

have been ignored; and that the transaction which the British Government has recently made with the Hudson's Bay Company in regard to that country practically involves the admission of perpetuating the old one-sided policy, and of compensating not merely *one* party, but also the party who has *no* right to such compensation, and hence the revolution now transpiring in those regions.

May I remind your Lordship that the Red River people hold the key to the heart of that continent along the frontier, midway from ocean to ocean; that they are composed in part of the American people flowing over the border, and largely composed of those who are related by blood and united by one common interest to the Indian chiefs and tribes over the whole territory; and that, therefore, complexity on the question of the International Boundary Line on the one hand, and a great Indian war on the other, may now follow?

Had justice been granted to that people in accordance with the pleadings of every true friend of that country, the present risk of life and property, and the grave errors in the administration of our colonial department, would have been prevented.

As it is, if Her Majesty's Government decide on sending out troops to Red River, by which route will they be transported? There are but two now generally used: one by Hudson's Bay, which will not be open for navigation till next summer; and the other is through the United States of America, for which much time might be consumed in obtaining permission, which, in a time of war with that country, could not be secured. This, again, points to the importance of opening the overland route, embracing