

8. This attitude of local Governments was vigorously and persistently opposed by the Dominion of Canada. In the year 1874 the Minister of Interior sent to the Government of British Columbia communication demanding recognition of Indian land rights. From the letter the following words are quoted:-

"The policy foreshadowed in the provisions of the
"13th clause of British Columbia Terms of Union is plainly
"altogether inadequate to satisfy the fair and reasonable
"demands of the Indians. To satisfy these demands, and to
"secure the good will of the natives, the Dominion and
"local Governments must look beyond the terms of that
"agreement--and be governed in their conduct towards the
"aborigines by the justice of their claims and by the
"necessities of the case."

9. From the Report of the Minister of Justice relating to the Land Act of British Columbia, which was made on 19th January 1875 and was adopted by the Governor-General in Council on 23rd January 1875 (Dominion and Provincial Legislation, -Hodgins - p. 1024 to 1028) the following words are quoted:-

"Considering then these several features of the case,
"that no surrender or cession of their territorial rights,
"whether the same be of a legal or equitable nature, has
"been ever executed by the Indian Tribes of the Province,
"that they allege that the reservations of land made by the
"Government for their use have been arbitrarily so made and
"are totally inadequate to their support and requirements
"and without their assent, that they are not averse to
"hostilities in order to enforce rights which it is im-
"possible to deny them and that the Act under consideration
"not only ignores these rights but expressly prohibits the

Indians