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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

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Memorandum, -

Hon. T. W. Crothers,  
Acting Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

I herewith inclose a list of applications by the railway companies therein indicated who require land for railway purposes through Indian reserves in the Province of British Columbia; these amount to between 35 and 40 and remain undealt with pending the report of the British Columbia Commission. Mr. H. E. Bissell, the Right of Way Agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, called at the Department a day or so ago to see whether the Company could not be allowed to proceed with their construction through these reserves without further delay. The agreement especially provides that in cases of land required for railway purposes they shall be referred to the Commissioner, who shall thereupon dispose of the question upon an interim report and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendation of the Commissioner into effect. It would appear to be necessary to have these applications disposed of with