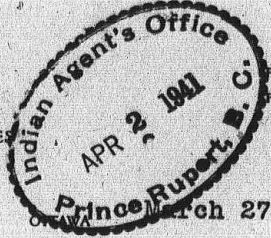
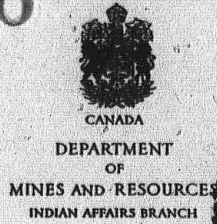


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FILE 32-168

Dear Sir:

I have to refer to your communication of February 17 with regard to the Hartley Bay Band.

The department will not disturb the present arrangement but we cannot give it any official sanction under the Indian Act in view of the irregular way in which it was made.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L. MacInnes.  
Secretary.

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