

season at which the Commissioners commenced their work last year they were unable (altho they carried on their labours very late into the winter) to accomplish the whole of the task which the Order in Council contemplated they could finish in the year.

Such being the actual position of affairs the local Government of British Columbia now urge that the change in the organization of the Commission contemplated by the order in Council of the 23rd February last, be now carried out and that the apportioning of the lands remaining unallotted to the Indians should be made by the Indian Superintendants, in their several Superintendencies subject to the approval of Chief Commissioner of Lands and works in British Columbia with power of reference in case of difference between the Superintendant and Commissioner to one of the judges of the Supreme Court.

With the additional knowledge which we now possess, from the detailed reports of the Commissioners, of the critical condition of affairs among the Indian tribes in the Interior of British Columbia and of the many difficulties which beset the question of assigning the Reserves in such a way as to satisfy the white settlers, and the natives, it is submitted that it would be highly

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