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yourself point out, the recommendations of the Commissioners must command themselves to the approval of Parliament and of the Saskatchewan Legislature in order that effect may be given to them by legislation, and indeed no other course is open since neither Parliament nor the Legislature could properly delegate their legislative powers in advance to any Commissioners, even if either had power effectively to do so.

As to the mode in which the Commissioners should deal with the questions to be referred to them, we are decidedly of opinion that all matters in difference should be dealt with together. No advantage would be gained by divorcing consideration of the periods before and after 1905; on the contrary, for the Commissioners to deal with these different periods at different times would be in the highest degree inconvenient and unsatisfactory. It seems to us therefore that, before entering upon the consideration of the questions referred to them, the Commissioners should know definitely to what period they should have regard in arriving at their conclusions, and that all necessary questions of law should be determined before the inquiry opens. No interest would thereby suffer since any recommendation by the Commissioners would necessarily indicate the date by reference to which their calculations had been made, and in the meantime the Province would have had the administration of its natural resources and would have continued to receive the present subsidies without diminution.

We would consequently propose that a conference be at once arranged to settle the terms of an agreement for the

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