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to call the meeting or be a party to the proceedings but notwithstanding this the agreement went into effect and evidently continued in operation until recently when the Western Fuel Co., who I understand are the successors to the Vancouver Coal and Land Co., reopened the matter with a view of securing a better title to or better arrangements concerning the Right of Way .

We are advised by our Agent that the Indians now contend that the agreement was made to enable the Company to use the line for the Chase River Mines only and that these are worked out, thus inferentially terminating the agreement.

I do not take this view as there are no such restrictive terms in the agreement which it is considered is as good now as it ever was but which at the same time was obtained irregularly and simply was allowed to go on from year to year without question although having no legal status.

What the Department desires to ascertain is whether the Company wish further and if so what action by the Department. If a lease or purchase of the Right of Way is desired it will have to be submitted to the Indians

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