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EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

Jan. 14th, 1938.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Attention Mr. J. G. Caldwell.

Dear Sir:-

While constructing dykes on "Nick's Island" and later supervising farming operations there, the writer examined and became greatly interested in the possibilities for reclaiming the block of Indian land (about 3000 to 4000 acres) located in the Valley, East of the Kootenay River and South of the Goat River where it joins the Kootenay.

This land is ideally situated for reclaiming by dyking, being higher than "Nick's Island", and requiring dykes on three sides only.

In building dykes on "Nick's Island" we accepted land, from Dr. Bruner, for the larger part of our payment and will continue to farm our portion of the land.

We own all the equipment, including three large Dragline Machines, necessary for constructing dykes, have had years of experience in this type of work and would like to make application to you now for opportunity of doing dyking work necessary for reclaiming above mentioned land.

If Department does not keep funds apart for this type of work, we would be willing to accept part of reclaimed land in payment for dyking. Would also be willing, if Department desired, to farm the portion of reclaimed land owned by the Indians, on usual lease basis. This would have advantage, for Department, of keeping responsibility of dyke maintenance, dyke repairs, Spring pumping, weeds, etc., with one party, and we would have, at all times, the necessary equipment for emergency work.

Would be pleased, at any time after the end of February, to make a preliminary survey of levels in order to arrive at approximate yardage and cost of dykes. This, of course, without obligation or cost to the Department or the Indians in any way.

Yours very truly,

POOLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED,

(sgd) E. E. Poole,

President.

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