

The Soldier Settlement Board.



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S.S.B. File Bd. 1-16-6-49

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Office of the Chairman.

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Dear Sir:

Re: N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Twp. 19,  
East of Coast Meridian,  
Formerly Sumas Indian Reserve #7.

It is desired to bring to your attention the fact that the Board's application to have title to the above-described land which was purchased from your Department registered, has not been accepted.

In this connection I am enclosing herewith copy of a communication from the Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B.C., to the Board's Solicitor at Vancouver, and beg to draw your attention to the attitude taken by the Department of the Attorney General and the Executive Council. Owing to the refusal of the provincial authorities to register the patent, the Board have been unable to dispose of the property and have had to give up two sales which the applicants refused to complete because we could not deliver title.

It would be appreciated if you would be good enough to advise what action you would suggest to be taken in the premises. As no agreements have been executed by the Board covering the sale of any of the land in the reserve, and as we are not committed to any settlers, the Board could return the patent to your department if you are unable to suggest any other procedure which would overcome the present impasse.

Yours faithfully,

*John Barnt*

Chairman.

Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
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1 Enclosure.