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August 20, 1929.

Read through Malahat Indian Reserve,
Cowichan Agency.

Dear Sir:-

I have received from the Deputy Minister of Public Works of the Provincial Government a copy of a letter written on the 16th to the Department applying for the expropriation of 1.12 acres of land on Malahat Indian Reserve No. 11, of the Saanich Indians, Cowichan Agency, for road purposes, for which they have agreed to pay compensation to the extent of \$900.00 covering land and improvements; fence in both sides of the road with suitable gates at points to be designated; and to supply three hundred feet of one-half inch galvanized pipe in lieu of digging new wells.

In regard to this matter, I beg to say that this settlement will be quite satisfactory and I beg to recommend that the necessary order-in-council be issued permitting the expropriation.

I will write you in a few days as to how the compensation money should be distributed among the Indians, after retaining a portion of the same for Capital Account for the land.

WED/HM.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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W.E. Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.