

Ottawa, February 25, 1929.

His Excellency

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honour to refer to an Order of Your Excellency in Council dated the 7th day of February, 1927, approving regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights on Indian Reserves in the western provinces and the North-West Territories, and providing for the granting of leases of such rights comprising an area not exceeding 1920 acres, for a period of twenty-one years, renewable, subject to the payment of rental at the rate of one dollar an acre per annum.

And whereas the regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights in effect on Dominion Lands provide for a payment of rental of fifty cents an acre for the first year, and for each subsequent year a rental at the rate of one dollar per acre, payable in advance,

And whereas it would appear to be advisable that permission should be granted to conduct preliminary operations for the selection of suitable areas, and that protection should be given the operator during the period of such selection:

Therefore the undersigned has the honour to recommend that the regulations for the disposal of petroleum and natural gas rights on Indian Reserves in the western provinces and territories above referred to, be and they are hereby amended by adding thereto the following provisions,-

Regulations governing the issue of permits to prospect for petroleum and natural gas on Indian Reserves.

The Indian Agent for the reserve in which the rights applied for are situate, shall be authorized to accept applications for permits to prospect for petroleum and natural gas on such reserve, and the Superintendent General shall be authorized to issue such permits subject to the following terms and conditions.