


to stop the work on the water installations until the situation is clarified.

It is suggested that the matter is of such importance to the British Columbia administration that the advice of Major MacKey and Inspector Coleman should immediately be sought; that Major MacKey be instructed to place the whole situation before the administrative officers of the City of Vancouver and obtain a statement as to the future taxes the city intends to levy against the tenants, and to ascertain their reaction to a proposal that the city should extend its water service to the reserve and accept responsibility for policing, fire protection, and the other services to which as part of the city the lands and occupants are entitled.

It is further suggested that Major MacKey should interview the Chinese tenants as a group and ascertain from them on what terms they would continue as tenants if such continuation on any terms is possible.

In the alternative the possibility of the Indians themselves (whom I assume to be non-taxable) operating these gardens with or without supervision should be canvassed. If supervision and direction of such an operation is possible an expression of opinion should be sought as to whether it is practical.

In short it is submitted that this is a problem on which the provincial administrative officers should advise this Branch and is not one with which we should attempt to deal from here without the considered advice of the Commissioner for British Columbia and his advisors.


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