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Ottawa, 15th. March, 1911.

Sir:-

A communication has been received from Mr. W. J. McAllan, Indian Agent, Fraser Lake, B. C., of date the 2nd, January last, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, relating to instructions which it would appear have been received by Mr. H. P. Horan, Dominion Fishery Inspector, Clinton B. C. on the subject of the methods used by the Stuart Lake Indians to catch the salmon required for their needs.

It would appear from Mr. McAllan's letter, as well as from statements made by Rev. A. G. Morice, who resided at Stuart Lake for a number of years, and by Rev. Father Bellet the present Missionary there, that a condition of affairs exists in the Stuart Lake district similar to that which existed at Babine and which led to a conference being held in November, 1906, the Minister of Marine, the Supt. General of Indian Affairs and representation of both Department being present along with Rev. Father Coccola and two Indian Chiefs from Babine. By referring to the decision arrived at as the result of these conferences it will be seen that your Department agreed to relax the fishery regulations in the Babine district to such an extent as to admit of a sufficient amount of netting being permitted in the river as to enable the Indians there to obtain their required food supply, the cost of

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