

seems to me that the possible economy resulting from the proposed modification of the Commission is out-weighted by the grave national complications which might result from the change.

It is therefore recommended that, instead of assigning the task of primarily allotting the Reserve to the Indian Superintendents in their respective Superintendencies, as proposed by that Order in Council of the 23rd February 1877, the present Commissioner Mr Sproat be appointed to discharge that important duty, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Lands and Works of British Columbia, and in the event of any difference between the Commissioner and Mr Sproat, the matter to be referred to one of the judges of the Supreme Court as provided by that Order in Council.

By this means the continuity of the present Commission would be preserved and the Indians would have a guarantee that the same policy which has hitherto guided the Commission in dealing with their Reserves would be continued in the future.

Moreover the experience acquired during the past 18 months would

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