

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

March 6th, 1920

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 788  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I have the honor to confirm the following telegram sent you to-day, viz:—

" Seven mineral permits granted to prospect Finlayson Island Reserve. Provincial authorities here refuse record claims till April first. Complications expected. Local Government Agent Mc Mullin now in Victoria. Kindly investigate and advise by wire.

C.C. Perry "

I would inform you that it appears the claims staked are supposed to be recorded within 14 days after. Several claims have been staked, and if these cannot be recorded till April 1st, it means that there will be opportunities for crooked work, which it is most desirable should be avoided. Two of the applicants are whites and five Indians.

The status of the reserve in question is also under advisement, as the Finlayson Island Reserve is included in those proposed to be cut off by the Royal Commission. Under the terms of the Order-in-Council, I cannot refuse to grant permits to enter on any reserve under my jurisdiction as such.

I will be glad if you will kindly look into this matter and see where the regulations of the Department conflict, if they do so, with those of the Provincial Government.

Your obedient servant,

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