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November 21, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November 19th, instant, I beg to say

1. Our records show that the original Kitselas Reserve was allotted as indicated by you at 1470 acres, in 1893.

On survey in 1901 by C.M. Skinner the area is shown at 1102.0 acres. This was confirmed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia as a reserve of 1102.0 acres less right-of-way Grand Trunk Railway so that the area now stands at 1080.58 acres. No doubt proof of this data could be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, who would give whatever directions are necessary in this connection.

2. Copy of letter dated 16th March 1920, addressed by the late Indian Commissioner Ditchburn to myself when I was holding the post of Indian Agent at Prince Rupert, is sent herewith and will indicate the history of certain actions taken toward the clarification of our mineral and precious metals regulations.

You will be aware that a permit to prospect Indian reserves for minerals is only good for one year and would have to be renewed to be valid for a longer period; also that unless a lease of surface rights has been obtained from Ottawa for the operation of a mine or other works, there could be no involvement of the Department in any controversy between your clients and those in opposition to them.

I shall be pleased to give you any further particulars within my ability so to do.

Sincerely yours,

Encl
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