

traversing the Fraser River to the ocean. The Indians of the Interior had never before seen the "Pale faces," and it required great prudence and skill to avoid a conflict and eventually to win their friendship.

The North-West Fur Company having thus added what is now British Columbia to their sovereignty it remained under their control till the fusion of that Company with the Hudson Bay Company in 1821, and thirty-seven years after it became a Crown Colony.

After the retirement of your Petitioner's father from the Company he was offered the honor of Knighthood in recognition of his services. His circumstances did not, however, warrant the acceptance of a title, and he died extremely poor leaving his family unprovided for. Your Petitioner and two brothers are now the sole survivors.

Remembering the advantages gained by the neighboring Republic in all our diplomatic controversies, touching the boundary line between the two countries from the State of Maine line in the East to the San Juan boundary in the west, can it be claimed that had British Traders not occupied the country West of the Rocky Mountains in advance of the Americans, we should to-day have the Pacific Ocean for our Western boundary, and should possess within our Confederation the fine Province of British Columbia? Canada has never been ungrateful to those sons who have secured advantages for their country, and your Petitioner therefore hopes that some recognition of her father's services may even now be shown by making provision for the support of his only surviving daughter.

And your Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

HARRIET FRASER.

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