future they do not know what that future contains for them. Their very national, or tribal, existence seems to be threatened, and they do not see what we are going to give them instead of it. Because of their uncertainty they are dissatisfied, gravely dissatisfied.

" It will affect other interests besides the interests of the Indians. It will affect the interests of the settlers. What happened within the last year? Why was it that last year the settlers on the Skeena River did not feel secure in the matter of their lives, and many of them sent their families out from that part of the Province? The simple answer is the Indian land question on the Skeena River.

" The unsolved problem will prejudicially affect the business interests of this Province. Very marked indication of this will be found both in your great city and in the city of Victoria. Take the trouble over the large reserve now in the heart of Victoria. Similar questions arise with regard to some reserves in or near Vancouver. I am also informed that in various parts of the Province similar questions have arisen. Right at the bottom of these local questions lies this broad question of the title of the Indian tribes to the land.

" We may be sure also that the unsolved problem will affect both the public interests and the missionary interests of this part of Canada.

" Is it possible to suggest on what principles the problem can be solved? I think there are three things which must be borne in mind. If there is to be a solution it must be by means of a final settlement. Let me quote the Hon. R. W. Scott: 'The undersigned submits that no scheme for the settlement of this question can be held to be satisfactory which does not provide for its prompt and final adjustment.' The second principle I suggest is that if there is to be a final settlement, that settlement must be based upon justice. Beyond doubt, there is a problem to be solved. Is it not equally clear that it must be settled by some method of force or by some method of justice? Which is it to be? I answer that question by