This waterway runs through a country of vast natural resources. Timber, asphaltum, copper, salt and fish are some of its natural resources. The agricultural possibilities of the Peace river district are unsurpassed in the northwest. As an illustration of the latter, the witness explained to the committee that he was in possession of a letter dated two weeks previous to that date, informing him that 5,000 sacks of flour will be ground at Fort Vermilion this winter. Fort Vermilion is 670 miles north of the United States boundary, and is in latitude 58:30. The Hudson Bay Company has a large and excellently equipped flour mill there which cost \$45,000.