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RG 10, C.II.2
Indian Affairs
Office of the Indian Commissioner for British Columbia

Beginning in 1876, Indian matters in British Columbia were administered, as in the East, through a system of agencies with an overall Superintendent. In February 1910, the Superintendent's office was closed and agents directed to conduct all matters of business through headquarters in Ottawa. In the same year, an Inspectorate system was inaugurated with the appointment of three Inspectors of Indian Agencies for the southeastern, southwestern and northern agencies. These individuals, based respectively in Vernon, Victoria and Vancouver were charged with responsibility to inspect and supervise the agencies, Indians and reserves.

In 1917, W.E. Ditchburn, who had held the position of Inspector for the Southwestern Inspectorate, was promoted to the post of Chief Inspector for British Columbia and his former post, apparently, was abolished. In the following year the Northern Inspectorate office was also dispensed with.

Effective April 1, 1923, Ditchburn took up the new post of Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, but following his death in 1932 the position was apparently not filled. It was abolished in 1935 only to be resurrected in 1936. Between the years 1929-1937, an Assistant Commissioner also served in the commissioner's office.

In 1948 a major reorganization in British Columbia was effected; the administrative region of British Columbia was created with headquarters at Vancouver. The office of Indian Commissioner for British Columbia was retained while that of the

RG 10, C.II.2
Affaires indiennes
Bureau du commissaire aux Affaires indiennes (Colombie-Britannique)

Dès 1876, les affaires indiennes de la Colombie-Britannique étaient administrées, tout comme dans l'Est, au moyen d'un réseau d'agences dirigés par un surintendant général. En février 1910, le bureau du surintendant a été fermé et les agents ont été chargés de traiter tous les dossiers en passant par l'administration centrale, à Ottawa. La même année, un système d'inspection a été instauré et trois inspecteurs d'agences d'Indiens ont été nommés pour les agences du Sud-Est, du Sud-Ouest et du Nord. Ces personnes, qui étaient respectivement à Vernon, à Victoria et à Vancouver, étaient responsables d'inspecter et de superviser les agences, les bandes indiennes et les réserves.

En 1917, W.E. Ditchburn, qui avait été inspecteur pour le Sud-Ouest, a été promu au poste d'inspecteur en chef pour la Colombie-Britannique et son ancien poste a été, semble-t-il, aboli. L'année suivante, le bureau d'inspection du Nord est, lui aussi, devenu inutile.

Le 1er avril 1923, Ditchburn est entré en fonction dans le nouveau poste de commissaire aux affaires indiennes pour la Colombie-Britannique. Après sa mort, en 1932, le poste est cependant demeuré vacant. Il a été aboli en 1935, puis rétabli en 1936. Entre 1929 et 1937, le bureau du commissaire comptait également un commissaire adjoint.

En 1948 a eu lieu une importante réorganisation de la Colombie-Britannique. La région administrative de la Colombie-Britannique a été créée et son administration

Inspector of Indian Agencies for the southeast (which unlike its northern and southwestern counterparts had not been abolished in 1917-1918) was reclassified Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies.

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centrale a été installée à Vancouver. Le bureau du commissaire aux affaires indiennes de la Colombie-Britannique a été conservé alors que le bureau d'inspection du Sud-Est (qui n'avait pas été aboli en 1917-1918, comme cela avait été le cas pour les bureaux d'inspection du Nord et du Sud-Ouest) a été reclassifié pour devenir celui du superviseur régional des agences qui concernent les Indiens.

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BUREAU DU COMMISSAIRE AUX AFFAIRES INDIENNES B.C., VICTORIA

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STIKINE MARGARET NEHASS T/L

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Locality _____ Telegraph Ck P.O. Lat. 57.55' Long. 130.50
Map Location _____ Maps 73, & 53. Book 10
Agent's File _____
Game Branch File _____
Dept File _____
Date registered _____

Game conference Sept 16 1940

Agent Reed objects to medical women holding T/L. Has hired aircraft to transport elsewhere — on T/L Tommy Hoskins for which Dept purchased T/L cost of $150.00. Suggested agent advise Hoskins if further necessary time too long in first place

J Coleman

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112/12N/-

112/12N/4842.

April 1, 1940.

Dear Sir: Your File TL-3N-40.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo enclosing sketch of trap-line, which is being registered in favour of Margaret Nehass, Indian woman of Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

AC

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO. .....

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-3N-40

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~DISTRICT GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

March 16th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: NEHASS, Margaret, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Attached hereto please find sketch of trap-line which is being registered in favour of the above noted Indian woman, said sketch being forwarded to your office in order that the trap-line may be entered on your reference maps.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

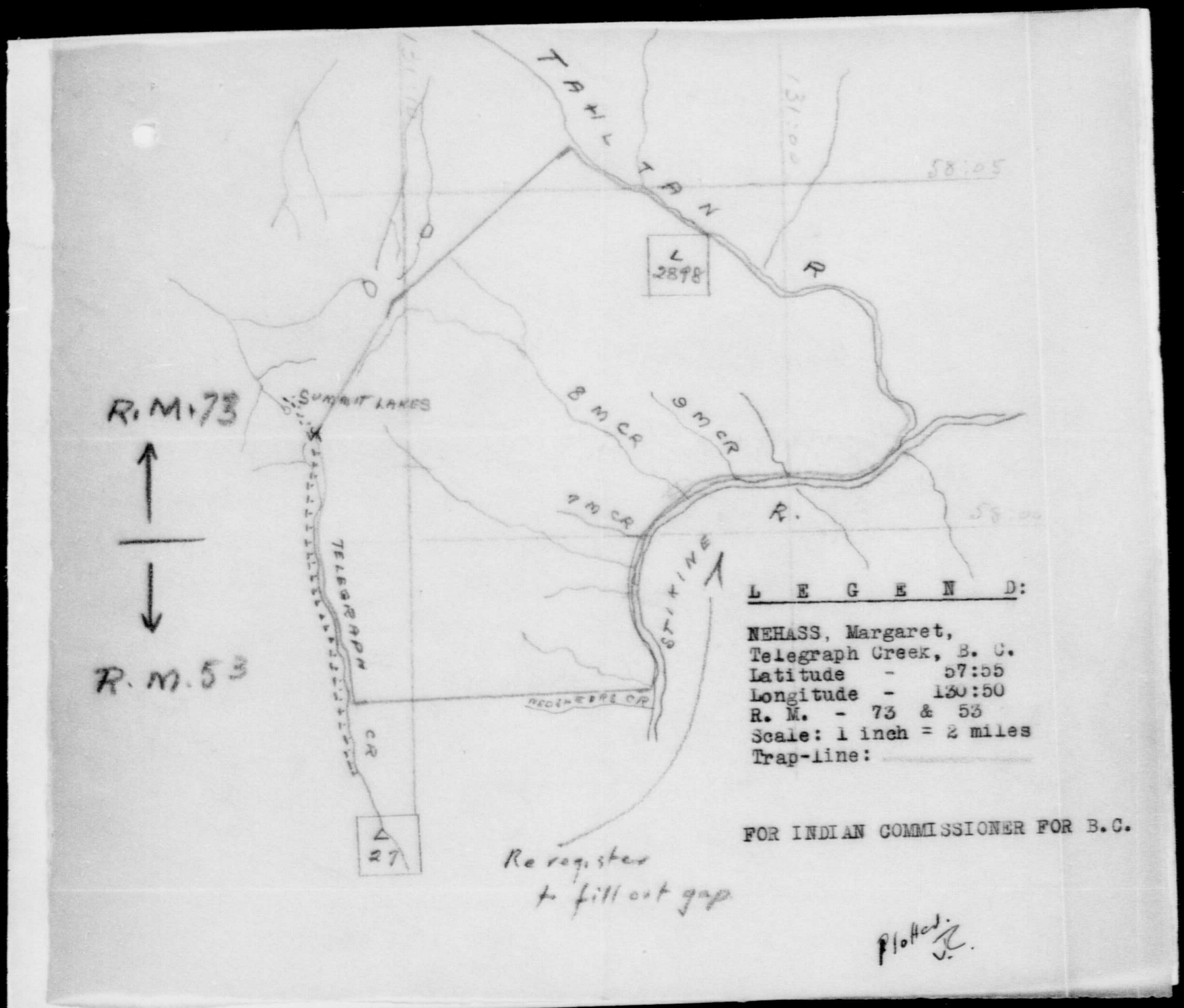
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MAR 18 1940
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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L E G E N D:

NEHASS, Margaret,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.
Latitude - 57:55
Longitude - 130:50
R. M. - 73 & 53
Scale: 1 inch = 2 miles
Trap-line:

FOR INDIAN COMMISSIONER FOR B.C.

Re registered to fill out gap

Plotted J.C.

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INDIAN AGENT

Stikine

CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

112/12/5853.

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
June. 13 th 1940.

Sir,

Re:- T/line Tom Elliot. (white) Purchased.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, of recent date regarding the above affair, which enclosed a copy of a letter from Inspector Van Dyk, on two entirely seperate matters viz:- the above line, and the important matter of the local Game Warden allowing a trapline to be given to an Indian Woman - Margret NEHASS. This last is fatal, for if one woman can obtain a trapline, then all others will claim the same right. In fact right now the husband is trying to obtain another ground, and if obtained, we have two grounds in one family. Such matters should be left to the Indian Office to decide upon.

The Inspector states :-"Since 1935 when the Elliott line was cancelled etc" Yet when Inspector Pragnell was requested by yourself to look into this matter it was stated by the Game Board that Tom Elliott's line was still in good standing(as at February 15 1938-112/12/2139) and that Elliott held a licence for 1937. Therefore the information in Inspector Van Dyk's letter is not correct.
Again the Game Inspector states that "since 1935 etc-no application has been received etc" This is wrong also,for under letter dated June 3 rd 1935 application was submitted for the Elliot line to be included with that of Felix Jackson.

However, you do not want to be bothered with all this data of making the Game Department submit a map of the Elliott ground, which is just now to hand. Sufficient it is that we have their acknowledgement that there is such a ground and that it belongs to our indians. So therefore it will go ahead in the ordinary routine of submitting same for Registration in the name of Billy Hawkins Family.

The delay has not been caused by this Office, and when Inspector Coleman took on his duties this Office received the Felix Jackson File back, without comment regarding its progress.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
Vancouver. B.C.

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JUN 17 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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112/12/6532

July 9, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant advising that owing to pressure of work you are unable to reply to all the Game Department letters, I would advise that when you receive a letter or other matter requiring attention and are unable to attend to it immediately you should write to the person concerned and advise him accordingly. I might add that this office is also working late into the night trying to keep abreast of the volume of business going through here.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:GR

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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112/12/6531

July 9, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr. Harper Reed that owing to considerable pressure of work there may be a little delay in complying with various game matters requiring reply to your office but no doubt this will be attended to as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:GR

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
"D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 2 nd. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Delayed Routine work. Stikine Agency.

This is to advise you that the desk work at this point is again getting in excess of one man's capabilities and therefore some of it will have to wait until such time can be found in which it can be brought up to date.

Right now it will be impossible to reply to all the Game Department's letters, one of which concerns the purchased T/line of Tom Elliott (White), but all data in regard to same is here now to be forwarded. There are a few others also that are waiting, but there is n no great rush in this matter as it is summer time.

Perhaps it might be possible for you to inform Inspt. Van Dyk of the B.C. Game Dept, that every effort is being made to catch up with such work, and that on no account must Cancellations be considered necessary because this work has met with delay.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Answ. V.D

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STIKINE PETER NEHASS T/L
formerly Richard Chief

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Locality _____ Lat. 58°. Long 128°40'. Stikine & Kehlechou Rivers
Map location _____ $ Photostat (not in office)
Agents File _____
Game Branch file _____
Dept File _____
Date registered ____

Covered by
Hugh Ford (white) &
Archie Nahass.
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112/12/5008.

13th July, 1938.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, with reference to the unregistered strip of ground lying between the traplines of Richard Chief and Benny Nehass.

You still do not say whether or not you have approached the District Game Warden in the matter. If you have not taken the question up with the District Game Warden, I would suggest that you do so, and ask to have this area included in the Richard Chief (Peter Nehass) trapping ground. If you are unable to get action through the District Game Warden, you might advise me.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

JDC/HN

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JUL 6 1938
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 1st. 1938.

Sir,

Re:- Vacant space between two Indian Trap Lines.

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 15 th, and am sorry that the subject was not clearly stated.

Inclosed is a map showing the area marked in yellow, and it is required to know if this space can be added to the ground of Peter Nehass.

At the Prince Rupert Conference in 1932 the two areas shown on the attached map were laid out - a mile supposed to exist between the two grounds. When the maps with registration were received back completed this space was shown, or existed. There is no room here for another trapground.

This space now exists on the local Game Maps, and if allowed to remain as such, might induce some white trapper to apply for same. If this can be allowed there will be no need for all the work of resubmitting the Peter Nehass trapping papers to have this space included in the Indian's ground.

It is hoped that this has now been clearly explained.

I am.

Sir,

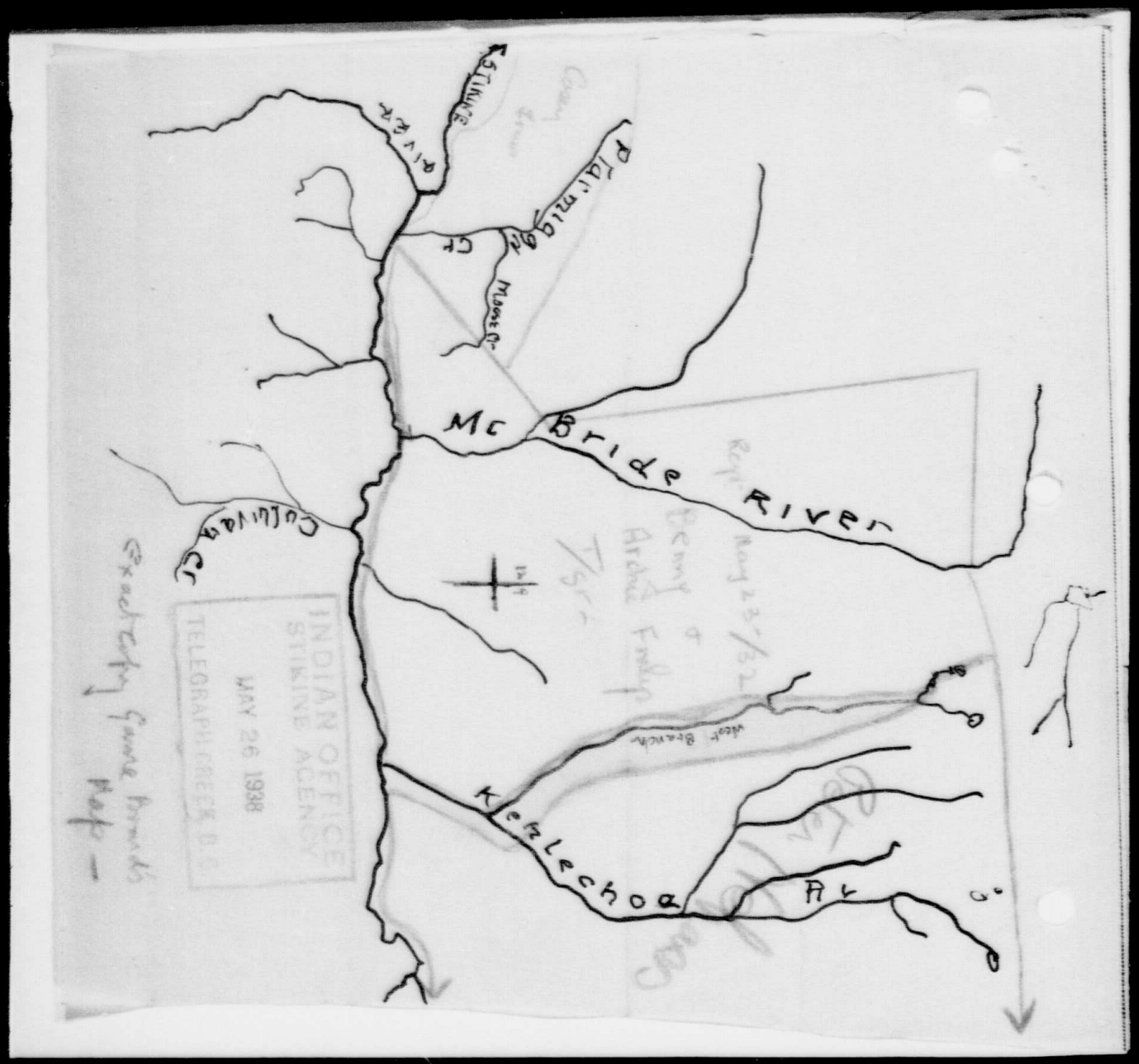
Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

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P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.,
15th June, 1938.

Dear Mr. Reed:-

I have yours of the 26th ultimo, regarding Richard Chief Trapping Ground to Peter Nehass.

I must admit that I am not quite clear as to exactly what you require me to do in this matter. You do not say in your letter as to whether you have approached the District Game Warden at Prince Rupert in the matter and that he has refused this adjustment for certain reasons or not. Without this information, I do not know whether you want me to approach the Game Board here in the matter, and anyhow I could not approach them unless I could show that it had been through the usual channels first.

You state I see that both registrations are in correct order, i.e., Benny Nehass and Richard Chief, but later on you say that the Benny Nehass line is still down for a ruling. Do you really mean this small piece between the two lines as mentioned should be thrown one-half into each line or area and that this has for some reason been refused by the Game Warden at Prince Rupert? I am, therefore, temporarily returning the maps and applications until I hear further from you.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

CSP/HN

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May 26 th 1938.

Sir,

Re:- Richard CHIEF T/g to Peter NEHASS.

I beg to acknowledge, and to thank you for your letter in regard to the above matter, which contained a copy of a letter from F.R. Butler. Esq of the B.C. Game Board.

As Mr Butler so correctly states, no maps were available at the time Commissioner Perry - Inspector T. Van Dyk, and myself laid out these lines at the Prince Rupert Conference. However it was agreed that all these Indians being related and living at Dease Lake were to be adjoining each other, and all in this Area. Mr VanDyk stated that no small lots of ground should exist between such Indians.

Submitted herewith are two maps - Benny NEhass and the above -Richard Chief (now Peter Nehass) and it will be noticed that there is a small space between the two line - utterly useless to any other Trapper, and which of course should have been included in the Chief line when the Prince Rupert Game Office made up these sketches sometime after the Conference had been completed. Both registrations are in correct order and have been ever since they were first started.

The Benny Nehass line - still down below for a ruleing has met with lots of trouble, as the enclosed copies of various Applications will show. It was not the fault of this Office if the various Local Game Wardens did not give the correct attention to them after they had been submitted.

It is hoped that this matter can be arranged, as the lines are not large.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed.
Indian Agt.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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P. O. Box 8,
Vancouver, B.C.,
4th April, 1938.

Dear Sir:- Re: Transfer Trapping Ground - Richard Chief to Peter Nehass.

Replying to your letter of 15th February, last, regarding the above trappingground, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Game Commission dated 14th February, 1938.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

JDC/HN

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
February. 15 th.
1938.

Sir,

Re:- Indian T/ground. Richard Chief (Janaska.Fmly)
Regst. 26 th May 1932.

Under letter to your Office dated December 15 th 1937 the favour was requested that a "check-up" of the above ground, with the Headquarters Game Office maps be allowed, to prevent the slipping away of a valuable bit of Indian trapping ground. It is hoped that this trapground has not been interfered with, as it is in connection with the White Trapper Ford encroachment.

On the same date a Transfer was sent to the Local Game Office to have the above line transfered to an Indian named Peter Nehass, who never had a decent line ; only a make shift, of his own. The original owner got married and has since been taken into the Mc Dames Band of Indians, making the line available to Peter Nehass.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Commissioner for Indian
Affairs.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

P.S. This can now be considered a "delayed" Application. Ack'ed by Local Game Office Dec 18-37.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
FEB 28 1938
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.M. Photostat.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Provincial Game Warden, Victoria, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Richard CHIEF P.O. address Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence --- Length of residence in B.C. Native Born

No. of years applicant has trapped line new line. Length of trap-line About 53 miles.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Comm N. side Pitman R. at E. Side of mouth of Keh lechon R. thence Ely following N. side of Pitman R. to a point 1. mile E of mouth of Ducker R. N.y about 17 miles to hght of land S.W. Ly following same 12 m. S.E. ly 12 m. to Kehlechoa R. following E. side of same southerly to point of commencement including intervening territory.

Tentative or permanent registration PERMANENT

(To be filled in by Constable only.)

Dated this 26 th day of day May 1932, 192..., at Prince Rupert B.C., B.C.

Signature of applicant Richard Chief per ~~Harper~~ REED

Harper Reed I.A.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. (For Constable i/c Detachment.)

Fiddle Jimmy Family use.

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REMARKS.

DETACHMENT: Telegraph Creek

Date Sept-23rd 1932., 192

J.C. Devlin Constb #334
(Constable i/c.)

DISTRICT:

Date August 15 th 1932, 192

E. Martin.
(N.C.O. i/c.)

DIVISION:

Date, 192

(N.C.O. i/c Game Branch.)

HEADQUARTERS:

Date, 192

(N.C.O. i/c Game Branch.)

Form G. 1—600 pads-326-4004. NOTE.—N.C.O. i/c Game Branch (Division) to sign whenever possible.

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YOUR FILE NO.....

REPLY QUOTE FILE NO.....

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

February 14th, 1938.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box # 8,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Registration of Trap-lines

I am in receipt of your letter of 8th inst. in which you enclose copy of application in favor of Richard Chief, Indian of Telegraph Creek, which is being returned herewith in accordance with your request.

The geographical description of the trap-line registered in the name of this Indian, appearing on the application in this office, reads as follows, and the application is in good standing:-

"Commencing at the mouth of Kehlechoa River on E ast side; follow North side of Stikine River to one mile past mouth Ducher River; North-easterly about thirty-five miles to height of land, passing through a point one mile West of source of West fork of Tucho River; South-westerly along the height of land about eighteen miles; Southerly about twenty-two miles to a point on Kehlechoa River one mile up from Forks; down East side of said River to point of commencement, and intervening territory. Mileage - 98 miles around."

Might I point out that when the application of this Indian was first prpared it would appear that the scale of the maps used at that time could not have been taken into consideration, and while the mileage and description of the application on file in this office is different

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February 14th, 1938.

Major D. M. MacKay - 2

to the copy which you have forwarded, the actual location of the trapping area is the same.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Member - Game Commission.

FRB/J

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P. O. Box 8,
Vancouver, B.C.,
8th Feb., 1938.

Dear Sir:-

I would appreciate it if you would kindly advise me as to the status of the enclosed application for registration of trapline.

Please return the application for my files.

