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CITY OF DUNCAN.

Duncan, B. C.,
July 6/14.

The Honourable Sir Richard McBride,
Premier.

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by the Municipal Council of the City of Duncan to request you to kindly Petition the Indian Commission now sitting on Indian affairs, to take up the question of drainage through Indian Reserve Lands under Section 8 of the agreement between the Federal and Provincial Governments, and under which the Commission is working.

The facts so far as Duncan is concerned are as follows.

There is a considerable area of very valuable land on the East side of this City which the owners are unable to make use of on account of lack of drainage facilities. This land is hemmed in on the East by Indian Reserves and the natural fall for the water is across this Indian Reserve Land. The Indians themselves are quite indifferent in the matter, and will neither allow ditches to be dug over the land by anyone else nor will they dig them themselves, although the ditches when dug will benefit their own land equally as much as that lying West of it. The natural lie of the land is across the Reserve and it is impossible to drain the land in any other direction.

I am therefore to request that you kindly place this petition before the Indian Commissioners with a view to such orders being given as will ensure the construction of the necessary ditches being carried out, also to provide for damages or costs in connection therewith, if any.

Yours faithfully,

James Greig, C.M.C.,
City of Duncan.