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immediate transfer of its natural resources of the Province, this agreement to be substantially along the same lines as that already entered into with the Province of Alberta, but differing from it in naming three different Commissioners (if you so desire), in providing for the submission to the Supreme Court of Canada under R.S.C. 1927, c. 35, s.55 of questions so framed as to obtain a decision as to the relative rights of Canada and of the Province to the natural resources lying within the present provincial boundaries from 1870 onwards and in specifying that the Commissioners should have regard only to the period after 1905 or to the whole period from 1870 onwards in accordance with the decision of the Courts on the reference.

Some of the expressions in your letter seem to indicate that you think it desirable that consideration should be given to the amendment of the constitution of the Province generally on grounds of policy and not by reason of any doubt as to the legislative competence of Parliament to enact the provisions of the Saskatchewan Act in their present form, and you appear to propose that questions of this character should be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada for consideration. We cannot, however, see that such questions can have any bearing upon the transfer of the natural resources to the administration of the Province, and the Supreme Court of Canada would, we think, not in any event be the proper forum for their consideration.

I trust that the suggestions I have made will have the effect of removing the last obstacles to the immediate negotiation of an arrangement whereby the Province of Saskatchewan will be placed, with respect to its natural resources,

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