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Ottawa, 13th October, 1910.

Sir,-

In view of the report contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to inform you that the interest account of the Bella Coola Band stands at \$800.00, which amount can be expended for the benefit of the Band.

With reference to your remark that the Indians complain that they have not been allowed to incur expenditure for public improvements such as sidewalks, fences, etc., I beg to say that you may make a report with regard to a sidewalk which you state would be of convenience to school children, etc. You should deal with the matter in detail and give an estimate of the cost. If the Indians are desirous of having a sidewalk built they should pass a resolution in Council asking to have the cost of the same defrayed from their interest account. A copy of the resolution should be forwarded to the Department and when received the question of allowing the expenditure will be taken into consideration. I wish, however, to point out that no expenditure should be incurred without authority from the Department. When your further report and copy of resolution are received the matter will be promptly dealt with here and instructions will be sent you.

Your obedient servant,

Iver Fougner, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Bella Coola, B.C.

Secretary.