

Minister of the Interior should be charged with their administration and that they should be sold by auction on specified terms, the monies derived from such sales to be invested in Dominion securities and the interest thereon, after deducting the cost of management, to be paid annually to

"the Government of the Province or Territory within which such lands are situated, towards the support of public schools therein, — the monies so paid to be distributed with such view by the Government of such Province or Territory in such manner as may be deemed most expedient".

The provisions of these two statutes of 1872 and 1879 have been added to and consolidated from time to time, the provisions presently corresponding to them and not greatly differing from them being those contained in 1908, c.20,ss.39 to 42, inclusive, as amended or affected by 1908, c.22; 1914, c.28,s.10; 1916, c.26; 1919, c.50,s.3; 1920, c.11, s.4; 1921, c.30; 1923, c.12; 1923, c.44,ss.5 and 6, and 1924, c.39.

4. At any time within the last fifty-two years these school lands might, consistently with the guiding idea, have been transferred absolutely to the appropriate local authorities, but the convenience of a unified administration of all Crown lands in western Canada, and, at least in the earlier years, the possibility of improvident dealing with such lands as might be surrendered to local control, entirely justified the retention of the lands in question under the jurisdiction of the Dominion.

5. Now, however, it is proposed that the Dominion of Canada should transfer to the Province of Alberta the whole undisposed of residue in the Province of the landed estate which Canada acquired by surrender from the Hudson Bay Company, and which has heretofore been administered for the benefit of Canada as a whole. Upon this transfer being made, the Crown in the right of the Province will become entitled to regal rights in all or almost all the lands within its

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