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Ottawa, 19th September, 1911.

Sir:-

I beg to refer you to this Department's letter of the 11th May and 20th July regarding the condition of the roads therein referred to on the Bella Coola Reserve. As intimated in the last mentioned letter your communication of the 17th July with enclosure did not answer this Department's request as to whether the Provincial Government will assist in the repair of the roads to the extent of one half the proposed cost, viz:- \$500.00.

Mr. Fonger, the Indian Agent at Bella Coola, has again brought this matter before the Department under date 24th ultimo. He states that "Nothing has as yet been done with regard to the road, the following is a quotation from his letter:-

"This road connects the Indian village with the main road and the wharf, and is frequently travelled by white people also. It is winding between the big trees and is almost impassable in the rainy season.

"In recent years the Province has built the main road through Bella Coola reserve for a distance of between two and three miles. As it is 66 ft. wide it takes up quite a lot of land, though nothing of it was improved. This road was not built for the benefit of the Indians.

"As far as I know no compensation has been allowed for the land, therefore it seems reasonable that the Province should consider the building of a road