

ings of the Commission they are to be considered as a final settlement. It is thought inadvisable to agree to any proposals which would reopen the question of Indian reserves in British Columbia.

The Ministers further state, as regards the Second, Third and Fourth proposals, that the Order-in-Council of the 20th June, 1914, provides that if by judicial decision the Indians are found to have a title in the lands of the Province, they are 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." This arrangement to which the Indians of British Columbia must agree, before the case is presented to the Exchequer Court, fully provides for the method of compensation according to well-established principles. It is thought inadvisable to accept these proposals which, if adopted, would not promote a satisfactory settlement of the question.

The Ministers, therefore, recommend, after due and careful consideration, that the terms of the Order-in-Council of 20th June, 1914, be not modified or altered.

The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for approval.

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