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CIRCULAR LETTER TO VARIOUS INDIAN AGENTS and
INSPECTORS OF INDIAN AGENCIES.

Sir,-

I am sending you, under separate cover, latest copy of the "Game Act". I should like you to refer to sections 8 and 9, particularly that part of 9 dealing with the killing of deer by Indians. Under this section you will see that Indians who reside elsewhere than in an unorganized district have no privileges with regard to the killing of deer unless they obtain special permission from me to do so.

Unorganized districts, so far as the game laws are concerned, are declared by Order-in-Council, and they consist of the Provincial electoral Districts of Comox, Alberni, Skeena, Atlin, Lillooet and Cariboo. All the rest of the Province is organized.

Now, with regard to issuing permits to Indians who are living in orgnaized districts, I beg to inform you that I should like yo have this question of permits placed upon a proper footing, and I do not intend to grant any permit to any Indian except under the recommendation of the Indian Agent of the district and any such applications should come to me direct through him. In considering such applications I should require to know, as near as possible, the age of the Indian, the number of his family and other information which would be of assistance to me in deciding whether he is entitled to such a permit or not.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that the power to grant these permits was not given to me to distribute them except in special cases where it would work a hardship to refuse them. Young Indians who are capable of obtaining work are certainly not entitled to them,- it is for the more older class of Indians who have been in the habit of hunting all their lives and feel more severely the enforcement of the present game laws.

I also would ask you to particularly call the attention of the Indians to the fact that an abuse of the privileges connected with such permits would simply result in all permits .... cancelled.

I am,Sir

...cial Game Warden