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authority  
to be valid.  
Administra-  
tion under  
B.C.  
Water Acts.

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contracts, etc.  
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local  
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be valid.

As to  
Pending claims.

As to  
Indian  
Reserves.

Application  
of B.C.  
legislation.

"5. All records, grants, licenses, orders in council, or contracts of, for or affecting the use of water within the Railway Belt, heretofore granted or made by or on behalf of the Government of Canada or the Minister, shall, notwithstanding anything in this Act, be and be deemed to be valid and effective and shall be given effect to.

"2. Subject to the property in and the rights to the use of water referred to in subsection 1 hereof,-

"(a) all water without distinction within the Railway Belt shall, during the pleasure of the Governor in Council, for the purposes of administration be under the exclusive control of the authorities of the province of British Columbia and be administered under and in accordance with the Water Acts as if the said Acts were enacted by the Parliament of Canada, and the officers and authorities having powers and duties to exercise and perform under the provisions of the Water Acts shall have the like powers and authority with respect to or in connection with the administration of the said water, and

"(b) all records, grants, licenses, orders in council, claims or contracts of, for or affecting the use of water within the Railway Belt heretofore granted, or purporting or bona fide claimed to have been granted, by any provincial or local authority and all applications to any such authority for records, grants, licenses, orders in council, claims or contracts of, for or affecting the use of water within the Railway Belt heretofore made and now pending shall be deemed to be valid and effective to the same extent for the like purposes, and subject in the like manner to the jurisdiction of the Board, (and shall be subject to all the obligations and limitations imposed by the Water Acts), as if made, issued, authorized, claimed or pending with respect to water in British Columbia not within the Railway Belt.

"3. All applications or claims for the use of water within the Railway Belt heretofore made to the Government of Canada or the Minister, and now pending, shall be deemed to be valid and effective and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and given effect to under the provisions of the Water Acts to the same extent and for the like purposes as if such applications or claims had been made or were pending by, to or before the competent provincial or local authority under the provisions of the Water Acts with respect to water in British Columbia not within the Railway Belt.

"4. All waters for irrigation allotted to Indians or Indian Reserves, whether allotted by the Indian Reserve Commissioners or recorded in Dominion or Provincial Government offices, and all applications to any provincial or local authority for the use of water within the Railway Belt in the interest of Indians or Indian Reserves, shall be deemed to be valid and effective and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and given effect to under the provisions of the Water Acts as if made, issued, authorized or pending by, to or before the competent provincial or local authority under the provisions of the Water Acts with respect to water in British Columbia not within the Railway Belt.

"6. The Governor in Council may direct that any Act, or portion thereof, passed by the legislature of the province of British Columbia after the third day of March, nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to water in the province not within the Railway Belt shall apply to the water in the Railway Belt as if such Act were enacted by the Parliament of Canada.

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