

Report of the Committee, consisting of Dr. E. B. TYLOR, Dr. G. M. DAWSON, General Sir J. H. LEFROY, Dr. DANIEL WILSON, Mr. HORATIO HALE, Mr. R. G. HALIBURTON, and Mr. GEORGE W. BLOXAM (Secretary), appointed for the purpose of investigating and publishing reports on the physical characters, languages, industrial and social condition of the North-western Tribes of the Dominion of Canada.

THE Committee have been in active correspondence with missionaries and others stationed among the Indians, but the unsettled state of the country during the past year has made it impossible to do more than collect materials for a preliminary report; the Committee, therefore, ask that they may be reappointed, with a continuance of the grant.

Report on the Blackfoot Tribes. Drawn up by Mr. Horatio Hale.

The tribes composing the Blackfoot Confederacy, as it is commonly styled—in some respects the most important and interesting Indian communities of the North-west—have been until recently less known than any others. It seemed, therefore, that the best contribution which a single member could make to the general report of the Committee would be a special study of these tribes. This view was confirmed by the opinion of President Wilson, the only other member of the Committee who was near enough for me to consult with. With his aid a correspondence was opened with two able and zealous missionaries residing among these Indians, both of whom have replied most courteously and liberally to my inquiries. These are the Rev. Albert Lacombe, widely and favourably known as Father Lacombe, Roman Catholic Missionary among the Siksika, or proper Blackfeet Indians, and the Rev. John McLean, Missionary of the Canadian Methodist Church to the Blood and

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