

unwillingness to give the subject a fair investigation, or a reluctance to undertake the labor, or possibly from necessary information being withheld.

My assertion, however, is this—whatever concessions have been offered or modifications made, they have been conditional, whilst the conditions have been never accepted, or if accepted, never performed in such a manner as to entitle the parties to whom they were offered to their benefit. I do not greatly differ from those who consider that, with possibly some exception, the whole of the Grants made by the Crown are liable to forfeiture, but my endeavour has been to shew how such a forfeiture is reconcilable to substantial justice.

I am quite aware that the facts and authorities I have put together are incomplete; but I leave them to explain whether they are not sufficient to give a general idea of the truth and actual position of affairs—sufficient as a specimen of what may be extracted from existing memorials and documents, and to sustain the assertion, that no value has been given by the Grantees in Prince Edward Island for important possessions and privileges, given to them on conditions of things to be done which have never been performed, and payments to be made which have never been liquidated.

I have the honor to be,

Your Grace's very obedt. humble servt.,

WILLIAM SWABEY,

Member of the Legislative Council of P. E. Island.

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