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Proprietary Rights. Witness when opposed to the Company many years ago, took the opinions of many eminent lawyers as to their legal rights, and has, since his connection with the Company, taken further eminent legal opinions, *Right Hon. Ellice* 5823—Conclusion that the proprietary rights of the Company, as given by the charter, cannot be disputed, *ib.* 5823, 5824—Existence formerly of several proprietary colonies in the States; how terminated, *ib.* 5824. 5922-5928—The Company is the last proprietary government in existence, *ib.* 5824—Reference to an Act passed in 1690, conveying certain powers to the Hudson's Bay Company but for seven years only; explanation hereon to the effect that subsequent Acts in 1708, 1744, 1803 and 1818 have contained clauses saving the rights and privileges of the Company, *ib.* 6059-6069.

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Puget Sound Agricultural Company. The Puget Sound Agricultural Company is an offshoot of the Hudson's Bay Company, *Sir G. Simpson* 1124—The Puget Sound Company, which cultivates a considerable quantity of land in Vancouver's Island, is composed of servants of the Hudson's Bay Company, *Hon. C. W. W. Fitzwilliam* 2352-2355.

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