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Memorandum relevant to suggested resurvey of the east boundary of Comox I.R. No.1. British Columbia.

Relating to Mr. D.J. Allan's memorandum of September 10th, file 27156-48, relevant to a suggested resurvey of the east boundary of Comox I.R. No.1, herebelow is a review of the matter based on files, plans and fieldnotes of record here in Ottawa.

W.S. Jemmett surveyed this reserve about the year 1880; his plan is dated 1880. A mathematical check of the boundaries of the reserve show a closing error of only 0.63 chains, which is regarded as fairly good for these old surveys. The area of the reserve, shown as 155 acres on Jemmett's plan, is practically correct.

An examination of the plan and field notes of the resurvey of the reserve in 1925 by L.S. Cokely shows that Mr. Cokely did not find the southeast corner of the reserve but that he re-established it about 20.11 chains west of the monument that marked the southeast corner of Section 3. In order to ascertain particulars regarding the survey of Section 3 we made enquiries of the Surveyor General of British Columbia who recently advised us that Section 3 was surveyed in 1865 and that it was shown to have a width of 20 chains. Mr. Cokely evidently took this measurement into consideration when he established the southeast corner of the reserve as his plan and field notes bear it out. He shows the width as 20.11 chains which is only eleven links wider (about 7.3 feet), than the width of lot as surveyed. If Mr. Cokely had established the southeast corner where the Indians claimed the corner was, it would have made the width of lot 3 which was surveyed 15 years prior to Jemmett's survey about 14.82 chains.

A mathematical calculation of the boundary measurements of the reserve shows Mr. Cokely's survey to close very well and that the area shown on his plan 156 acres, is correct. This area is one acre greater than that shown on Jemmett's plan. If the corner as claimed by the Indians had been accepted by Mr. Cokely the area of the reserve would have been increased by twelve acres; this would make the area of the reserve 168 acres.

The resurvey of the boundaries of the Reserve by Mr. Cokely was made upon a report received from Mr. Alfred Lomas, the Indian Agent. In his letter dated April 6th, 1925, file 27156-48, to the Department, he stated that some difficulty had arisen regarding the position of the eastern boundary of the reserve, and he requested that it be re-run as it was claimed that Section 3 which was surveyed in 1865, encroached nearly five chains on the reserve. He recommended Mr. Cokely who had been in the employ of the Department on different occasions, as a reliable surveyor to make the survey.

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