

communication addressed to him by the Roman Catholic Bishop grandaie of Kamloops very earnestly deprecating any change in the Commission. "The Indians; <sup>would regard a change of Commissioners as a change of policy and that change would be</sup> writes the Bishop, a fatal blow to the whole scheme.

Bearing in mind then the wide spread discontent which prevailed last year among the Indian Communities in British Columbia, the general distrust of the Indians in the feelings of the Government towards them; recollecting how narrowly the Province escaped last year from very untoward Indian complications involving possibly a general rising of the Indians, it is a matter of paramount importance not merely in the interest of British Columbia but of the Dominion itself, that no steps should now be taken which would be calculated to again disturb the Indian mind and bring about a renewal of those feelings of distrust and discontent now happily allayed by the judicious conduct of the Commission during the past season.

Viewing the question therefore as a question not affecting the Indians population merely, or even the interest of British Columbia by itself but one involving grave national consideration, it

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