

mineral rights and the Department of Indian Affairs controlling the surface rights both to deal with.

The procedure consists of getting a permit from the Indian Agent to prospect leading to staking, then applying to the Provincial Gold Commissioner for the leases, then applying to the Director of Indian Affairs through the Indian Agent for a permit to work the ground.

A small cemetery 40 ft. X 45 ft. and some cultivated parcels of ground are located on the leases and this has complicated matters somewhat. The Provincial Mining Act makes provision for the furnishing of an indemnity bond to protect improvements on ground to be worked by placer miners this applying to Provincial lands. In this case the Department of Indian Affairs is involved. The amount of land involved in the cultivated parcels and the cemetery is about 10 or 11 acres out of the 100 acres suitable for working and the cultivated parcels are all at one side of the area. A great deal of work can therefore be carried on without in any way disturbing or interfering with them and I arranged with the Indian Agent to furnish an indemnity bond conditioned in the sum of \$1000 to assure that they should not be disturbed or interfered with. He asked me to write a letter which he would forward to Ottawa for the confirmation by them of the arrangement. I did this on June 6th and the letter was forwarded. He did not recommend that it be confirmed but left it to the consideration of the Ottawa authorities.

I feel that I should have heard from them by this time and that perhaps the record of the past two outfits that tried to work there might have something to do with the delay in coming to a decision. The first outfit staked the ground and started to work it about 11 or 12 years ago. They kept the rentals to the Indian Department paid but did not keep in good standing with the Provincial Department. The second outfit found the Provincial leases forfeited, staked the ground, kept the Provincial Government paid up until last Fall but gave the Indian Department nothing but promises so that they have been nothing but trespassers on the Reserve for the last 7 or 8 years. You will therefore see what irritation to all concerned this would cause and it certainly should account for hesitation in