



PROVINCIAL GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

August 7th 1914



H. Gibbons, Esq.,

Assistant Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the  
Province of British Columbia,

Belmont House, - Victoria, B.C.

Sir, -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th, with reference to a meeting of your Commission at Quesnel.

I note that the Indians stated that they had been forced to abandon their hunting and trapping in the fur season because they had been informed by the local Game Warden that they were prohibited from killing game at any time of the year. Such a statement of the Indians is utterly absurd.

The Game Warden, who was only on from June 1st to the end of November last year, was discharged for neglect of his duties. I doubt very much whether he ever interfered with a white man or an Indian anyway. Since November, owing to a suitable man not being forthcoming, there has been no Game Warden there at all until April 21st, when a new Deputy was appointed, and since that time there has been a close season for everything.

I note also that Agent McAllan states that attempts have been made by Provincial officials to collect gun licence fees from Indians. I cannot believe any such thing. I should be pleased if the Commission will get Mr. McAllan to give me particulars as to who these officials were.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Provincial Game Warden.