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The Honourable J. T. H. Anderson,
Premier of Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conferences on the subject of the agreement for the transfer to the Province of its natural resources, I agree that it would be useful, as you suggest, to make quite clear what the position of the Government of Canada is on two of the points which have been under consideration.

Our view with regard to the concluding clause of paragraph 1 of the agreement is that it relates to the specific payments received before and after the coming into force of the agreement, and that the clause has no effect whatever upon the rights or duties of the Commissioners appointed under paragraph 24 to consider the position with regard to payments received by Canada before the coming into force of the agreement. In our view the position of the Commissioners in relation to such payments is wholly covered by the provisions of paragraph 24, and any effect upon it of the concluding clause of paragraph 1 is expressly excluded by the inclusion in that clause of the words "except as herein otherwise specially provided".

In our view, moreover, the provisions with regard to the consideration by the Commissioners of the relative rights and obligations of Canada and of the Province in respect of the period subsequent to September 1st, 1905, are not to be in any way affected by any judgment that may be obtained pursuant to paragraph 22 upon the question of such rights and obligations to the constitution of the Province.

Yours very truly,

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