27th March, 1889, to Governor Schultz. I might say here, that the maps of the first surveys of the Red River Colony have never been used by the Federal Government so far as we are aware, and many of the original settlers have not been able to this day to secure patents for the lands that they brought with them into Confederation, but have been deprived of their lands, mainly on account of the loss at the time of the transfer, of their public books and official maps of the District of Assiniboia.

The question will be asked, by the reader of this pamphlet, has anything ever been done by any person or persons since the transfer, with regard to the retired servants' claim to the one-tenth part of Lord Selkirk's estate, to try to have the matter settled? My answer is "Yes". On several occasions this claim has been included along with other claims