

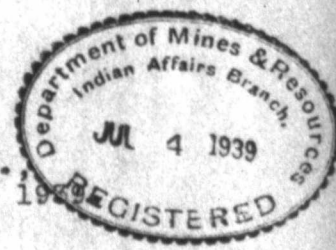
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Lytton, B.C.,
June 27, 1939

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith, copy of a letter from Mr. A.J. McPherson of Vancouver, B.C., regarding an application made by him to the Provincial Gold Commissioner at Lillooet, B. C. for placer mining leases on the Nesikep I.R. #6. A plan of the proposed leases is also enclosed herewith.

In this connection I wish to advise the Department that I have objected to the granting of these leases, to the Gold Commissioner, on the grounds that the leases take in an Indian cemetery and also some ten acres of cultivated land. The Gold Commissioner has refused to issue the Provincial leases on this account, unless some adequate protection is given the Indians and the Department, relative to the cemetery and cultivated area.

Should the Department look favourably on Mr. McPherson's proposition regarding the posting of the bond against possible damage to the cemetery and cultivated land, I will advise the Gold Commissioner to issue the Provincial Leases.

The proposed rental for surface rights on these two leases would be \$300.00 per year, payable in advance, as agreed upon by the Indians when a previous application was made by a Mr. George Gates for the same property; ref. my letter #19222-A-15, dated April 4th, 1935.

Your obedient servant,

A. Strang,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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