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March 26, 1920.

Enclosure:

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, with reference to the proposed distribution from the proceeds of the timber sold on the Chats-cah reserve to the members of the Kimsquit band, I have to inform you that under section 89 of the Indian Act, 50% of the proceeds of a sale of timber or land may be distributed to the members of a band. I am, therefore, enclosing a cheque for \$1,500, being 50% of the bonus paid in the present case. The payment should be made on a per capita basis, each member of the band being entitled to an equal share, and I may add that all adult male Indians, whose names are on the voting list, their wives and children, as well as the widows and children of those deceased Indians who would have been recognized members of the band had they been alive, are entitled to membership in the band. Every head of a family should be paid the share of each member of his family.

Sections 14 and 15 of the Indian Act apply to you the procedure to be followed in the case of a person who has married an Indian other than a recognized member or a person other than an Indian.

I trust that these explanations will be of service for your guidance in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy Commissioner,

Ivan Fougner, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Bella Coola, B.C.

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