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9th September, 1922.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, referring to mine of the 29th July, in which I stated that a representative of the Allied Tribes would be visiting your Ageney, and in reply beg to say that the Agencies in the Interior of the Province were really dealt with by Mr. J. A. Teit but on account of his serious illness he was unable to supply the Department with the information which he had obtained and it was expected that a member of the Committee would take in hand Mr. Teit's work. However, upon the Committee interviewing Mr. Teit in this matter he stated that he had all the information necessary and it was only a matter of getting it into shape and forwarding the same to me. This, however, I am afraid he will not be able to do as he has had a second attack and is again seriously ill but thinks he is going to get better---I doubt this very much as his physician has informed me that he cannot hold out any hopes in this direction.

In discussing the Okanagan Ageney with Mr. Teit, however, some time ago he led me to believe that the Indians of your Agency had been pretty well provided for as to reserves with the exception of some more range land but did not specify where this was to be obtained. Mr. MacKenzie, the Grazing Commissioner, informed me in a letter recently that he proposed laying off a range for the Lower Similkameen Indians on Nahumcheen Creek. Do you think this will be satisfactory? If you have any information in this matter I would like to have it from you at as early a date as possible. Apparently the Spallumcheen, Okanagan and Pentieton Indians are pretty well provided for in this regard, which would only leave the Similkameen Indians to be looked after. However, I will be very pleased to hear from you as to whether you consider anything further should be done for the Indians of your Agency, and, if so, what?

Yours sincerely,

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