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Ottawa, 8th January, 1904

SIR,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of letter, date the 22nd ult., signed by Chief George of Ohamil, Chief Tom of Ruby Creek and other Indians, complaining that an Indian of the Union Bar Band is endeavouring to acquire sole possession of a reserve situated about three miles above the Town of Yale, whereas the said reserve, as they state, has for a great number of years been held in common by numbers of Indians for fishing purposes.

The only reserve in that locality is the Four and a Half Mile Reserve, No. 2, of the Yale Indians. This reserve appears to have been laid out especially for agricultural purposes, as the Reserve Commissioner allotted 15 inches of water for use on it for irrigation and other purposes, and a further note of the Reserve Commissioner to the effect that he was obliged to lay out this piece of land on account of there being very little potato land around Yale shows conclusively that the reserve was intended at least largely for agricultural purposes, and for the Yale Indians.

The following Decision or Memorandum is to be found in Mr. Indian Reserve Commissioner Sproat's Minutes of Decision:-

* The right of these and other Indians who

A.W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria, B.C.

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