

INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this pamphlet is to place before the English public, and the new Shareholders in the Hudson's Bay Company, a plain statement of facts, founded on evidence brought before a Parliamentary Committee, and subsequent correspondence between the Canadian Executive and the Imperial Government. We think it will be shown :—

- 1st. That the territory claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company is widely different from that derived under its Charter, granted by Charles the Second.
- 2nd. That Canada has never admitted the *exclusive* right of the Hudson's Bay Company to any portion of the territory claimed under their Charter.
- 3rd. That although Crown Lawyers have given opinions favourable to the territorial rights of the Company, it has never been submitted to a competent tribunal, nor tried in the only way Englishmen are accustomed to determine such questions.
- 4th. That the one hundred million acres of fertile land, with the vision of which Mr. Heath dazzled the imagination of the Shareholders, are a myth.

Not one Englishman in a thousand conversant with the ordinary institutions of his country knows anything about the