

416 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
November 27th 1941.

Sir:

re: File No.30/14/5263.

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, regarding Squamish I.R.No.26(Chekwelep) water system, I presume you have a copy of the water Power Engineer's report dated January 12th 1927, which includes a plan of the system.

This plan does not appear to me to have been followed. The hydraulic ram is not in the position marked on the plan and the pipe line is shown as being along the Gibson's-Grantham's highway until it reaches the Reserve and the storage tank is shown within the Reserve, whereas actually the line crosses several lots outside the Reserve.

Recent surveys show the tank as being partly outside the Reserve, and the Department recommends it be moved.

I have examined the tank and believe it could be removed the necessary few feet, although the engineers might consider it dangerous to move it as it may put too much strain on the staves.

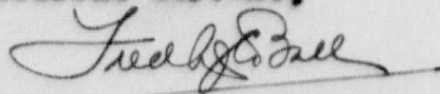
The better plan would be to leave it for the few remaining years of its usefulness and when a renewal becomes necessary, the new system could be properly located. No complaint has ever been made by Mrs. Ruth Paine, the owner of the land upon which part of the tank is encroaching, and until today I have been unable to get in touch with her, as she lives much of her time outside the Province. However, today I telephoned her and she says she bought the land 30 years ago and has never used it, and, although she will never build on it, does not like to sell, and as long as she owns it, we are entirely welcome to leave the tank where it is, and, should she sell, or the land pass from her possession, she would advise us in plenty of time to move the tank if it became necessary to do so.

This still leaves to be considered the matter of the pipe line leading from the ram to the tank which crosses private property, although this is not shown on the plan. If we could avoid this by re-locating the pipe for about 200 feet it would save us giving free water to these people. I believe the reason the pipe was not laid as shown in the plan was because it formed an air-lock below the tank(if you have no copy of the plan, the attached sketch will show the location). If it is still decided to move the tank now, perhaps the pipe could be located as shown in green, and thus possibly avoid the air-lock and also crossing private property, when no easements would be necessary.

This report is submitted for further consideration.

Your obedient servant,

B/DH.



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