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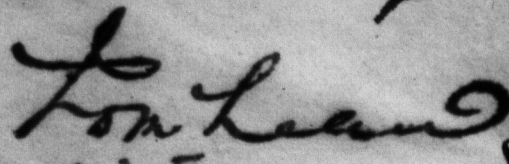
Ottawa Jan 29, 1908.

Sir,--

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant No. 278.H.5. together with two communications relating to the right of way of the Esquimault and Nanaimo Railway Company through the Nanoose Indian Reserve, B.C. A letter was written to you on the same subject on the 28th instant.

It is noted that you have instructed the Indian Agent to authorize construction work to proceed over the reserve. The Department has had very great difficulty in many cases to obtain payment for right of way from Railway Companies when they have once been permitted to enter upon the reserve for the purpose of construction. In some cases payment has only been obtained after long correspondence and after many years have passed. The Department has therefore decided to exact a deposit equivalent to the total valuation made by the Indian Agent or other officer before allowing a railway company to take possession. I have to request you to insist upon the sum of \$650.50 being deposited with the Department by the Railway Company at once. If the final sum decided upon should be greater, the Railway Company is to pay the difference, and if less, the Department will refund the balance.

Your obedient servant



Secretary.

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