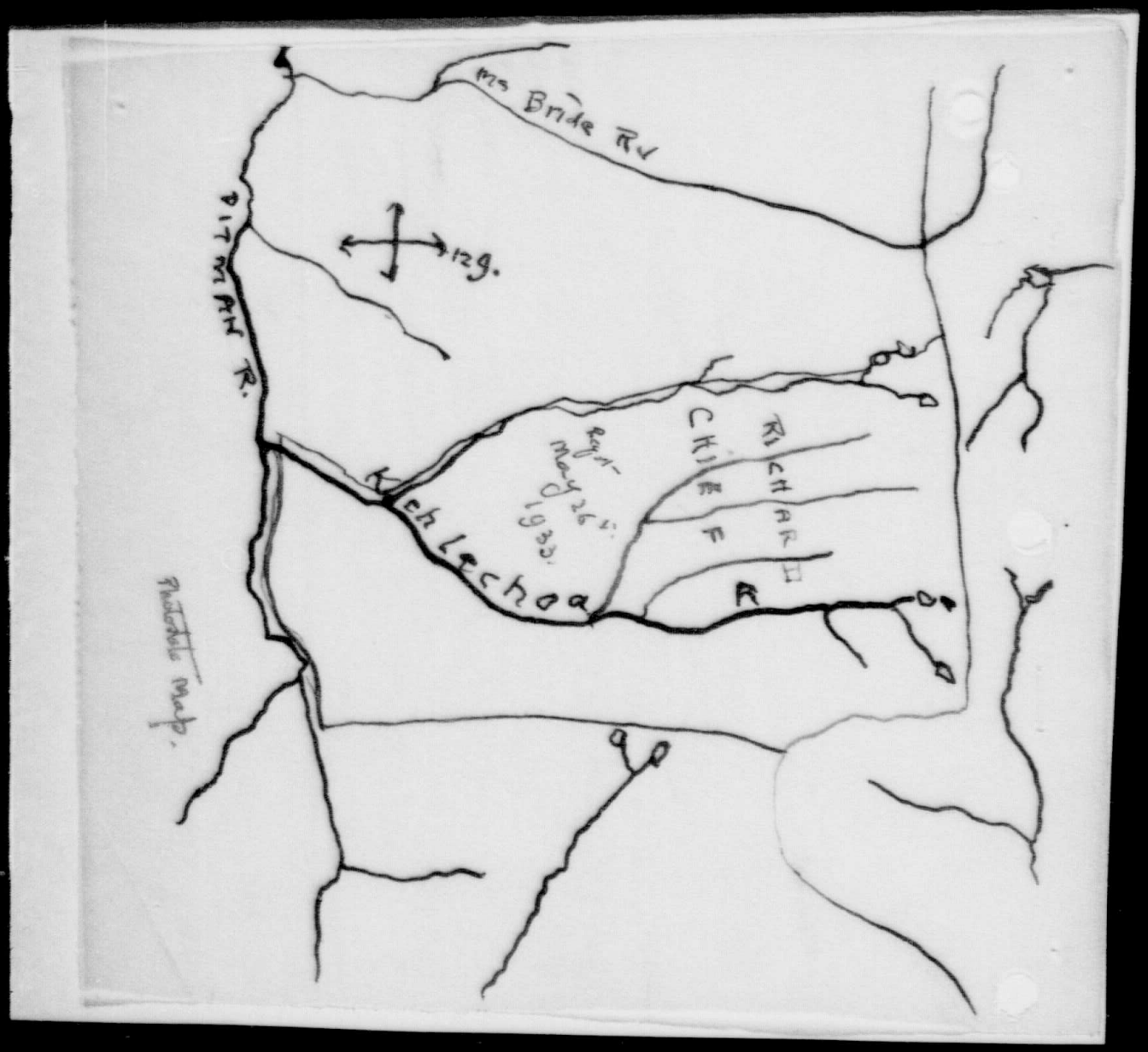
Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

JDC/HN

F. R. Butler, Esq.,
Member - Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir St.,
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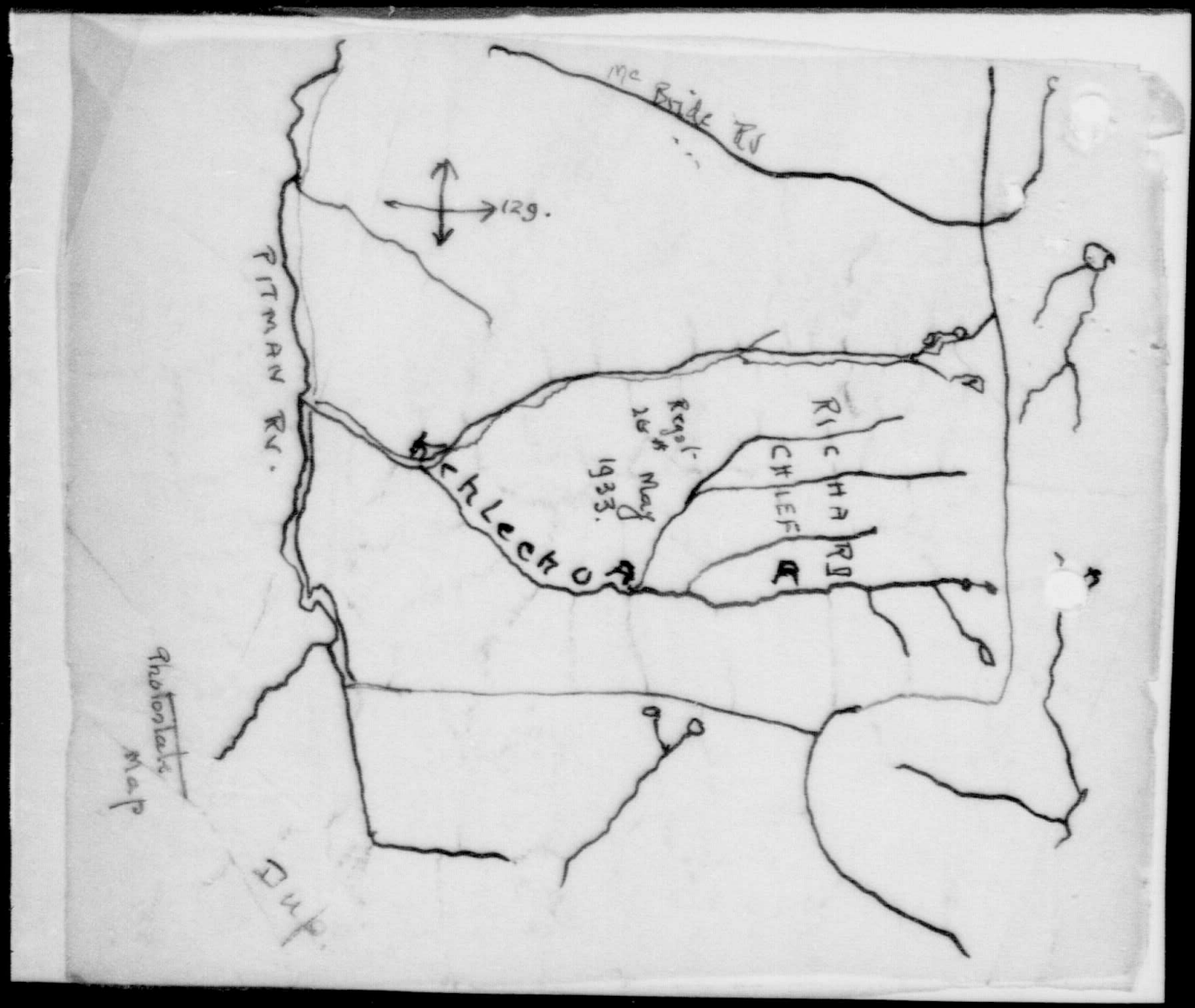
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December.15 th.
1937.

Sir,

Re Transfer T/ground- Richard Chief to Peter Nehass.

I beg to submit herewith an exact copy of a Registered Indian Trapground, which was made sealed and finished at the Prince Rupert Conference some time ago when same was called by Commissioner Chas. C. Perry with Inspector Pragnell in attendance. It was taken for a lad belonging to a broken down nomadic family at Dease Lake - always on Rations.

May it be requested that some Constable attached to the Indian Department visit the Game Board Head - quarters and find out if this line is on record- as it should be. A transfer is about to be submitted (P. Nehass has not a trapping ground) and it is fully expected that this ground will be taken away from Indian use.

This location is where White Trapper Ford was trapping,who has since been apprehended and is now doing "time" in the local Lock-up. A place could be made for Ford to live with some small trapping area, but it is not right that he should- live around Indians - and ease them out of their trapgrounds- which he has done.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

MajorD. M. MacKay.

Indian Commissioner for B.C.

VANCOUVER. B.C.

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BELL NOLE T/L
formerly Dougan Dennis T.L.

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Locality _____ Lat. 57.30. Long. 128

Map location _____ Map 38B. C-6

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Dept file _____

Date registered _____

See also file - Chas J. Quock T/L.

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Thule Cr

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Scale 2 miles = 1 inch

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Lat 57-00
Long 127-50
Inside Red Line.

INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
DEC 26 1903
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

Old Dougee Dennis
Line now
turned over to
Bell Nole
Indian Surveyor
Klappan Board.
12/12/1903

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DEPARTMENT
OF
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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Stikine.

December. 25.th. 1939.
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Sir,

Re:- Transfer. Indian T/gd. Dougeen DENNIS to
Bell Nole. Klappan District

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9 th, regarding the above movement.

1. Cancellation is being effected because Dougeen Dennis has gone blind, and Bell Nole ground was much inferior both in size and revenue.

2. Statement extra copy attached shows reason and action

3. No indian trapping grounds are ever given up by this Office.

4. Submitted herewith Map of Area.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE_____

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 22. nd. 1939.

INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
DEC 25 1939
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

Extra Copy for file

Stikine.

A STATEMENT.

This is to state that I Dougan Dennis Headman of the Klappan Band of Indians am now blind and that I cannot go out and trap as I used to do. My relations are helping to keep me and also the Indian Department.

Therefore I do now wish to give my registered Trap-ground to Bell Hole an Indian with a family in the Klappan Band. He has promised to also help me when he can do so.

My Trap ground was registered March 22 th 1937. and is located Latitude 57-00 and Longitude. 127-30. on the Ross River Klappan District.

His X Mark.
Dougan DENNIS. Blind

Witness to this.

Bill Hole

Bell Hole.

Arranged by Indian office
Telegraph Creek.

INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
AUG 22 1939
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

Harper TEE 17
Harper Acting Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE_____

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December. 25.th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- G.A. & Christp. ETZERZA (Brothers Indians)

I beg to submit herewith, a map with two copies of letters in regard to the above effort to unite, indian family trapgrounds. The matter has received attention from your Office; but having come to a full-stop here -it is again sent down for your consideration.

Up here we all think the movement correct and most suitable for the two families concerned. They are Agouta Etzerza- with ten members to his family-wife sick; and his brother Christopher-wife and one child,more expected.

These indians have to make money on the "side" to keep themselves going,for the two grounds together cannot produce enough fur for their revenue. This winter Christopher has been employed, so a lay-off has been obtained. At any time up here, employment could be unobtainable, and then what?

By making these two small lines one,the two families can live together in the bush, if necessary during the winter months, where meat and fish are plenty; and above all in healthy conditions.

This strip of ground is edge on the banks of the Tuya River and at present Pete Curran (White) has the best of the area adjoining the Indian Reserve. If partnership cannot be obtained may the Christopher area be cancelled and taken into the other "line" and then it would be possible for the brothers to obtain permissione to help eachother, when necessary.

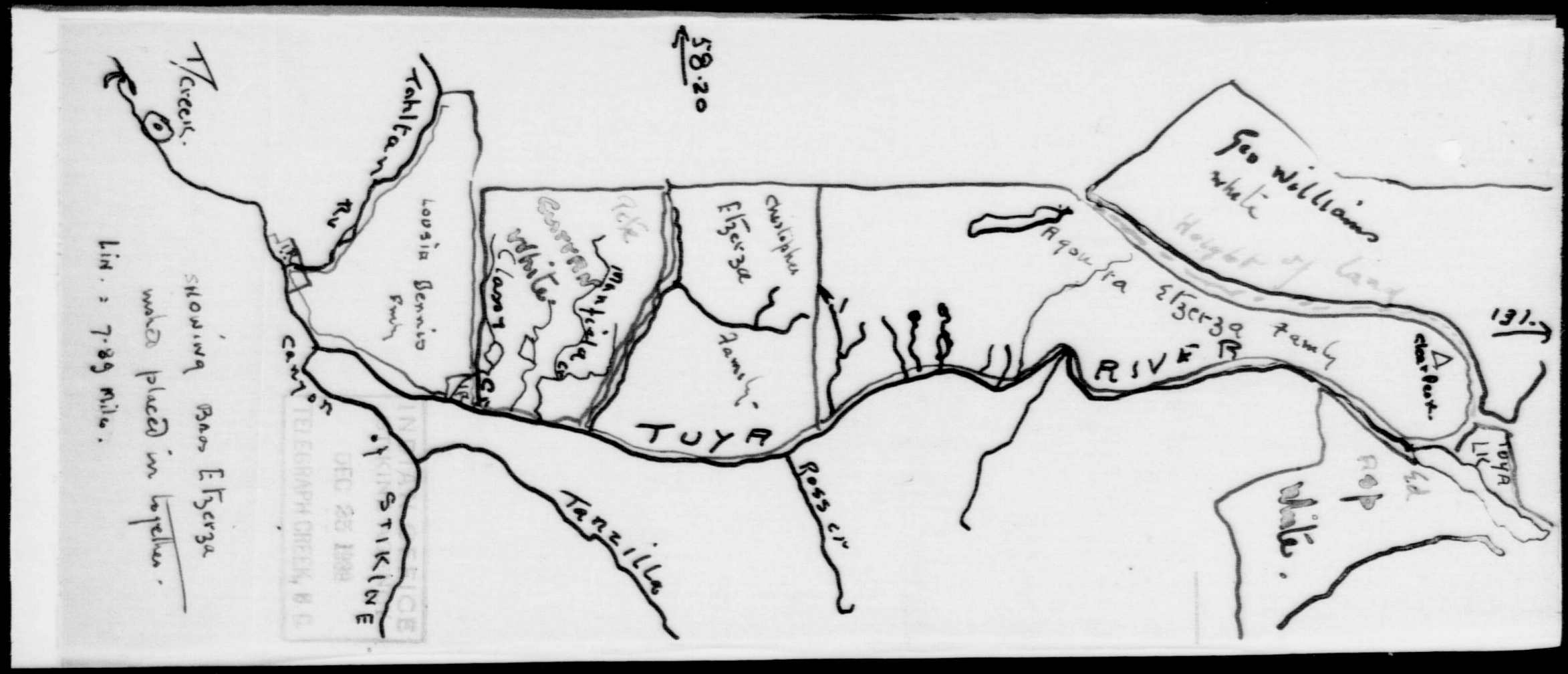
I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JAN 12 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December 19. th. 1939.

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- T/ground ETZERZA G.A. & Christopher.
Indians -- refused partnership.

Further to my letter of November 22 nd, and yours dated November 18. th, would you be so kind as to allow this Office to know the reason why this request has been refused?- a copy of Inspector' Van Dyk's letter was not submitted.

No Reason given. or rec'd yet.

This was a very sensible request, signed by yourself December 14. th 1938 and again in Prince Rupert January 6 th 1939, and it is considered it should be accepted.

Lay off rec for 1939

However if it is not, then a "Lay-off" on behalf of Indian Christopher is requested, as the lad is now out earning some ready money. This also allows of his very small ground, breeding some fur for the future.

It is mentioned that your Department are now holding "cancellation" papers that are null and void for future use.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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MEMORANDUM.

British Columbia Police.

November 18. th. 1939

Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Indian Agent

Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Subject:- Trap-line ETZERZA G.A. & Christopher (Indians) Partnership

Dear Sir,

1. Further to your letter of December 13. th 1938.

2. I am in receipt of communications from Inspector T. Van Dyk that the application for the amalgamatuon of George. A. & Christopher ETZERZA trap lines has been disallowed. Please re-instate these two men on their respective trap-lines.

Yours truly.

J. Gray Constb
i/c T/creek. B.C.

Also in conjunction with your letter to Insp. Van Dyk 112/12/1428. Sept. 14. 1939.

This application was agreedto by the Indians, submitted to the local Game Office- accepted by him - sent by him to Prince Rupert - full papers returned for signature and agreed to --- and then turned down by Inspector Van Dyk of Prince George. H.B.
Signed T/creek Game Office Dec. 14. th 1938
--- Prince Rupert Jan 6 th. 1939
Refused Nov. 18 th 1939. Prince George.

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112/12/2903.

December 9, 1939.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the cancellation of the Dougeen Dennis trapline as per your letter of the 10th ultimo, kindly advise why this cancellation is being effected, who is being placed on the line and if abandoned altogether why no Indian is available for it. Also send sketch showing its location.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:AC

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
November. 10 . th 1939.

COPY (of no value)

The B.C. Game Dept.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Indian Dougeen DENNIS- T/g Cancellation.

I beg to submit herewith papers in connection with the above, as follows.

4. Cancellation sheets

1. Statement from Indian reasons for such action.

It is hoped that the above are in order.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
NOV 30 1939
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

The above papers have been forwarded as above. In future the Witness in such cases shall be others than those concerned. To broadcast exchange of lines between Indians would lead to the utmost confusion, and a general shifting around of more "lines". H.R.

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9th Dec.,1939.

Dear Sir:- re: Bell Nole Trapline

Replying to your letter of the 10th ultimo, regarding the trapline of Indian Bell Nole, I would advise that I am communicating with you regarding the boundaries of your Agency in a separate letter in the course of the next few days.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:HN

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
November. 10. th. 1939

COPY (of no value)

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Indian Bell NOLE- Exchange T/ground.

I beg to submit herewith the following papers in connection with the above Indian Trapper.

4. Cancellation papers- giving up old ground.
4. Application for new area
1. Map showing area required (Dougeen Dennis Ground)
1. Letter signed from Indian Nole- giving reasons.

It is hoped that the above are in order.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
NOV 30 1939
VANCOUVER B.C.

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

The above papers have received attention, and passed on as shown. H.R. May this Agency be instructed as to if the top-end of the Stikine River comes within the Stuart Lake Agency. Game Divisions follow height of Land.

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Sept. 9, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the application of Bell Nole for the trap line formerly owned by Dougeen Dennis, and would request that you complete the applications where marked in red, sign them, and forward to the Game Warden concerned.

It is observed that a portion of this trap line is in the Stuart Lake Agency, and it is considered that in such applications you should consult the other Indian Agent concerned and advise him of the registered location of the line.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
:AC

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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112/12/1347

Sept. 9, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith application of Dougeen Dennis for cancellation of his trap line. The cancellation forms should be signed by yourself or the Indian and forwarded to the Game Warden concerned.

In documents affecting Indians, it is preferable for a witness to a signature to be some other person than one directly concerned in the transaction such as Bell Nole in this instance.

Agreement between the Indian. Therefore O.K.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Encl.
:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Yours faithfully,

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Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Encl.
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Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23. rd. 1939.

The B.C. Game Department.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Dougeen DENNIS T/ground. - CANCELLATION

I beg to submit the following papers on the above T/l

4. Sheets Cancellation Forms.

This line is being transferred to another Indian family, as the present owner-Dougeen - has gone blind.

Thanking you Gentlemen,

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August 23. rd. 1939.

The B.C. Game Department.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Bell. NOLE T/ground Transfer etc.

I beg to herewith submit the following papers:-

4. Cancellation Sheets of above ground. For Transfer.
1. Statement of intention & reason.
4. Application forms for new ground
1. Map of new ground.

Thanking you Gentlemen,

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Office of the
Indian Agent

Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
August 22nd, 1939.

A STATEMENT.

This is to state that I Bell Nole an Indian of the Klappan Band of Indians do hereby wish to have my Trapground located at Lat-57-40 and Long 127-00 cancelled and given to my relation Charles John Quock who is now old enough to trap for himself and expects to get married soon.

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"Bell Nole"

Witness to the above.

His "Charles" Mark

Charles John Quock.

Arranged in the Indian Office
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

"Harper Reed"

Indian Agent.

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FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August 23. rd. 1939.

The B.C. Game Department.

Map 38 B. C-6
Long 128
Lat 57.30

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Bell. NOLE T/ground Transfer etc.

I beg to herewith submit the following papers:-

4. Cancellation Sheets of above ground. For Transfer.
1. Statement of intention & reason.
4. Application forms for new ground
1. Map of new ground.

Cause incomplete

unsigned

Thanking you Gentlemen,

Yours truly.
Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
AUG 22 1939
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

Arranged in the Indian Office
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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STIKINE

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
August. 23. rd. 1959.

The B.C. Game Department.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Dougeen DENNIS T/ground. - CANCELLATION

I beg to submit the following papers on the above T/l

4. Sheets Cancellation Forms.

This line is being transferred to another Indian family, as the present owner-Dougeen - has gone blind.

Thanking you Gentlemen,

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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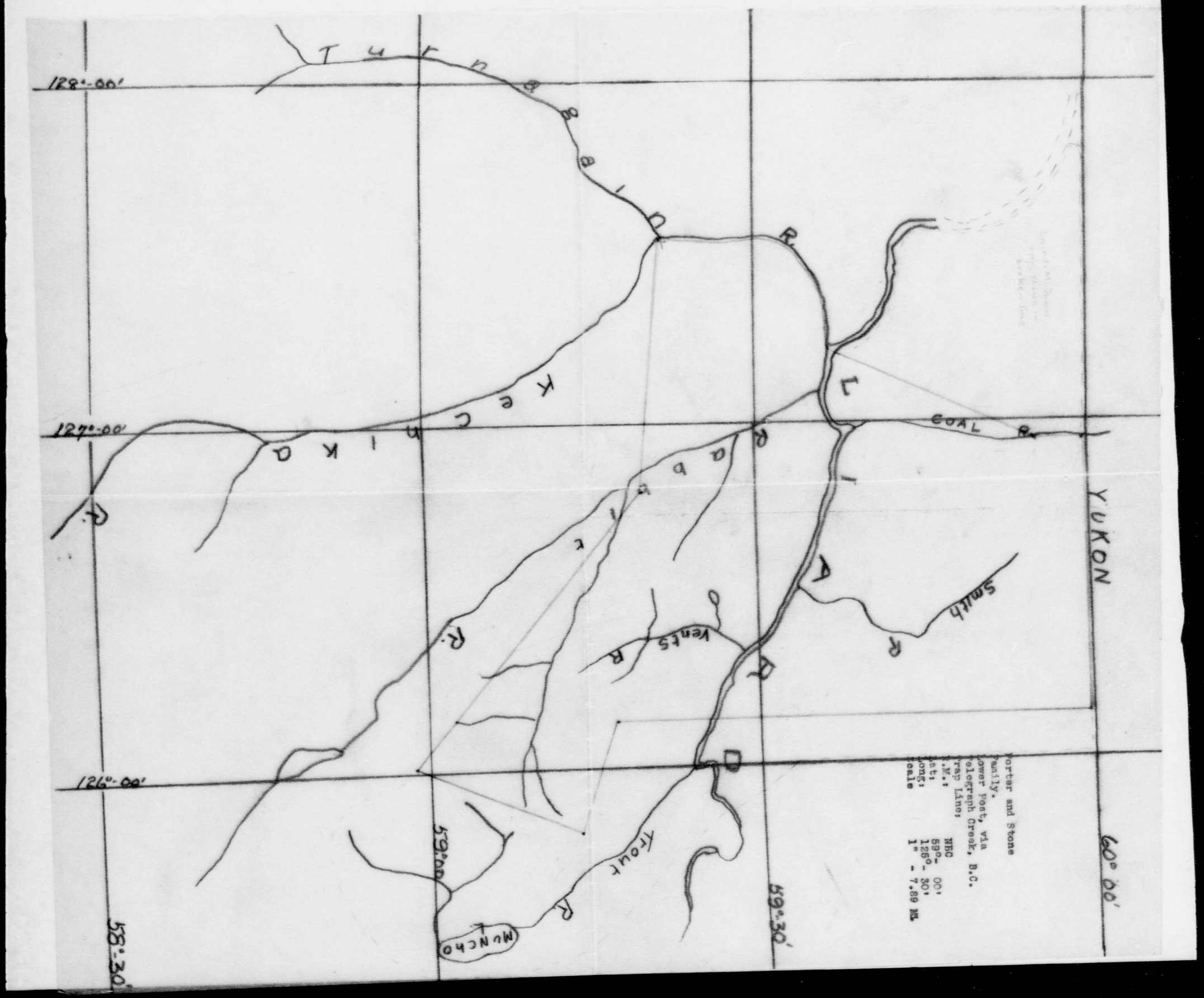
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Traps in the Laird - McDames area.

See amended app. Porter & Stone
(in abeyance - Sept 1940)

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Porter and Stone
Family.
Lower Post, via
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
Trap Line:
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Lat: 59°- 00'
Long: 128°- 30'
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YUKON

Rabbit R.

Kechika R.

COAL R

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Stikine.

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DEPARTMENT
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
November 12 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- White Trapper Emil CAUS Outfit.
LIARD POST.

Information has reached this Office that the above outfit are again trapping, and this time under the name or personage of the Lady in the outfit. It is stated that they are still in the same place as they were and that they expect to have that area "given " to them.

It is utterly useless to ask for a definite confirmation of the above information - but as most of this sort of "news" is correct - it is considered that the Game Department should be asked about these people, and some very definite reply -obtained

However, en route to Atlin on the winter visit, which is due to take place soon, it is hoped to call at Mc Dames & Liard Post, when this matter with others will be checked.

It is more apparent than ever, that our Nomads of the Cassiar are being "herded", the same exactly as the Finlay River District was served; and ere it is too late some drastic ruling should be secured-against the under-officials of the B.C. Game Department-so that the future of our Indian Families is not jeopardized.

For your information, Mc Dames Game Office has gone dead once more, and no reports have been received from that district.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
Vancouver. B.C.

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112/12/7230

August 14, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant with reference to seizure of pelts by the Game Branch from E.P.Caus, I would advise that I am unable to take any action in this matter until you can state definitely from what trapline this fur was taken.

There is nothing in my letter of the 20th ultimo to the effect that the Game Branch have no right to the fur seized in connection with infractions of the Game Act.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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112/12/6809.

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
August. 7 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Caus & Millspaugh - Fur Indian claim.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 20 th in regard to the above matter, and note the remarks contained in the B.C. Game Commissioner's letter.

