

of land of which they now hold possession.

Throughout the greater portion of this Province the Indians are, and will be for many years to come, completely isolated, having little or no intercourse with the whites, and in these remote places no difficulties are likely to be experienced.

It will therefore be apparent to you that should the present elaborate and cumbersome mode of dealing with the Indian lands be continued, until the entire number and extent of the reserves throughout the Province be determined and appropriated, many years will necessarily elapse before the work can be completed, whilst the cost to both Governments must be excessive, and entirely disproportionate to the results attained.

For these reasons I consider the actions of the present Commissioners should be restricted to the settlement of difficulties in the places referred to. All existing difficulties could be adjusted, and the Commission dissolved towards the close of the present year, should this suggestion be adopted.

After the dissolution of the present Indian Commission, the Superintendents of Indian Affairs, in their respective

localities