

subject to an autocratic and tyrannical municipal government directed from Ottawa.

5. The only solution of these difficulties would be to erect a special form of municipal machinery which would give to the representatives of the inhabitants greater power than they now enjoy in their elective advisory councils, and would, at the same time, preserve the necessary final authority in the parks administration. Such a form of municipal organization it is obviously impossible now to lay down for all time, even by agreement with the Province of Alberta and, lacking such an agreement, the Dominion would have to rely upon the Provincial Legislature for an essential part of the proper government of the parks.

6. Having regard to this special difficulty and to the prospect of possibly constant friction as to the application of provincial legislation from time to time, it appears that the only clean-cut solution of the whole problem would be to resort to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1871; and, by the agreement with the Province, to alter its boundaries so as to exclude the parks from it. Such an arrangement involves the adjustment of certain details which, however, should not prevent any very serious difficulty.

7. If this solution were adopted, it would not be necessary to insert in the agreement with the province any provision defining the general law to be applicable in the parks. The natural course to follow would be for the Dominion to extend to them all the laws of Alberta as they stand from time to time, except so far as any rule of provincial law was inconsistent with such Dominion regulations as might be in force.

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