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Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

Sir,-

At the request of Indian Agent J. R. Brown, I accompanied him to the Westbank reserve on the west shore of Okanagan Lake to confer with him on some water difficulties that have arisen there, in which the Indians on that reserve are interested.

A stream named McDougall Creek runs through the reserve, and on it a water record was obtained by a white man away back in 1875, or thirteen years before that particular reservation was allotted by Commissioner O'Reilly. The land for which the record was obtained as well as the record itself is now in possession of a whiteman named D. Galletly.

There is a spring that has its rise some distance from McDougall Creek on its right bank and it discharges into McDougall Creek about 125 yards from the point where it ~~is~~ begins to flow visibly. As far as the provisions of the Provincial Water Act are concerned, I see nothing to prevent application being made in behalf of the Indians for a record on this spring, but there might arise a point of law on which it might be successfully opposed by Galletly on the ground that this spring being a feeder of the Creek on which he obtained the prior record, his record

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