Of course the location is not given in the letter from this Office on this matter, how are we to know where the Game Wardens operate. No reports are ever received from them in regard to indian affairs, and even Crime Reports in connection with indians and whites are not always received. In fact it is the policy of the Game Dept - engineered by Inspt. Van Dyk to allow as little information as possible to reach here. It is known by word of mouth that Caus & Millspaugh were living on an Indian Trapping area, and someplace caught fur. This is the second year this has taken place, and most possibily it will happen again this coming winter - The end will be that these two men- not wanted up this way, will, get given to them, exactly what the Game Department have promised them - and our indians moved back.

Who said that indian Charlie Porter lays no claim to this Ground? and by what right has Charlie Porter to say such a thing - if he actually was induced to do so?. Who is in charge of the Indians Trapping Areas ? As far as is known here this Office is, and for just such a purpose as the above. It cannot be expected that a set of nomads can keep their areas as aginst the workings of Game Wardens and Inspector Van Dyk. Several such cases have come up for your attention, and some have been righted.

May Mr F.R. Butler be requested to supply the full details of the case, so that we can judge our own affairs, and not relie on the words of Inspectors and Game Wardens. Mr Butlers letter is considered here as a stand-off, and avoiding the fact that if, the fur does not belong to Porter, it might belong to some other indians.

However, we learn one point, and that is the fact that had the fur been caught on an Indian Ground, it is possible to have same returned to our Wards. This is important for Game Warden Davis, just a short time ago, stated in this Office, that no matter on who's ground fur is taken up by him - it belonged to the Game Department. It so happened we were talking about the above two white trappers.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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112/12/6809

July 20, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter of the 19th instant received from Game Commissioner Butler with reference to seizure of pelts from E.P.Caus, in which it will be noted that the Commissioner is unable to recommend confiscated furs be turned over to this Department as it has not been shown that the Indian, Charlie Porter, lays claim to the line on which Caus and Millspaugh trapped.

Therefore, before this matter can be taken up further with the Game Branch, it will be necessary for you to show that the infraction occurred actually on an Indian trapline and this information is not given in your letter of the 12th ultimo.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO. 112/12/6465.

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION

[redacted] 540 HOWE ST.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

July 19th, 1940.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Complaint re E.P.Caus of Telegraph Creek, B.C.

With reference to your letter of 4th inst. covering your claim for the furs confiscated from the m/n for a violation of the Game Act, I now wish to advise that in a memorandum dated 15th inst. Inspector T. Van Dyk points out in connection with your application that Indian Charlie Porter lays no claim to the territory on which Caus and Millspaugh trapped, and it would seem therefore that we cannot recommend that the furs confiscated in this case be turned over to your Department.

Yours very truly,

F.R. Butler

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

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July 4, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant with reference to complaint against Emil P. Caus and his trapping partner, convicted under the "Game Act" and note that the furs taken on an Indian trap-line have been confiscated and should, in your opinion, remain in the custody of the Crown.

In this connection I would refer to the prosecution of Emil Caus in the spring of 1939 when, probably through an oversight on the part of the prosecuting Game Warden in not seizing the furs, this man was allowed to sell the proceeds of his catch on the Indian Charley Porter's trap line, amounting to about one thousand dollars, despite his conviction.(Vide your letter of August 21, 1939). This has caused a great deal of disatisfaction among the Stikine Indians and under the circumstances it would be greatly appreciated if the furs now impounded could be returned to the Indians deprived of them by the action of Caus.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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F.R.Butler, Esq.,
Office of the Game Commission,
Vancouver, B.C.

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THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION

411 DUNSMUIR STREET 540 HOWE ST.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

July 2nd, 1940.

Major D. M. Mackay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Complaint re E. P. Caus of Telegraph Creek

A copy of your letter of 24th ult. to Inspector T. Van Dyk, enquiring as to the disposition to be made of the furs confiscated in the case against the m/n and his trapping partner, Mr. C. Millspaugh for violations of the Game Act, has been referred to this office for attention.

In this connection I wish to advise that we are of the opinion that the furs confiscated should remain in the custody of the Crown, and they will therefore be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Game Act.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

FRB/J

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YOUR FILE NO.....

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. 5(1)-40.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
GAME WARDEN

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

June 28th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Complaints: Re E. Caus, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Please be informed that E. Caus and his partner, C.Millspaugh, were duly prosecuted and convicted before Stipendiary Magistrate E. W. Mayfield of Lower Post, B.C., via Telegraph Creek post office.

Crime Reports covering the various charges and confiscations have been forwarded to the Game Commission for their information and decision as to disposal of the few pelts seized.

No doubt the Game Commission will forward you a copy of the Crime Report and inform you as to the disposal of the fur.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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June 24, 1940.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the attached copy of a letter from Mr. Harper Reed, I should appreciate any information you are in a position to give regarding the case referred to, and also as to disposition made of the fur fuund in the possession of Emil Causs.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
/AC

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c Game "D" Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
June. 12. th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- White Trapper -Emil CAUSS. LIARD POST

Information has just come to hand that the above trapper has been "picked-up" and brought into Court, and also fined for Trapping.

We have to thank the Game Department for taking action. It is understood that the offence took place on an Indian Registered trapground, and if so might the fur so obtained by this White Trapper be given to the owner of the Grounds - i.e. The Indian Department.

In view of what has happened in the past, this action would be only fair and correct. It would seem that the information given in a letter from this Office dated April 10 th, last, rested on some solid footing.

I, am.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
Vancouver. B.C.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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112/12/5466/P.

8th May, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

For your information, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated April 19th from Inspector Van Dyk, of the Game Division, Prince George, regarding possible infringement on Charlie Porter's trapline.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Your File No. 112/12/P/4913

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In reply quote File No. 5(1)-40

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
[redacted]

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

April 19th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: **Complaints:**

Please be informed that Game Warden G. Davis received full instructions from this office in regard to the various trappers that might infringe on the trap-line of Charlie Porter et al, mentioned in your favour of April 3rd last, your file 112/12/P/4913.

During a visit to Lower Post and McDames last February, no complaints as mentioned in your letter were received, but Game Warden G. Davis was at that time on his way, by dog team, to Lower Post and the Porter trap-line.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/ J.

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112/12/5159.

April 18, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of April 10th regarding the activities of Emil Causs. A copy of your letter has been sent to Inspector Van Dyk, requesting a report on just what occurred.

With reference to the penultimate paragraph of your letter, there would not be much use placing Causs in Court unless there was sufficient evidence to convict. I have already received Inspector Van Dyk's assurance that his Department would make every possible effort to keep in close touch with Causs and his activities.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

/AC

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April 10 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Emil Causs; Liard Poaching.

I beg to report that to-day Mr Dazill who owns a private Plane came in to see me and stated. That whilst he was at Liard a few days ago, Game Warden Davis of Mc Dames Creek requested that he be taken down to where it was reported Emil Causs & coy were trapping. This was done and as Dazill was an old trapper himself they alighted away up from the Liard River, but on the lake at which Causs had his main cabin. On the Cabin posts, for nobody was found at this cabin, was written a warning that the area thereabouts was Causs's and everybody -keep off. Later Davis went up further and found a woman in a cabin and she was much surprised to see a Constable. Her men had gone to the Liard Post for Trading purposes some few days. However Dazill and Davis sprung a good few traps, took a live Lynx out of another, and then ran back to Liard Post. Causs had arrived there ½ an hour earlier and so Davis , immediately "picked him up" and some sort of a Court Case was held at Liard Post by a New J.P. established there. Causs got off somehow but his partner took all the blame. Details are not exactly known. After which Causs hired Dazill plane and returned to his cabin.

Again it is wished to state that he will go beaver trapping - of course, but when they do catch this fellow why is he allowed to return. You can fanny how the Dept is considered - in allowing such matters to go on.
We should place this man in Court, on behalf of the Indian families and - clear him up entirely.

It is suggested that the Game Department render to your Office a full and complete account of what has come about, and what they intend to do in the future.
Game Warden Davis is to be thanked a lot for his action.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
APR 18 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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3rd Apr.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

It is reported that Emil Caus and his associates intend to trap in the vicinity of and on the Charlie Porter trapline, and it would be appreciated if this man's activites could be checked over by one of your officials when he is next in the locality.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector i/c "D" Game Division,
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

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12/12P/3876.

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

STIKINE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
March. 19. th. 1940.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 7. th in regard to the movements of Emil Caus & Company, within the Cassiar proper, and your desire that such movements be investigated immediately. This, it is regretted, is almost impossas the location is about 300 miles away.

May it be requested that the vastness of this Agency be kindly considered in conjunction with the total lack of communication services available; taken together with the impossibility of travel during certail seasons of the year - it will then be seen that all rumours, or sets of circumstances are well worth recording. Such a case is this.

Information was received that the Porter Band, to avoid trouble had "moved away" from the white trappers. This is exactly what this highly respectable bunch of indians would do. Also that the Emil Caus outfit were intending to trap again. This is exactly as might be expected, of course, and is considered correct - what else are they in the District for?.

Such matters should be reported, or reduced to paper for future reference, and then if a Game Warden goes through that district, and does not take action- we have something to go on.

However, some persons are reported as coming up from Liard Post and then it will be possible, perhaps to obtain more information.

This case seems to prove two things, firstly that it is hardly safe to leave such vital matters in the hands of the Game Department, and secondly, that this Office is rather handicap'd by lack of personal, in giving the necessary attention to all such affairs.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED

Harper Reed Indian Agt.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
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7th Feb.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, with reference to Emil Caus and possible encroachment on Indian traplines, I would request that you immediately investigate the reports of such encorachment that you have received, as these imply that this man has driven Indians off traplines.

It would be much more satisfactory if you would confine your correspondence to this Office to statements of fact. In the present instance, you say that Emil Caus is out trapping and that the nomads have moved away, which two events may or may not have any connection with each other, and it is impossible for this Office to take action on mere rumours or implied combinations of circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
January. 11. th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- The Emil Caus - Trapping encroachment.
Liard Post-District.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 6. th 1939, in regard to the above affair.

It can only be stated that every right-thinking person within the Cassiar, along with this Office; considers the whole event a shocking example of the Game Department's non-co-operation on behalf of our nomadic Indian Families who are totally unable to help themselves. This event did not "just happen" it was brought about. Also fair warning was given, at the very start, and the whole matter placed in the hands of the Game Department - but was not taken up, and even allowed to go on. Not only that, during its progress, an application was advanced for this area, by the Game Department on behalf of the white trespassers.

If there are "grounds" for a civil action on behalf of these nomadic trappers - why does not the Game Department take the matter up - or even our own Department- under The Welfare of Indians. It certainly cannot be expected that these poor indians- living from hand to mouth - could begin to understand what is ment by a Civil Action, -Legal advice - etc, As for paying for same, they have just been robbed of their revenue. All these nomads look to this Office for protection, and as Indian Agent I feel ashamed.

Hearsay reports come to hand that these nomads have moved away, and that the Emil Caus Bunch - are out trapping. Having no Constable attached to this Agency, its impossible to find out more at present, but more trouble might be expected.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
FEB 5 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
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VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Sept. 8, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd ultimo re the trespass of Emil Caus on the trap line of Charley Porter, I would advise that this matter has been very thoroughly discussed with the Game Commissioners, Inspector Van Dyk and Constable Gray, and while owing to the fact that Caus had already been dealt with by the Courts, it is now impossible for the Game Board to do anything further in the matter. I consider it very unlikely that this man will be again permitted to interfere with Indians. I would suggest, however, that you keep in close touch with his activities and inform us of any further interference, but be careful of mere rumours.

It is my opinion that Porter has good grounds for a civil action against Caus for recovery of the value of the fur, but that would be a matter for him on which he would have to secure legal advice at his own expense as there is no provision in the Department to engage counsel for such cases.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Aug-22.nd.1939.

Sir,

Re:- Emil Caus. Trapper etc.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 20 th in regard to the above case. The delay reported means that the case runs into the Fall, and the Indians cannot be gotten in touch with until next Xmas but more likely next Spring.

News just up from Liard Post states that Emil Caus has been told by Inspector Van Dyk to get up on the Coal River, and wait, and it is thought matters will be arranged for him.

Meanwhile, as usual these indians with their families have moved "away" just where to is not known, but perhaps right where the Game Department could manager to getanother "Crime Sheet" against them.

It is considered by most everybody in the Cassiar that the Game Department could very well get somebody else to handle their affairs up this way, than under the present routine.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

August 21st, 1939.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Registration of Trap-lines (Complaints)

With further reference to my letter of 15th ult. in regard to the complaint of one Emil Caus trespassing on the trap-line of an Indian by the name of Charley Porter. I now wish to advise that we are in receipt of a letter dated 10th instant from Inspector T. Van Dyk in regard to this matter, who points out that on investigation it was found that Game Warden G. Davis did not seize the furs illegally caught by Mr. Caus, and in any event, while Caus was prosecuted under Section 2 of the Regulations covering the Registration of Trap-lines, the pelts not being produced as evidence, and as he cannot be tried a second time for this offence, we cannot see that any further action can be taken in regard to this matter, as apparently the pelts have been disposed of by Mr. Caus to the Hudson's Bay Company.

We exceedingly regret that the pelts were not seized by Game Warden Davis when investigating the complaint. We feel that such action would have had a better moral effect on all trappers in the District than the imposition of any nominal fine. Game Warden Davis, however, has now been instructed by Inspector T. Van Dyk that in future all furs involved in cases of this nature must be seized.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

FRB/P

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July 20, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of the letter received from Mr. F. R. Butler, Game Commissioner, relative to Emil Caus trespassing on the trap-line of Charley Porter which is self-explanatory.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Encl.
:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

July 15th, 1939.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Registration of Trap-lines (Complaints)

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th inst., with enclosures, and note your remarks in regard to the complaint of one Emil Caus trespassing on the trap-line of an Indian by the name of Charley Porter.

I wrote Inspector T. Van Dyk in regard to this matter under cover of my letter of 21st ult., and informed him that as soon as the investigation was completed in regard to this particular complaint he should submit a concluding report thereon. Apparently this complaint is still under investigation as a concluding report has not come to hand.

Copies of your letter of 13th inst. are being forwarded to Inspector Van Dyk for his information, and when a report herein is received in this office I will write you further in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

FRB/J

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July 13, 1939.

Dear Sir: Re Emil Caus

On February 21st Mr. Indian Agent Reed at Telegraph Creek advised your Inspector T. Van Dyk that Emil Caus was in trespass on the trap line of an Indian, Charley Porter, at Muddy River and had driven the Indian off the line. Mr. Reed was advised to get in touch with Game Warden Davis at McDames Creek, vide attached copy of Inspector Van Dyk's letter of February 21st, 1939, which in paragraph 3 indicates anticipation of future trouble in issuing a licence to a person not in possession of a trap line in a territory where practically no private territory exists and consequently any trapping without a registered line must either be illegal or in trespass. This is further borne out by the fact that it was found necessary to fully inform Game Warden Davis regarding this possibility.

A further wire was received from Mr. Reed on April 29th, 1939, that Caus was taking fur off this Indian's line and a request forwarded to Inspector Van Dyk on May 3rd requesting investigation and action in the matter, which was promised in his reply of May 6th, promising that any fur taken in trespass would be restored to the owner of the line. On June 3rd I was advised by wire from Mr. Reed that Cous had arrived at Dease Lake with a thousand dollar draft, understood to be for fur sold and further, that Prince Rupert was submitting a trap line application on behalf of Caus, sketch enclosed, Mr. Reed objected to the line applied for as being on Indian trap line. I wired Inspector Van Dyk on June 5th requesting action to seize fur or funds from Caus pending investigation. On June 8th Inspector Van Dyk stated that nothing could be done until a Crime Report had been received from the Game Warden, but that he would investigate the matter. I enclose copy of Mr. Reed's letter of the 22nd ultimo.

The Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street,
Vancouver,
B.C.

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It has been suggested that I place this matter before the Attorney-General, a course that I am naturally very reluctant to adopt as I feel that a satisfactory solution of the difficulty and recompense to the Indian for his loss can be safely left in your hands. I would appreciate your advice as soon as possible as I am in receipt of advice from the Department that they are very much concerned over this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
:AC

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
June. 22.nd. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Emil Caus -white trapper-Muddy River.

Inspector T. Van Dyk, of the B.C. Game Department being here on inspection, the above matter was talked over. He is looking into the matter it seems, and admits that Caus was brought up for Court Action at Mc Dames Creek, but somehow the fur was not confiscated.

The inspector intends to go down to Mc Dames Creek and see the Indians concerned, but meanwhile Mr Glennie, who sat on the case, and is also the H.B. Coy Manager at that point - has been removed from there, and taking up another Post in Lower B.C.

It is expected that nothing will be done in the case, but as Inspector "flew" in to Mc Dames Creek, Game Warden Davis, and gave him full instruction about the Caus affair, it is not understood why the Game Warden was not instructed to confiscate the fur, if any.

Inspector Van Dyk admits that he has known Caus since he was a boy, or for many years, and frankly states such a man is not much use in a District, but is now holding an application for this white trapper on ground that now belongs to the Indians. However it seems that if the Game Department cannot take further steps, it is possible to take acivil action against Caus, and perhaps obtain some return on the sale of this man's boat and trapping equipment.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
June. 22. nd. 1939.

Sir,

With to-nights river boat arrived a further letter from your Office in regard to the Emil Caus -Muddy River Affair, and also enclosed was a copy of a letter from Inspector Van Dyk.

His fears of what might have happened - are exactly correct, and I wish to add that there seems to be no great worry exercised over the matter. Emil Caus is free so far as we know now, and the Magistrate - W.Glennie is now on his way out. From our point of view its another Lindquist mix-up, in which the Indians get nothing, and at the bottom of events is Inspector Van Dyk of the Game Department.

This is not a single trapline - its a Bands Affairs of which the following are members:-

Porter Family -Peter & Wife
Charlie & Wife Mike Single man
Jimmy A & Wife Bob-single man
Pye Jhn Wife and child
Boy/yah Louie
Stone Family Jack & Wf & youngsters
Frank wife & kids
Frank Family Tommy Wife & Kids
Mc Donald Family Chas. &.Wf with father and two Brothers

Letter dated Dec.14. th from this Office explains the affair. Its a great pity that action could not have been taken sooner.

I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant.
Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
June. 16. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re :- Emil Caus- White Trapper etc.

With further regard to my letter dated June 8. th on the above subject, it is now understood that the Game Warden concerned - Davies of Mc Dames Creek, has visited Telegraph very recently but did not for some reason or other pay a call at this Office. He departed ere it was known he was around.

However it is learnt since that Caus faced some Court Action at Mc Dames, in front of Mr Glennie.J.P. who by the way is the H.B. Coy Manager there, but what it was, if anything is not known.

But Caus himself seems to be in good standing he was in to here, has much equipment at Dease Lake, and has returned to that point intending to go down Dease River once more.

Of course the affair is causing much talk, for as everybody knows its most unfair, especially as every care was taken from the start. That the fur, or its value, should be returned to the Indians is thought to be only fair, and is expected by all concerned.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Comm

EMIL CAUS trespass on Charley Porter traplin

Seems to be a case of culpable negligence or sheer evasion on part of Game Officials around Dease Lake.

Seem to be strong evidence in this file that we are not getting by any means what we are entitled to and makes one wonder if some of the other deals are not similarly against us.

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June 14, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 8th instant re alleged trespass by Emil Cous on Charley Porter trap line at Muddy River I would advise that Mr. Commissioner MacKay is absent for a few days and on his return this matter will be brought to his attention. Meanwhile I enclose copy of a letter dated 8th instant from Mr. Inspector Van Dyk which was in reply to the Commissioner's wire to him on the 5th instant requesting investigation and action and, if possible, impounding of Cous' furs or funds pending investigation.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
:AC

J. Coleman.
Inspector of Indian Agencies for B.C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO. 112/12/9605

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. 5(1)-39

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
GAME WARDEN

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.
June 8th, 1939.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Complaints: PORTER, Charley, Muddy River.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 5th inst., dealing with infractions of the Trapping Regulations by one E. Caus.

I am very sorry to inform you that whereas Game Warden Davis was instructed to prosecute Mr. Caus, and as I am not in possession of a Crime Report covering the case, I do not know if Caus was prosecuted or not. Should he have been prosecuted and the furs returned to him by the Magistrate, the seizure of said furs or draft would be a very dangerous procedure, therefore I was unable to carry out your wishes.

The Game Commission has been informed of your suggestions, and the whole case put before them. They will no doubt have contacted you and will, I hope, be in a position to assist you in every possible way.

I am leaving shortly for the Dease Lake area and will investigate the matter fully,

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

Trapping in trespass. Game Act. Sec 78(f)
$100.00 to $300.00 fine (or 6 months in default - Sec 79)
Evidently no provision in Game Act for seizure of pelts except Sec 75

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
June. 8. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Emil Caus - Encroachment- Indian Grounds.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May.10. th. covering the above matter, with also some copies of letters to the B.C. Game Dept. It is noted that a wish is expressed that the fur be returned to the Indian family - this is vital, for the Indians have been issued relief since, and are now destitute.

Herewith is submitted :-
Copy of a wire showing Caus in funds received from Fur.
A letter from Trader Strong of Liard Post, and whilst there is not one from the H.B. Coy, they too are much upset over this matter.
An Application from Prince Rupert Game Office to allow Caus a trapground, and this Office's reply to same.
This date mail has been received from the Mc Dames Game Warden Davis, and not a mention of this affair is allowed. Davis is reported to be a fine lad - and straight. Also a copy of the map of ground they require - which by the way includes an Indian Reserve.

Indian Agent Diary for June 11 th. 1938 - shows the commencement of this Affair. Constb Meek then at Mc Dames wrote to say he had spoken to these men, and could do little. Letter to your Office dated December 14 th went further into the matter and the entrance of these White Trappers was mentioned. Inspector Van Dyk was wired - his reply told this Office to "get in touch" with Game Warden Davis at Mc Dames - yet he later states to you that it is impossible. Which brings us up to this Office's wire reporting that Caus had money and was at Dease Lake. Then after all this, the Application was received from Prince Rupert, as attached.

It is requested that note be taken of the remark contained in the Prince Rupert Game Office letter - that - this area was indian trapping ground- cancelled for sub-division - AMONGST THE INDIANS ONLY. They have a full list of the Porter Family Band or called the Mc Dames - Liard Band or as arranged with Insp. Van Dyk himself - The Muncho Lake Band. Of course it is wanted and they know this well, and moreover a Reserve has been established at the mouth of the Muddy River, by Royal Commission.

Now this winter, Game Warden Davis, a fine fellow they all say, but new to the north, did make a "run" and has been reported as going the following way. Winter portage to Muddy River - then North to mouth of same- Crossed the Liard River to Coal River. Retraced his trail to Muddy - going up same to trail crossing to Indian Camp at Fish Lakes, then in on the High Trail to Liard Post.

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STIKINE AGENCY. Emil Caus Report. GAME Contiu. 2.

Within the last few days reports have come to hand that many Beaver Dams have been "blown" up and down the Coal River - this will be looked into by my-self when down that way - nobody can fool this Office on such work

Also your attention is drawn to the remarks about the Mc Dames Game Warden having inspected part of the trap-line applied for and - he finds that it has not been trap'd recently - nor have preparations been made for trapping.
We wish to know how a new man can find this out in a nomadic district such as this is - and on the winter snow covering of last years efforts - Nomads live in tents and trap from them. It is wished to say that this area is covered by the indians every year, they are not such fools as not to do so - but they do not "blow" beaver dams for evidence of trapping efforts. I am not surprised that a B.C. Game Warden did not see signs of trapping - never-the- less there they are.

One thing more, should the Game Department state that an Indian went with this Game Warden, it must be Beal Carlick from Lease Lake. This Indian has been thrown away by the H.B. Coy as useless, was then taken on by the B.C. Police to work for them on their useless river boat, has been in receipt of steady pay from them ever since (for which this Office is very thankful) but as can be well imagined, is not wanted at Mc Dames Post as an Indian Returns of Mc Dames Fur by Indians received to-day - show little or nothing caught by this Indian who has a very large family, and when later on , after giving up his ground, as he will do- will be calling on this Office once more for - help. Such evidence as this indian would produce can be discounted.

Finally, Sir, in a letter dated 7. th April 1938 from your Office in regard to the Muncho Lake Band it is promised that this Office would receive a sketch of work done by Cpl J. S. Clark of Fort Nelson, when completed - this has not yet been received. It is thought that Cpl Clark is not now with the Game Dept- but perhaps he is, but Game Warden Fatherty has left them, who was in charge of this matter, and of course Constb Meek has left Mc Dames - so that taking all matters in review, it is just as well for this Office to take the matter in hand and see what can be done.

