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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

On behalf of the Commissioners and the staff of the Indian Claims Commission, we are pleased to present you with our seventh volume of the *Indian Claims Commission Proceedings*. Included in this volume are four reports of the Commission's inquiries into the claims of First Nations from the province of British Columbia.

The first report was released in March 1996 and relates to the claim of the 'Namgis First Nation respecting the allocation of a reserve on Cormorant Island.

The Commission has conducted two separate inquiries into claims arising out of the applications of First Nations for reserve lands before the McKenna-McBride Commission. The McKenna-McBride Commission was established on September 24, 1912, by agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia in an effort to resolve the long-standing controversy over the establishment of Indian reserves in British Columbia. The claimants in these two inquiries were the 'Namgis First Nation (report released in February 1997) and the the Mamalelegala Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Enox Band (report released in March 1997).

Completing this volume of the *Proceedings* is a report released in March 1996. It describes how the Nak'azdli First Nation's claim to the alienation of 300 acres of land set apart as Aht-Len-Jees Indian Reserve 5 was accepted for negotiation by Canada without the need for a full inquiry. This report illustrates how the Commission's unique inquiry process offered an opportunity for Canada to reconsider its position after hearing the oral testimony of the elders on the historical basis for the claim.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACWS	All Canada Weekly Summaries
BCCA	British Columbia Court of Appeal
BCR	Band Council Resolution
BCSC	British Columbia Supreme Court
CA	Court of Appeal
CCC	Canadian Criminal Cases
CCLT	Canadian Cases on the Law of Torts
CNLR	Canadian Native Law Reporter
CPR	Canadian Patent Reporter
CTC	Canada Tax Cases
DIAND	Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
DLR	Dominion Law Reports
DLS	Dominion Land Surveyor
DSGIA	Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs
ETR	Estates and Trusts Reports
FC	Canada Federal Court Reports
FCA	Federal Court Appeal Division
FCTD	Federal Court Trial Division
HL	House of Lords
ICC	Indian Claims Commission
ICCP	Indian Claims Commission Proceedings
IR	Indian Reserve
Man. R.	Manitoba Reports
NA	National Archives of Canada
<i>NEB</i>	<i>National Energy Board</i>
NR	National Reporter

ABBREVIATIONS

ONC	Office of Native Claims
RSBC	Revised Statutes of British Columbia
RSC	Revised Statutes of Canada
SBC	Statutes of British Columbia
SC	Statutes of Canada
SCC	Supreme Court of Canada
SCR	Canada Supreme Court Reports
UTLJ	University of Toronto Law Journal
WWR	Western Weekly Reports

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