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Ottawa, Jan. 9, 1913.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, 5506, I beg to inform you that on the receipt of yours of the 26th ultimo our Indian Agent at New Westminster wired to reply to a letter previously sent him requesting him to state a reasonable valuation for the forshore of the Spanish Indian Reserve No. 1, Burrard Inlet, B.C., included in the application of the North V. Land and Improvement Company. That gentleman has written to the effect that the forshore in question is worth \$450.00 per foot frontage and that he is writing to the Department on the subject. It is difficult, if not impossible to state from the plan what may be considered to be the number of feet frontage desired. I shall therefore be obliged if you will be good enough to admit the receipt of the letter from the Agent when you will be again immediately advised.

I may, however, state that a commission is to be appointed to deal finally with Indian land matters in British Columbia and it has been decided to take no action towards alienating any Indian lands or the rights pertaining thereto until the reserve in question has been surveyed.

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