

1. For upwards of a year we have been endeavoring to secure that the question of the title of the Indian tribes shall be submitted to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, either directly or through the Supreme Court of Canada. Encouraging progress has been made, but much effort may still be required in order to accomplish this.

2. In order that the case for the Indians may be satisfactorily prepared, it will be necessary to investigate fully the two subjects of Indian title and British sovereignty on the Pacific Coast. This will involve a very large amount of work.

3. It will be of much importance, if possible, to secure an agreement between the Government of British Columbia and the Indians regarding material facts and the admission of historical evidence, so that the issue may be simplified and rapidly decided.

4. Passing from the reference to more general matters, let me point out the importance of a most thorough investigation of existing conditions affecting the welfare of the various tribes.

5. It will, no doubt, be agreed that efforts should be made through the Press, and otherwise, to secure an improved state of public opinion in the Province on this subject.

6. Equally important it seems to me will be efforts to secure an improved attitude on the part of some of the Indian tribes. I have before me letters recently received from chiefs of the Skeena River, which afford ground for hoping that these Indians may be induced to abandon their extreme claims.

7. When, by carrying forward these lines of effort, the rights of the Indians are determined, the actual conditions are fully known, public opinion recognizes the just claims of the Indians, and the Indians recognize that they cannot exclude the white settlers and hold back development of the Province, we may hope for adjustment of all claims and final solution of the problem.

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