

Attached to the accompanying report to Council is a surrender, for acceptance by His Excellency in Council, of 125.71 acres of the Slosk Indian reserve, in the Lytton Indian Agency, B.C.

In June last the Bridge River Power Company, Limited, applied for this area through their solicitors, Messrs. Beak & King, of Vancouver, it being shown by the application that the Company is a provincial one proposing to develop a large water power by means of a tunnel through a mountain in proximity to the reserve and that the exit of the tunnel and the entire plant, including power house, workmen's houses, etc., would have to be on the reserve, there being no other place possible to put them; it is also shown in the application that the Company holds water power grants from the Provincial Government and that it has obtained from that Government a certificate of approval of this undertaking.

As to whether the land should be rendered available for acquirement by the Company by means of surrender, or by right of expropriation in the manner referred to in Section 46 of the Indian Act as amended by Section 1 of Chap. 14, 1-2 Geo. V,