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Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 20th June, 1914.



The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, dated 11th March, 1914, submitting the accompanying memorandum from the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs upon the Indian claim to the lands of the Province of British Columbia, in which he concurs.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, advise that the claim be referred to the Exchequer Court of Canada with the right of appeal to the Privy Council under the following conditions:—

1. The Indians of British Columbia shall, by their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the Privy Council, decides that they have a title to lands of the Province, to surrender such title, receiving from the Dominion benefits to be granted for extinguishment of title in accordance with past usage of the Crown in satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered territories, and to accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia as approved by the Governments of the Dominion and the Province as a full allotment of Reserve lands to be administered for their benefit as part of the compensation.
2. That the Province of British Columbia by granting the said reserves as approved shall be held to have satisfied all claims of the Indians against the Province.
That the remaining considerations shall be provided and the cost thereof borne by the Government of the Dominion of Canada.
3. That the Government of British Columbia shall be represented by counsel, that the Indians shall be represented by counsel nominated and paid by the Dominion.
4. That, in the event of the Court or the Privy Council deciding that the Indians have no title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians shall be governed by consideration of their interests and future development.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.