

delegate to Ottawa the Hon. Jno. Robbison and the late Hon. Supt. Gaul, as adverted to in your letter, I am not aware, as this arrangement was not referred to, so far as I know, when the question was before the House.

It seemed to me that there was little interest taken in the matter, as no one informed the House of the necessity of securing water rights for the Indians and a local law was passed which gives them little or no security for the preservation of their water requirements even after a record has been made.

I wrote you on the 31st ult. in regard to this matter and it would be fortunate in the interest of the Indians to learn that water rights within the railway belt are subject to the control and regulation of the government authorities.

If otherwise, I should be glad to have your instructions as to the requisite payment of the fees for record to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and of the bills for advertising the requisite notices in the Gazette and Newspapers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

J. N. Pownall

Indian Superintendent.