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Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C. I beg to advise you, for your information, that at a meeting of the Commission held at the Quesnel Indian Reserve No. 1 on the 27th. instant, Blackwater Johnnie, being upon his oath, stated the Indians of the Quesnel Tribe had been forced to abandon their hunting and trapping in the fur season because they had been informed by the local Game Warden that they were prohibited from killing game at any time of the year. The statement was also made by the witness, Blackwater Johnnie that the local Game Warden was only watching the Indians, discrimination being shown in favour of the whites, who were permitted to kill game all the year round without interference. The following are the exact words of the witness:

"The Game Warden around here is only watching the Indians
"The whites are killing them all the year round, and he
"(i.e. the Local Game Warden) pays no attention to them
"whatever".

The Indians of that section particularly desire that the local Game Warden be advised as to the special privileges enjoyed by Indians in the matter of killing game when the same is required for food for themselves and families.

The Commission is further advised by Agent McAllan, that in his district (the Stuart Lake Agency) attempts have been made by the Provincial officials to collect gun licence fees from the Indians, although Indians are exempt under the Act from payment of such fees.

Your attention to the abovementioned matters of complaint is invited.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.