

Canada and the Provincial Legislatures of Ontario and Manitoba, in connection with the Imperial Act 34 & 35 Vict., cap. 28, or otherwise, will be sufficient, or whether a new Imperial Act for the purpose will be necessary.

“O. MOWAT,
Atty.-Gen'l. of Ontario.
“JAMES A. MILLER,
Atty.-Gen'l. of Manitoba.”

“And humbly praying that Your Majesty in Council will be pleased to take the said Special Case into consideration, and that the said Special Case may be referred by Your Majesty to the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to report thereon to Your Majesty at the Board, and that such order may be made thereupon as to Your Majesty shall seem meet. The Lords of the Committee in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference have taken the said humble Petition and Special Case into consideration, and having heard Counsel for the Province of Ontario and also for the Province of Manitoba, their Lordships do this day agree humbly to report to Your Majesty as their opinion—

“1. That legislation by the Dominion of Canada as well as by the Province of Ontario was necessary to give binding effect as against the Dominion and the Province to the award of the 3rd of August, 1878, and that as no such legislation has taken place, the award is not binding.

“2. That nevertheless, their lordships find so much of the boundary lines laid down by that award as relate to the territory now in dispute between the Province of Ontario and the Province of Manitoba to be substantially correct, and in accordance with the conclusions which their lordships have drawn from the evidence laid before them.

“That upon the evidence their lordships find the true boundary between the western part of the Province of Ontario and the southeastern part of the Province of Manitoba to be so much of a line drawn to the Lake of the Woods, through the waters eastward of that lake and west of Long Lake which divide British North America from the territory of the United States, and thence through the Lake of the Woods to the most northwestern point of that lake as runs northward from

the United States boundary, and from the most northwestern point of the Lake of the Woods a line drawn due north until it strikes the middle line of the course of the river discharging the waters of the lake called Lac Seul or the Lonely Lake, whether above or below its confluence with the stream flowing from the Lake of the Woods towards Lake Winnipeg, and their lordships find the true boundary between the same two provinces to the north of Ontario and to the south of Manitoba, proceeding eastward from the point at which the below-mentioned line strikes the middle line of the course of the river last aforesaid to be along the middle line of the course of the same river (whether called by the name of the English River or as to the part below the confluence by the name of the River Winnipeg) up to Lac Seul or the Lonely Lake, and thence along the middle line of Lac Seul or the Lonely Lake to the head of that lake, and thence by a straight line to the nearest point of the middle line of the waters of Lake St. Joseph, and thence along that middle line until it reaches the foot or outlet of that lake, and thence along the middle line of the river by which the waters of Lake St. Joseph discharge themselves, until it reaches a line drawn due north from the confluence of the Rivers Mississippi and Ohio which forms the boundary eastward of the Province of Manitoba.

“3. That without expressing an opinion as to the sufficiency or otherwise of concurrent legislation of the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and of the Dominion of Canada (if such legislation should take place), their lordships think it desirable and most expedient that an imperial act of parliament should be passed to make this decision binding and effectual.”

HER MAJESTY having taken the said report into consideration, was pleased by and with the advice of her Privy Council to approve thereof and to order as it is hereby ordered that the same be punctually observed, obeyed and carried into execution. Whereof the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario and the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

C. L. PAUL.