

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION

BETWEEN

THE DOMINION OF CANADA

AND

THE PROVINCES OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Answer of Quebec to the Claim of Canada for Indian Increased Annuities under the "Robinson Treaties."

Quebec intends to deal with this case as presented by the Dominion of Canada against the late Province of Canada.

Canada demands from the said Province the sum of \$325,440.00, being, as alleged, arrears of annuities under the "Robinson Treaties" from the year 1851 to the year 1867, made up, about 1875, of the difference between the payments at \$1.60 and \$4.00 per head, with interest to the first of December, 1892.

Quebec does not intend to deal with the arrears of annuities claimed from the Province of Ontario, as specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the "Statement of Case of the Dominion."

This case involves several questions of fact and also of law.

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It is based upon the following clause of the "Robinson Treaties":

"The said William Benjamin Robinson, on behalf of Her Majesty, who desires to deal liberally and justly with all her subjects, further promises and agrees that should the territory hereby ceded by the parties of the second part at any future period produce such an amount as will enable the Government of this Province, without incurring loss, to increase the annuity hereby secured to them, then, in that case, the same shall be augmented from time to time, provided that the amount paid to each individual shall not exceed the sum of one pound Provincial cur-20