

Minister of Justice and the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and discussed with them the interview just referred to. As a result of this interview a report regarding the claim of the Indians in this Province was sent by the Dominion Government to the Imperial Government. This led in June last to two interviews in London with Mr. Harcourt, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, at one of which on June 21st, you, Mr. McBride, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were present. At a subsequent interview between Mr. O'Meara and Mr. Harcourt you were not present. As a result of these London interviews Mr. Harcourt, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has sent a despatch to Earl Grey requesting that he communicate the same to us, the "Friends of the Indians," urging that we again submit this matter to your Government. As this despatch forms the basis of our present action I crave your indulgence while I read it:

"FROM MR. HARCOURT TO LORD GREY

"CANADA, No. 552

"Downing Street,

"6th July, 1911.

"My Lord:

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatches, No. 279 of the 10th May, and No. 329 of the 3rd of June, on the subject of Indian lands in the Province of British Columbia.

"2. As your Ministers are aware, this question of the position of the Indian land claim in British Columbia has been for some long time pressed upon the attention of my predecessors and myself, and lately I have been asked to receive a formal deputation on the subject from sympathizers with the Indians in this country but have not done so. I have, however, given two interviews to the Rev. Arthur E. O'Meara, as representing the 'Friends of the Indians' in British Columbia, at the first of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. McBride were good enough to be present, and I understand that subsequently they discussed the matter together. At the second interview, at which they were not present, I told