OTTAWA, 2nd May, 1923-

Sir-

Referring to your letter of the 25th Ultimo, in regard to rental payable by the Campbell River Mills, Limited, for land on the Semiahmoo Indian Reserve, I beg to say that, by Resolution of Council of 5th November 1912, the Band agreed to lease to the Company at a rental of \$100. per annum. The original application of the Company, I may say was, also, to pay a similar rental, so that, apparently, there has been a misunderstanding on the part of the Indians

The Customs Department holds, under Permit during pleasure of the Department, one-half acre of land on the Semiahmoo Reserve, at a rental of \$12.00 per annum; rental has been paid from 21st June 1969 to 21st June 1923.

In view of the fact that the Indians are opposed to the leasing of 42 acres, applied for by Mr.James Trodden, the Department can, of course, take no further action in connection therewith.

All correspondence, in this matter, forwarded by you has been placed on file.

Your obedient servant

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