

makes arrangements with the province when it takes a surrender.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. McMASTER: And it does not take a surrender unless the province is prepared to pay the amount of money which the Dominion has to pay in connection with the obtaining of such surrender.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then we are back to where we were the other day. Then, undoubtedly, when the natural resources of Manitoba are transferred by an Act of Parliament there will be in that Act a provision similar to that which was put into the Act extending the boundaries of Quebec and the boundaries of Ontario, and it will speak for the future and thereby again keep ^{Manitoba} ~~us~~ down to a basis of equality.

MR. McMASTER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: But isn't that as far as we should go?

MR. McMASTER: I do not think I can go very much farther, sir, but I just wanted to clear the matter up, and I wanted to say this. I have made enquiries and I find that, whether obliged by treaty or not to do so, the Dominion is accustomed in connection with Indian matters to provide schools, ammunition, twine, implements and tools, cattle, and triennial clothing to Indians; but it does not give annuities to Indians unless the Indians have waived or surrendered their aboriginal title, and therefore---

THE CHAIRMAN: That is called the treaty money.

MR. McMASTER: That is called the treaty money.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is a result of a treaty whereby they renounce their title.

MR. McMASTER: Their title; and therefore I think that if you gentlemen come to the conclusion---as I trust you will not---that the Dominion is obliged to make recompense

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