

H. O.

Ottawa, May 27th, 1904.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Referring to my letter to you of the 17th instant, regarding the application of the Western Fuel Company for a railway across the Nanaimo Reserve No. 1, B. C., I beg leave to say that it would appear that an agreement was entered into in December, 1885, whereby the Indians granted a Right of Way 66 ft. wide across the Reserve to the Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co., Lt'd., etc., forever, in consideration of \$355.00 to be equally divided amongst the Indians named; to fence both sides of the railway where required and to make and fix gates for the convenience of the Indians desiring to cross and recross the railway. This agreement was never submitted to the Department nor was the Agent authorized

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