



Canada

Lands and Timber Branch

Ottawa, Ottawa, 28th October, 1920.

Memo.

Deputy Minister,

On the 24th August last Mr. Chief Inspector Ditchburn reported on the application of the Bridge River Power Co. Ltd. to purchase 125.71 acres on the Slosch Indian Reserve No. 1, Seton Lake Band, Lytton Agency, B.C.

I would refer in connection with this application to Surveyor's Memo. of the 8th Ultimo, in view of which, a Surrender of the land in question, was authorized to be submitted to the Indians by Agent Graham.

Agent Graham has taken the Surrender, but his report shews that there are 34 voting Members in the Band, but only 12 were present at the meeting, and voted in favour of Surrender, in view of which, I cannot recommend submission of Surrender, for approval.

In view of the above, it might be well to advise the Chief Inspector that the Surrender given by the Indians cannot be accepted, and that it might be ^{advisable} ~~well~~ for the Company to proceed with expropriation of the land.

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W. A. Dorr

Officer in Charge-