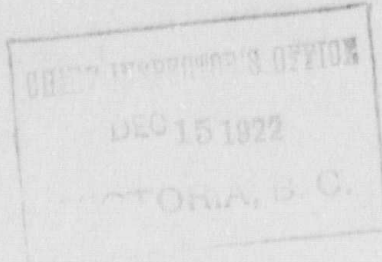


Squamish Indian Reserve No.1.

North Vancouver B.C. Dec-14-1922.

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Sir:

The following is my recommendations of the demands of the Squamish tribe.

I recommend that the Squamish Indians be amalgamated, and that they have tribal ownership of the several reserves to the credit of the tribe.

I recommend that the funds of the several bands of the tribe be consolidated.

I recommend that no portion of a reserve be sold without the consent of a majority of the tribe has first being taken.

I recommend that where portions of a reserve have been lost by erosion, that the Indians be given additional land in lieu of the part of the reserve lost.

In view of the fact that there is no Crown lands to be found in the immediate vicinity of the reserves of the Squamish tribe, I recommend that the necessary steps be taken by the Dominion and the Provincial Government, so that where land is required, the Indians may enter upon any arable land agreed upon that has been vacated by a timber limit, and until that is done it is hard to intelligently deal with the land applications, but I beg to go on record, to the effect that the Seeiachem, Kowtain, Yekwaupsum, and Stawamus bands have insufficient area of land, but that could greatly be relieved if the tribe was allowed to have tribal ownership of all the reserves of the tribe, and until there is a decision on that matter it is also difficult to intelligently deal with the land requirements of the tribe.

I recommend that there be established a timber limit as a fire wood supply base for the members residing on the Yekwaupsum, Kowtain, and Seeiachem reserves.

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I recommend that there be established without any undue delay a drinking water supply to the Stawamus reserve from the funds of the band.

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I recommend that the necessary steps be taken to restore to the tribe the ownership of all forshores of reserves, whether on tidal or nontidal waters, and that they for all time to come enjoy privileges on those portions lost by erosion.

I recommend that the claim of the tribe for an original very large reserve at North Vancouver be investigated, and a reply of the findings be related to the tribe, and if their claim is correct that they be given very special compensation for the benefits they would have enjoyed.

I recommend that those Indians who claim to have knowledge of the above be given the privilege to be heard.

I recommend that the claim of the members of the Squamish No. 1, reserve, that the city streets encroaches on the East and West boundaries be investigated, and satisfaction be given to the members as the figures

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