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is done there in the way of perfecting navigation, and so on,
is --

MR. McMASTER: Of great benefit to the Dominion.

THE CHAIRMAN: It does not do any damage at all to the
Province of Quebec.

MR. McMASTER: No, it does great benefit to the Dominion --
great benefit to the Dominion.

Now, sirs, the Department of Indian Affairs has spent
vast sums of money on the Indians in Manitoba. Of course
that care of the Indians is a Federal charge, but there had
to be, as I understand it, special contributions made to In-
dians in order to get rid of the Indian title in regard to
certain lands in Manitoba. Now, if we are not to be charged --
and I do not think we should be charged -- with any accounting
for the lands --

THE CHAIRMAN: You mean for the Indian lands?

MR. McMASTER: No, no; for the lands.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh!

MR. McMASTER: For the lands alienated. If we are not
to be charged, then I do not think that the figures which I
am going to give you should be taken into consideration; but
if there is going to be on the part of the Commission, after
all I have said, any inclination to feel that the Dominion
is accountable for lands alienated for free homesteads, or
for railway construction, or for halfbreeds, or for the
various other categories that I have discussed for the last
couple of days, then, as the Dominion has spent very consider-
able sums of money in order that these should be freed from
the Indian claim, that should be taken on equitable grounds
into consideration when any accounting is required. Am I
clear?

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I understand you to say that any

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