

COPY
MM

Please refer to.....

File No. 56631

Department of the Interior,

DOMINION LANDS AND CROWN TIMBER OFFICE,

New Westminster, B.C., July 10th, 1923.

Dear Mr. Wyld,

I am informed that in 1913 the Department, which in this particular I presume means the Indian Department issued a 21 years lease to the Campbell River Lumber Co., for Mill Site and Lumber Yard on 36.56 acres which forms a part of Semiahmoo Indian Reserve in Sections 1 & 2, Township 2, W.C.M. The rental of said lease is \$100.00 per annum, which I understand has been paid regularly.

In the year 1915 the Provincial Government issued a somewhat similar lease (21 years) for the same identical purpose to the same Company, on which an annual rental of \$100.00 is paid.

On this land there is property assessed at \$100,000.00 but no Taxes have been paid.

Would you kindly advise for my information why the necessity of the two leases, and whether the property comes under the jurisdiction of the Dominion or the Province.

This inquiry is being made by me on behalf of the Provincial Assessor, whom I may say is always ready and willing to co-operate with this Agency when I desire information which may not be available from our records.

Awaiting the favour of an early reply.

Your obedient servant,

W. C. Cowell,
Agent of Domn. Lands.

The Superintendent,
B. C. Lands Branch,
Dept. of the Interior,
O t t a w a.