

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OTTAWA

September 3, 1930.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:-

I have to confirm Night Letter sent you yesterday as follows:-

"DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADVISE THEY HAVE AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT OF MORESBY OREILLY AND LOWE BARRISTERS VICTORIA TO GO THOROUGHLY INTO MATTER OF LOMAS SHORTAGES WITH THE PURPOSE OF DRIVING HOME CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PREPARING FOR ANY CIVIL ACTIONS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RECOVER MONIES. COMMUNICATE WITH FIRM IMMEDIATELY GIVING THEM FULLEST INFORMATION WRITING.

It is the desire of the department that this matter should be vigorously prosecuted. Having reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I realize that it would be quite impossible for you to take the time necessary to make a thorough investigation, and it is for this purpose that we have decided to engage the services of this firm of solicitors. I know that you will co-operate with them and place any information you possibly can at their disposal.

I am today writing to the Manager of the Bank of Montreal as suggested by you, asking him to transfer all Trust Funds from Mr. Lomas' name to the credit of the Department of Indian Affairs to be issued only on your order.

Yours very truly,

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq., Indian Commissioner, Victoria, B.C.,



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