It is hoped that this matter can be straightened out, so that our Nomads, who are an exceptionally fine bunch of natives at this point - might retain some place to go to during the long winter months.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C. Harper Reed Indian Agent.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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To Major. D.M. MacKay.
~~Indian Commissioner~~
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Re Emil Caus case. He has arrived Dease Lake with thousand dollar draft understand fur sold. Prince Rupert now submits trapground application his favour covering indian area acknowledged by Game Department. Suggest some action on fur pending investigation thereby perhaps holding draft on claimed indian furs.

HR
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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POST AT Telegraph Creek
May 25th 1939

Harper Reed Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to place the following before you for your attention.

A man named Emil Causs,accompanied by another man and also a woman,with an outfit for trapping went into the Muddy River country in the summer of 1938 and settled amongst the Indian trappers.

In the middle of this winter a very fine native,Charlie Porter arrived at Lower Post,Liard,B.C.,and complained that the above people had arbitrarily taken over his trapping country and were actively engaged in trapping same.Owing to this,Porter and others who have families dependent on their fur catches obtained poor returns.

Towards the end of March,the B.C.Game Warden went into the Muddy and investigated.He returned and so far as is known took no definite action.

The day following the Game Warden's return to McDames(after his investigation)Porter arrived at Lower Post and stated that he had found a note from the Game Warden on his door(Porter apparently being absent at the time).He endeavoured to catch the Warden but was too late.He had a very poor take of furs and totally insufficient for his family's correct living.

This,if continued,will causeserious distress among the natives as they are dependent on their fur catch and this incident taken with the recent Lindquist Trapping Affair has caused much bad feeling in the district and might very possibly lead to serious consequences if allowed to continue.I would urgently request that some action be taken immediately to end infringment of native trap lines upon which these Nomads are entirely dependent.

Thanking you for your attention to this.

Yours truly,

W.S./D.C.

INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
May 25 1939
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 31 st 1939.

The B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE RUPERT. B.C.

Extra Copy

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Caus E.P. Muddy River Encroachment

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 22.nd re above, which really means that you wish this Indian Department to give up Registered Indian Trap Ground to this White Trapping Outfit, sent in to that District and permitted to trap.

Yes the area shown is part of the Liard McDames Bend trapping ground which was being subdivided for the Indians, but has not been cancelled and so is still the Indians. What is still left belongs to the men or Indians who have not subdivided, It is thought that they will not subdivide any further - we are loosing ground by so doing.

Only the Indian Commissioner can cancell an Indian trapping ground and as you people admit- it is not cancelled, in fact to-day you are asking for a cancellation so that you can re-register some Indians. All this was submitted to your Game Warden at Mc Dames and they have admitted it was lost.

I am going down that way soon and will settle all these matters - but there is no ground unregistered in that District and there is no excuse for the Whites trapping there. May I ask where is the fur they edught without a Licence, and without a trap ground. This matter is being set to Vancouver for investigation.

Yours truly.
H.R.
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PRINCE RUPERT B.C.
23. May. 1939.

The B.C. Game Department.

To Mr Harper Reed
Indian Agent
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Subject Trap-line Caus E. P. Lower Post (LIARD POST) B.C.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr E.P. Caus of Lower Post B.C. in which he makes application for a trap-line on the Liard River, shown on the enclosed sketch.

This are is part of the old Liard -Mc Dames Band trap-line, which was cancelled for sub-division amongst the INDIANS only. However up to date no application has yet been received covering this area.

Will you kindly advise if the Indian Department are still interested in retaining this area for the Indian trappers ?

Our Game Warden at Mc Dames Creek has inspected part of the trapline in question, and finds that it has not been trapped recently nor have preparations been made for trapping.

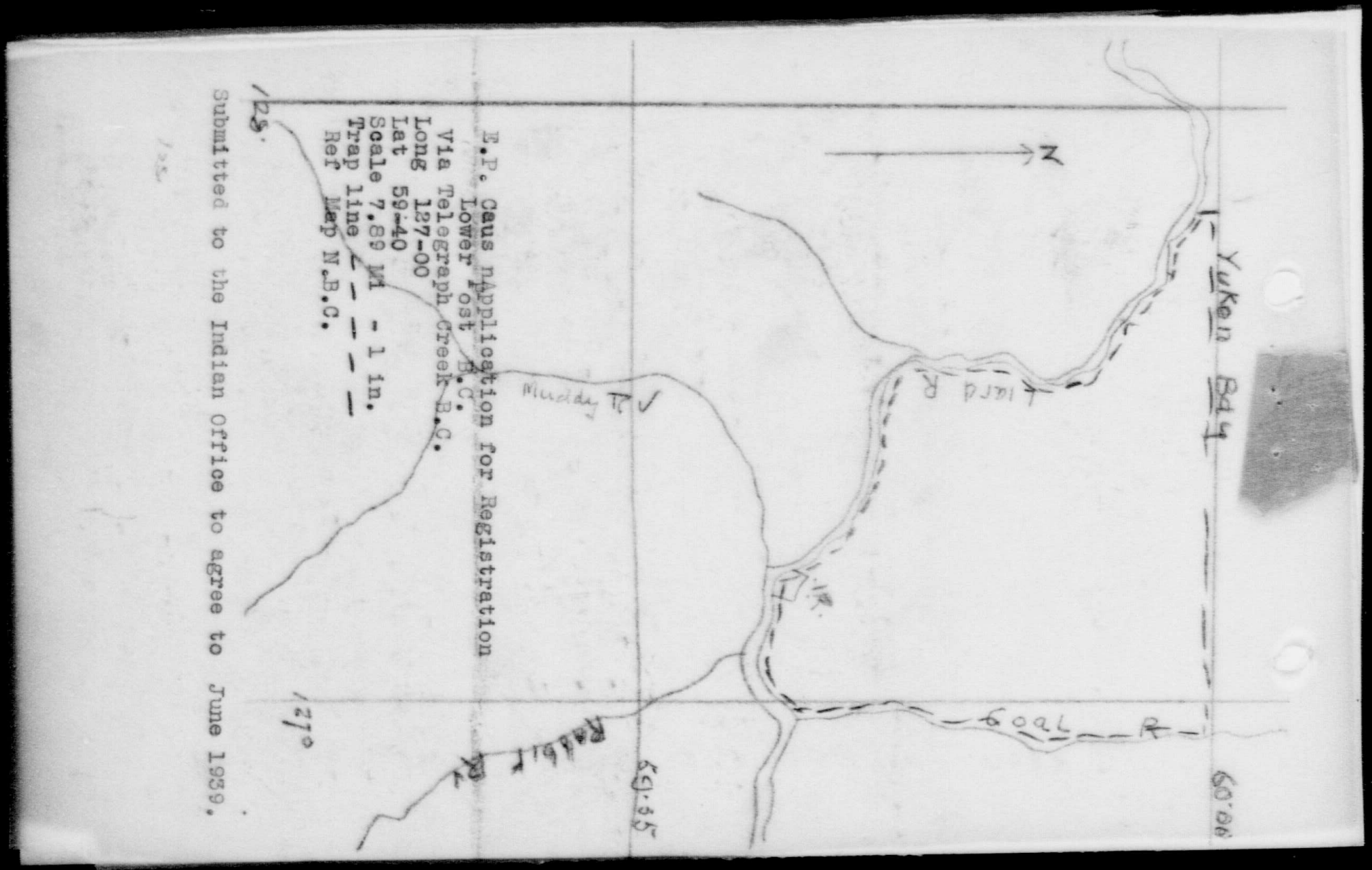
I would much appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly

E. Martin Game Warden

Indian Agent's Note :—
Not signed by Martin but by R. A. Johnson, who is in Martens Office. Mr Johnson has done everything possible to help along matters so it is thought he has been instructed to write as above.

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Submitted to the Indian Office to agree to June 1939.

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June 5, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I have today received the following wire from Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed of Telegraph Creek:-

"RE EMIL CAUS CASE STOP HE HAS ARRIVED DEASE LAKE WITH THOUSAND DOLLAR DRAFT UNDERSTAND FUR SOLD STOP PRINCE RUPERT NOW SUBMITS TRAPGROUND APPLICATION HIS FAVOUR COVERING INDIAN AREA ACKNOWLEDGED BY GAME DEPARTMENT STOP SUGGEST SOME ACTION ON FUR PENDING INVESTIGATION THEREBY PERHAPS HOLDING DRAFT ON CLAIMED INDIAN FURS."

and wired you as follows:-

"AGENT REED TELEGRAPHS EMIL CAUS ARRIVED DEASE LAKE WITH THOUSAND DOLLAR DRAFT FOR FUR AND PRINCE RUPERT SUBMITTING HIS TRAPGROUND APPLICATION COVERING INDIAN AREA (STOP) REQUESTS ACTION TO HOLD FUNDS OR FURS PENDING INVESTIGATION (STOP) TELEGRAM ENDS (STOP) APPRECIATE INVESTIGATION AND ACTION ACCORDANCE YOUR LETTER MAY SIXTH."

If Mr. Harper Reed's information is correct regarding this man having secured his fur in part on Indian trap lines it would appear to me that action should be taken to impound the furs or proceeds pending investigation to determine the proper owner.

I am satisfied that any application on the part of Caus over Indian trap lines will not receive consideration, but I would greatly appreciate your usual courtesy in dealing with Mr. Reed's complaint.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

JC/AC

Inspector T. Van Dyk,
i/c Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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Inspector T. Van Dyk,
Game Department,
Prince George, B.C.

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D.M. MacKAY.

NIGHT LETTER
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OFFICE OF THE
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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April. 29.th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- White trappers - Muddy River Dist.
Emil Caus -partner and woman.

I beg to submit herewith a "copy" of a wire it has been found necessary to direct to your Office in connection with the above affair, and my letter on the same subject dated Mrach. 15.th.

It is sincerely hoped that the Game Commissioner can move in this matter, and so safeguard the interests of our Interior Indians.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

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To Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner.
Federal Bldgs. VANCOUVER. B.C.

Reference letter march fifth. Emil Caus and company trapping Indian fur Muddy River Section.

Information received Game Warden completed patrol but fur caught not consificated.

Might Game Commissioner Vancouver be requested to safeguard this fur revenue for Indian Charlie Porter Family now destitute.

Please.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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May 10, 1939.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of April 29th regarding Emil Caus and associates trapping on Indian trapping grounds I am forwarding herewith, for your information, an exchange of correspondence between this office and Inspector Van Dyk.

I should be pleased to be informed in due course of the final outcome of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

DM/AC

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

GAME DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
OFFICER COMMANDING
"D" Game DIVISION

Prince George, B.C.
May 6th, 1939.

SUBJECT:

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., reference, Emil Caus interfering with Indian trap-lines on Muddy River.

Game Warden G. Davis was intructed by letter dated February 21st, 1939, to take immediate action in this case. I have information that action was taken by this Game Warden and I am waiting for his Crime Report on the case, which should reach this office any day, when copy will be forwarded to your office for your information.

It is impossible to reach McDame Creek by radio, but I am getting in touch with our Game Warden by letter, instructing him to forward the required report without delay.

If any pelts of fur-bearing animals were confiscated, I will recommend that they be turned over to the owners of the trap-line from which they were taken, I presume Charlie Porter of Lower Post. This procedure is followed in all cases of poaching and furs have always been returned to the owners of the lines concerned in the past, and there is no reason why this procedure should not apply in this case.

Trusting the Crime Report will disclose that Mr. Caus was efficiently dealt with, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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May 3, 1939.

Dear Sir:

You will recall some correspondence in connection with Emil Caus interfering with the Indian trapline of Charlie Porter at Muddy River, Stikine Agency. In this connection I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. Harper Reed:

> "Reference letter March fifth Emil Caus and Company trapping Indian fur Muddy River section, information received Game Warden completed patrol but fur caught not confiscated, might Game Commissioner Vancouver be requested to safeguard this fur revenue for Indian Charlie Porter family now destitute please."

It would appear from this that Caus and associates have been trespassing on the line of Charlie Porter. The telegram is not clear, however, as to what action the Game Warden took to prosecute, nor would it appear that the fur caught by Caus on the Indian trapping grounds was confiscated.

You will probably be in a position to get in touch with the Game Warden at McDames Creek by radio, and I should greatly appreciate your doing so in order to ascertain just what actually has occurred. It would also be helpful if the fur caught by Caus on the Indian grounds could be restored to the Indian owner of the trapline.

The information this Department has with respect to Caus is not in his favor and if he has been trapping the Indian line I am sure you will see to it that effective action will be taken to deal with him.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Inspector T. Van Dyk,
i/c 'D' Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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REFERENCE LETTER MARCH FIFTH EMIL CAUS AND COMPANY TRAPPING INDIAN FUR MUDDY RIVER SECTION INFORMATION RECEIVED GAME WARDEN COMPLETED PATROL BUT FUR CAUGHT NOT CONFISCATED MIGHT GAME COMMISSIONER VANCOUVER BE REQUESTED TO SAFEGUARD THIS FUR REVENUE FOR INDIAN CHARLIE PORTER FAMILY NOW DESTITUTE PLEASE

HARPER REED INDIAN AGENT

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(1) [illegible] journal for the Game Dept to issue a license to hiap to one who has not a hiap line
see Mr Reads letter of Feb 27th to Game Warden Davis

(2) Inspector Van Dyck advised of timber land falls should which be given licenses & no hiap lines to hiap on

(3) Mr Reed should use more moderate language in writing to Game officials

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

ATLIN. B.C.
March 15.th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Whites trapping Muddy River. Interference.

I beg to submit herewith a copy of a letter received from Inspector T. Van Dyk this date, which is in connection with a letter to you on the same matter submitted about a week ago.

It is regretted that you were bothered about the affair, which would not have happened had the Game Inspector mentioned in his reply wire that the Mc Dames Game Warden had been advised to act. As the Inspector knew it was impossible to reach Mc Dames Creek from Telegraph Creek, and as you will understand the stoppage of Indian Trapping in the winter is a most serious affair.

It is hoped the matter is not serious and that Relief will not have to be issued.

I am.

Major D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA GAME DEPARTMENT.

To Harper Reed Esq
Indian Agent.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

"D" Divisional Office
Prince George B.C.
February 21 st.1939.

Subject Complaints Muddy River.

Dear Sir,

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Radio Message of even date, reading as follows: "Emil Caus interfering with Indian Traplines. Charley Porter complains Caus driven him off trapline at Muddy River. Signed B. Mayer . M.D.

2. The following message was sent you in reply this date "Refer ence your #44 Kindly advise Harper Reed Indian Agent to get in touch with Game Warden G. Davis stationed at Mc Dames Creek who will look after all complaints in his district".

3. For your information Mr Caus obtained his Special Firearms Licence at this office and was duly warned about trapping without being the holder of a registered trapline. Game Warden G. Davis now stationed at Mc Dames Creek was fully informrd re Mr Caus and the possibility of his trapping without being registered. On receipt of your wire this Game Warden was informed of the complaint and instruc ted to take immediate action.

4. Thanking you for this information. I remain.

Yours truly.

SIGNED T. VAN DYK.

Inspector "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT STIKINE

ATLIN. B.C.

February. 27.th.1939.

Sir,

Re:- White Trappers V Indians. Muddy River.

I beg to submit some correspondance that has taken place in regard to some very dubious White men, with a woman it is thought, that have interfered with our trapping Nomads around the mouth of the Muddy River, and at which point is located one of our Indian Reserves. The letters explain the situation.

In the Agents Monthly Diary and Report, for September or perhaps August last, my files are not at hand being in Telegraph Creek, it will be found that at the interview with Inspector Parsons and Inspector Van Dyk the above matter was spoken of, and when Inspector Van Dyk replied with one of his evasive answers, an appeal was made to Inspector Parsons, who at once declined any interest in the affair. Since that time, and during the Fall visit to the interior, Constb -Game Warden-Meek was seen and he stated that he had gone through the Emil Causs outfit, and they did not look good to him (as indeed to nobody else) and that trouble might be expected, but he was good enough to state that he would keep his eye open, and do all possible for the Indians.

Of course the Game Department might have moved in the matter, but in any case - why is it allowed in the first place. It was understood that Inspector Van Dyk issued these people a License to trap, but no trapground provided; this is certainly not understood. Moreover it is understood that these people were "under a cloud" of some sort, but what is again not known.

As perhaps you know to-day,-the Detachment at Mc Dames Creek has been- well not quite orderly, as also my Reports will show, and we cannot be responsible for such happings. In fact to speak frankly, Inspector Van Dyk's ventures in the Cassiar generally could be accomplished much better by several excellent persons employed in his Staff, which of course is not our business in a way, but in another vitally affects the interests of the Indians of the Interior.

From the Stikine Indian Office it is impossible to do much until the mail can get down to Mc Dames, and as you will understand a loss of revenue and general upsetting of Indian Winter Life will take place, which the Indian Department is responsible for.

Therefore this matter has been reported for your kind consideration.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed

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INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

ATLIN. B.C.

February. 27.th.1939.

Inspector. T. Van Dyk.
The B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE GEORGE. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re:- White Trappers - Muddy River -Cassiar.

Through the kindness of Constb Bennett of this detachment the following wire was sent you; as it was impossible to get in touch with Mc Dames direct.

" Emil Causs interfering with indian trap lines -Charley Porter complains Causs driven him off traline at Muddy River"

To which your reply came as follows:-

"Kindly advise Harper Reed Indian Agent to get in touch with Game Warden G. Davis stationed at Mc Dames Creek who will look after all complaints in his district"

The reply is not that, that could be expected from a Provincial Game Inspector. You well know that it is impossible to get in touch with Mc Dames Creek, if not you should know such a fact. Moreover this is an expected trouble, and should receive your prompt attention. No doubt this is having such right now, but you might have stated that you as a Game Inspector would take the matter up and go into the matter.

Please remember the entry of these "Whites" into that Indian trapping area, was mentioned to you in front of Inspector Parsons of the B.C. Provincial Police in the Stikine Indian Agency Office, last Fall, and you then stated that if these "Whites" personally known to yourself - went trapping some action would be taken.

It just happens that the Porter Bunch down at the mouth of the Muddy River, are about the very best lot of Nomads in this Agency, and its more than a great pity, that you allowed this trouble to crop up. It reminds one of the Lindquist Affair with all its resultant disasters and Indian Expenses.

Kindly do what is possible to have this matter straightened out, but even now the Indians will have lost some revenue, which if so, will have to be born by the Indian Department again. In the meanwhile as this Office is so useless in these affairs, the matter is being sent to Major.D.M. Mackay Indian Commissioner in Vancouver, so that he will see this Office at least is doing all possible.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Vancouver. B.C.

For your inspection. Sir.

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February. 27.th.1939.

Game Warden G. Davis.
Mc Dames Creek. B.C.

Copy.

Dear Sir,

The following wire was sent to Inspector Van Dyk of the Game Dept. " Emil Causs interfering with Indian Trap lines -Charlie Porter complains Causs driven him off trapline at Muddy River " To which the following reply was received- " Kindly advise Harper Reed Indian Agent to get in touch with Game Warden G. Davis stationed at Mc Dames Creek, who will look after all complaints in his district"

Therefore this is to so inform you of the matter which you no doubt know all about at present. The Police wireless at this point cannot connect with your Post right now, and this letter will not reach you until about the middle of June next. In the meanwhile no doubt you will take some action.

It only remains to state that Inspector Van Dyk was asked personally why he allowed White Prospectors to enter an Indian Trapping area, with a trapping license- and nowheres to trap. Constb Meek looked them over when entering the district, but his hands were tied, however he was man enought to state that he "expected trouble". It has come and if I am not mistaken it is on a line with the Lindquist Affairs- of taking up the whole Muddy River -/ some time ago. The area has been registered by this Department and is Indian Trapping Ground. I am sorry there has been trouble at Mc Dames over the past few years, but that is not the fault of this Agency

Kindly do what is possible, as these Nomads have no other Revenue to live with.

Yours truly.

H.R.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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	Indian Commissioner for British Columbia - Stikine - Bob Abestia Quock - Trapline case file (Map)	1938-1939

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STIKINE Charlie QUASH & family T/L

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Description on original application was incorrect,
a west line being described as 5 miles instead of
10 miles (now changed to 10¾ miles) This applica
takes in a little more territory at the north end but
does not take in Meehaus Mt. held by Ira Day whose
trapline is prior to the original app of Quash an
includes this mountain.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUASH, Charlie & Family (INDIANS)	57.40	130.10
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charlie Quash & family P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indians Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. 55 years

No. of years applicant has trapped line 25 years Length of trap-line 97 miles around (approx)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at the south side of the mouth of Chuey Creek, thence East 4 miles, following the south part of a small creek to its head, thence north 14 miles, thence East 6 miles to the base of Mount Ely, thence south westerly 9 miles, thence west 4 miles, thence north west 11 miles, thence south west 10 miles, thence south easterly 6 miles keeping one mile northerly of telegraph line, thence south easterly 6 miles, thence south 32 miles, thence east 20 miles, thence north 34 miles, thence westerly 17 miles keeping one mile south of Klastine River, thence north east 1 mile to point of commencement, including all intervening territory

Dated this 16th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Quash & family, per (Harper Reed) Harper Reed Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. (For Divisional Headquarters.)

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUASH, Charlie & family	57.40	130.00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

CANCELLATION

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for Cancellation of my registered trap-line. for purpose of re-registration

Name of applicant Charlie Quash & family

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence N.A.

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 16th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Quash & family, per Harper Reed (Witness)

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(For Divisional Headquarters.) Indian Agent

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUASH, Charlie & family	57.40	130.00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

R.L. 63. 73

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

CANCELLATION

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for ~~renewal~~ Cancellation of my registered trap-line. for purpose of re-registration

Name of applicant Charlie Quash & family

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence N.A.

