

Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, accompanied by a summary showing that about \$8,118,138 had been expended in connection with the obligations assumed by the Dominion under Treaties 1, 2 and 5.

THE CHAIRMAN: In Manitoba?

MR. McMASTER: In Manitoba.

THE CHAIRMAN: That meant extinguishing the Indian titles, setting aside reservations, and paying treaty money, I suppose.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, that is what it meant.

THE CHAIRMAN: And you thought that that amount should be charged to the Province of Manitoba?

MR. McMASTER: To Manitoba, in the event---

THE CHAIRMAN: I know.

MR. McMASTER: ---of your Board finding that we were accountable for the free homestead land and for the land given away to railways.

THE CHAIRMAN: Why do you make it contingent upon that event? Is it not a claim on its own merits?

MR. McMASTER: No, I do not think so. I think that if we are not obliged to account for this land we have no right to set up the expenses that the Dominion Government was at in order to free that land from the Indian title.

THE CHAIRMAN: No, but, you see, the accountability for the land to which you refer now pertains only to the homestead lands.

MR. McMASTER: Only to the homestead lands.

THE CHAIRMAN: Only.

MR. McMASTER: And land for railway purposes also.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, I see. You are embracing the whole thing?

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I see.