

25th. September, 1913.

Honourable W. J. Roche, M.D.
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to me of the 12th. August, was received by me while the Commissioners were en route through the Bella Coola Agency, from which they returned to Victoria on the 17th. instant. I was unable to reply to it before returning here, as I was desirous of examining some previous correspondence affecting the subject matter of your letter, which I could only obtain access to after my return.

I now, with the approval of the other members of the Commission, beg leave to bring the following under your notice:-

You write in your letter of the 12th. August that,
"The Order-in-Council of the 31st. March empowers
"you to deal with all matters affected by the Agree-
"ment between the Province and the Dominion, and the
"subsequent Order-in-Council does not in any way
"limit those powers".

I am aware that Mr. White and Dr. McKenna, and Messrs Shaw and MacDowall were appointed Commissioners in pursuance of