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 16th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Quash & family, per Harbor FREEZ (Typewritten) Indian Agent

100 pads (50)-1138-6582

(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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STIKINE BOB ABESTIA QUOCK T/L 10-38B - D-8

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Map location ——— Book 10. Map 38B. D-8
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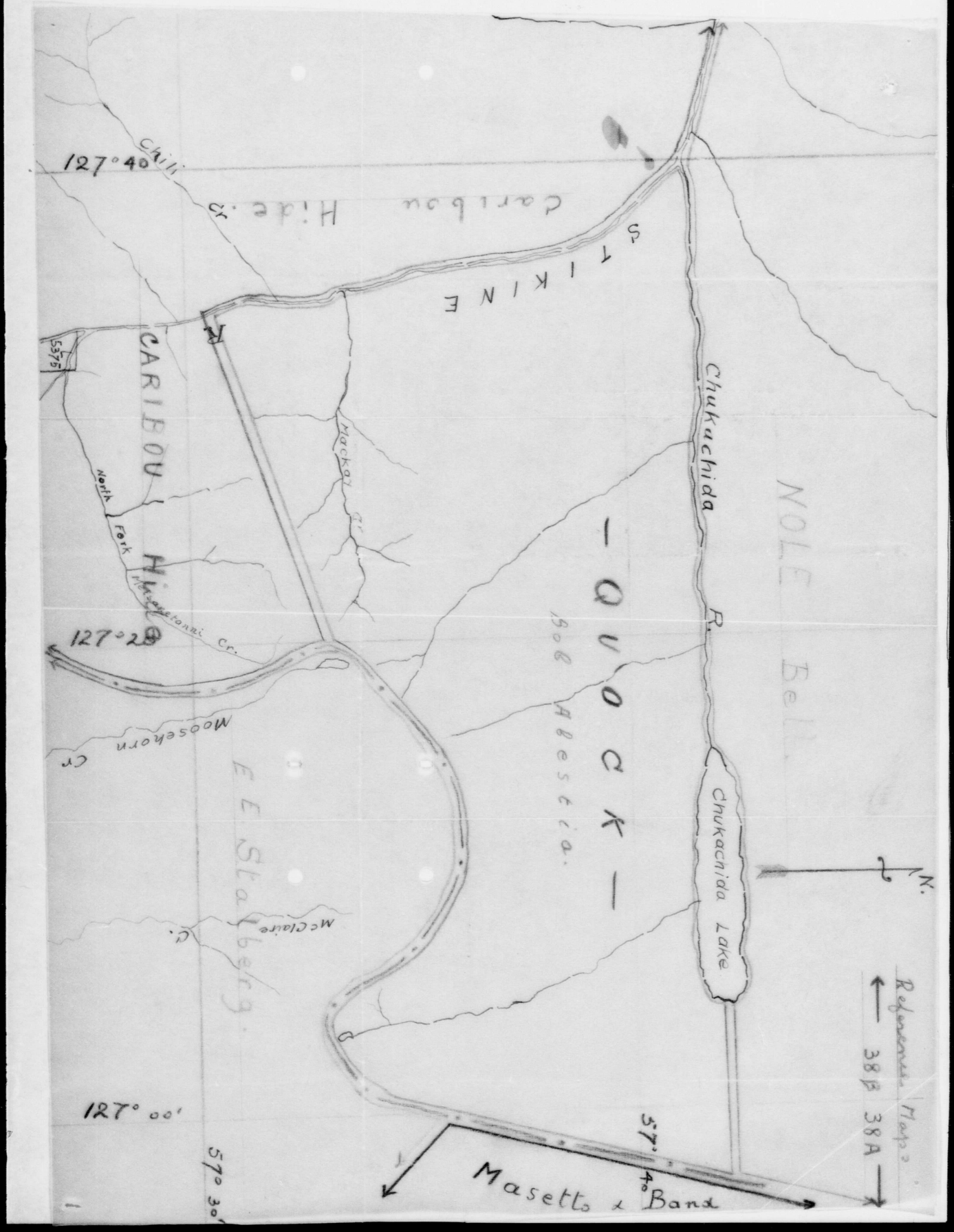
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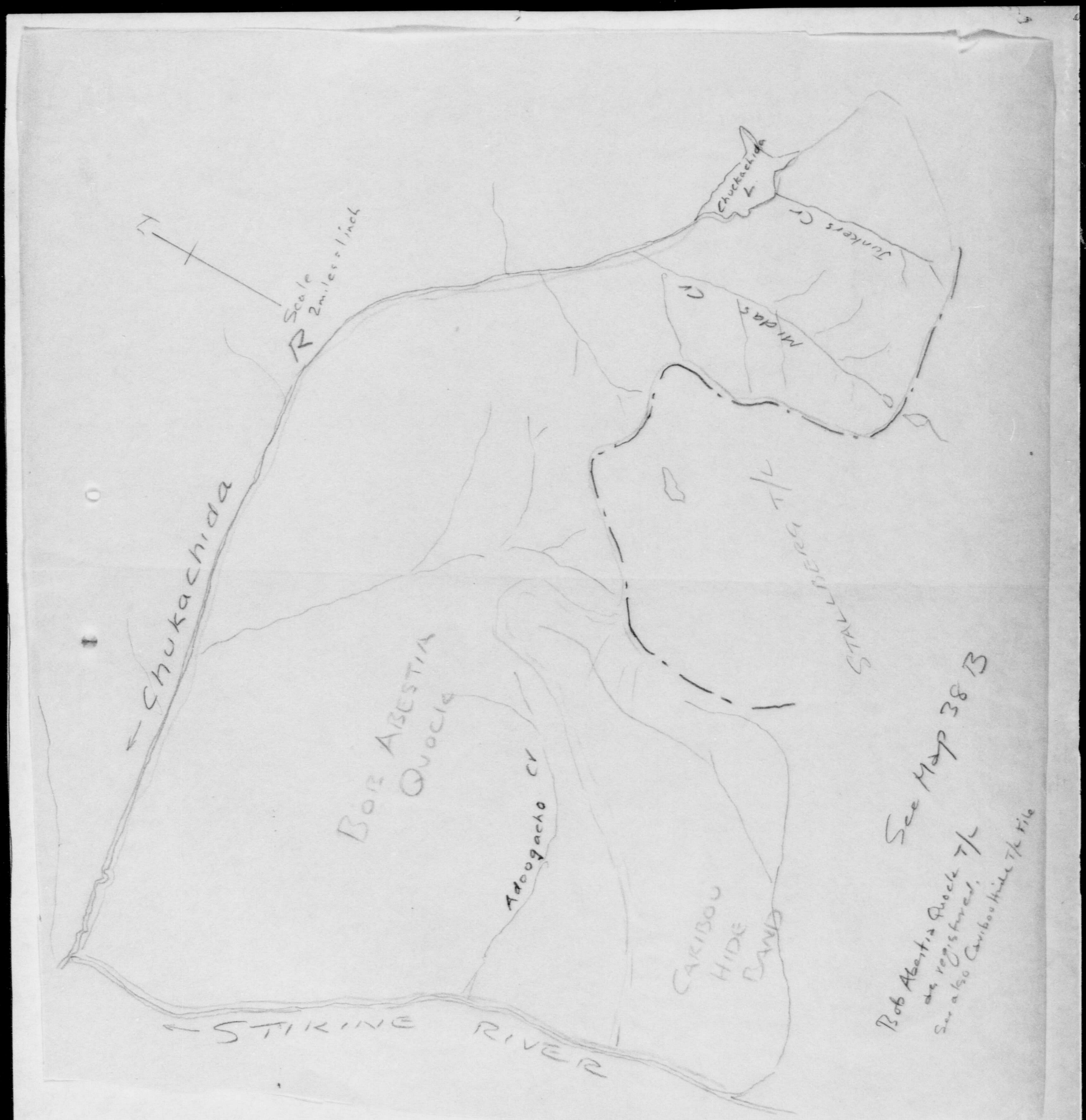
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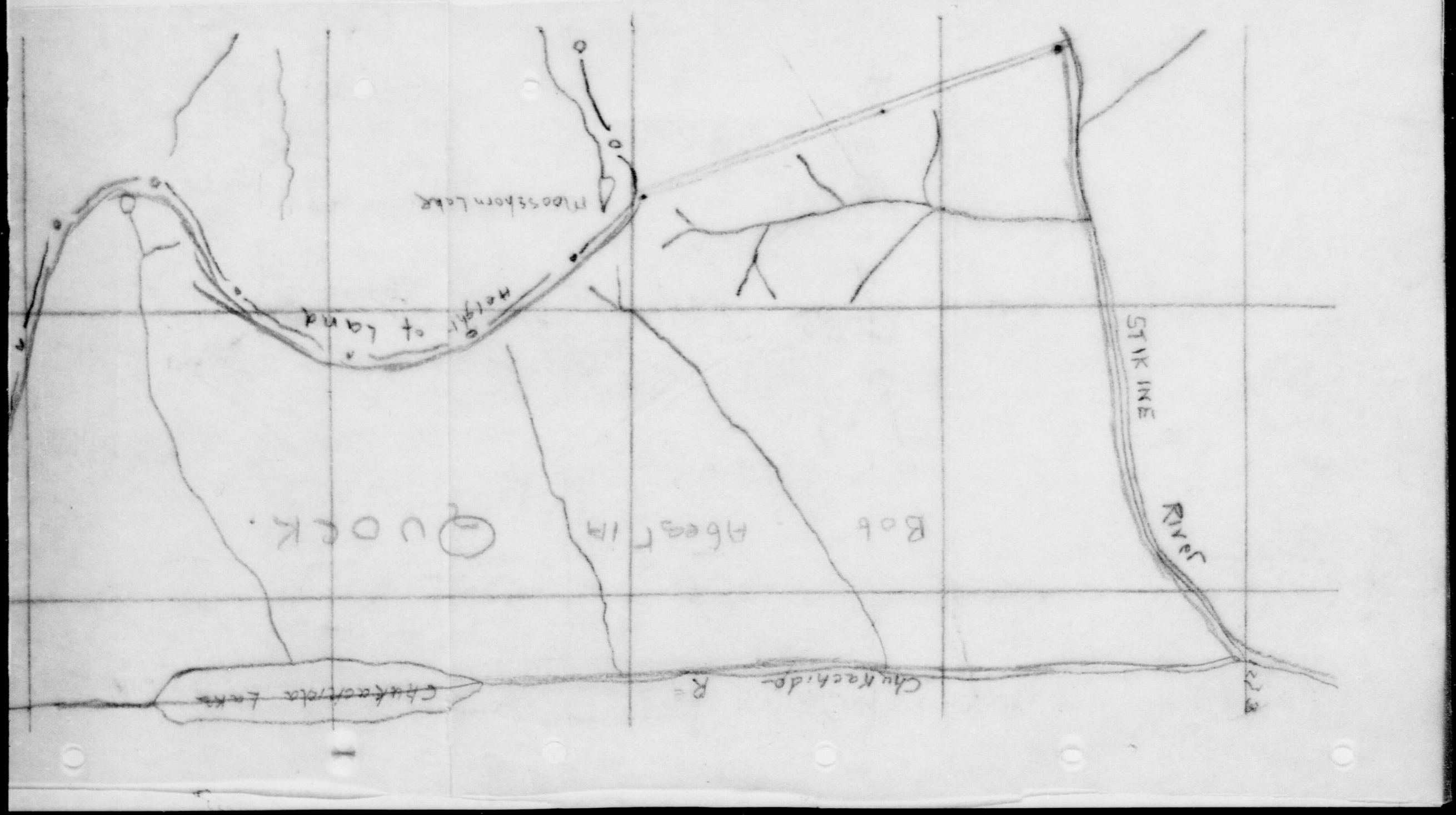
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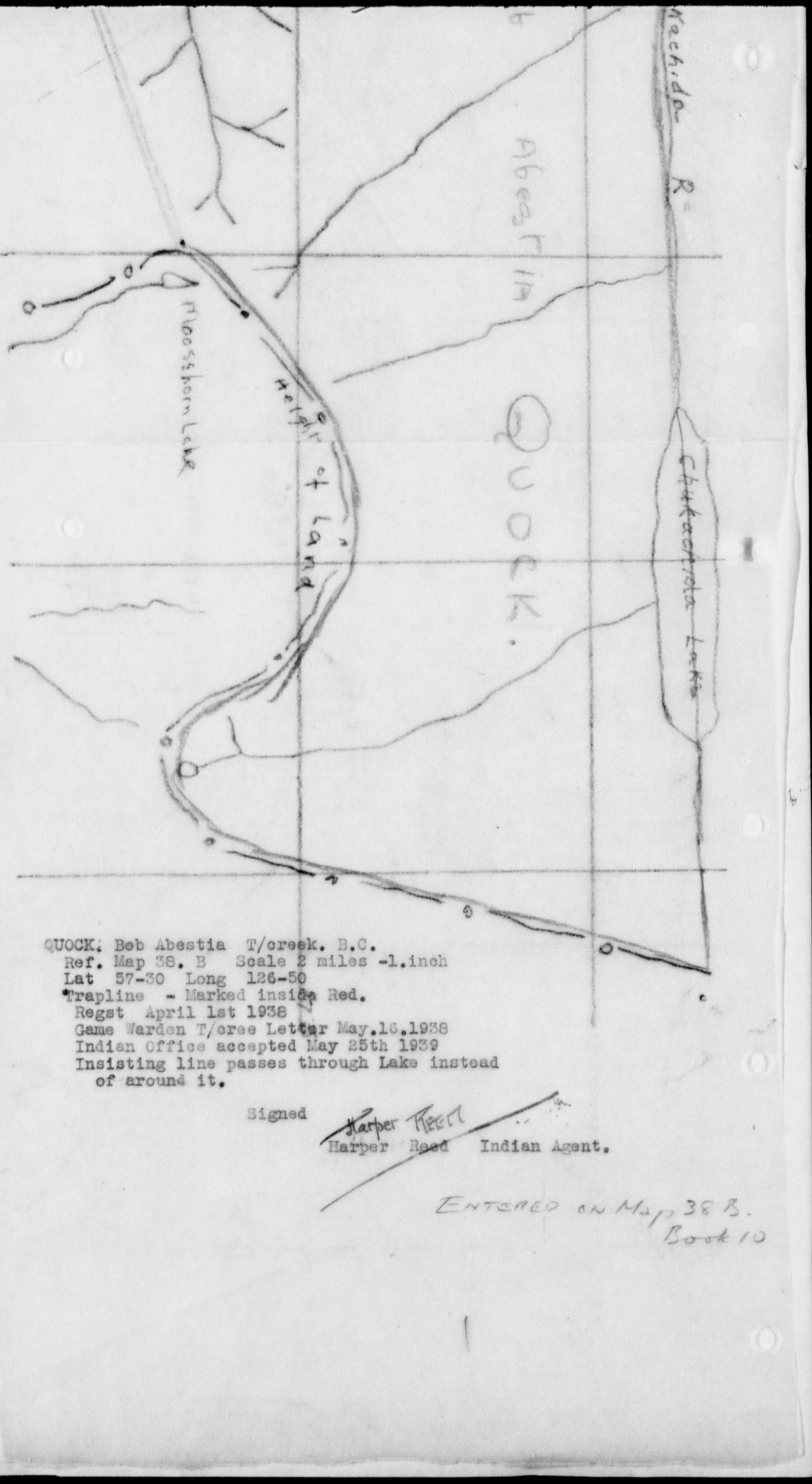
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QUOCK. Bob Abestia T/creek. B.C.
Ref. Map 38. B Scale 2 miles -1.inch
Lat 57-30 Long 126-50
Trapline - Marked inside Red.
Regst April 1st 1938
Game Warden T/cree Letter May.16.1938
Indian Office accepted May 25th 1939
Insisting line passes through Lake instead
of around it.

Signed Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
UOCKX QUOCK Bob Abestia	57.30	126.50
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Bob Abestia Quock. P.O. address Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality Canadian (Indian) Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence n.a. Length of residence in B.C. 45 years

No. of years applicant has trapped line Length of trap-line 73 miles

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazes

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing on E.bank Stikine R.at mouth of Chukachida R E. 2½ miles along S. bank Chukadhida R.and Lake to E.end of Lake. E 4½mls. to height of land.SWesterly & Westerly following height of land 24½ miles. SWly 9 miles to Stikine R.3½ mile sSouth of MacKay Cr. Nly along E bank of Stikine 13 miles to point of commencement,including intervening territory.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1938, at Telegraph Creek., B.C.

Signature of applicant BOB ASBESTIA CUOCK. signes Harper Reed.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For District Headquarters.)

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See Carbon Hide Board file for letter enclosing this dated Nov 23. 1939.

B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

McDames July 16th, 1938

REMARKS.

R.J. Meek
i/c McDames Detachment.

DETACHMENT:
Telegraph Creek

Date May 16th, 1938

J. Blackistone Gray
(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT:
Prince Rupert

Date April 4th, 1938

E. Martin
(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION: "D"

Date Nov. 23rd 1938

T. Van Dyk.
(Inspector, Game Department.)

HEADQUARTERS:

Date

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Copy for Quock file

112/12/2566. 20th Nov.,1939.

Your File TL-8C-39.

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the registration of the Caribou Hide Band trapline, I would advise that the sketch enclosed by you conforms in every detail with that sent to me by Mr. Harper Reed with his letter of April 27th, 1939, stated to be acceptable to himself and the Indians concerned; the only difference being that he shows the Abestia Quock line as a subdivision of the main line, the reference in my letter to him of September 7th, 1939 (copy herewith) to the lake being the Chukachida lake boundary of this Quock line as set out by you.

In order that the matter may be disposed of, I have signed the application and enclose same herewith. I presume the Abestia Quock line is or will be registered.

It is regretted that you have been put to so much trouble in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

ENCL.

D.M.MacKay.
:HN Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector, i/c "D" Game,Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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TL-8C-39

"D" Divisional Office,
Prince George, B. C.,
July 27th, 1939.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: Caribou Hide Band,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Reference your favour of the 21st instant, dealing with the above mentioned trap-line.

Please be informed that the trapping area reserved for the Caribou Hide Band of Indians is as yet not registered at this office, as no application for same has been submitted by the Indians or the Indian Agent. In this matter, I would kindly refer you to the second paragraph of my letter to you of May 20th last, which in part reads as follows, when referring to the trap-line under review, QUOTE 'therefore a new application will have to be submitted by Mr. Harper Reed covering the remainder of the area' UNQUOTE. The new application referred to above has not been received and the area is therefore not registered.

Your sketch is returned herewith showing in blue the area registered in favour of Bob Abestia Quock, and on file at the Game Commission's Office in Vancouver.

The area reserved for the Caribou Hide Band is shown in red and must be applied for through the regular channel, by submitting application to the Game Warden i/c McDames Creek Detachment.

I will be very pleased if you would instruct the Indian Agent at Telegraph Creek to give this matter his attention.

Yours truly,

"T. Van Dyk".
T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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	Indian Commissioner for British Columbia - Stikine - Geo. Quock and brothers	1946-1947
	Indian Commissioner for British Columbia - Stikine - John Galbraith Quock - Trapline case file (Map)	1939
	Indian Commissioner for British Columbia - Stikine - Nelson Quock - Trapline case file (Map)	1931-1945
	Indian Commissioner for British Columbia - Stikine - Roy Quock and family - Trapline case file (Map)	1944
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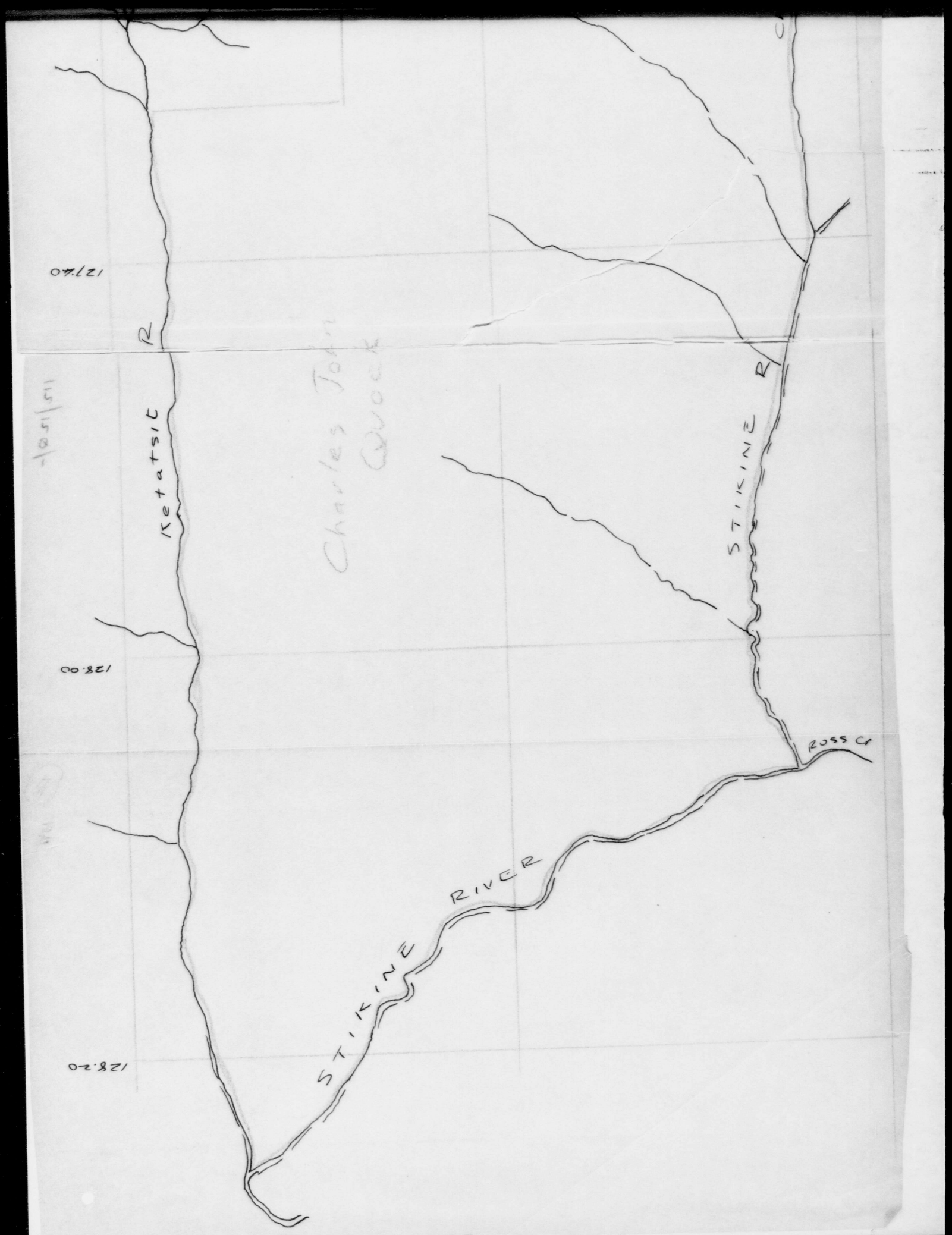
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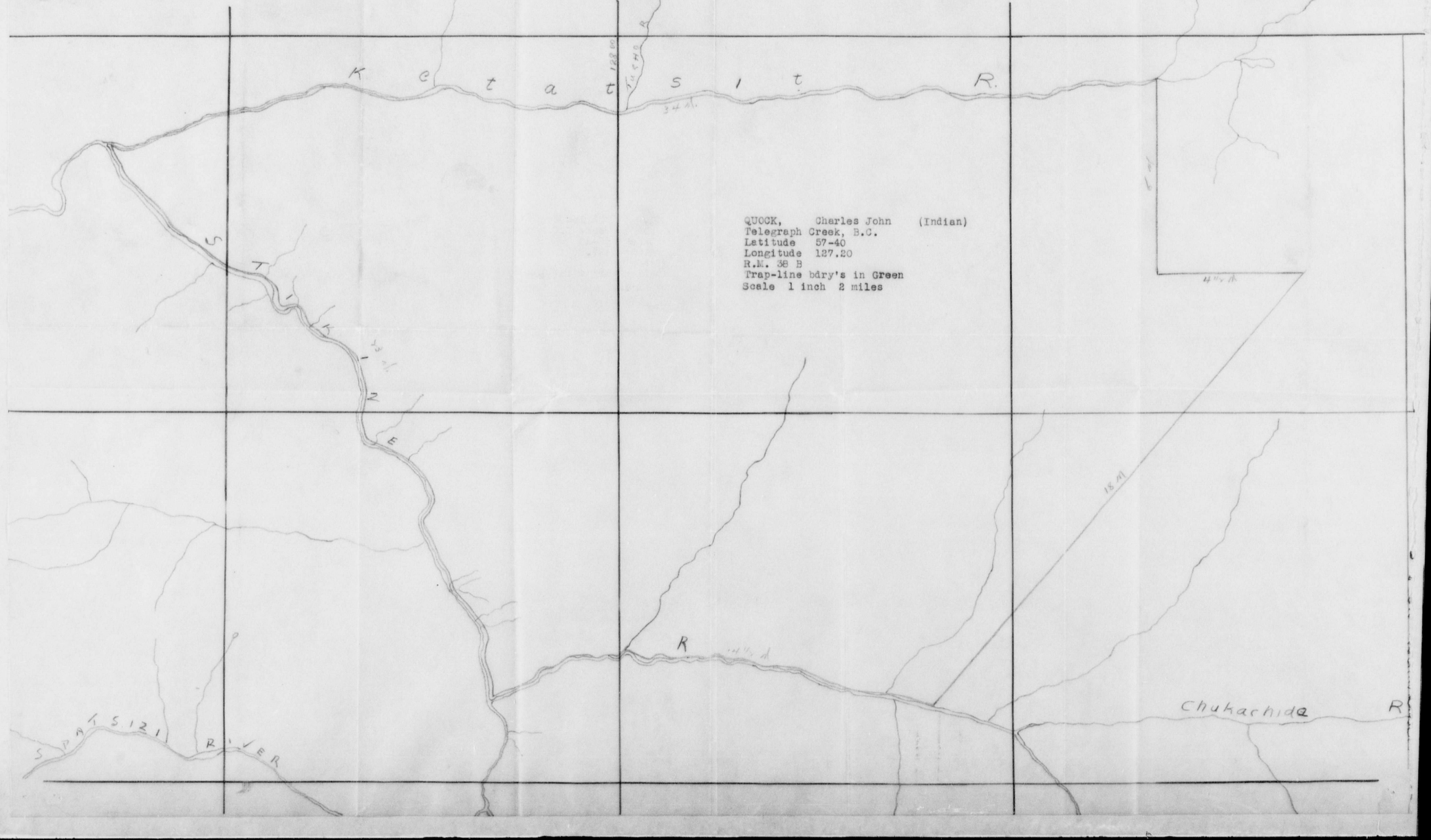
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QUOCK, Charles John (Indian)
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
Latitude 57-40
Longitude 127.20
R.M. 38 B
Trap-line bdry's in Green
Scale 1 inch 2 miles

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OF
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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine Agency

Telegraph Creek, B.C.

21 March 47.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver.

Enclosed herewith trap-line application Charles John Quock, approved by the Game Commission 3 February 47, with sketch, for your records.

R.H.S.Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK, CHARLES JOHN	57.40	127.20
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.M. 38 B.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Quock, Charles John ..... P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian ..... Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence ..... Length of residence in B.C. 34 Years

No. of years applicant has trapped line 7 years ..... Length of trap-line Appro-100 miles around

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line usual blazes & cabins

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing on N. bank Stikine R. at junction of Pitman R; 2½m. S.Ely along E.bank Stikine R. to point opposite mouth of Spetsizi R; 14½ mi. along N. bank of Stikine R. to a point 2½ mi. E. of mouth of Chuckuchide R; N.E. 10 mi; E. 4½ mi; N. 6 mi; to S. bank Pitman R. at forks; Sly along S. bank Pitman R. 34 mi. to point of commencement. Including intervening territory.

