

— No. 14. —

(No. 48.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor General the Right Honourable
Sir Edmund Head, Bart., to the Duke of Newcastle.

Government House, Quebec, 18 May 1860.

(Received, 1 June 1860.)

(Answered, No. 85, 14 July 1860, page 40.)

My Lord Duke,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a certified copy of the Indian Lands Management Bill, which will be reserved at the close of the Session, for the special expression of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Your Grace will perceive that the 1st of July is the day fixed for the transfer of the Indian Department to the Provincial Government; and as being near at hand, I have to request that the Bill may be submitted to the Queen with as little delay as practicable.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head.*

P.S.—The Session of the Legislature will be closed, and the Bill reserved on the same day that this Despatch leaves, but the mail closes at an earlier hour than that fixed for the prorogation.—*E. H.*

No. 14.
Right Hon. Sir E.
Head, Bart., to the
Duke of New-
castle.

18 May 1860.

— No. 15. —

(No. 49.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor General the Right Honourable
Sir Edmund Head, Bart., to the Duke of Newcastle.

Government House, Quebec, 19 May 1860.

(Received, 4 June 1860.)

(Answered, No. 85, 14 July 1860, page 46.)

My Lord Duke,

REFERRING to my Despatch of yesterday, No. 48,* I have now the honour to enclose an authenticated copy of the Indian Lands Management Bill, as reserved by me this day, at the closing of the Legislative Session.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edmund Head.*

No. 15.
Right Hon. Sir E.
Head, Bart., to the
Duke of New-
castle.

19 May 1860.

* *Supra.*

Enclosure in No. 15.

AN ACT respecting the Management of the Indian Lands and Property.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. From and after the 1st day of July next, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for the time being, shall be Chief Superintendent of Indian affairs.

2. All lands reserved for the Indians, or for any tribe or band of Indians, or held in trust for their benefit, shall be deemed to be reserved and held for the same purposes as before the passing of this Act, but subject to its provisions.

3. All moneys or securities of any kind applicable to the support or benefit of the Indians or any tribe or band of Indians, and all moneys accrued, or hereafter to accrue, from the sale of any lands reserved or held in trust as aforesaid, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be applicable to the same purposes, and be dealt with in the same manner as they might have been applied to or dealt with before the passing of this Act.

4. No release or surrender of lands reserved for the use of Indians, or of any tribe or band of Indians, shall be valid or binding except on the following conditions:—

1. Such release or surrender shall be assented to by the chief, or if more than one chief by a majority of the chiefs of the tribe or band of Indians, assembled at a meeting or council of the tribe or band, summoned for that purpose, according to their rules, and entitled under this Act to vote thereat, and held in the presence of an officer duly authorised to attend such council by the Commissioner of Crown Lands; provided always, that no chief or Indian shall be entitled to vote or be present at such council unless he habitually resides on or near the land in question.

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