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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Chairman, Quebec Church Property Commission
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Dear Sir Arthur:

In connection with the file of applications to the Quebec Church Property Commission which I handed you yesterday, I feel that I ought to give you a word of explanation, and re-assurance.

These claims were only handed to me by my clients at six o'clock the previous evening and I had no opportunity to investigate them at all before lodging them, as yesterday was my last convenient day for filing. Except in respect of four or five of the more important of them I had never been consulted and so far have had no opportunity to reach a conclusion as to whether, even in my own judgment, they are proper applications or not.

From a casual examination, however, I saw at once that comparatively few of them are applications under Section 4-6 of the Act, in which cases alone your commission will be called upon to make specific orders. I do not think there are more than half of the dozen I anticipated of such claims.

All the others are applications in cases of alleged "extreme hardship" under Section 5; but in these cases your commission is only authorized to make recommendations which will only be binding in the good faith of the parties.

Even in respect of these they will be materially narrowed down by a few rulings in typical cases. I think you can, therefore, still feel that