

ments and that the Statute above mentioned is beyond the powers of the Parliament of Canada.

During the past three years the possibility of bringing about settlement of the Indian land controversy without judicial decision has been subject of discussion between the Government of Canada and the allied Indian Tribes, and by such discussion and papers presented on behalf of the allied Tribes it has been made clear that the allied Tribes are unwilling to accept settlement based upon compensation to be granted by the Dominion of Canada under conditions proposed by Order-in-Council passed in the month of June 1914 and are determined to accept only settlement based upon their actual rights and brought about by negotiation with both Governments or other equitable method.

Before the passing of Order-in-Council by which on 19th July 1924 the Government of Canada adopted the Report of the Royal Commission the Minister of Interior speaking on behalf of the Government of Canada at Vancouver had conceded that the allied Tribes are entitled to secure judicial decision of the Indian land controversy and had given assurance that Canada would help them in securing such decision.

The allied Tribes now claim that under assurances given by the Duke of Connaught, communications had with the Lord President of His Majesty's Privy Council, and all assurances given on behalf of Canada they are clearly entitled to proceed independently in His Majesty's Privy Council and to secure judgment of the Judicial Committee deciding the Indian land controversy.

Delegates of the allied Tribes have recently demanded that all assurances given on behalf of Canada be fulfilled and in letter addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada have declared that the passing of the Orders-in-Council of the two Governments adopting the Report of the Royal Commission has made positively necessary that the Indian land controversy shall be decided by the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council.

In the course of debate had in the House of Commons on the last day of the Session the Minister of Interior speaking on behalf