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August 14, 1929.

Your File 308-F-3.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant with further reference to the new ferry landing on the Malahat Indian Reserve and note your suggestion that the payment of \$900.00 seems to be satisfactory to everybody but Alec Peter who thinks that he should receive a further \$100.00, and you ask whether I could get the Public Works Department to pay this extra amount.

In reply I beg to point out that while the memorandum presented to the Deputy Minister of Public Works some time ago provided for payment of \$1,085.50 for this right-of-way, the memorandum was gotten up having in view a probable reduction, and I am of the opinion that the offer of \$900.00 was an exceedingly good bargain to arrive at, particularly as the Public Works Department are to fence in the said right-of-way and provide gates at suitable points together with either digging new wells or supplying the piping which you speak of. I do not, therefore, feel I would be warranted in asking the British Columbia Government to increase the cash amount to be paid by a further \$50.00 or \$100.00.

Alec Peter's claim can be adjusted after the \$900.00 has been paid to the Department by decreasing the land value to \$200.00 per acre, which I think is an exceedingly high price to pay for the land in view of the fact that approximately only \$20.00 per acre was paid by the Government of British Columbia for the 16.2 acres expropriated for the Malahat road, and in that case a very much larger area of water frontage was taken than is the case at present.

In view of the above I have written to the Public Works Department instructing them to forward an application to Ottawa for the expropriation of the amount of land they need for this new ferry landing on agreeing to pay \$900.00 in cash together with fencing the right-of-way in on both sides, providing gates at points to be specified, as well as supplying three hundred feet of one-half inch galvanized iron piping instead of digging new wells.

When I receive a copy of Mr. Phillip's letter to the Department, I will then notify Ottawa as to how this money should be allocated.

WED/HM.

Your obedient servant,

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