Dated this 5th day of December, 19 46, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charles John Quock

per Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK, CHARLES JOHN	57.40	127.20
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.M. 36 B.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Quock, Charles John P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence Length of residence in B.C. 24 Years

No. of years applicant has trapped line 7 years Length of trap-line Appro-100 miles around

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line usual blazes & cabins

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing on S. bank Stikine R. at junction of Pitman R; 2½m. S.Sly along E.bank Stikine R. to point opposite mouth of Spatsizi R; 14½ mi. along N. bank of Stikine R. to a point 2½ mi. E of mouth of Chuckuchide R; N.E. 10 mi; W. 4½ mi; N. 6 mi; to S. bank Pitman R. at forks; Sly along S. bank Pitman R. 34 mi. to point of commencement. Including intervening territory.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1946, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charles John Quock

per Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

REMARKS.

DETACHMENT:

Date....., 19.....

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(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT:

Date....., 19.....

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(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION:

Date....., 19.....

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(Inspector, Game Department.)

HEADQUARTERS: Approved by the B.C. Game Commission 3 February 47

Date....., 19.....

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August 16, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing copy of application and sketch covering the trapline of Charles John Quock.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:GR

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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August 16, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that the application for registration of a trapline in favor of Charles John Quock has been approved by the Game Commission. I enclose sketch and copy of the application for registration.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK Charles John	57-40	127-00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.M. 38A & 38B

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charles John Quock P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. 19

No. of years applicant has trapped line New application Length of trap-line Approx. 148 miles around.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Usual blazes and cabins.

Geographical description of trap-line

Commencing on NE side Stikine R. at mouth of Katatsit R. thence up NE side Stikine R. approx 40 mls to mouth of Chukachida R; up N bank Chukachida R 15 mls to Chukachida Lake, continuing along N shore of lake 7 mls to E end; E 4½ mls to height of land; NEly 17 mls along height of land; Wly along height of land 20 mls; S 3 mls; W 10 mls; N 6 mls to S bank Ketatsit R, opposite mouth of unnamed Cr; Wly on S bank of said river approx 33 mls to point of commencement, including intervening territory.

Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(FOR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.)

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK, Charles John	57-40	127-00
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.M. 38A & 38B

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charles John Quock P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. 19

No. of years applicant has trapped line New application Length of trap-line Approx. 148 miles around.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Usual blazes and cabins.

Tentative or permanent registration

(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden only.)

Dated this 23 day of August, 1939, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Chas. Jhn Quock, per Indian Agt Reed. "Harper Reed"

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For District Headquarters.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

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DETACHMENT: Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Date November 14th, 1939

"J. Blakistone-Gray"
(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT: Prince Rupert

Date ....., 19.....

(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION: "D" No confliction with adjoining trap-lines.

FORWARDED TO
GAME COMMISSION

Date ....., 19.....

Dec 11th 1939
(Director, Game Department.)

HEADQUARTERS:

"T. Van Dyk"
O.C.i/c "D" Game Division.

Date ....., 19.....

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YOUR FILE NO. 112/12/7008

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-2Q-40

THE GOVERNMENT OF
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OFFICE OF "D" Game Division.

SUBJECT:

Prince George B.C.

August 5th 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line - QUOCK, Charles John - Telegraph Cr. B.C.

Please be advised that the application for registration of a trap-line submitted in favor of the above mentioned Indian trapper, and dated August 23rd 1939, has been accepted by the Game Commission. The Constable i/c Telegraph Creek has been advised of this fact and the Indian Agent at Telegraph Creek can obtain such information from the Constable.

For your information, enclosed please find copy of application and sketch covering the trap-line under review.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/WF
Encl.

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August 1, 1940.

Dear Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would kindly advise me if the trapline application of Charles J. Quock (Indian) has been completed and if so, if you will kindly advise Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed to that effect, if he has not already been so informed.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector "D" Game Division,
Game Department,
Prince George, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 17. th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- T/line Chas.J. QUOCK. Indian

Full application papers ~~ett~~ wre submitted for the above alterations to tralines August 23 rd 1939.

Local Game Warden here reports May 20 th 1940 that " I am in receipt of your letter of the 18 th ult and in view of the contents thereof the application submitted in favour of the m/n Indian under date of August 23 rd 1939 has been accepted - Signed F.R. Butler Commissioner "

Up to date of writing this is still not received. May the Game Dept be asked what is wrong here?

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December. 25. th. 1939.

Inspector. T. Van Dyk.
The B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE GEORGE. B.C.

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Dear Sir,

Re Indian J. C. QUOCK Family Trapground.
re-registration.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 6 th, enclosing a full set of papers in regard to the above alteration of Registration.

Herewith please find enclosed the full set of papers signed, as requested. The copy for the "Indian Office" files is also returned as they have not been signed by your Department. May they be so treated and returned. The map submitted has been placed in the Indian's File and is quite correct

Thanking you for this attention.

Yours truly.

H. R.

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay.

Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Extra copy submitted to show that this line is receiveing attention.

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9th Dec.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 10th ultimo, regarding the Chas. Jhn. Quock trapline and the boundary of same on Chuckachida Lake, I would say that all that is necessary is to keep both (this trapline and the one held by the Indian trapper on the other side of the Lake) in good standing and, before cancellation of one can be brought about resulting in loss to this Department, you should see that the ground is transferred to another Indian who will keep it in good standing. Apart from this, the White trapper would have no more right to the Lake than the Indian, and in the case of a dispute it would probably be equally divided between them and, under the circumstances, I see no reason for the argument.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harpper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Nov. 10. th. 1939.

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The B.C. Game Dept.
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re. Chas. Jhn QUOCK. Application for T/grd.

I beg to submit herewith the following papers in connection with this Indian Lad's application for a trapground of his own- which was that of Indian Bell Nole.

4. Applications sheets.

1. Map showing area concerned.

1. Covering letter showing reason for this action.

It is hoped the above are correct and the Cancellation for this Ground will be found on the Bell NOLE File, where he requests the given up ground of Dougeen DENNIS.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

The above papers have been sent forward as instructed. The question of the dividing line passing through the Lake is still thought correct by the Indians concerned. They state that should one line be given to a White Trapper - then the Indian loose the Lake althogether. That means he will not be able to use river and lake to travel on- during winters, which is the proper way to reach this area.

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Sept. 8, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the application by Bell Nole for cancellation of his trap line and its transfer to Charles J. Quock. Please complete the forms as in the Boll Nole case, sign them, and forward to the Game Warden concerned.

I do not consider it necessary for you to press the point of running the boundary of this line down the centre of Chuckachida Lake in the face of opposition by the Game Officials, instead of along the south shore.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Encl.
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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.
August. 23. rd. 1939.

The B.C. Game Depprtment.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Chas.J. QUOCK. Application for T/ground.

I beg to submit herewith the following papers re above:-

1. Cancellation from Indian Bell NOLE T/ground to above

1. Map showing area now registered.

4. Applications sheets for this ground by C.J. Quock.

The above lad, a son of Jhm Calbreath QUOCK (big family) is taking unto himself a wife and wishes to own his own ground.

Thanking you Gentlemen,

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23.rd. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Trapground Registration etc.

As recently instructed herewith is submitted a "set" of Indian trapping ground papers, for re-registration.

The Indians concerned are :- Dougan DENNIS. Cancelled

Bell NOLE Takes on the above area.

Chas J. QUOCK. Takes on NOLE T/ground (

Duplicates of letter to Game Dept have been made so that some note of same might be filed in your Office.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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August. 23. rd. 1939.

The B.C. Game Department.

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Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Answered Aug 23/1939.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK, Freddy	57.40	130.10
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.F.53

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant QUOCK, Freddy P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence Length of residence in B.C. 26 years

No. of years applicant has trapped line - 0 - Length of trap-line 90 miles around

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing on 10 mi. Cr. at a pt. 1 mi. N.E. of telegraph line; SEly. 2 mi. paralleling telegraph line at a distance of 1 mi; ESE ½ mi, S ½ mi, E. 16 mi; N.½ mi. to pt. 1 mi. S. of Klastline R, Wly. and Nly 17 mi. paralleling Klastline R. at a distance of 1 mi. to a pt. 1 mi. SW. of mouth of Cheeny Cr; NEly 3½ mi. crossing Klastline R. and following E. bank of Cheeny Cr; N. 4 mi, W. 14 mi, SSW 10 mi. to a pt. 1 mi. NE. of telegraph line; SEly 3½ mi. paralleling telegraph line at distance of 1 mi. to pt, of commencement including intervening territory. Telegraph Creek,

Dated this 3rd day of January 19 48 at , B.C.

Signature of applicant Indian Agent, for Applicant.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.F.55

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Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

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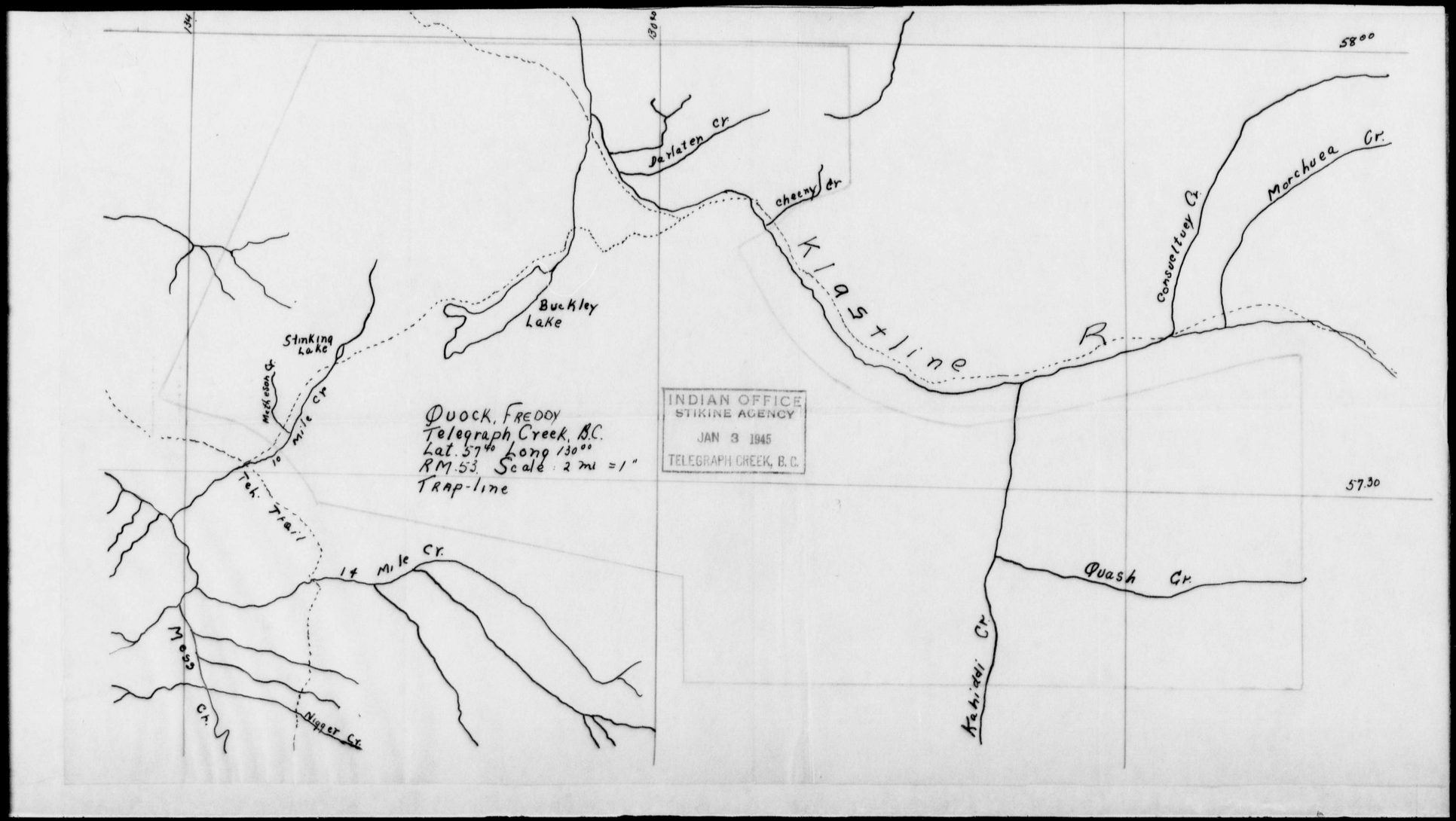
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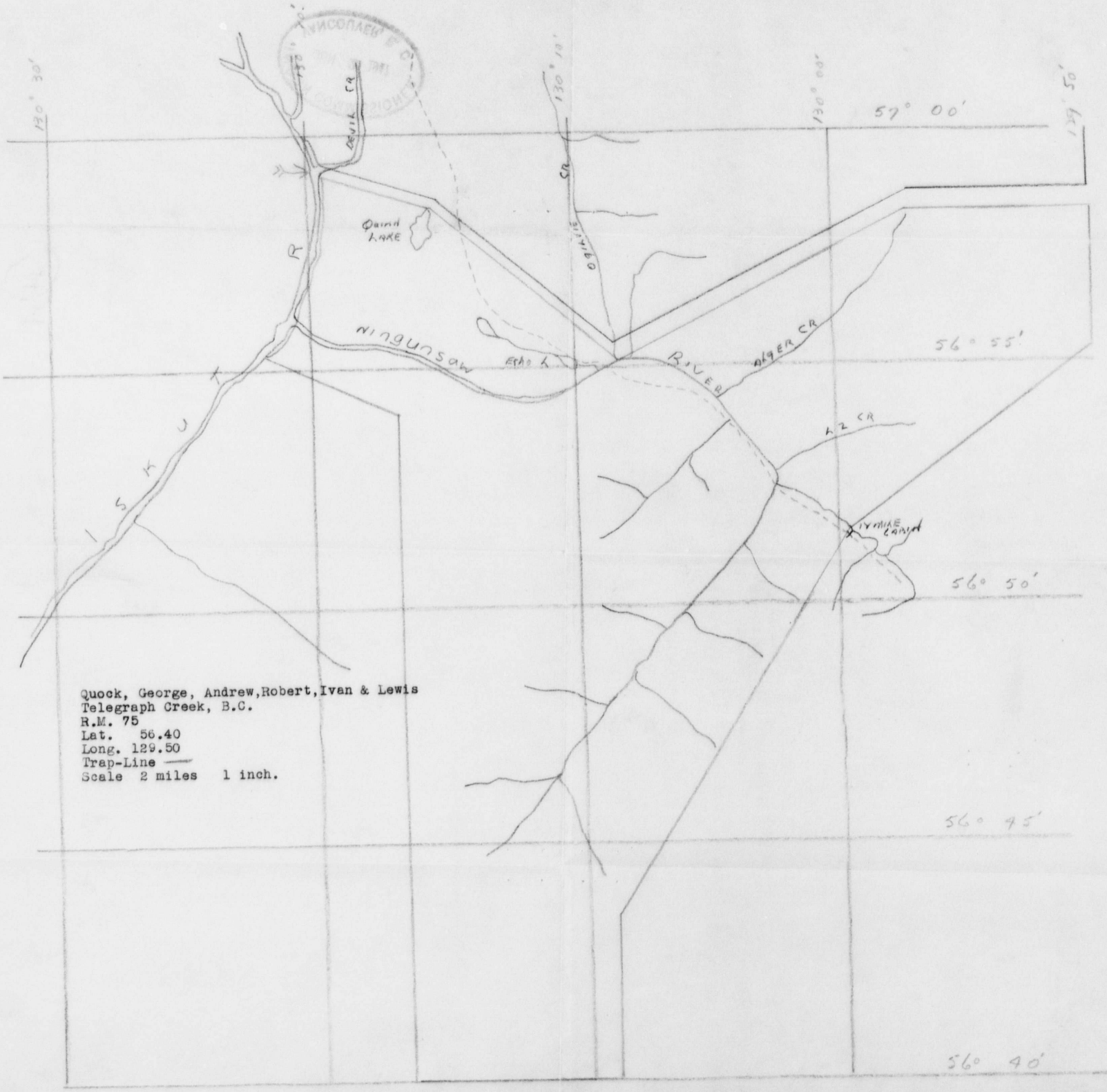
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VANCOUVER, B. C.

Stikine Agency

Telegraph Creek, B.C.

21 May 47.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver

Enclosed herewith Application for trap-line, George Quock & Brothers together with sketch for your files.

This line was approved by the B.C. Game Commission on 18 Apr. 47.

R.H.S.Sampson,
Indian Agent.

/B
encl.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." R.L. 75

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
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Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant George Quock & Brothers P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indians Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence 6 yrs Length of residence in B.C. 30,28,17,11 & 6

No. of years applicant has trapped line Blazed Length of trap-line Approx. 77 miles around

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at the south side of the mouth of Devils Ck. thence Northerly following the east bank of the Iskut River 5 miles, thence S. Ely. 3½ mi. thence S.16½ mi. thence E. 5 mi. thence N.4 mi. thence NEly 11 mi. to Telegraph Cabin, thence N.E. 7½ mi. thence N. 3½ mi. thence W. 4½ mi. to head of Alger Ck. thence SWly. to mouth of ogilvie ck. 6 mi. thence NWly. 5½ mi. to N. end of Quinn Lake, thence NWly 2½ mi. to point of commencement, including all intervening territory.

Dated this 5th day of December, 19 46, at Telegraph Creek, B.C., B.C.

Signature of applicant George Quock & Brothers per Indian Agent.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. (For Recording Officer.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

REMARKS.

DETACHMENT:

Date ....., 19.....

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(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT:

Date ....., 19.....

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(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION:

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(Inspector, Game Department.)

HEADQUARTERS:

Date ....., 19.....

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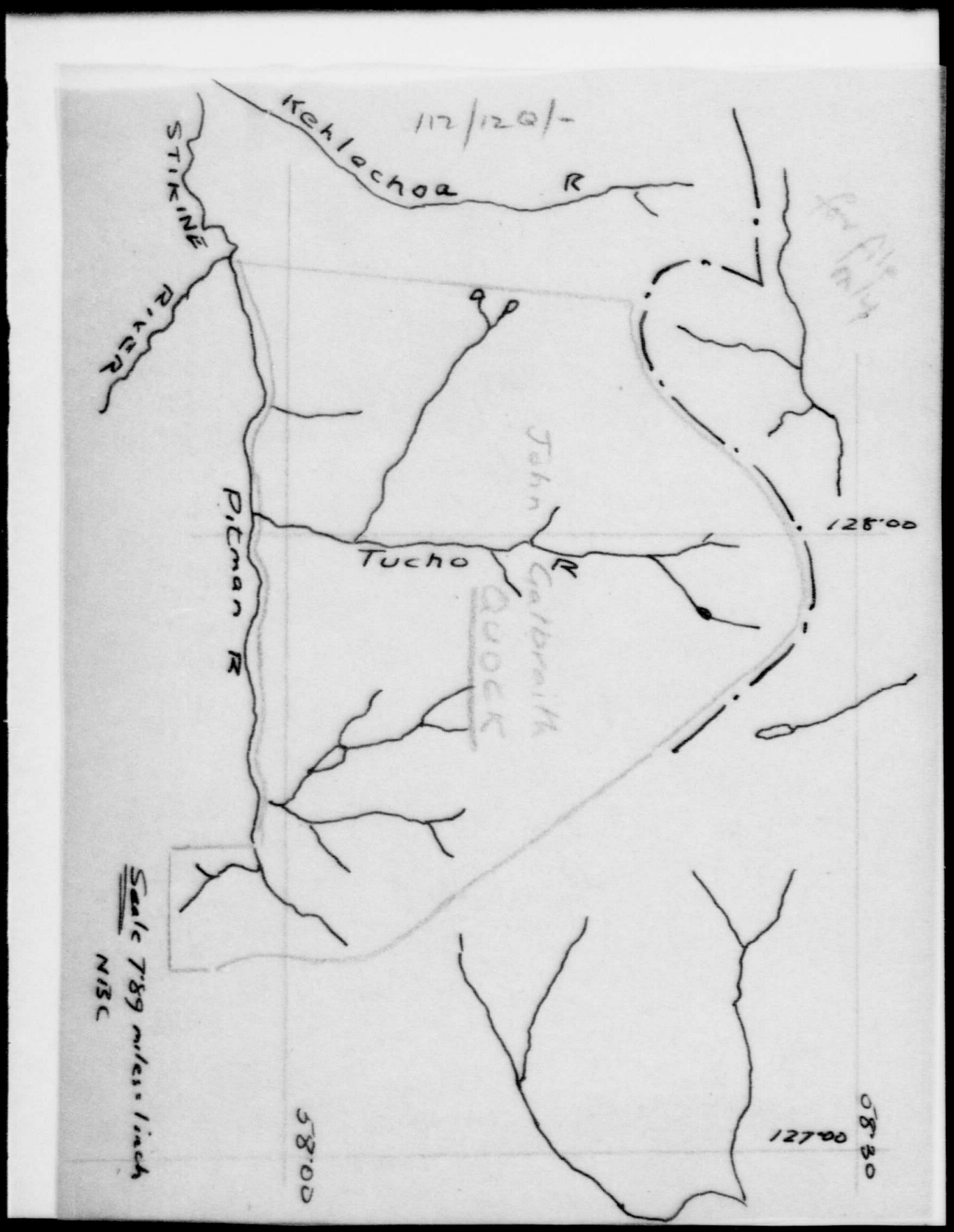
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23. rd. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- John Calbreath QUOCK. Re-registration.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 28 in regard to the above indian tpaground; requesting to know why the ground was thrown open and not afterwards secured.

The correct name of this Trapper is, as above, and not John Galbraith.
The returned corrections were received at this Office on February 21 st last, and signed and returned to the local Game Office - the same day.

Therefore this ground is in correct order, and safe under correct registration. It is thought that perhaps some incorrect information has been submitted.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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July 28, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Kindly submit a report showing why no new application was submitted to Inspector Van Dyk for enlargement of the John Galbraith trap line after you had it cancelled for this purpose on Nov. 22nd, 1938, leaving the territory open to any person that cared to apply for same.

In view of the great deal of time that has been involved attempting to clear up trapping troubles in your Agency, I fail to see why any territory should be allowed to remain in this condition and I see no reason why the new application should not be submitted with the application to cancel.

