

moneys spent by the Dominion Government for the Indian title should be charged to Manitoba?

MR. McMASTER: Yes, if we are to be charged with the disposal or alienation of land in Manitoba. I do not think we should be charged.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is the status of Indian lands in the other Provinces?

MR. McMASTER: Well, Indian lands in other Provinces are vested in the Province. That was decided in the St. Catharine's Milling Case.

MR. PLAXTON: In the St. Catharine's Milling Case and Ontario vs. Seybold, and some others.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, several cases. It was held --

THE CHAIRMAN: We have something in the way of a precedent. For instance, when the last extension was made to the boundaries of the Province of Quebec, when all that immense area was thrown into the Province of Quebec, it seems to have been taken for granted that the Province of Quebec got not only the extension of its boundaries, but the ownership of the natural resources within those new boundaries. The Act which created the extension provides that the Indian title shall not be interfered with by the Province of Quebec. That is, they have simply handed over to the Province of Quebec anything they <sup>had</sup> ~~have done~~, and said: "Now you may keep this, but you must not alter it. You must respect the Indian title." Well now, what difference would you expect in the way of treatment in handing over the resources to Manitoba?

MR. McMASTER: It seems to me the treatment would have to be exactly the same.

THE CHAIRMAN: Quebec was not charged anything, you see.

MR. McMASTER: No, but suppose the Dominion had not cleared up this Indian title by making treaties 1, 2 and 5