Dominion and the Provincial Governments each provide an agent to visit the Indians and report fully as to the number and pursuits of each nation and the kind of country they severally occupy.

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3. That the Provincial Government deal as liberally with the Indians as other Provincial Governments in the Dominion, My opinion is that a liberal policy will prove the cheapest in the end, but I hold it will not be necessary in the v interests of the Indians to grant them only cultivable lands; rather, I would recommend that a large portion of their Reserves should be wild and forest lands, and hence may be very extensive without impoverishing the Province, and at the same time so satisfactory to the Indians as to allay all irritation and jealousy towards the whites.

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4. I think the Provincial Government might reasonably insist upon this with the Dominion Government: That no Indian shall be allowed to alienate any part of a Reserve and in case of any Reserve being abandoned, or the Indians on it de creasing, so that its extent is disproportioned to the number of occupants, that such Reserve or part of a Reserve might revert to the Provincial Government.

Mr. Duncan adds:- "The existing Reserves as shown to be, by the correspondence, both irregular in qunatity and misplaced as to locality, by following tribal divisions, which is no doubt a mistake and fraught with bad consequences."

"My advice would be, in the meantime, simply to ignore them, as it certainly would not be wise to regard them as a precedent, and it would be impolited to have two systems of Reserves in the Province, one tribal and the other national." It will be observed that Mr. Walkem speaks of the appoint-

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