

11. You will also report upon the relations at present existing between the Hudson Bay Company and the different religious bodies in the Territories.

12. You will also report as to the number of officers now employed by the Hudson Bay Company in the Administration of the Government of the Territories, stating the duties and salaries of such officers, and specifying those who should, in your opinion, be retained; you will also report as to the number of persons whom it will be necessary hereafter to employ in the Administration of the Government, and you will report generally on all subjects connected with the welfare of the Territories upon which it may seem to you desirable to communicate with the Government of the Dominion.

13. It is desirable that you should take immediate measures for the extension of the telegraph system from the Territory to Pembina, and for its connection at that place with the system of the American Telegraph Company or Companies, making any provisional arrangements for that purpose that may be necessary, and forwarding a copy of such arrangements to this Department for confirmation by His Excellency.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

E. A. MEREDITH,
Under Secretary of State.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
11th October, 1869.

To the Honorable Mr. McDougall, C.B.,

SIR,—I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, to transmit to you herewith three Commissions under the Great Seal, and one under His Excellency's Privy Seal, as follows:—

1. A Commission appointing you Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories.
2. A Commission (*Dedimus Potestatem*), to William McTavish and the other parties therein named to administer the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office to you as Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories.
3. A Commission (*Dedimus Potestatem*), to the same parties as are named in preceding Commission, to administer the Oaths of Office to all persons hereafter appointed to office in the North-West Territories.
4. A Commission under His Excellency's Privy Seal appointing you Deputy Governor for signing Marriage Licenses in the North-West Territories.

All these Commissions are to take effect from and after the day to be named by Her Majesty in pursuance of the "British North America Act, 1867," for the admission of Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territories into the Dominion of Canada.

The proposed Great Seal of the North-West Territories has been handed to Mr. Provencher, the bearer of this letter, to be delivered to you on his arrival at Fort Garry.

The Seal will require to be sanctioned by His Excellency in Council, and will, at an early day, be submitted to him for that purpose.

I have &c.,

E. A. MEREDITH,
Under Secretary of State.