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It is my desire to deal perfectly fair with Mr. Spencer, and as the legal representative of my Department on water matters, I know you will fully realize the position I would place myself in were I to recommend the payment of a greater sum for our share in the proposed works than I considered my Department should be called upon to pay.

In conclusion I beg to say that still I am of the opinion that my Department's proposal to pay \$1,000.00 should be put up to Mr. Griffin by yourself for his acceptance or refusal in writing. If he refuses, a written reason for such should be given. It then might be possible to have the points of difference settled by an independent arbitrator, preferably the Comptroller of Water Rights, for after all, it is merely a matter of determining the respective obligations of each party as based on the Agreement of 1923.

Your obedient servant,

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W. H. Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.