

Indian Office, Victoria, B.C.

July 10th 1906.

Sir:-

I have the honor to make application hereby for permission to expend the sum of \$102.13 in making certain alterations and repairs to the machinery of the Launch "Gi-kumi" as I found on a recent trip to Hingone Inlet that in her present condition the boat is in a most treacherous condition. The machinery stopped a number of times on the trip of some fifty miles and had it occurred at any time when we were jammed on a lee shore the result would have been the loss of the boat and perhaps our lives.

I have had an estimate prepared by strictly competent people and while in Vancouver looked over the system which has been outlined and the defects of running a Dynamo without the dry cells as an auxiliary can plainly be seen; besides the present dynamo is worn out and unfit for further use. It was sometimes almost impossible to start the Engine at all and when once started you could never tell when it would stop short. I had with me on the trip referred to a practical machinist otherwise I do not think I should ever have been able to return the boat to Alert Bay under her own power.

I inclose you herewith the estimate and would urgently request that authority to carry out the work be granted at the earliest possible moment.

Your Obedient Servant.

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Supt., Indian Affairs, B.C. Indian Agent.

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