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January 16, 1926.

Sir: - Further List of Indian Water Rights  
to be abandoned.

Mr. Balls, of the Dominion Water Power Branch, has brought to my attention a further list of claims to water for Indian Reserves within the Railway Belt, which should be officially abandoned by this Department in order that the said claims may be wiped off your books. These claims are as hereunder set forth, the reason for abandonment being given in each case. I, therefore, wish to inform you that this Department officially abandons the claims enumerated hereunder:-

Board File

LYTTON AGENCY.

15-11-1. Lytton I.R. No. 8 (Maka)--I.R.C. Allotment dated July 10th, 1878, recorded in Dominion Lands Office at New Westminster Sept. 26th, 1888--"Five inches of water from Boothanie Creek."

The location of this reserve is not definitely known, township plan shows position uncertain and neither the Indian Agent at Lytton nor the Lytton Indians were able to furnish any definite information. There are no Indians living or working on the reserve. If the Indians ever intend to irrigate the land in this reserve, there should be no trouble in obtaining a licence for water from Boothanie Creek.

KAMLOOPS AGENCY.

3-11-1. Nicomen I.R. No. 4--I.R.C. Allotment dated July 13th, 1878, recorded in Dominion Lands Office at New Westminster Sept. 26th, 1888--"20 inches of water from Skhpowtes Creek."

There is no irrigable land on Skhpowtes Reserve. The Indians were using water from Skhpowtes Creek on Klakowit Reserve (Nicomen No. 5) without authority and leave was granted to apply for the transfer of the rights from Reserve No. 4 to Reserve No. 5. As there were no other record holders to consider, it was found simpler to relinquish the rights for Reserve No. 4 and to apply for a new licence for Reserve No. 5. A Conditional Licence appurtenant to Reserve No. 5 has been acquired accordingly, so the record for Reserve No. 4 may now be abandoned as of no value.

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