

*M'Laughlin, John.* (Analysis of his Evidence)—continued.

Reference to a copy of a licence to freight goods from Red River to York Factory, dated 29th July 1845, 4888-4894—Copy of a proclamation by the Governor of Red River colony, dated 7th December 1844, directing measures for the prohibition of imports for settlers engaged in the fur trade; authenticity of this copy, 4895-4898—Copy of a law passed by the Red River Council on the 19th July 1845, relative to accused persons tampering with the evidence of their relatives, &c.; belief that this law has never been acted upon, 4899-4901—Extract from a proclamation by Mr. Christie with reference to further measures for suppressing illicit trade in furs, 4902.

Explanation as to a claim made by the half-breeds upon the Hudson's Bay Company in consequence of their having been prohibited by the Americans from hunting buffalo south of the 49th parallel, 4903-4907—With regard to an extract from a letter from Mr. M'Dermot, witness's uncle, to the secretary of the Hudson's Bay Company, in which witness is spoken of as "a very imprudent young man," &c., the same may be attributed to the fact that Mr. M'Dermot is completely under the influence of the Company, 4908-4912.

Probability of the Company making use of spirits as a means of barter with the Indians; they used to do so in witness's time, 4920-4927—Belief that though an opposition trade between two Companies leads to a traffic in spirits, a general competition in trade would prevent the use of spirits as a means of barter, 4927-4930. 4941. 4948. 5090—Anticipated individual trade in furs if the trade were thrown open, 4931-4933.

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