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Ottawa, April 12, 1918.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, in regard to the desire of the North Thompson Collieries, Ltd., to explore for coal on a portion of the North Thompson reserve, and in reply to say that the Department is willing to grant the permission to prospect on the 640 acres referred to, provided the Indians have no objection thereto, and on the distinct understanding that if coal is discovered, a lease of coal rights can only be given after surrender of the coal by the Indians, and on terms and conditions to be fixed by the Department which may be satisfactory to them.

I am communicating with Mr. Agent Smith, of Kamloops, and it would be well for you to confer with him.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Freeman Harding, Esq.,
Secretary,
North Thompson Collieries, Ltd.,
Kamloops, B.C.

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