

APPENDIX C.Hudson Bay and Railway Subsidy Lands.

1. Part of the arrangement made with the Hudson Bay Company in 1870 was the agreement of the Dominion Government to allot to the Company for its own benefit a certain proportion of the surrendered lands. Most of the lands to be so have been allotted, but there remains an unselected balance. It is provided in the Alberta Act, 1905, c.3, s.23, that nothing therein contained "shall in any way prejudice the rights or properties of the Hudson Bay Company as contained in the conditions under which that company surrendered Rupert's Land to the Crown". In view, however, of the Province not so far having had control of the Crown lands, and of the conditions of the surrender, it would appear to be advisable expressly to include in the agreement a provision saving the rights of the company in respect of the lands to be transferred to the Province.

2. There also remain unselected between 16,000 and 17,000 acres of lands granted in aid of railway construction, the grantees having the right to select the parcels to be received out of unappropriated Crown lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. If before the completion of the arrangement with the Province, the grantees are required to select any lands they desire to receive in Alberta, no provision on this subject need be included in the agreement; otherwise, it will be necessary to insert a clause preserving the grantees' rights.

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