

Telegraph Creek. B.C.

June 22 nd. 1931.

Trap Lines. Report.  
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ATLIN. DISTRICT.  
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In the Atlin Division most of the Indians have registered Trap lines. This was done by the Late Indian Agent in 1926, but not all the Indians were registered, altho under way. Then the Agency's Affairs were taken hold by a pro tempore Indian Agent who was unacquainted with trapping affairs, but did all that was possible. At this time Game Warden Bob Webster was in charge of the B.C. Game Matters. All his trapping applications were contained in a 50 size Cigar Box, in other words there was no law or order to the system at all. However the new law of Trap Lines was "in" and all the loose miners, mostly sweeds were more than keen to comply with the law, and so being white men, drawing good maps, and being insistant with the Game Warden received permission to go trapping, thereby obtaining the preference in Trap lines, and kept after them till registered.

Upon taking over the Agency in 1928, during the summer visit this state of affairs was discovered, and it has been one continued fight ever since to get the complete registration fixed up.

Several very bad cases have cropped up, and some are still going ahead ( see Report and example, not yet finished, Feb 6 th /31)

The Taku River Affair drag'd along for some time, and was attended to this Spring, it is not yet knowwhat took place and what was decided upon down there, up to date. Perhaps a rearrangement of "Lines " down there will have to be undertaken, this Office is awaiting information.

However on the whole Atlin is settled and only wants going over once more, when the several replies, now wanting from Prince Rupert will arrive.

Constb Stuart of Atlin, was much surprised that an Office should have been in such a state, at the time he took over, and all Trap Line work has been done with his help and knowledge.

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