

COMOX VALLEY LANDS
Courtenay, BC

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M. S. Todd, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Todd:-

Re: Comox Indian Reserve No.1

I presume you are wondering why you have heard nothing from me in reply to your letter of the 30th of June last.

The question of the re-survey of above Indian Reserve, instructions re same and surveyor's report upon the completion of the survey, has been taken up with the Provincial Survey Branch. Apparently the re-survey was undertaken by the Indian Department without consulting the Provincial Land Department and this Department was not even supplied with the usual copy of the field notes and plan of the re-survey.

The Provincial Survey Department informs me that Major MacKay, the Indian Commissioner for B.C., has no copies of instructions for the re-survey or the surveyor's report. The Ottawa office states that there was no report submitted.

Judging by above, it appears to me that nothing was settled by the re-survey with regard to the position of the East boundary of Indian Reserve No.1.

Who authorised the re-survey and what instructions were given?

Another important factor is whether the boundaries of this Indian Reserve were decided upon prior to the survey of Sections 3,4 and 5, or made subject to the boundaries of Sections 3,4 and 5. Sections 3, 4 and 5 were apparently surveyed in 1865 and the Indian Reserve No.1 in 1878.

If the original bearing trees mentioned in the field notes of the survey of this Indian Reserve can still be found, as claimed by the Indians, and are at the point as shown on the plan of the re-survey and marked -- Position claimed by Indians -- I cannot understand why the surveyor sets a new post some 6 chains Northwesterly therefrom, without giving reasons. The bearing of the East boundary is N. 2° 51' E. to old post at North-East corner. There is no mention of old blazes or cutting or the finding of old line trees shown in the original field notes of the Indian Reserve.

Yours very truly,

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