

MR. McMASTER: You will get it. In round figures, Mr. Chairman, it shows that there has been on account of the timber resources a deficit of a million dollars.

THE CHAIRMAN: A million dollars. What was the total deficit of which you told us the other day?

MR. McMASTER: Six million dollars, in round figures. This is not an additional deficit; this forms part of that deficit.

Now you remember, Mr. Chairman, that the other day you were not perhaps completely in accord with my remarks upon the right of the Dominion to ask for a set-off against the Province of Manitoba in the event of the Commission finding that Canada is obliged to account to Manitoba for the disposal of the free homestead land. The words which I am going to utter are decidedly a second line of defence. I hope that we have so impressed upon the Commission the soundness of our view that, in any event and in all events, the Dominion will not be obliged to account to Manitoba for the alienations of the free homestead land, and that what I say now will not be necessary, but in the event of your Board finding that the free homestead land must be accounted for, then it would appear to me that not the whole of this \$8,000,000 which I mentioned---

MR. HUDSON: Eight million acres.

MR. McMASTER: No; \$8,000,000---which was charged in connection with the abandonment of the aboriginal title--- should be charged against Manitoba, but only, in round figures, two and a half millions.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not follow you, Mr. McMaster. Pardon me.

MR. McMASTER: You will remember that the other morning, sir, I brought before you a letter from Mr. Scott, the