

Ottawa June 19, 1908.

Memorandum for  
Deputy Minister:-

With reference to your enquiry as to how the Rights of the lessees referred to in the Indian resolution may be affected by the irrigation work proposed by the Sno-hosh Company, I beg to state that the lessees referred to have a tract of land at the South end of the Dead man's Creek Reserve containing 4926 acres under lease for a period of 50 years.

The ditch proposed to be constructed by the Sno hosh Company will pass through the Northerly end of this tract according to the plan submitted and through very high ground. If this is the case the ditch will not be a detarment to the said lessees, in fact, it should be a benefit.

With reference to any damage in the said lessees may suffer through the taking of more water from Deadman's Creek, as I understand the matter, the said lessees having the prior record can take all the water their record calls for first so that by law their rights in this respect would be guarded. I think however that the condition mentioned in the Indian resolution would act as a further safe guard.

Perhaps it might be advisable to request the Sno-hosh Company to file with the Department a consent from the lessees above mentioned before the work is done. The Sno-hosh Co is limited in time to put 500 acres of its land under irrigation; in the interests of the said Co, prompt action is required.

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