

Copy for the information of Mr. Indian Commissioner W. E. Ditchburn.

1-4-5



Williams Lake Agency,  
Clinton, B.C.,  
June 27th, 1927.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that while visiting the Stone Indian Band recently the matter of their domestic water supply was investigated and I found that they now use water from irrigation ditches in the summer and from a spring about three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) of a mile away from the village in the winter time.

I have made a careful examination of the spring mentioned, both on former occasions as well as at the present date, and from Indian information I learn that this spring runs well the year round. Each time I examined it I found that the spring runs at a rate of about a half second foot ( $\frac{1}{2}$  S.F.) and the water appears to be of excellent quality. The spring is on a side hill on an elevation considerably higher than the village and could be piped on a straight line to the village. It rises on the Stone I.R. No. 1. It is not recorded but it could be recorded by the owner of the Chilco Ranch property which adjoins the said reserve. I would recommend that the District Engineer of the Dominion Water Power Branch be advised to instruct one of his field engineers now working in the Chilco, to make a report on this water and prepare the necessary steps to obtain a record on the spring for domestic purposes for the Stone Indian Band. The spring lies to the west of the village and now flows into the joint irrigation system of the Stone Band-Chilco Ranch.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*E. MacLeod*  
(E. MacLeod)  
Indian Agent

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.