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Regina, February 14, 1930

The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. King:

I wish to acknowledge, on behalf of the Government, your letter of February 7th containing the proposals of the Federal Government in connection with the transfer to the Province of Saskatchewan of its natural resources. I believe as you do that we can now arrive at an agreement which will be satisfactory to our Province and to your Government.

As we understand your proposal, your Government is prepared to give us, without delay, our unalienated resources and a continuance of the present cash subsidy with increases as already arranged and that you are also prepared to agree to a Commission mutually satisfactory. Furthermore, you agree to have this Commission conduct an accounting with a view to deciding whether or not we are entitled to other compensation than the cash subsidy for alienations during the period subsequent to 1905.

In addition to this, your Government is prepared to join with us in submitting to the Supreme Court of Canada under R.S.C. 1927, c. 55, s. 55, questions so framed as to obtain a decision as to the relative rights of Canada and of the Province to the natural resources lying within the present provincial boundaries from 1870 to 1905.

With reference to the second last paragraph of your letter, the position which we take is not that the constitution should be amended as a matter of policy, but that it should be

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