

Second Report of the Committee, consisting of Dr. E. B. TYLOR, Dr. G. M. DAWSON, General Sir J. H. LEFROY, Dr. DANIEL WILSON, Mr. R. G. HALIBURTON, and Mr. GEORGE W. BLOXAM (Secretary), appointed for the purpose of investigating and publishing reports on the physical characters, languages, and industrial and social condition of the North-western Tribes of the Dominion of Canada.

THE Committee beg to report that during the past year an extensive correspondence has been carried on with representatives of the Hudson Bay Company, missionaries, and others who are in constant contact with the Indians, and that a large amount of material is gradually being collected. A series of questions is in course of being drawn up, and it is hoped that these will bring in much valuable information during the winter. Mr. Horatio Hale has, unfortunately, been prevented from making his promised visit to the Indian tribes during the past year, but the Committee hope that next spring Mr. Hale will be able to carry out his intention of visiting the North-West, and they have to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr. Hale for much of the information already collected.

Mr. R. G. Haliburton has promised to place at the disposal of the Committee the replies of Canadian Indian agents, through the Indian Department, to circulars sent to them by him in 1870 and 1871, and also a statement of the Chief Factor of the Hudson Bay Company at Queen Charlotte Island respecting the customs, beliefs, &c., of the Indians there.

The Committee ask for reappointment.

Report to the Council of the Corresponding Societies Committee, consisting of Mr. FRANCIS GALTON (Chairman), Professor A. W. WILLIAMSON, Captain DOUGLAS GALTON, Professor BOYD DAWKINS, Sir RAWSON RAWSON, Dr. J. G. GARSON, Dr. J. EVANS, Mr. J. HOPKINSON, Professor R. MELDOLA (Secretary), Mr. W. WHITAKER, Mr. G. J. SYMONS, and General PITT-RIVERS.

THE Corresponding Societies Committee of the British Association beg to submit to the Council a statement of the work done at Aberdeen by the Conference of Delegates, with comments thereon.

Two Conferences were held—one on Thursday, September 10, and the other on Tuesday, September 15—both meetings having been called at 3.15 p.m., and lasting in each case about one hour.

The following is the list of the Delegates nominated, and of the Societies represented by them:—

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| Prof. J. W. H. Trail, M.A. . . . | . . . | Aberdeen Natural History Society. |
| Mr. Thomas Lister | . . . | Barnsley Naturalists' Society. |
| Rev. George Robinson | . . . | Belfast Naturalists' Field Club. |
| Rev. H. Boydon | . . . | Birmingham Natural History and Microscopical Society. |