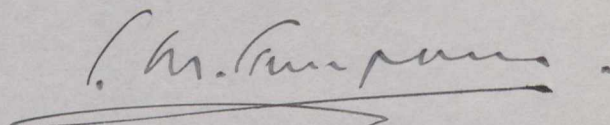


During its early sittings I personally interviewed the chief counsel for the Macdonald Commission and pointed out errors in the coal estimate, particularly for Vancouver Island, the chief source of the coal supply for this province. I thought I had made progress and was therefore surprised on reading the report to find that the Commission, apparently influenced by the SYMPOSIUM, had ignored entirely my representations which were based on the MacKenzie, Evans, and Barlow reports.

I would therefore ask that you pass this correspondence over to your coal specialists with the suggestion that they again check over these reports for their conclusions indicate a condition too serious to be ignored. If these conclusions are in error your specialists can show where they are in error and due publicity can be given to the matter. If, however, they appear to be correct then correction to the statements in the SYMPOSIUM can be made in some public way.

These suggestions are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. M. Thompson", is written above a horizontal line that underlines the signature.