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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, February 7, 1930

Honble. J. T. M. Anderson,
Premier of Saskatchewan,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of January 17th on the subject of the transfer to the Province of Saskatchewan of its natural resources, and I desire to assure you that its contents have received very careful consideration.

Our Government does not find itself in agreement with the views the letter expresses on a number of historical and legal points, or with the inferences to be drawn from certain of the facts to which you refer, and we cannot admit that the constitutional position of Saskatchewan as one of the provinces of Canada, or that of the Northwest Territories prior to the erection of the Province, should be treated for the present purpose as having been the subject of general misconception for more than half a century. We think, however, that these disagreements are of no immediate consequence since there appears to remain no serious obstacle to the two Governments at once reaching a satisfactory agreement on the specific practical points with which your letter concludes.

Since we consider it desirable that the arrangements for the administration of the natural resources of the three Prairie Provinces should, if possible, be kept uniform, we are prepared to enter into an agreement for the immediate transfer of the unalienated resources in the Province of Saskatchewan and the continuance of the present subsidy along the same lines

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