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You suggest that the case of Saskatchewan is in the main identical with that of Alberta. May I just mention to indicate the great difference between the cases of the two Provinces the following facts:

(a) that the alienations of land in Alberta are very much less than the alienations in Saskatchewan,

(b) that Alberta by virtue of her oil and coal development has immediately available a substantial revenue apart from lands,

(c) that proportionately the Province of Alberta has available for an immediate Provincial Land Settlement Scheme a larger area of agricultural land.

We are prepared to accept the terms of your offer with these qualifications:

(a) That all unalienated natural resources within the Province of Saskatchewan be turned over to the said Province at once, and that the subsidy be continued in perpetuity in accordance with the terms of The Saskatchewan Act.

(b) We are not prepared to agree to the two Commissioners mentioned by you in view of the considered and expressed opinions of both Commissioners on the matters at issue in the report of the Manitoba Commission and on other occasions.

We renew our offer to submit our claims for compensation for all alienations subsequent to 1905 to a Commission consisting of a Commissioner appointed by the Government of Canada, a Commissioner appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan, and a third Commissioner appointed by the Imperial Government, or in the alternative, to the third Commissioner being appointed by the two.

(c) That while the Commission is sitting and without any delay we are prepared, in accordance with the terms of your offer, to co-operate with your Government in referring appropriate questions regarding our claims to an accounting between 1870 and 1905 and our claims respecting the amendment of our Constitution to the Supreme Court of Canada, subject to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

(d) In the event of our contention being upheld by the Courts the question of the accounting from 1870 to 1905 ~~to~~ be referred to the said Commission, and on an agreement being arrived at the whole question of compensation and the amendment to the Constitution to be submitted to Parliament and the Legislature of Saskatchewan with a view to the agreement being given effect to at an early date by legislation of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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