

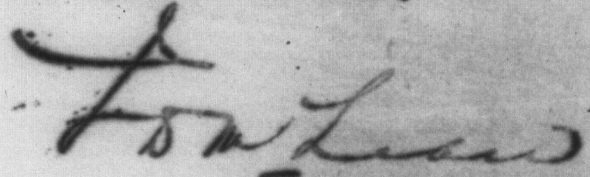
Ottawa 27th May 1904-

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, enclosing a communication addressed you by the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works regarding coal on the Indian Reserve at Lower Nicola, and in reply to say that the question in dispute between the Dominion and Provincial Governments has not yet been settled.

I may say that pending settlement of this question, the Department is not prepared to consent to the Provincial Government dealing with the question of mineral on Indian Reserves.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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