

is a certain amount of doubt and difficulty. We do not see the position. First of all, as we understand it, it is not the historical review that you seem once or twice to indicate, it is a publication of a record of the interviews that have taken place in Ottawa from the 3rd of February in connection with the Nishga Petition and the papers in connection with it, a full record of it, but not necessarily going beyond that, has been our desire from the first. The matter has been held over for some length of time; we were anxious that action should be taken and also I may say frankly there seems to the Nishgas and myself a certain amount of mystery over it; it has been suggested that there are certain matters to go in about which we have no information, and now it is suggested that the matter is to be submitted to the Minister of Justice, about which it is not explained. This seems to us an extremely practical matter, that is the full record of these interviews.

DR. ROCHE.—I do not know that there would be any stumbling block about the record, there may be some difficulty about the accompanying papers you speak of as to what papers should be included.

MR. O'MEARA.—I have before me what Mr. Scott and I went over weeks ago, and we thought had arrived at a finality, but it has not gone forward, and now we have the suggestion that it should be submitted to the Department of Justice. As I understand Mr. Scott now, he raises the whole question as to whether the pamphlet should be printed.

MR. SCOTT.—Yes.

MR. O'MEARA.—I understood weeks ago that he would publish that pamphlet.

MR. SCOTT.—If it is proper to publish it; I cannot advise the Minister to publish anything without submission to the Minister of Justice.

MR. O'MEARA.—In these interviews, right from the beginning to the end, there are two matters, the Government's proposals and the discussion of the whole of them and all explanations given, and, on the other hand, the Nishga proposals and their explanation and discussion.

DR. ROCHE.—You are hardly correct in stating that, inasmuch as there is a great deal said here to-day that I do not consider it necessary to reply to. Now, if you have been having these interviews with the idea of each time entering into more or less of an argument in setting forth the Indian side of the case, with the idea of building up a record to go to the public and make as great a case as possible, which we have not answered, I do not answer because I do not think it neces-