

along the lines, at any rate, of that which we have had presented to us in the interviews from time to time.

I may say, Canon Tucker, in reference to your remarks about the documents, which you expressed some disappointment at not being placed in possession of, I presume you refer to this historical resume to be printed, and which Mr. Scott has in charge or is to submit to the Justice Department prior to having it printed.

CANON TUCKER.—I did not mean to express disappointment, but to bring the matter up and express a hope that it would be brought to a decision.

DR. ROCHE.—Now, I think you are making a mistake in advising the Nishgas not to appear before the Commission this year and give what information and what evidence they can to aid the Commission in the performance of their duties that have been assigned to them. Personally, I do not think at all that it would in any respect prejudice their case to impart all information which the Commission might require. I think it would be very unfortunate that the Commission should dissolve without securing the information which they are securing from other tribes, and you know that this Commission is pretty expensive; we do not desire to have it continue any longer than is absolutely necessary. We were in hopes it would wind up its labours this year. We certainly do not want to have it run over to another year, adding additional expense, if we can possibly avoid it, and, therefore, I think the Nishgas would be very wrongly advised by anybody to not appear before the Commission and give the information which the Commission may require from them, just as all the other tribes in British Columbia are giving, and, in doing so they may rest assured it is not going to prejudice their case, which is now engaging the attention of the Government.

CANON TUCKER.—We have, as far as I am concerned, offered that advice on the grounds that we were afraid they would prejudice their case by appearing before this Commission, which has only authority to deal with reserves. If we were given assurance that it would not prejudice their case, I do not see what harm would be done if they appeared before the Commission and gave their information if they have assurance that it will not prejudice their case.

DR. ROCHE.—As far as that is concerned they could have that appear on the record that it is not to prejudice their case.

(Discussion between the Minister and Canon Tucker on this point.)

DR. ROCHE.—In regard to the financial consideration I