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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,
NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY.

New Westminster, B.C.



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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 1-3-13

ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,—

With reference to your letter No. 13153/2 of the 4th inst., under cover of which you forwarded me particulars of payments made under Lease No. 45, issued to the Campbell River Lumber Company, Limited, on the Semiahmoo Indian Reserve.

I beg to forward you herewith a letter received from the Semiahmoo Indians, which in part concerns this matter.

You will observe the Indians claim that they are getting now \$200.00 a year for a concession to the Campbell River Company, though the original agreement they say was \$300.00 per annum, as a matter of fact the amount actually turned into the Department is only \$100.00 a year.

As this Lease was handled entirely through the Department, I am not in a position to trace the matter from this end, and I shall be much obliged if you can inform me, from your records, where the Indians got the idea that \$200.00 a year was going to Ottawa for them.

Your attention is also directed to the statement that \$12.00 a year rental is being paid for the Canadian Customs' Office, situated on the eastern end of the Reserve, we have no record of any transaction of the sort here.

I am also enclosing a file of correspondence and a sketch, in respect to an application made by one, Mr. James Trodden, to lease approximately 4½ Acres of land on the foreshore in the south west corner of the Reserve, for summer cottages and similar purposes.

His Lawyers, Messrs. Whiteside, Edmonds and Whiteside, have made me a verbal offer of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per annum, for a five years' lease, but in view of the income, which would be derived from the property, under the conditions it is proposed to use it, I think such rental inadequate, and in any case you will note that the Indians are against the lease.

The matter requires rather careful handling, as I have reason to suppose, that is being taken up through other than Departmental channels, and the correspondence forwarded you herewith may possibly be of service to you.

Your obedient servant,

A.O'N. Daunt.
Indian Agent.

Encl.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.