

answering a letter from another outfit starting in on a similar programme.

The group of three or four men with whom I am interested in the matter are amply able to finance the operation and have had plenty of experience in that kind of work. If the tests we purpose making, taking about two months, prove as satisfactory as we believe they will we purpose installing a plant that will deal with about 50 cubic yards of gravel per hour and the deposit contains enough of such gravel to keep such a plant busy for 10 or 12 years. It should therefore work out to be quite an industry.

The Indians, the Provincial Government, the Dominion Government, a considerable force of employees, the General Public and the group undertaking it all will benefit from the carrying on of such an industry.

It occurs to me that you must remember my record with the Saskatchewan Government for whom I organized the Highway Commission, the Local Government Board, was Arbitrator in a number of disputes between Departments and their Contractors, and was Chairman of several investigating Commissions during very active years in the service. A word from you to the Hon. Mr. Crerar, Minister of the Dept., Dr. Camsell, Deputy Minister, or to Dr. H. W. McGill, Director of Indian Affairs, who makes the decision, as to my record, reliability, and abilities, should result in his making a decision to accept the bond referred to for the protection of the cemetery and cultivated parcels in question from disturbance or interference. I can then furnish it and proceed in the usual way to get the leases and permit to work and go ahead with the project.

Of course, I want only to have the matter dealt with on its merits but all those involved with me are friends of the present Dominion and Provincial Governments and sometimes that kind of thing is taken into account. I fully believe that I am carrying on a good work in trying to get such things cleared up and going, the group with which I am interested are able and are in the habit of carrying out their undertaking as understood and to the satisfaction of all concerned. I will be grateful therefore if you will put in the word suggested above for me in the matter.