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Sir:

SESHULT TRIBE NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY.

I did not visit the reserves of the Seshelt tribe, because when I had the opportunity to do so, the most of them were at Chilliwack, picking hops, and they did not come to see me when they were on their way home.

Before I was appointed to do this work, I met three of the Chiefs here in North Vancouver, and what they told me was this. That they re-affirm their requests to the Royal Commissioners for additional lands.

Having not had a meeting of the Seshelt tribe, I cannot say what influenced them to make sixty-six applications, and I am not able to say whether the new reserves given to them by the Commission is good areable land, as I can only judge by what is said in the report, and I can gather that some of it is non-areable, and as to that I would recommend that areable land be given to Seshelt tribe.

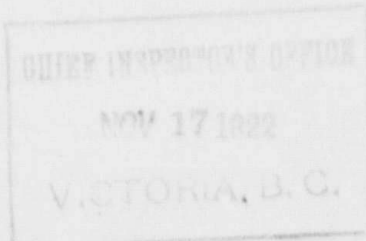
Letters received from the tribe is to the effect that they will support all the policies of the organised Indian tribes of B.C. which includes foreshore, fishing and hunting rights.

I cannot take the responsibility of saying that I concur in the report of the Commission, Re the reserves of the Seshelt tribe, as I did not have the privilege of visiting them, for the reason that the Department expected me to be done with all the work by the end of September this year, and any responsibility I may have had in this matter, I beg to be excused till I can have sufficient information on which to base my recommendations as to the land requirements of the Seshelt tribe, and furthermore I am of the opinion that you are conversant with their requirements but the regrettable part of it is that they were not given the same chance as the other tribes, as the circumstances would not permit.

I may in the future give a more definite report, if it is my privilege to see the chiefs.

Respectfully

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