

Ottawa,

MEMORANDUM.For the Right Honourable the Prime Minister.Transfer of Public Lands to the Province of Alberta .

1. Introductory. The negotiation with the Province of Alberta of an agreement providing for the transfer to it of the natural resources it contains will necessarily involve bargaining on a number of points, in respect of only one of which an agreement has been reached. Concessions will doubtless have to be made on both sides, and the resulting agreement confirmed by concurrent statutes of the Province and the Dominion. The principal subjects with which it will be necessary to deal in the agreement are indicated below, with suggestions as to the mode in which they might severally be disposed of. Separate memoranda are also attached on each of them; in these the relevant facts are briefly outlined and the reasons for the suggested course of action indicated. All that it is presently possible to do is to suggest the lines upon which negotiations might proceed.

2. Finance (Appendix A). It has been agreed that an amount equal to the special subsidy payable by the Dominion to the Province in lieu of public lands shall, notwithstanding the transfer of these to the Province, continue to be payable for three years. This agreement has been reached on a basis which seems to contemplate the abandonment on both sides of charges and countercharges. Its terms and implications are dealt with in Appendix A.

3. Public Lands Generally (Appendix B). Speaking generally, the proposed transfer will extend to the whole interest of the Crown in the right of the Dominion in all public lands in Alberta, presumably including all payments accrued or accruing under outstand-

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