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September 3, 1929.

Your File 23152-20.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo relative to an application received from the Provincial Deputy Minister of Public Works for a right-of-way for a road through Malahat Indian Reserve No. 11, Cowichan Agency.

I wrote to you on this subject on the 20th ultimo and the letter should have been in the hands of your Lands Branch by the date you wrote. However, as stated in my letter of the 20th, I recommended the sum of \$900.00 be accepted as payment for the land and improvements and that an order-in-council should be passed approving of the expropriation.

I expect Indian Agent Lomas to visit Victoria in the very near future, when a decision will be arrived at as to what proportion of the \$900.00 should go to the Band funds and what part of the same should be allotted to the various Indians for their improvements. In speaking to the Deputy Minister of Public Works on the telephone to-day, he informed me that the cheque for \$900.00 is being forwarded to the Department.

VJD/HK.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

W.H. Ditchburn,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.