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OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSIONER

411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT:

May 11th, 1931.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for British Columbia
Post Office Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 9th with enclosed copy of a letter from Indian Agent Harper Reed.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the question of a close season for beaver has been given very careful consideration, but for various reasons I cannot see that it can be done at the present time without inflicting a great hardship not only on some white trappers but on a number of Indians also, particularly in the Fort Nelson District.

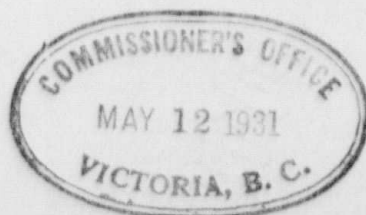
I would also like to call your attention to the fact that now that we are registering trap lines, any trapper, white or Indian, has the matter entirely in his own hands. If he thinks the beaver on his line are being depleted, he should refrain from trapping them.

Yours very truly,

A. Bryan Williams

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Game Commissioner.

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