

EXD.
Ottawa, 21st October 1925

Sir,-

Your ref. No. 14/5846

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, I have to inform you that although the Vice-President of the Bridge River Power Company was advised in December 1920 that the Department was in a position to carry out the sale to the Power Company of 125.71 acres in the Slesh Indian reserve No. 1 at a price of \$25.00 per acre, in April 1921 the Vice President of the Company, Mr. Henry Holgate, informed the Department that the reason the Company had not completed the transaction was that its plans of development had been arrested owing to the existing general financial depression and requested that the matter be allowed to stand until the Company resumed active work, at which time the Company would carry out the arrangement as suggested by the Department but his request was that they be permitted delay in doing so.

The Department informed the Vice-President that in view of the representations made the Department was disposed to allow the matter to stand for a reasonable time. No further action appears to have been taken since that time by the Company.

Would you be good enough, therefore, to advise Messrs. Boak and King, Solicitors to the Company, that the Department requires to be notified by an official of the Company at an early date whether it is the Company's intention to now complete the transaction or whether they prefer to be released from the transaction, in which case the Department would consider a sale to the B.C. Electric Ry. Co. If the Power Company desires to complete

W.E. Ditchburn Esq.,
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