These remarks apply also to other cases in similar condition brought to your attention in this mail.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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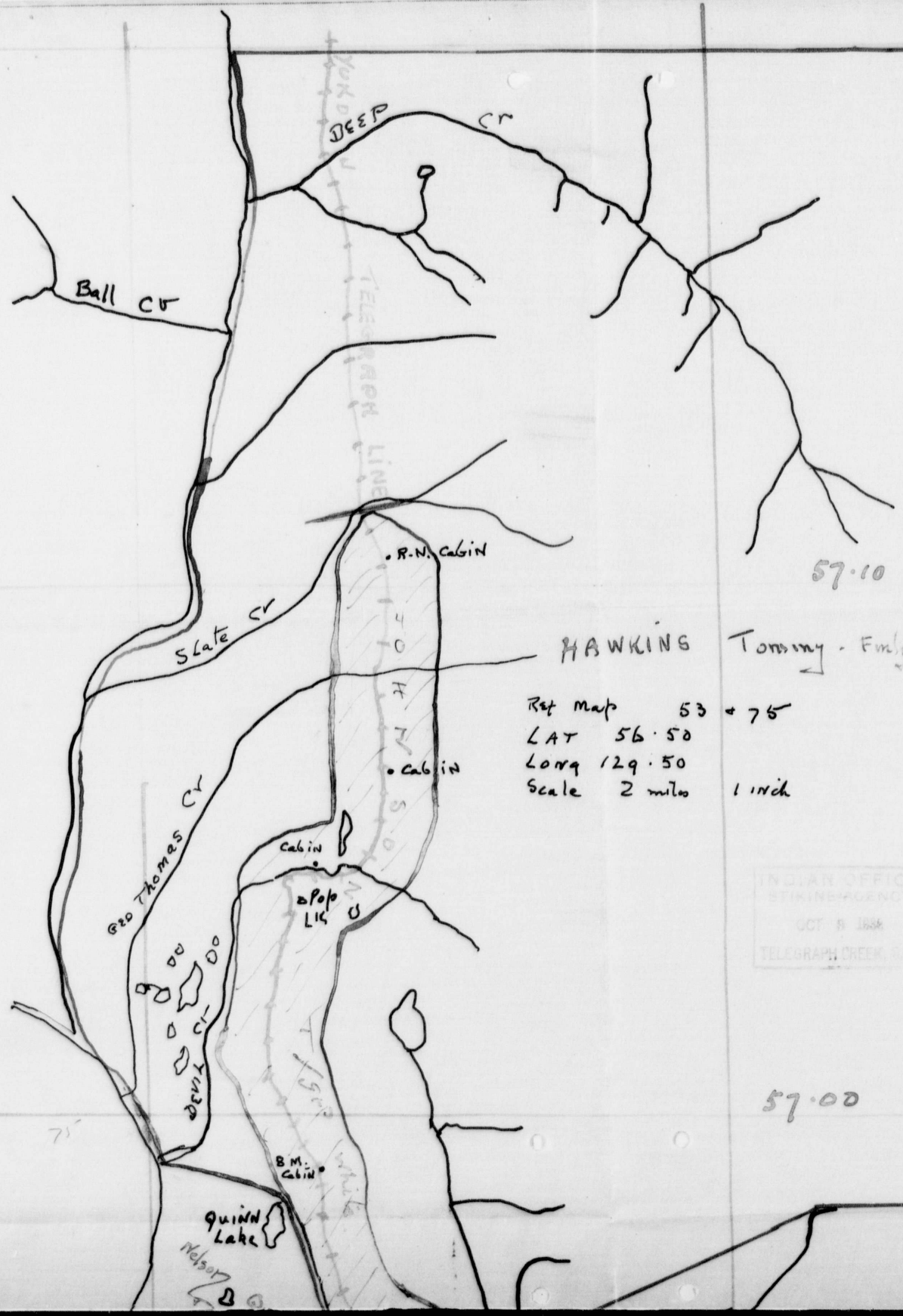
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HAWKINS Tommy - Emily

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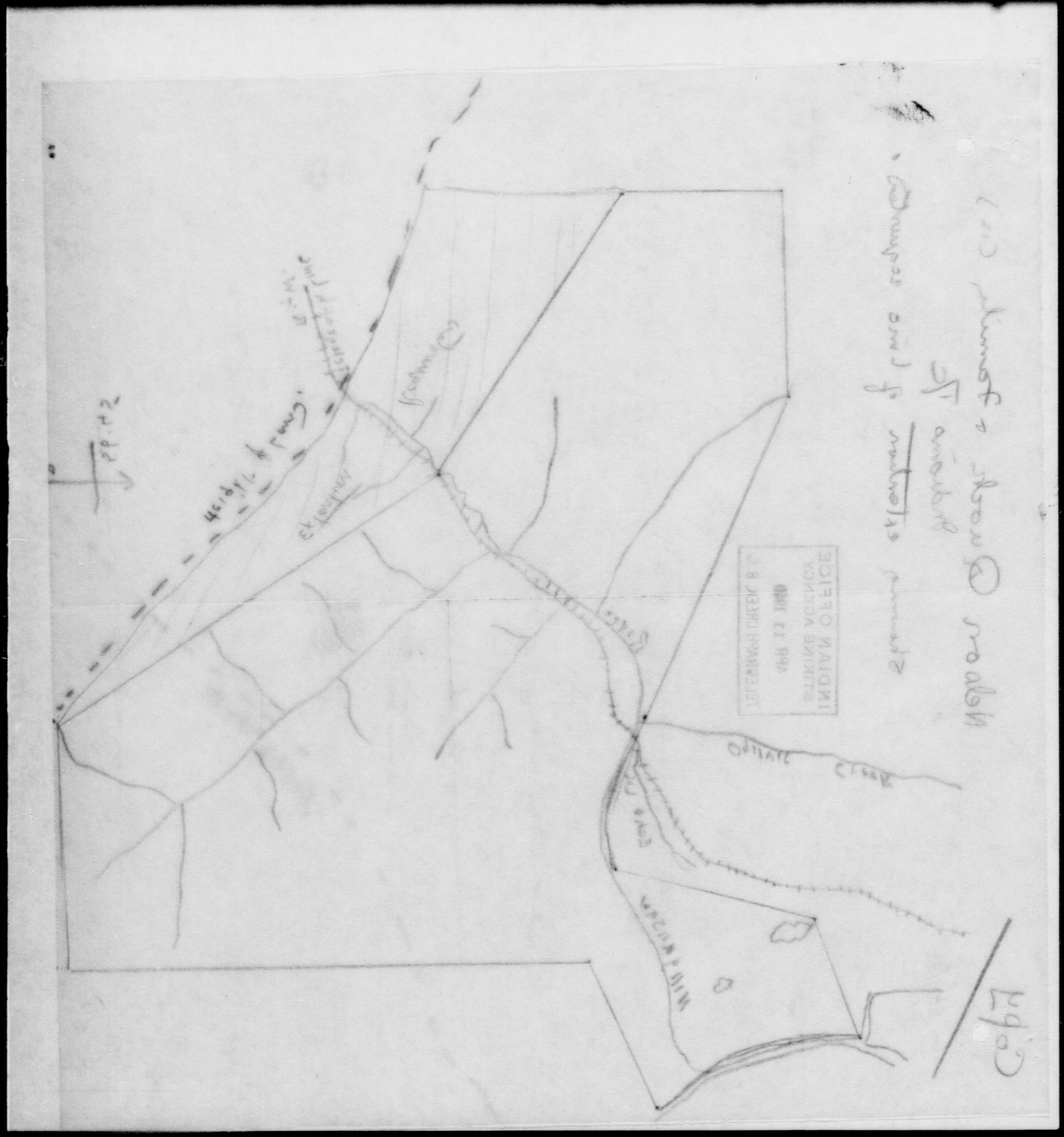
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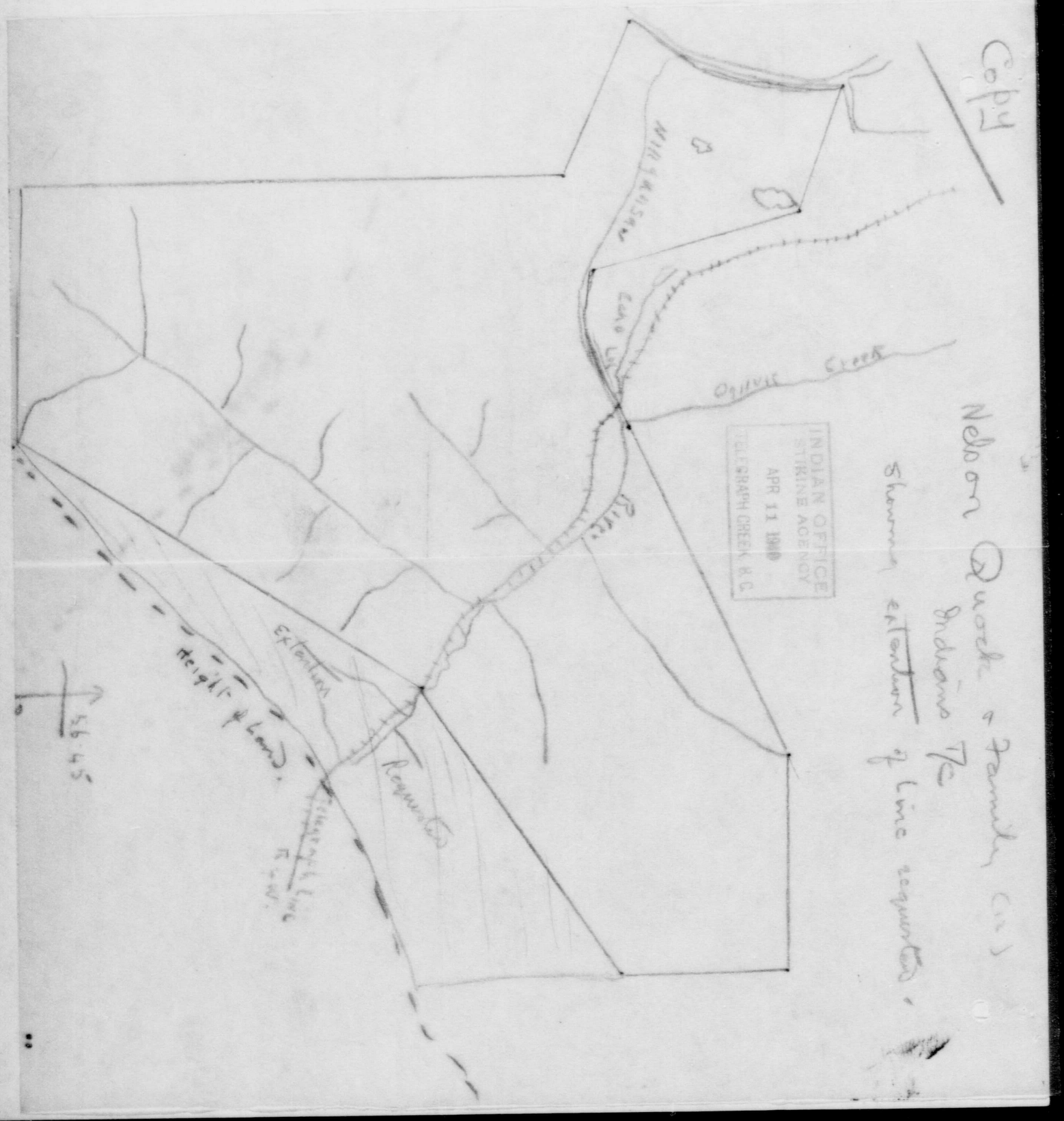


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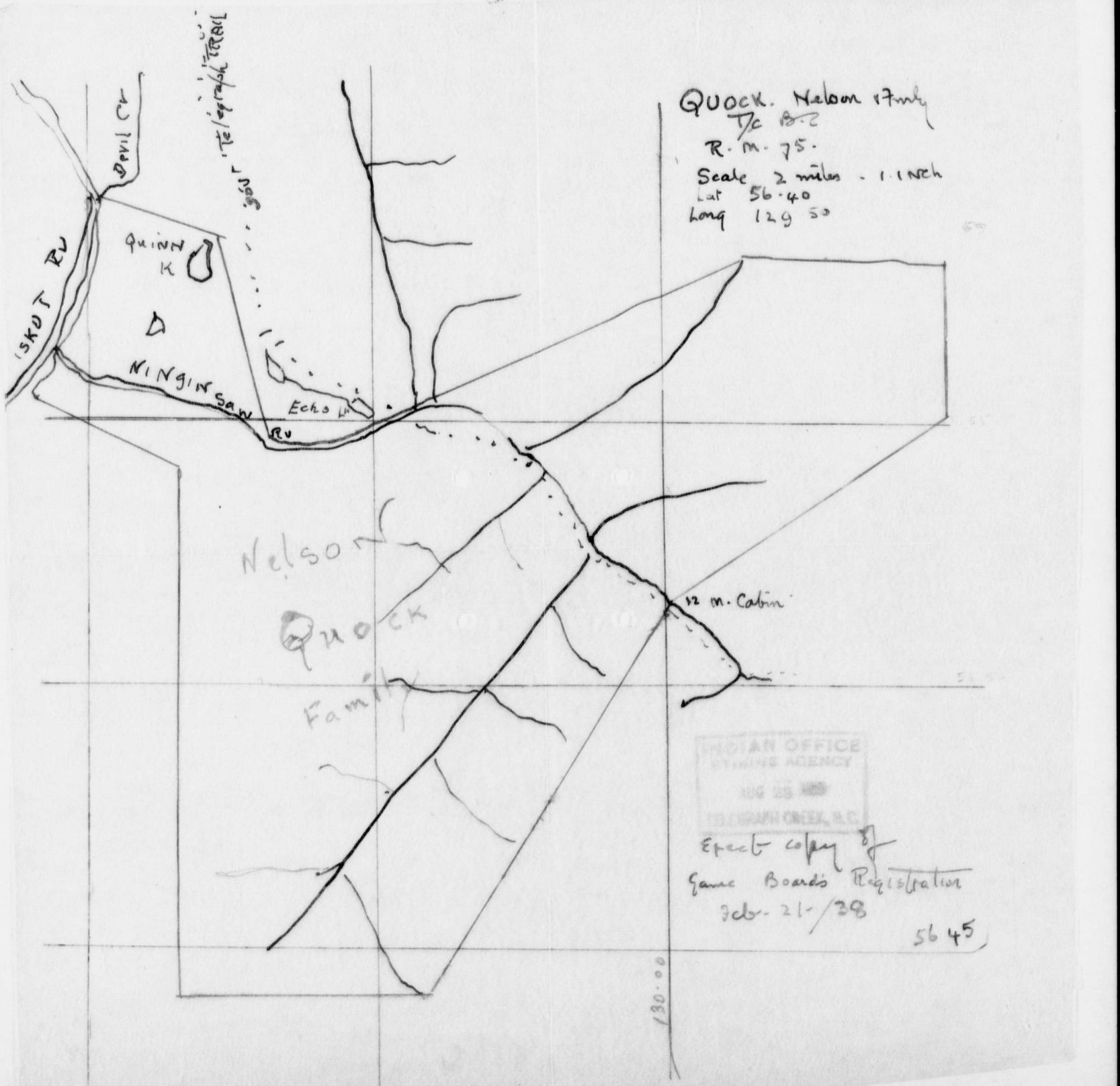
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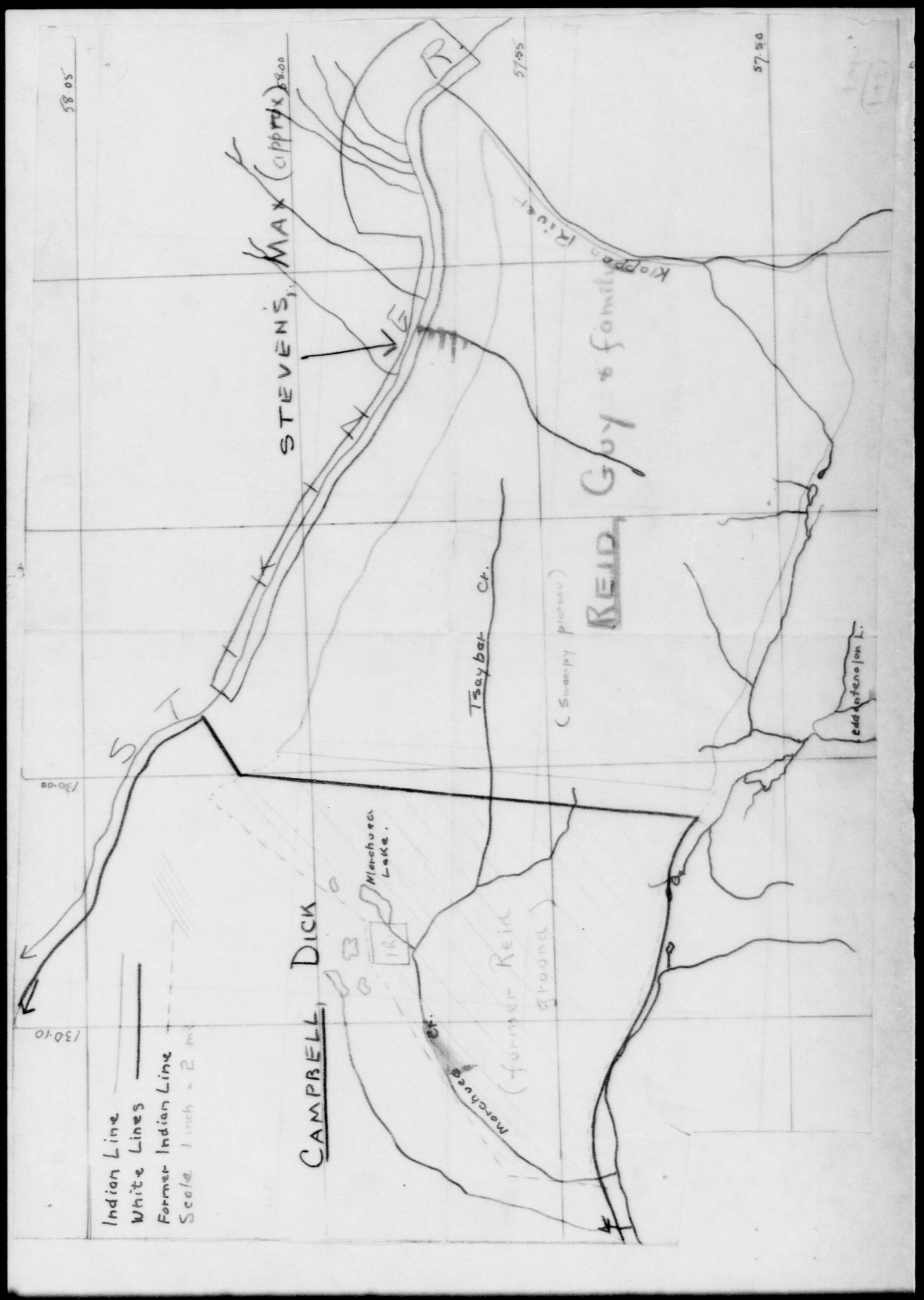
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Exact copy of a Game Dept map submitted in 1932 - and not accepted for the fact that their maps were wrong, and admitted to be so by them. This shows them placing Morchurea Lake (Indian Resv) BELOW the Trail, which is about 30 miles south of its actual location, shown on their present 1940. Maps.
H.R.

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Lat 57° 45
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IN AUGUST 1934 this map was sent out to CHIEF Charlie QUASH for his views and was returned with the following notes hereon.

This map shows the trapground of Guy Reid as it should be.
SIGNED Chief Charlie X Quash
his mark.

In view of the scarcity of fur and low prices this is no time to cut down Indian Trap grounds. Especially when men like Dick Campbell are getting considerable Provincial Relief and Govt Road Work.
Signed W.D. Thorman St Aidrains Anglican Mission.

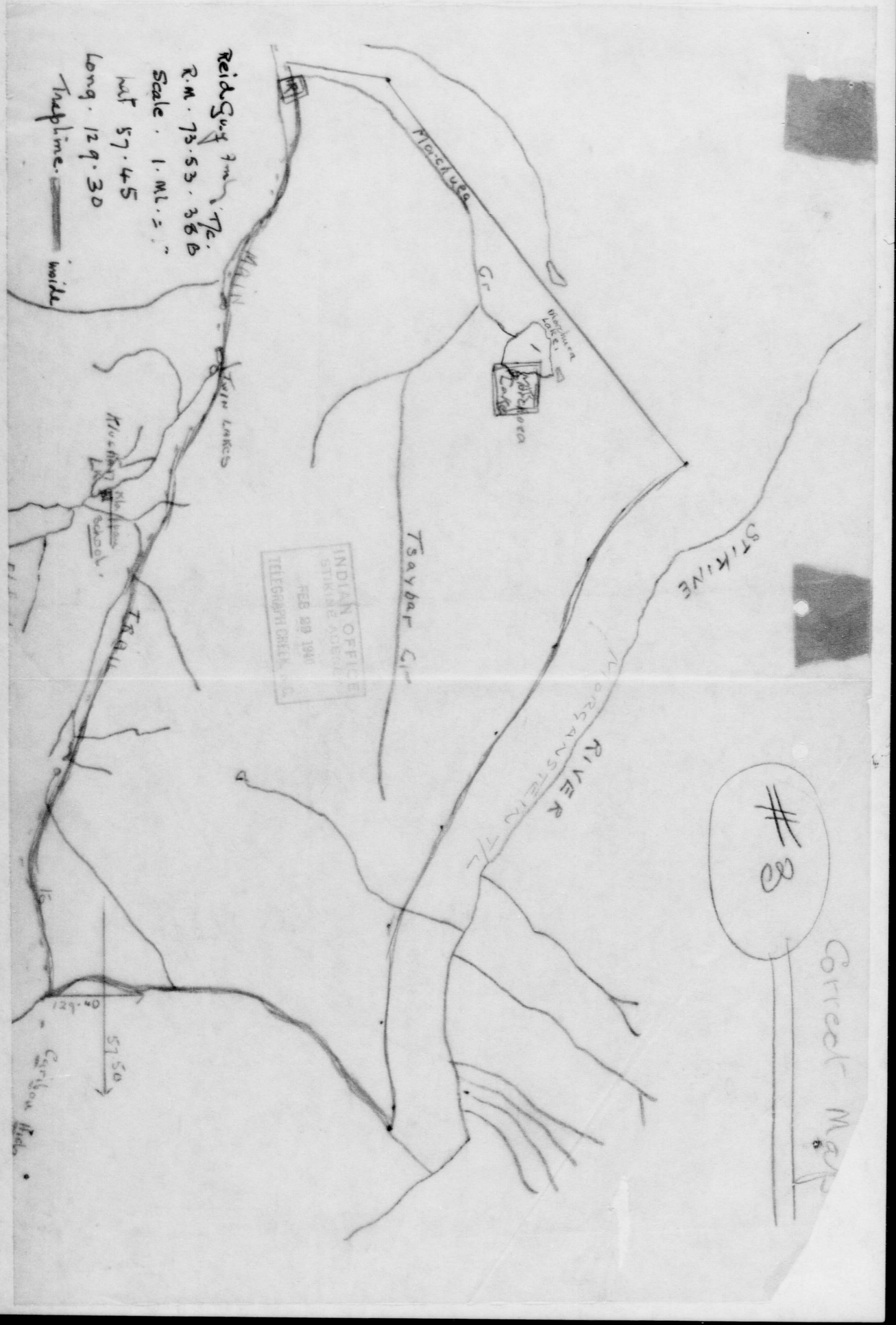
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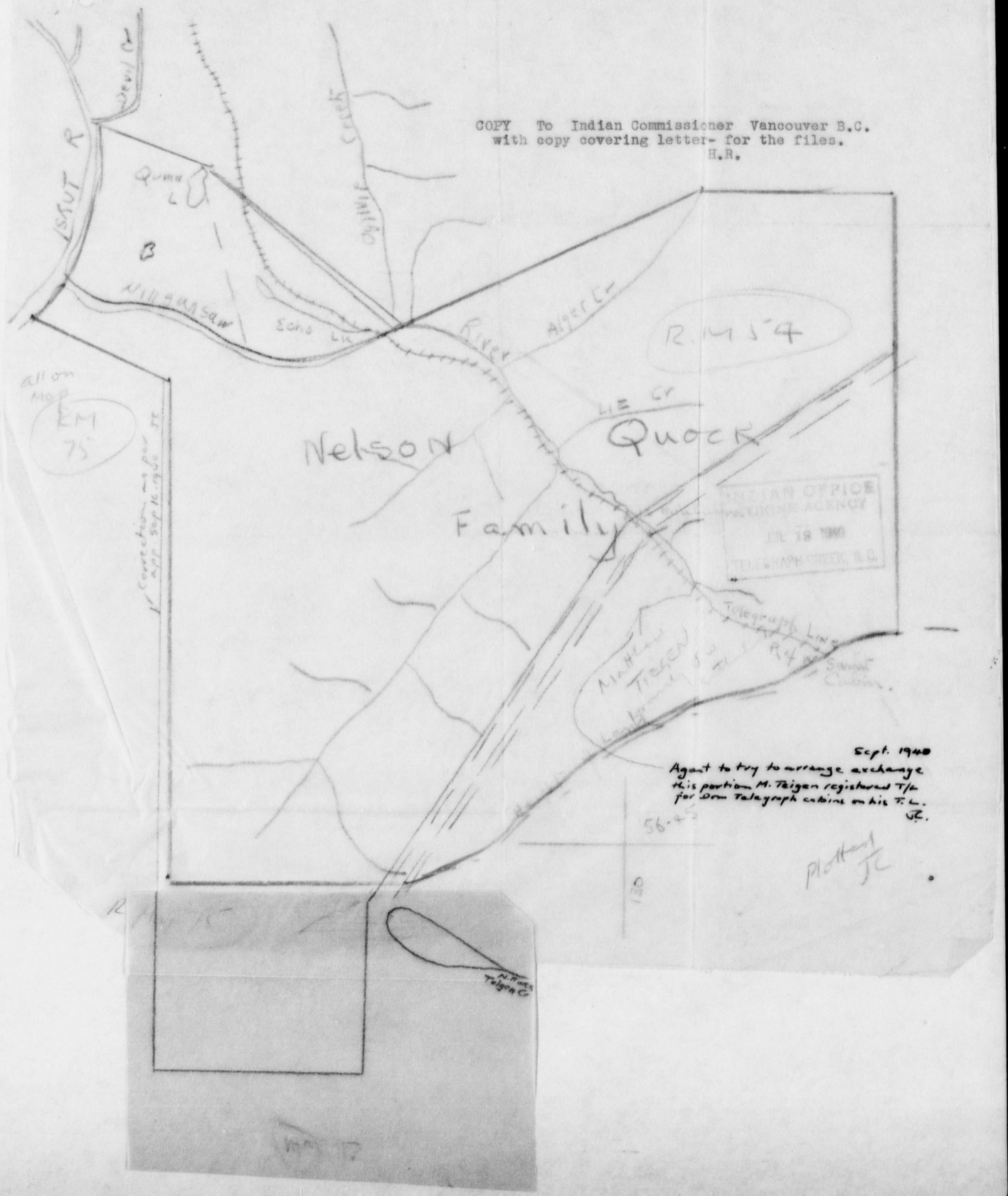


