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October 20, 1917.

Sir:-

There is some trouble in connection with the boundary line of Penelakut Indian Reserve No. 9 on Galiano Island. Mr. A. Deacon, who owns the adjoining property, claims that the Indian houses are trespassing on his line, which trespass he states is shown by a survey he had made of his property within the last three years. Two years ago I instructed Indian Agent Robertson to go to this reserve and endeavor to define the old reserve lines. He went there in February, 1915, and took the surveyor's field notes with him and traced the line for a short distance but owing to the broken nature of the land was unable to follow the line for more than 10 or 12 chains. He states that the witness trees on the southwest corner have all disappeared but that the Indians assert they built their fences and houses on the original line. On this matter I may say that ^{as} Mr. Deacon has been complaining recently, through a legal firm in this city, that the Indians are trespassing on his land I would recommend that in order to get this matter settled Mr. Ashdown Green should be instructed to go there and re-define the line and have the posts set at the proper places in the presence of the Indians and Mr. Deacon.

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The expenses incurred should not exceed over \$25.00.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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