

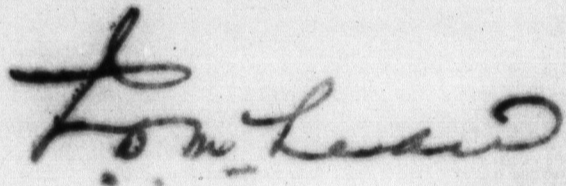
Ottawa, January 28th, 1907.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant No. 550-8 in which you inform me that Mr. Ritchie having accepted an appointment elsewhere is unable to undertake any work for this Department, and that no Dominion Land Surveyor will undertake to work for the pay at present allowed by the Department; at least, the lowest any of them will accept is \$15.00 per day.

Under these circumstances I think it would be advisable to arrive at an estimate of the cost of the work required in connection with the Hope Reserve, and then to engage the services of a surveyor by contract. Before letting any such contracts, unless in case of urgency, kindly submit them for the Department's approval.

Your obedient servant



Secretary.

A. W. Vowell, Esq. q.

Indian Superintendent,

Victoria,

British Columbia.