

Ottawa, 12th October, 1906.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have to say that your recommendation, that the Department should pay, on account of the Escoumains Indian reserve, the sum of \$100. towards the construction of a ditch by the Municipality in the said reserve, will be taken into consideration, and you will be further advised.

With reference to the construction of a road through the reserve by Chas. Boucher in place of the one he has hitherto used, I have to say that your decision appears to be satisfactory. The Department has no objection to this proceeding, provided the Indians are agreeable thereto. It is regretted that so many of the Indians were absent during your visit. If you are satisfied that the Indians will concur in your decision, Boucher may construct the road, and fence it as you have decided. It is of course understood that he will place gates in the fence wherever necessary, ~~whenever~~ to afford access across the road from one part of the reserve to the other.

Your obedient servant,

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