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Ottawa June 16, 1908.

Memorandum for

Deputy Minister:-

The application hereunder from the Snosh Company to construct an irrigation ditch through the Deadman's Creek, I.R., B.C., contains no statement of any benefit that may accrue to the Indians. The Indian resolution consenting to the construction of the ditch provided for compensation for damages and that the Indians Reserve the first right to take five hundred inches of water from Deadman's Creek. If this means that they are to be supplied from the new ditch with the said water I think the matter is so much in their favour that the consent of the Superintendent General might be given for the proposed construction.

The permission sought will constitute a permanent right and will affect the title to the reserve as far as the land occupied by the ditch is concerned. I beg to submit whether, in view of the present understanding with the Province, can the permission be granted. The applicants should hereafter have a survey made of the ditch and a copy of the plan forwarded for record in the Department.

S. Bray