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Ottawa, 5th July, 1906.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, No. 243, and enclosure, relating to a right of way in the Escoumains Indian reserve claimed by Mr. Charles Boucher to which the Indians object.

Please make a note of this matter, in order that you may take it up and endeavour to settle it when you next visit Escoumains. In the meantime you should notify the Indians by letter that they are to allow Mr. Boucher to use the right of way until you are able to go to Escoumains and settle it.

For your general guidance, I may say that the Department is averse to the closing of any road which has been in use for a great number of years, unless all parties are agreeable, or unless an equally good road is opened instead. Any such old road may be straightened without injuring the general usefulness of the road.

Your obedient servant,

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