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Indian Office,
Victoria, B.C.,
1st November, 1915.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th September, enclosing a communication from Mr. I. Hutchison with reference to the Comiaken dyke.

I have just returned from an inspection of the work and have been agreeably surprised to find that the leaks are much less serious than I had anticipated from Mr. Hutchison's letter, and that the dam is tight in all but two or perhaps three places. These can be easily stopped.

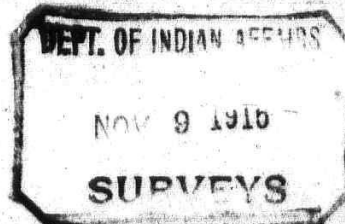
The tides at present are exceptional ones and there is a continuous flow through the leaks for twelve hours; notwithstanding this Mr. Hutchison's land is two feet above the water, though outside the dam the flat is flooded.

Mr. Walker and Father Schoelen told me that they were afraid their land was now too dry, and suggested opening the gate occasionally in summer to irrigate their fields.

As regards the addition to the height of the dyke, I think as a precaution it should be at least a foot higher on the uncompleted portion, 778 feet. I think if this were done there would be no danger of the water going over it any tide.

As I stated in my letter of 16th August last, No. 400, the highest tide in the year is on 8th December and it would be advisable to complete the addition before that date.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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