

the view that the work of the recently appointed Commission should be only one of investigation and recommendation and that its findings should only become operative when sanctioned by the two Governments which it represents.

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And the present juncture is a favourable one for the final settlement of the question. The resolve of the Indians of Naas River to submit their claim directly to His Majesty's Privy Council affords an easy method of settlement; the Government of Canada need only assent to the reference. The agreement between the two Governments for the settlement of the reserves naturally brings up, if it does not necessarily compel, the settlement of the larger question. And the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada consider that the moral issues involved are more important than the financial or political ones. The Prophets, three thousand years ago, under divine inspiration, taught that justice exalts a nation, and the experience of all nations since then has proved the truth of the prophetic utterance. In recent years it is the settlement of great moral questions, even at great national sacrifice, that has redounded to the highest honour of England and the United States. It is the just and generous treatment of native and conquered races, that has, by the creation of a spirit of confidence and loyalty, proved the mainstay of the British Empire. The Canadian Government has been justly praised for its noble treatment of the Indians from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains. Why not extend that work beyond the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean? The Indians of British Columbia are among