

Ottawa, 29th October, 1920-

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 24th August last, No. 14- 965- L. in regard to application of the Bridge River Power Co. Ltd. to purchase 125.71 acres of land within the Slesh Indian Reserve No. I, of the Seton Lake Band, I beg to say that the local Agent submitted Surrender of this land to the Band, under instructions from the Department, and has returned Surrender taken at a Meeting, when only twelve Members, out of thirty-four voting Members, were present.

As a majority of the Band has not assented to Surrender, recommendation for its acceptance, cannot be submitted to His Excellency in Council.

W.A.D.
In view of the above, it would be for the Company to consider the taking of the necessary action for expropriation of this land, after acquiring right to expropriate under British Columbia Water Act.

Your obedient servant,

W. A. Orr.

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