

CANADA.

which has been engendered at the Red River by false rumours and mistaken anticipations of evil.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

JOHN YOUNG.

The Earl Granville, K.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

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P.S. Your Telegram, of December 9th,* reached me after the above Despatch was written. You will see I had already made the first Telegram the base of a Proclamation, of which copies will be forwarded.

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SIR,

Ottawa, 29th November, 1869.

I had the honour to receive, on Friday, your Despatches of the 5th and 7th November; the former dated from Pembina, and the latter from Larose's Farm. Eight enclosures, including your Correspondence with Governor McTavish, and the Reports made to you by Colonel Dennis and Mr. Provencher also came safe to hand.

These Papers were at once laid before the Governor-General and Council, and were anxiously considered by the Privy Council. The crisis was grave, as it was unexpected, and might, if dealt with rashly and unwisely, lead to a civil, if not a National War, the end of which no man could foresee.

It was the first duty of the Government to acquaint Her Majesty's Ministers with the facts reported, and a cable message was sent at once by the Governor-General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and copies of all the Papers have been forwarded by the mail for England, which left Ottawa this morning.

The Insurrection you describe is not merely an expression of dislike to the Government of the Dominion, but an open violation of Imperial Legislation and defiance of the authority of the Crown. All the negotiations for the transfer of the country had proceeded with the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, and the purchase money had been raised under an Imperial Guarantee. It was assumed on both sides that the Queen's right of Sovereignty was indisputable, and that Her power to protect Her subjects even in that distant part of Her Dominions would be asserted with firmness and decision. It therefore appeared to the Privy Council unwise to complicate matters by any hasty action until the policy of the Queen's Government was known.

The Governor-General is still in telegraphic communication with the Secretary of State, and I may be able, before closing this Despatch, to convey to you, with some degree of clearness and accuracy, the views of Her Majesty's Government.

In the mean time I have it in command to express to you the anxious desire of the Governor-General in Council that all collision with the Insurgents may be avoided, and that no violation of the Neutrality Laws of the United States shall give a pretext for the interference of their Government.

This will be conveyed to you by a special messenger, who, as he speaks French fluently, and is a gentleman of some experience, may be of service.

You will for the present remain at Pembina, cheered by the conviction, which animates us here, that Her Majesty's Ministers will duly estimate the gravity of the facts reported, and take such steps as will, while carefully providing for the good government of the North-West, maintain the authority and vindicate the honour of the Crown.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH HOWE.

P.S.—The messenger cannot leave for a day or two. Duplicate will be sent by him.

The Hon. WILLIAM McDougall, C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Ottawa, 4th December, 1869.

La Rose's
Farm, Pem-
bina, 13th
Nov., 1869.

Adverting to my Letters of the 22nd and 27th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, a copy of a Despatch received at this Department, yesterday, from the Hon. Mr. McDougall, together with copies of the Enclosures therein mentioned.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

F. Turville, Esq., Governor's Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.