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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

206 Winch Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,



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April 3rd, 1926.

Sir,—

I beg to inform the Department that Messrs Brittingham & Young Company, leasees at the Inlail-awatash Indian Reserve No. 4 of the Burrard No. 3 Band of Indians, has made an offer to the Indians to buy the reserve, which contains 33 acres, for the sum of \$10,000.00. The reserve is wanted for the purpose of an outlet for the logging railway of the Company which Company holds extensive timber areas back of the Reserve. It is also likely that the Provincial Government road will some day parallel the railway track, and the old houses of the Indians are right in the path of the proposed right-of-way.

The Company has offered, in addition to the sum mentioned, to give the Indians a new reserve of five acres on the opposite bank of the Indian River; also to allow the Indians to retain an area of one acre in the old reserve not for purposes of residence thereon but in order that the fisheries of the Indian River for which the old reserve was set aside as a fishing station, may not be prejudiced by the disposition of the reserve. The Company will also make an allowance for the removal of houses.

The Indians are satisfied with the offer of the Company, and will be willing to make a surrender only on the condition that the Department will allow them the distribution of the entire proceeds and not 50%, so that some of the young people may be enabled to build houses in their No. 3 Reserve—their home village. Chief George has requested me to ascertain from the Department if the Department would meet their wishes in this matter if a surrender is made. This Band is a very industrious Band, and I feel sure that they would make good use of the money if distributed amongst them in its entirety.

Your obedient servant,

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