

North America Act, 1871. Certain details would, in that event, still remain for adjustment, and if the opposite course were pursued, elaborate provisions would be required to prevent friction arising from the joint provincial and Dominion jurisdiction. It seems doubtful if the exclusion from Alberta and the inclusion in the Northwest Territories of so much of the Wood-Buffalo Park as now lies in the former is necessary or likely to be agreeable to the Province, but it might perhaps be suggested. No special provision appears to be required on the subject of the remaining parks. Appendix E outlines the position fully.

7. Water, (Appendix F). The water supply to the western plains being no greater than is required for the purpose of maintaining their fertility, the common law rights of riparian owners throughout western Canada were early taken away by legislation, and the ownership, administration and control of all waters were vested in the Crown, together with the beds of streams and lakes. Later the lands required for the development of water powers were likewise excluded from ordinary Crown grants. In the general interest of all three western provinces, it seems essential that no one of them should be in a position independently to deprive any other of the benefit of the water supply which it needs, and the Government of Saskatchewan has directed attention to the necessity of the Dominion's continuing to accept responsibility for the protection of the water courses. The continuance of Dominion control over water throughout the western Provinces would therefore appear advisable and would probably not meet with objection from Alberta. Appendix F deals with the nature of the provisions on this subject which in this view an agreement with the Province will require.

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