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Telegraph Creek,
September, 20th, 1922,

Mr W, E, Ditchburn,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria,

Sir,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July, 29th, together with a copy of the Vancouver Daily Sun, giving an account of meeting of the Executive Committee of the Allied Tribes of British Columbia Indians and a number of the Indian Chiefs with the Hon Charles Stewart Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; Duncan Scott, Esq, Deputy Superintendent General; and Yourself. in Vancouver on July, 24th.

I was then on my way to Atlin and Teslin Lake and notified the Indians that a member of the committee might call upon them during my absence and I also instructed the Hotel Keeper in Wrangell to Inform these people, should they turn up during my absence, that I was on my way to Atlin and would arrange for the Indians to Meet them in Atlin. but up to date no one has turned up, probably owing to the fact that they understand that this section of the country is unfit for extensive agricultural development owing to climatic conditions, On my return from Teslin Lake I held a meeting with the Atlin band, Father Allard being present and they stated that Land allotments would be of no benefit to them. If the Department were willing to expend money in purchasing Land, for their use, this money could be devoted to other purposes such as Purchasing of Horses, to enable them to earn a living by taking out Big Game Hunting Parties, and building Boarding School for education of their children, Etc. The Priest was asked to petition the Department in this matter.

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I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Scott Simpson
Indian Agent,

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