

question, which he is anxious to take up and decide, if you were to communicate with the Treasurer of Ontario, so that the whole of the contentions of each Government should be before the Dominion Government, with the reasons which each may give for assenting to, or dissenting from, the views of the others.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
(Signed,) JOHN LANGTON,
Auditor

HON. J. G. ROBERTSON, }
Treasurer, }
Quebec. }

Quebec, 25th November, 1869.

SIR,

Will you be so good as to forward me as soon as possible, a statement shewing the quantity of Indian Reserved Lands transferred to the Crown Lands Department, when the system of Indian Annuities was adopted; the quantity sold and the price with the arrears due on such sales the 1st July, 1867.

This information is required for use before the arbitrators, and an early reply will much oblige

Your very obedient Servant,
(Signed,) J. G. ROBERTSON,
Treasurer.

HON. S. RICHARDS, }
Asst.-Commissioner, Crown Lands, }
Toronto. }

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO,

Toronto, 26th Nov., 1869.

SIR,

Your letter of the 11th instant, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands was by him, this morning, handed to me to answer.

You ask the Commissioner to forward to you "a statement showing the quantity of Indian Reserve Lands transferred to the Crown Lands Department when the system of Annuities was adopted, the quantity sold and the prices, with the arrears due on such sales, the 1st July, 1867."

In reply, I have to say that the management of any "Indian Reserve Lands transferred to the Crown Lands Department," was, prior to Confederation, under the control of the Indian Affairs Branch of that Department, and since Confederation has been under that of the Department of the Secretary of State for Canada, with whom are all the books, documents and papers relating to Indian affairs,