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20th October, 1922.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 16th instant, asking for information regarding the Indian Land Question and note that you say that you have been advised that your existing difficulties are to be settled.

In reply I beg to say that the information given you is substantially correct, providing of course that the Indians of British Columbia are really anxious for a reasonable settlement of the long standing question of the extinguishment of the Aboriginal Title.

I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Vancouver Daily "Sun" of the 25th July, on pages 1 and 10 of which will be found a full account of what took place at the Indian meeting in Vancouver on the 24th of that month, together with a statement of the Hon. Charles Stewart, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, on the question. The Honorable the Minister, you will observe, states that the Government of Canada are willing to settle with the Indians of British Columbia without resorting to the Courts and have accepted the statement of the Allied Tribes of British Columbia Indians to the Provincial and Dominion Governments as a basis to work from. It is expected that the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs will come to the Coast early in the Spring to have further conferences with the Indians. In the meantime the question of Indian reserves is being finally settled.

I was very much surprised to learn that when the members of the Executive Committee of the Allied Tribes interviewed the Kitwancool Indians some time ago to lay before

Albert Williams,
Indian,
President, Kitwancool Indians,
Kitwanger, B. C.

you

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