

Duncan, B. C.

September 20th, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

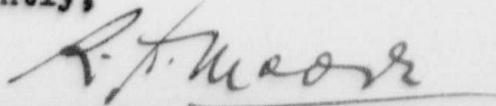
Some few days ago Mr Indian Agent Todd called at this Office in connection with a request made to him by the Comox and Salmon River Bands of Indians' at a joint meeting recently held at Campbell River, and which I was asked to attend, regarding the amalgamation of these two Bands, and their use of the Comox No. 1. Reserve as their home Reserve.

I received a copy of the Minutes of that meeting from Mr Todd and have also been fully informed by him on the principal reasons why these Bands wish to amalgamate. While the matter has never been discussed with me by the Comox Band at any of the meetings I have had with them since coming here, it would appear from the list of those attending the joint meeting that practically all of them were at that meeting and certainly were in the majority to the voting members of the Salmon River Band, so that there is not much fear that the members of the Comox Band were coerced into doing something which they did not want to do by the members of the other Band.

It might be well to point out here that the Comox Indians are fishermen and to a large extent earn their lilihood from the sea, although some of them work as Boom men at certain times of the year around Comox Harbour, and for that reason spend a great deal of their time fishing in and around the waters adjacent to Mr Todd's Agency and really come in contact almost entirely with the Indians of his Agency.

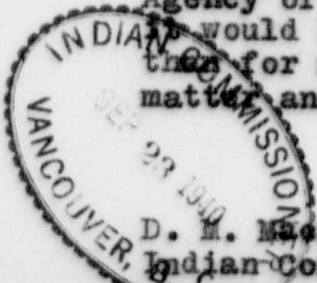
In view of all the various angles to this question I would recommend that this amalgamation be allowed to proceed with the least possible delay and that the Comox Band of Indians be taken out of this Agency and turned over to the Agency of Mr Todd for administration and other purposes, as this would be much easier, and more economical, for him to administer than for me. No doubt Mr Todd will be writing you on this matter and will forward a copy of the Minutes of the meeting.

Yours obediently;



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