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665. They do not farm, do they?—They do to a small extent.

666. Are they not the only instances of Indians, except those that have been surrounded by the population of Canada, that you know of, who have settled down as farmers?—There is one instance in the States that I have heard of.

667. Where?—I forget the name of the tribe.

668. The Cherokees?—Yes; they have settled down, and have really become civilised; they have their own Member going to the Legislature, and they have schools.

669. The Cherokees are not now inhabiting the ground where they were originally found?—No; they have changed their ground, and also so have some of the others; some have immigrated from their own lands to the Red River.

670. *Mr. Roebuck.*] In the whole history of America has there been one instance of a half-breed settlement continuing up to the present time?—I am not able to answer that question.

671. Has it not been found by experience that the red man is opposed to that kind of life which we call civilised life?—Exactly so; there is no doubt about it.

672. And wherever the civilised man comes the red man disappears?—Yes, that is the result, generally speaking.

673. *Mr. Gordon.*] In a letter from Sir George Simpson, which is to be found in some papers laid before Parliament in 1842, he says: “Our different trading establishments are the resort or refuge of many of the natives who, from age, infirmity, or other causes, are unable to follow the chase; they have the benefit of the care and attention, free of expense, of our medical men, of whom about 12 are usually employed in the service; every trading establishment being in fact an Indian hospital.” How far does your experience as a medical man in the service of the Company bear that out?—Wherever we act as medical men our services are given gratuitously. We go to a distance if an Indian is at a distance, and have him taken to a fort, and he is fed and clothed there. And it is no uncommon thing to hear the old Indians, when unfit for hunting, say, “We are unfit for work; we will go and reside at a fort.” That is the ordinary feeling which prevailed in the country. Although there are no medical men up at the different posts (there may be the number Sir George has mentioned scattered over the country), yet medicines are sent up to all the posts in regular supplies.

674. If that attendance were asked it would always be afforded?—Yes.

675. Was it frequently afforded?—Frequently so; but those places on the coast are liable to much more disease than places inland.

676. Then, in short, you think that if a statement were made, that the Directors of the Hudson’s Bay Company considered that it was their business to attend to the Company’s own servants, but not to any other class of the population, it would be a false charge?—Perfectly erroneous; in fact the Indian is more readily attended to generally than the others.

677. And as a rule the medical men appointed by the Company would not consider it their sole duty to attend to the Company’s servants?—Certainly not; they are there for the Indians as much as for the Company’s people.

678. *Mr. Roebuck.*] How long did you say that you dwelt at Moose Factory?—Ten years.

679. During that time what was the average number of the worn-out hunters who lived there upon your charity?—I cannot exactly tell that. The population of the place was, I think, about 180 altogether; few Indians came there; but there were generally two or three or four old families, or six sometimes, pensioners at the place. They called at the Fort; they were there regularly every week; they had their encampment at the place, and they went and hunted at intervals as they were able, and if they were not able to get food enough, they had it given to them.

680. How many people would those families number?—Perhaps 12; perhaps 13 or 14 altogether.

681. Then I understand you that at the Moose Factory there was an average of about 12 old Indians?—Yes, women and men.

682. That was the sum of the great advantage that the Indians round about Moose Factory derived, namely, 10 or 12, or, say, 14 or 16?—The whole population there is about 180, and if any of them came in and were unfit to hunt, they