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Ottawa, March 28, 1908

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, in regard to your application for extension of lease on the southern portion of Deadman's Creek Reserve, B. C., and in reply to say that the Department is unable to comply with your request to grant a fee of the property in question, as the land held under lease has only been surrendered for that purpose by the Indians. The 219 acres which you also applied for have not been surrendered by the Indians, and cannot, therefore, be included in lease. I may say that the Department is prepared to give consideration to the question of issue of lease for a period of 949 years from the 10th of January, 1956, being the date of expiration of the lease to Mr. Shields, for the land included in that lease, upon payment of a yearly rental of \$1,000, and upon a reservation being made of 150 inches of water from Deadman's Creek, 25 inches from Bate's Creek and all the water from all other sources of water supply for the use of the Indians, in addition to the reservation of water contained in the agreement with the Indians.

In connection with water privileges, I may say that the total quantity of water recorded for the Indians is as follows:-

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Smith Curtis, Esq.,

Savona, B. C.

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