

-2-

as have been followed in the case of the Province of Alberta, and hope that an agreement can be made accordingly with the Province of Saskatchewan in time to permit of its being submitted to Parliament and the Saskatchewan Legislature at the sessions which are about to open, in order that all the agreements on the subject of natural resources may be brought into operation contemporaneously.

There seem therefore to remain only two minor points upon which the suggestions contained in my letter of December 31st are not entirely agreeable to you, namely, the selection of the proposed commissioners and the course they should follow in dealing with the questions to be referred to them.

Our proposal that Mr. Justice Turgeon should act with Mr. Bowman and a third person to be suggested by you would, we thought, be acceptable to you for several reasons. We considered that Mr. Justice Turgeon's and Mr. Bowman's familiarity with the general situation would be a distinct advantage, and we also expected that you would welcome our suggestion because its acceptance would probably result in two of the three Commissioners being drawn from the Province of Saskatchewan, and because you would regard Mr. Justice Turgeon's position and the respect in which he is held as likely to cause conclusions in the formulation of which he took a principal part to command the ready assent of the public of the Province. As, however, you indicate a desire for the nomination of other commissioners, we should be glad to discuss the choice which should be made. It seems obvious that in a matter of this kind the persons selected should be agreed upon by both the Governments concerned. As you

**POOR
COPY**

W.L. Mackenzie King Papers
Memoranda & Notes

**PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA**