

Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

or British Columbia, on the terms conditionally agreed to on behalf of the Government of Canada by the Honorable Sir, George Et. Cartier, Baronet, and the Honorable William MacDougall, C. B., and on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company by Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Governor of that Company, and approved by His Excellency in Council as aforesaid, which terms are set forth in a letter from Sir Frederic Rogers, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the 9th March, 1869, communicated to the delegates by direction of Earl Granville, and in two subsequent Memorandums dated respectively 22nd and 29th March, 1869, containing a modification of such terms, and are in the words and figures following:

"Terms, as stated in the Letter from Sir Frederic Rogers of 9th March, 1869.

"1. The Hudson's Bay Company to surrender to Her Majesty all the rights of Government, property, &c., in Rupert's Land, which are specified in 31 and 32 Vict. cap. 105, sec. 4, and also all similar rights in any other part of British North America not comprised in Rupert's Land, Canada or British Columbia.

"2. Canada is to pay to the Company 300,000*l.*, when Rupert's Land is transferred to the Dominion of Canada.

"3. The Company may, within twelve months of the surrender, select a block of land adjoining each of its stations within the limits specified in Article 1.

"4. The size of the blocks is not to exceed acres in the
Red River Territory, nor 3,000 acres beyond that territory, and the aggregate extent of the blocks is not to exceed 50,000 acres.

"5. So far as the configuration of the country admits, the blocks are to be in the shape of parallelograms, of which the length is not more than double the breadth.

"6. The Hudson's Bay Company may for fifty years after the surrender claim in any township or district within the Fertile Belt in which land is set out for settlement, grants of land not exceeding one-twentieth part of the land so set out. The blocks so granted to be determined by lot, and the Hudson's Bay Company to pay a rateable share of the survey expenses not exceeding an acre.

"7. For the purpose of the present agreement, the Fertile Belt is to be bounded as follows: on the south by the United States Boundary, on the west by the Rocky Mountains, on the north by the northern branch of the Saskatchewan, on the east by Lake Winnipeg, the Lake of the Woods, and the waters connecting them.

"8. All titles to land up to the 8th March, 1869, conferred by the company are to be confirmed.

"9. The company is to be at liberty to carry on its trade without hindrance in its corporate capacity, and no exceptional tax is to be placed on the Company's land, trade, or servants, nor any import duty on goods introduced by them previous to the surrender.