

Nanaimo B.C.,
Jan 6 1938

Mr W. C. Cresser
Minister of Mines &
Resources
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa

Sir:

We have been notified by the Nanaimo Duncan
Utilities Ltd that they are taking steps to expropriate
part of our Indian Reserve for the erection of Power
Poles.

We do not want such poles on our Reserve we
have no lights on the street and regards such
poles as a menace to our safety and the safety
of our children.

Moreover we feel that \$200 for a perpetual
rights of way is altogether too small a sum for
such a privilege, and would prefer an
annual sum for the length of the lease if the
poles go on.

The Railway running through the Reserve brings
no recompense so far the small sum paid
the Indians 50 years ago is now claimed to be a great
claim. Payment and the case is under advisement
we fear all further dealings with Corporations
and ask for protection & full redress for
grievances yours,

(over)

Sign Chief Paul White
John H. Wright
Missionary to Nanaimo Indians
W. P. answer
Secty Nanaimo B.C.