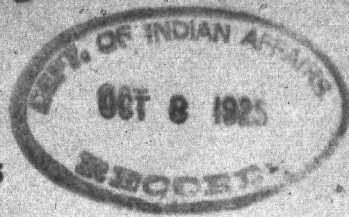


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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
P. O. BOX 886

VICTORIA, B.C. October 3rd, 1925.

Your file 539.683.

Sir:-

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In 1920, Messrs. Boak & King, Solicitors of Vancouver, representing the Bridge River Power Company, applied for the expropriation of a certain area from the Slesh Indian Reserve No. 1, of the Seton Lake Band in the Lytton Agency, and I would like to know from you whether this transaction was ever completed as I observed in the Vancouver press recently that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company have now taken over the holdings of the Bridge River Power Company and intend to construct a big storage dam at Bridge River and to have their power station erected on the original site selected by the first-mentioned Company.

I cannot see anything in the Auditor-General's Report that any monies in this connection have been given to the Seton Lake Band, Account No. 215, as it has been remaining about the same for a number of years, and the money thus credited was received from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for a right-of-way through the reserve mentioned. Kindly give me what information you have on this subject.

Two years or so ago, I met Mr. King in Vancouver and I asked him if the Company had made settlement for the land they required but he could not give me any information on this point as he said that that end of the question was being taken up by the Directors of the Company in the East.

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The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

*W. E. Ditchburn*

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Indian Commissioner for B. C.

