

Province of British Columbia
Victoria B. C.
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Sir,

I have the honour to bring before your notice the extremely expensive method now in operation of adjusting the difficulties existing between the white and native population of this Province, and which the Commission appointed by the Dominion and Local Governments have been authorized to determine.

From the large number of Indians in this Province the subject is naturally one of grave anxiety to the Provincial Government, but to preclude the possibility of any future controversy arising between the two Governments, in respect to the apportionment of lands to the Native tribes, I should recommend that, whilst the Commission as now constituted be allowed for the present to persevere, their labours should be entirely confined to places where the Whites and Natives are living in close proximity, and to those localities where the Indians are dissatisfied with the Area

The Hon

✓ The Minister of the Interior
Ottawa.

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