

not quite as much, probably as the amount which will be required to be paid to Mr. Perrotta.

As the latter- the amount of compensation will of course, in the event of the Commission's recommendation being approved, be determined by negotiation between your Department and the retiring preemptor. You will note in the letter of Mr. H. N. Clague, B.C.L.S., dated October 14th, 1915, and transmitted by the Deputy Minister of Lands, B.C., under cover of the 19th October, that the total value of improvements on the pre-empted ~~land~~ in August last is estimated at \$900.00, which may be taken as the claimed value. It is maintained, however, by Mr. Agent Cox that the work of clearing, slashing and garden making, estimated in value at \$400.00 by Mr. Clague, was the work of the Indians, of which Mr. Perrotta took possession. You will note also by Mr. Agent Cox's letter of the 21st October, 1915, that he estimates \$75.00 as sufficient to cover the value of Mr. Perrotta's improvements.

In order that action by the Department herein may be expedited and facilitated, Mr. Cox has been requested by the Commission to ascertain the minimum amount which Mr. Perrotta would accept in full settlement for relinquishment of all right and interest under his Pre-emption Record No. 1271.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons,

Secretary.

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Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

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