

would be injuriously affected thereby.

Some time ago Gelletly obtained from the Indians permission to go on the reserve and construct a dam and build a flume across the reserve, He gave no consideration to the Indians for this concession, although others in other parts of the Agency have in some instances to come down handsomely for it. He did, however, promise the Indians one half of the water which the flume would convey, but while Chief Tomat may have had all the water he needed during the past season, there are other Indians who complain that they could get none. Gelletly is vindictive and the Indian agent fears that if application is made for a record on the spring Gelletly may give them no more water from the flume. If I were sure that Gelletly could not prevent issue of a record to the Indians on the spring by opposing it, I would not hesitate in having the application made, for Indian lands that are too high to be served by the Gelletly flume could be supplied with water from this spring.

But there is still another plan by which the Indian lands of the Westbank reserve could be supplied with water which would increase the value of these lands at least ten times. This is the contemplated formation of an Irrigation Corporation under the Water Act, and it is the wish of its promoters to have the Indian lands included in the scheme. What they want is to have the Indian Department bear the portion of cost of the storage dam which would fall to the Indian lands included.

Now it would be very much to the interest of the Indians in this band to cede to the Department a certain acreage of their reserve in return for the money which the Department would have to pay out for them in putting up their

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