

and other authorities, has been long and extensive. I am more or less acquainted with every tribe in the Province,
With best wishes,

I am, my dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

(Signed.) J. W. McKAY.

C. T. H. B. Co.

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VICTORIA, B. C., 20th Sept., 1871.

DEAR DOCTOR TOLMIE,—It gives me much pleasure to learn that you are an applicant for the office of Indian Agent for this Province, and reasoning by analogy I think it not rash to predict your success.

The Dominion Government have shown so much generosity in promoting a fellow colonist to the office of Governor and so much judgment in the selection, it seems highly probable that a similar course may be observed in the disposal of an office eminently requiring extensive local knowledge and experience in the management of our fifty thousand Indians.

And where is the happy combination of character required so likely to be met with as among the retiring officers of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose successful rule of the Indians, founded on principles of humanity and justice, has so frequently elicited the admiration of our American neighbors? And now let me add that among those gentlemen I know of no one so well qualified as yourself, on the grounds of personal energy and administrative capability, improved by experience, recent and remote, in dealing with and managing the Indians of British Columbia, of which I may truly say I have been an humble eye witness for the last twenty years, since I first had the privilege of your personal acquaintance in 1851.

I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your sincere friend and well wisher,

(Signed) J. D. PEMBERTON.

Ex-Surveyor General, V. I.

William Fraser Tolmie, Esq., Cloverdale.