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THAT REVERSIONARY INTEREST.

We are told that the reversionary interest in the reserve near Kalen Island is worth nothing at all. Let us examine this claim.

A reversionary interest in an Indian reservation may be worth very little while it is occupied as a reservation but the moment it ceases to be so occupied it ceases to be a reservation and the reversionary interest becomes an interest in possession.

We are told that the Indians have sold their rights for \$7.50 an acre to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, that the Dominion government, as guardian of the Indians, has consented to the sale, and the money has been paid into the hands of the Dominion government.

Under these circumstances, to claim that 13,000 acres of selected land closely adjacent to the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is worth nothing at all is too absurd to be entertained for a moment.

And yet the Dominion government wanted the province to give it away for nothing and the province has done so.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. DRURY The insistence, with which Mr. R. L. Drury in his public utterances deals with the subject of timber, recalls the fact that in the course of previous election contests Mr. Drury took a most earnest interest in the timber question.

A SHORT CATECHISM. What is meant by "better terms"? It has two meanings, one applying to all the provinces alike, and the other having special reference to British Columbia.

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Electors at Splendid Vote of Confidence for McBride Government.

A large and enthusiastic vote was cast yesterday evening for the McBride government. The meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, and a profound suspicion of the dominant sentiment of the meeting, and during the course of the evening, the speaker, Mr. McBride, was warmly welcomed.

Mr. Thomson, the speaker, rose amidst applause. He took for his text the words of the prophet, "The Lord will be true to those who love him." He said that the province will unite with the Dominion government, and that the province will be a part of the Dominion.

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