

NOTES ON BRUNER RECLAMATION PROJECT affecting Lower Kootenay I.R.#4.

- Jan. 29,1936: Robt. Howe, Acting Indian Agent's report to Dept. file 7/4099, re application of Peter Charles Bruner to International Joint Commission for approval of a reclamation project involving Kootenay I. R. No. 4.
- May 9th,1936: Secretary's letter to Asst. Commissioner Perry re Bruner interests' application to Department for the inclusion of I. R. No. 4 in reclamation scheme with the suggestion that Department retain 75 acres of the reclaimed land. Letter to Bruner solicitors enclosed advising them that surrender would have to be obtained from Indians and be approved by Department.
- June 7,1937: Secretary's letter to Commissioner re surrender of I. R. No. 4 with the exception of 75 acres. Secretary says nothing has been heard concerning this proposition in recent months and, while Department is now in position to submit surrender, will await Commissioner's report as to the present situation.
- June 29,1937: Indian Agent Irwin's letter to Commissioner. Dr. Bruner has removed power machinery and will not likely have any further interest in Lower Kootenay 212 ac. Reserve. Copy of letter forwarded to Department.
- July 13,1937: Secretary's letter to Commissioner. In view of existing circumstances, believe it advisable to permit matter to remain in abeyance for the time being.
- Aug. 25,1937: Commissioner's letter to Dept. file 30/5/202. Dr. Bruner has included I. R. No. 4 in area reclaimed and has placed large part under culti-

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vation but Agent was unaware that Reserve had been included in reclamation scheme. Recommended that none of Reserve be alienated unless Department had given Dr. Bruner assurance that proposed agreement was acceptable.to the Department. Suggested to Dept. that Dr. Bruner be given free lease to one-half of acreage under cultivation for a period