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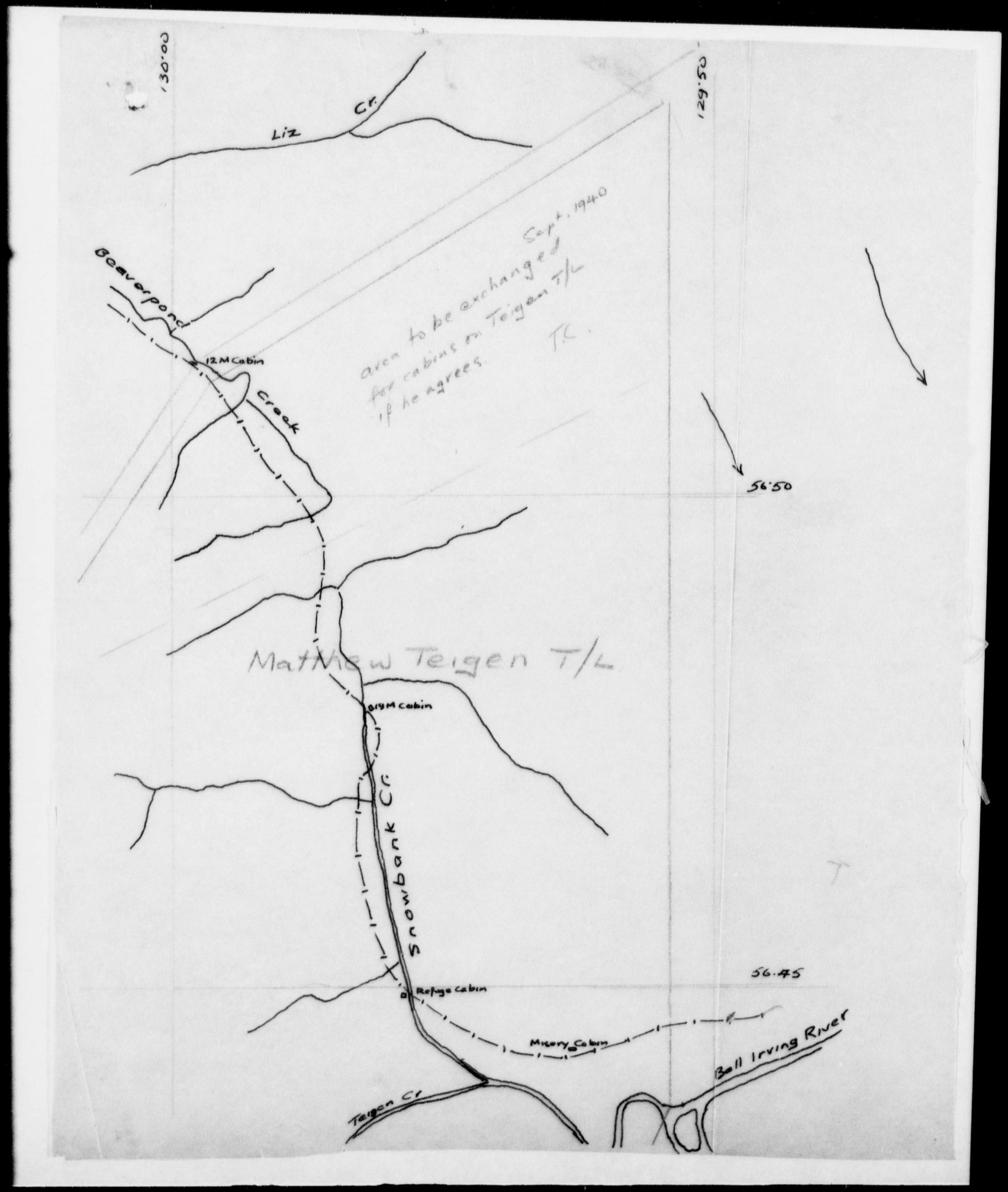
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H.R.



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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 5-8/3

Stikine Agency

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
October 11, 1945.

James Coleman, Esq., Inspector of Indian Agencies for B.C.

In your Survey of Indian Traplines and Applications, Stikine Agency, of September, 1940, reference was made to the trap-line of NELSON QUOCK & FAMILY 56.40 x 129.50 RM 75, and you suggested that the white trapper Matthew Teigen might be persuaded to relinquish the disputed portion of his line which lies on the north side of the divide separating the Bell-Irving River from the Ningunsaw River.

I finally succeeded in contacting Mr. Teigen by letter about this matter, and he advises he has no intention of disposing of any of his trap-line and in fact is anxious to obtain more territory.

If Quock properly traps his existing area he will probably have enough ground without this piece.

R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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Stikine Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
January 18, 1944.

J. Coleman, Esq., Inspector of Indian Agencies for B.C.

On re-reading your letter of September 16, file 112-12-C-6797, today I realized that I had not caught the full significance of your letter when I replied to it October 9th last. I was then of the opinion that you required a report on the Colburn area only but I see now that you wish to have a brief report on each of the trap-lines registrations referred to in your inspection report and which were the subject of the discussion between Inspector Van Dyke, the two Game Wardens and ourselves in September, 1941.

I will here comment briefly on the traplines in the order they appear in your report:

(1) Willie Cigar - This registration covered an area trapped by Indian Alex Chief therefore a tentative sketch has been made up and both registrations are to be completed at a meeting with Const.Purdy about January 25th at Lower Post.
(2) Old Faddy - To be completed at meeting with Const.Purdy Jan.25th
(3) Amox Alex- To be adjusted with Old Faddy line.
(4) Edward Johnny - To be reviewed with Const.Purdy and Mike Johnny's interests considered.
(5) Phillip Murratt- Now deceased and arrangements being made to have another Indian trap same.
(6) Jimmy Cigar- Now being trapped by Harry Johnny as Cigar died. Registration & sketch to be completed with Const.Purdy.
(7) Old Murrat- Died recently & grils cannot trap it effectively. Will have to be turned over to some other Indian as soon as this can be arranged.
(8) Liard McDames Band - Individual applications received from members of Porter & Stone families and registrations will be completed with Const.Purdy.
(9) Louis Boyah - He is registered in this agency census. Ground for this Indian to be arranged with Const.Purdy.
(10) Albert (correct name, Willie) & Howard Dease- application submitted to local Game Warden for southern portion of this line, in name of Lester Frank and family. Not yet ratified by Game Dept.
(11) Billy Frank & Family - Billy Frank now deceased and application submitted for registration in name of Lester Frank (son of Billy) and family, also to take in southern portion of late W.& H.Dease line.
(12) Muncho Lake Band- Abandoned.
(13) Nelson Quock & family - Mr. Teigen is not known in this area and presumable makes his headquarters at Stewart, B.C. or some point on the C.N.railway. Quock has not seen him at all. An attempt is being made to contact Mr. Teigen.

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(14) Charles Thibert- This line has been transferred to Benny Nehass and duly registered. The Dept. ruled that neither Mrs. Elder nor her children could share in the estate. Thibert's aged mother is receiving compensation from Nehass for the use of the line.

(15) Billy Hawkins- Ground never used by Hawkins - he now has a line registered north of the one in question. Although the Dept. purchased this line it appears to be of little value as a trap-line and a trapper could only expect to pick up a few coyote, wolf and perhaps the odd fox. It would never wholly support an Indian. The suggestion of transferring the line to Benny Nehass is out of the question now as Nehass is registered at Dease Lake on the Thibert Line. I am endeavouring to find some Indian who is willing to take over both this and the Margaret Nehass line,- together they might produce a meagre living for an old couple.

(16) Caribou Hide- This question has recently been under consideration by your office.

(17) Joe Colburn & Band - Divided & registered as per letter of even date.

I would like to point out that some difficulty has been encountered in lining trap-line registrations up with the former McDames Creek detachment of the Game Branch, in charge of Const. Purdy for the reason that plans to meet Mr. Purdy last August to settle outstanding matters could not be carried out owing to the dysentery epidemic which developed at Telegraph Creek during the absence of the field nurse on vacation. This detained me at Telegraph Creek for ten days and when I arrived at McDames Creek Mr. Purdy has gone away on patrol. I can see no reason why this work should not be cleaned up when I meet Mr. Purdy in about a week's time at Lower Post.

As requested I shall submit individual reports on the traplines as they are settled.

(Sgd.) R.H.S.Sampson-
Indian Agent.

P.S. I am forwarding copies of the "J.Colburn" registrations-sketches by the next mail.

RHSS.

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QUICK, Nelson & family (INDIANS)	56.40	129.50
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR ~~RENEWAL~~ CANCELLATION OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for ~~renewal~~ cancellation of my registered trap-line. for purpose of re-registration

Name of applicant Nelson QUICK and family

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence No As

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 13th day of September, 1940, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Nelson Quick & family per Harper Reed
(Harper Reed)
Indian Agent

(For Recording Officer.)

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." RM.75

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Nelson Quock & family P.O. address Telegraph Creek P.O., B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indians Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. 46, 41, 21 & 18 yrs

No. of years applicant has trapped line 2 years Length of trap-line 752 miles around (approx)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at the south side of the mouth of Devils Ck, thence following the east bank of Iskut River 3 miles, thence south easterly 9 miles, thence south 10 miles, thence east 6 miles, thence north 4 miles, thence north easterly 11 miles, to telegraph cabin, thence north east 7½ miles, thence north 6½ miles, thence west 4½ miles, to head of Algy Creek, thence south westerly to mouth of Sgilvie Creek 8 miles, thence north westerly 5½ miles to north end of Quinn Lake, thence north westerly 9½ miles to point of commencement, including all intervening territory.

Dated this 10th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Nelson Quock & family, per James Jeff (Interpreter) Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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Stikine. Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 18 th. 1940.

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Indian Trapline Nelson CUOCK.
Re-arrangement.

Submitted herewith are the following papers, re above:-

CANCELLATION 4 sheets.

APPLICATION 4 sheets.

Map showing alterations. 2. (one is expected to be stamp'd by your Dept, as correct and returned for our files.

This letter in Dup, to speed matters along.

This alteration has come about by the fact that this Department now owns the Dom Govt Trail Cabins, right up to and including the Mess Divide, and therefore an equal division of same has had to be observed.

Please notice that this line is required to the top end and drainage of the Ningunsaw River- taking in the shelter cabin on the Divide. Application sheet has been left blank as requested.

COPY The Indian Commissioner
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Submitted for files.

Map attached.

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STIKINE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April 11. th 1940.

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Inspector T. Van Dyk.
The B.C. Game Department
PRINCE GEORGE. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Indian Nelson QUOCK'S T/line.

I beg to submit herewith a sketch of the above Indian Trapline, showing in Red an area at the south end of his ground, and also in that watershed - that it is desired to obtain for this Indian.

Two days ago Mr Sutherland the White Trapper who now owns this little area, called at this Office and stated he was ill, and intended to give up trapping - therefore this advise of intending application for same.

The main part of Mr Sutherland's trapping area, is over the Divide to the south, and so not in this District, therefore you are being written on the matter so that when the line is thrown open or even exchanged, Nelson Quock could receive the top-end of his watershed - i.e. from 12 mile Cabin up to the Divide.

A full set of application papers will be sent into the local Game Office to cover this request, and it is hoped this might be considered the "First" application for this rather odd area of trapping ground.

Yours truly.
H. R.
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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APR 17 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

The above with the map is submitted to show that steps have been taken- as far as possible to acquire a small area of trapping ground for Indian Nelson QUOCK - This little bit of our watershed should belong to our Indians, and so save further troubles this way.
May this be placed with the Nelson Quock Trapline affairs in your Files.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April. 11. th. 1940.

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

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Dear Sirs,

Re:- Mr Sutherland's Trapline (White).

The above White Trapper informed this Office recently that he thought of giving up trapping.

The North end of his ground - from 12 mile Cabin south to the Divide , is within this Agency's area, and if Mr Sutherland is giving up his ground this small area is hereby requested for the Nelson Quock Trapground, as it is in his watershed.

Please consider this the FIRST application for this area, if same is obtainable. Upon advice that it is open full papers to cover same will be at once submitted.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Re Mr Sutherland's Trapline (White).

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April 9. th 1940.

Sir,

Re:- J. Sutherland -White trapper. Poaching.

No doubt you will remember the Game Conference in Vancouver at which you kindly attended, with myself; and at which a lot of time was taken up over the above Affair.

Yesterday Sutherland called at this Office, in bad health, but since the date of the Conference he has been in the same cabin as he was then, and trapping therefrom. So that any Reports that may have been turned in by the local Constable, would require close reading to find out what he did do and what he left undone.

However Sutherland admits the game is up, and he is not going back - so he states now. He wishes to sell out to our indians, which is purely a matter between him and the indians over, it appears,private property

Here is seen the reason why the T/graph R. of Way should be entirely taken over by our Department, and then all such absurde matters as the above would not come about.

The very indians who Sutherland complained about, have helped him in to here, over a very rough trail. And so ends another "row" with the Game Department, this Agency coming out correctly after all said and done.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
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TELEGRAPH. CREEK. B.C:
January. 9. th. 1940.

Inspector. T. Van Dyk.
The B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE GEORGE. B.C.

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Dear Sir,

Re:- Trap-line. John.H. Johnson. (white).

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 20 th, in regard to the above recently acquired trapline for our Indians, and wish to thank you for same.

The wording "with the exception of the line of Fred Appleyard" has been blocked out of the Tommy Hawkins Registration dated August 9. th 1934, and this Indians ground is now in correct order.

A new outline of this ground is not necessary, for the Indians ground entirely surrounded that of the "white" trap-line.

Yours truly.

H. Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER B.C.

Submitted ,Sir, to show this Indian Line now completed and in order. H.R.

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Copy for trapline file
11/2/12
Nelson Quock

January 15, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letters of December 6th and 13th with enclosures regarding the need of the provision of isolation accommodation for T.B. Indians in your Agency.

This subject has been discussed with Dr. McQuarrie on several occasions recently but there is little if anything that can be done at this time as the amount appropriated for T.B. control by the Department for this province has now been overspent.

If at all possible Dr. McQuarrie and the Inspector of Indian Agencies intend visiting the Stikine Agency this year at which time I would suggest that the matter in question be discussed, in order that some action along the lines suggested might be taken should the funds provided by the Department for T.B. control admit of doing so.

Perhaps I should add that if there is no increase in the appropriation for this work over what was provided for the c current fiscal year, it may be extremely difficult to do much for the T.B. Indians of your Agency beyond what is at present being done.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

/AC

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

(Re Nelson Quock's wife)

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(C O P Y)

Office of the
Indian Agent.

Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
December 13th, 1939.

Sir: Re: T. B. Control Affairs.

With further reference to the above and in connection with a letter to you on the subject dated December 3rd I beg to submit herewith some correspondence that has passed between this Office and Doctor Meyer.

It has been necessary to pick up completely the Indian Family of Nelson Quock with his T.B. wife and 10 youngsters and place them on the Casca Reserve. The father was literally going crazy, having to hunt moose for his family and at the same time do everything for his wife. They have now been fixed up on the Reserve and the woman placed in a tent by herself; and allowed steady Relief.

With the help of an old Indian woman as nurse, it might be possible to get Nelson out trapping with his older sons, sometime after Xmas, and by so-doing we shall be able to "hold" his trapping grounds.

This is the hardest case we have around here, and it will means some expense. The Doctor's views are quite correct and were we allowed even an experienced Matron- to start with, in the long run, the Department would benefit.

Such a "camp" would have to be outside this Townsite, for there is absolutely no room at all within this small Town area. There are four cases at the present time that should be so treated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"Harper Reed"

Indian Agent.

Major D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December. 28. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Purchase. J. H. Johnson's T/line -Indenture.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 11.th with two copies of an Indenture signed by the above Mr Johnson, and which same have to be Registered.

Mr T. S. Dalby the local Government Agent was seen yesterday afternoon, but it seems he is unable to Register such matter at this point, and therefore they have been forwarded to Prince Rupert B.C. as per attached copy of letter

It is hoped that the correct proceedure has been taken.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
December. 28. th.
1939.

Copy

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith, two copies of an Indenture as between The Indian Affairs Branch. Dept Mines & Resources Ottawa, and Mr Jack Harold Johnson. 327. Main Street Vancouver B.C.; late of this District, but who will be returning North very shortly.

These papers are required to be registered by a n Authority of the Province under the Bills of Sale Act, and are therefore submitted for that purpose. Also enclosed is a Bank of Canada Bill to value of $5-00 # AC5873130 in payment of such registration, and blank made-out Receipts covering this payment . Would you be so kind as to fill in the foe necessary and return same to this Office with the duplicate copy of the Indenture.

It is mentioned that these papers were submitted to Mr T. S. Dalby. Government Agent at this point, yesterday; for registration, but it would seem that his office is unable to register such affairs.

Trusting that the above procedure is correctly taken.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

The REGISTRAR.

The B.C. Government Buildings.

PRINCE RUPERT. B.C.

Per Registered Letter.

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December. 20. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re- Indian Nelson QUOCK - v - Sutherland.
Trapping affairs.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 30 th 1939 in regard to the above affair. It is wished to express many thanks for the many inclosures received with same, and from the Game Department's point of view the matter is complete and finished with.

Since that time, it has been possible to have Mr Johnson, the trapper spoken of in Constb. Gray's letter call upon you; when he no doubt allowed some information on the matter.

Since then. also, it has been possible to acquire the Dom. Govt. Right-of-way with its Cabins, which in the long run will entirely close this matter up.

Indian Woman Mary Nass, when she was Mrs Coulaham, used to travel that way, and can even discribe the lakes situated on the Nass Divide. However we have the area now and it is thought that Sutherland will not bother any more. I can only add that it is my duty to carry these matters to a final end, otherwise the Office is up against the issue of Rations & Relief.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
December. 12. th.1939.

Sir,

Re:- Purchase. W. T/line. Johnson. T/creek.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 20 th in connection with the purchase of White Traplines and the funds that may be available to obtain same with.

All such events come along rather quickly, but every effort is made to give advise as soon as ever it is possible. Such a one is that of Johnson's - which is required rather much, even more so than that of Irwin.

The reason being that Johnson's Line is situated on the Dom Govt Wires Right of way, and included 4 Cabins which our Department have just acquirred.

Should a White Trapper obtain this line now, matters would indeed be complicated; therefore it is sincerely hoped that it will be possible to obtain this strip of ground.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
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Your File No. 112/12/2922.

In Reply Quote File No. TL-29 J-39

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

GAME DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
OFFICER COMMANDING

"D" Game DIVISION

Prince George, B.C.

SUBJECT:

December 20th, 1939.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: JOHNSON, John H.,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

I have your letter of the 11th inst. re the a/n trap-line, and in reply thereto wish to inform you that this line has been cancelled at this office and the area included in the registered trap-line of Tommy Hawkins, Indian, of Telegraph Creek.

Indian Agent Harper Reed has been notified of the above, copy of my letter attached hereto for your information and files.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

"D" Divisional Office,
Prince George, B. C.,
December 20th, 1939.

Trap-line: JOHNSON, John H., Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that the trap-line, registered in the name of the above noted trapper, has been cancelled at this office and the area included in the trap-line of Tommy Hawkins, Indian of Telegraph Creek, within the boundaries of whose trapping area the line was situated.

In view of the above, would you kindly alter your records by striking the following off your copy of this Indian's Application, which is dated August 9th, 1934: "With the exception of the line of Fred Appleyard".

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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December 12, 1939.

Dear Sir: Your File 420-3.

I beg to refer to your letter of the 20th ultimo enclosing Cheque for $125.00 for the purchase of the J.H. Johnson trapline for Indians of the Stikine Agency.

In this connection I now enclose herewith copy of the Bill of Sale, the original of which was forwarded to Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed for registration with the Provincial authorities in his Agency.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
AC

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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December 11, 1939.

Dear Sir:

As you may have been informed by your Commissioners, Mr. Jack H. Johnson abandoned his trap line in the vicinity of Iskut River in favour of this Department on the 25th ultimo signing a Bill of Sale for the line, cabins and chattles thereon.

I presume that as this is now being made part and parcel of the Tommy Hawkins trap line, no further application from this Department is required, but it would be appreciated if you would kindly confirm the transfer to Tommy Hawkins.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Inspector T. Van Dyk,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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December 11, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith Bill of Sale, in duplicate, of the registered trap line and cabins and chattles thereon by Mr. Jack H. Johnson and would request that you immediately register same in the office of the Registrar of the Court or Government Agent's Office for the locality in which the line is situate. No doubt the local Provincial authorities will advise you on this point. The fee for registration should be covered by a receipt and included in your office expense vouchers. Keep one copy of the Bill of Sale on your files. If the $10.00 annual fee is required, this will have to be paid to you by the Indian for transmission to this office.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl
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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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THIS INDENTURE MADE THE 25th DAY OF November, in the yearof our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE "BILLS OF SALE ACT" between Jack Harold Johnson, 327 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. (hereinafter called the Grantor) of the First Part:

AND the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources (hereinafter called the Grantee) of the Second Part:

WHEREAS, the Grantor is possessed of goods and personal chattels hereinafter set forth, described and enumerated, and hath contracted and agreed with the Grantee for the absolute sale to him of the same, upon the terms and considerations hereinafter set forth.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that in pursuance of the said Agreement, and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five dollars, ($125.00) of lawful money of Canada, paid by the said Grantee to the said Grantor, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged),the said Grantor hath bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents Doth Bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the Grantee:

ALL those the said traplim , goods and personel chattels described and enumerated as follows:-

One trapline, thirty miles, more or less, in length, bounded and described as follows:- Commencing at a point on the Dominion Government Telegraph line about one and one-half miles southerly from its intersection with Slate creek, a tributary of the Iskut river; thence easterly one mile, thence in a southerly direction parallel to said telegraph line to a point easterly of Echo Lake cabin, which is about one mile northerly of Hinguxaw river; thence south

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westerly to a point one mile westerly of said Telegraph line; thence northerly parallel to said line to a point about one mile westerly of point of commencement; thence to point of commencement; situate and lying in the vicinity of Latitude 57°, Longitude 130°, in the County of Prince Rupert , in the Province of British Columbia, now registered as the Jack H. Johnson trapline with the Provincial Game Branch, together with all cabins thereon and the following equipment:-

In H.N. cabin - 1 saw, 1 axe, 2 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 2 pair of blankets, and one set dishes, knives and forks and spoons.

" 21 Cabin - 1 saw, 1 axe, 3 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 3 pair of good blankets, 2 sets of dishes and knives and forks and spoons. 1 set of dog harness; one 6-ft. dog sleigh.

" Pop Lake Cabin - 1 saw, 1 axe, 3 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 4 pair blankets, 2 sets of dishes and knives and forks and spoons, one dozen No. 1½ traps.

" 8 Mile Cabin - 1 saw, 1 axe, 2 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 4 pair of blankets, 2 sets of dishes and knives and forks and spoons, one dozen No. 4 traps.

" Echo Lake Cabin - 3 pair of blankets, pots and pans, etc.

The complete set of traps, both in cabins and out on the lines are, as follows:-

No. 4 - 18; No. 3 - 25; No. 2 - 24; Jump trap - 6; No. 1½ - 26; No. 1 - 21; totalling 120.

ALL OF WHICH TRAPLINE, goods and personal chattels are now in the possession of Jack Harold Johnson upon or about seventy miles south east of Telegraph Creek Post Office, and are situated, lying and being in, vicinity of Latitude 57°, and Longitude 130°, in the County of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia.

AND ALL THE RIGHT, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, otherwise howsoever, of the said Grantor, of, in, to, and out of the same, and every part thereof:

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said assigned goods and personal chattels and each and every of them and every part thereof, with the appurtenances, and all the right, title and interest of the said Grantor thereto and therein, as aforesaid, unto and to the use of the said Grantee, and to and for his sole and only use FOREVER:

AND THE SAID GRANTOR doth hereby Covenant, Promise and Agree with the said Grantee, in the following manner, that is to say:

THAT the said Grantor is now rightfully and absolutely possessed of and entitled to the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels, and every of them, and every part thereof; AND that the said Grantor now has in himself good right to assign the same unto the said Grantee, in the manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents; AND that the said Grantee shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly have, hold, possess and enjoy the said hereby assigned trapline, goods, chattels and every of them, and every part thereof, to and for his own use and benefit without any manner of hinderance, interruption, molestation, claim or demand whatsoever, of, from or by him, the said Grantor, or any person or persons whomsoever; And that free and clear, and freely and absolutely release and discharge, or otherwise, at the cost of the said Grantor, effectually indemnified from and against all former and other bargains, sales, gifts, grants, titles, charges and incumbrances whatsoever:

AND MOREOVER, that the said Grantor, and all persons rightfully claiming, or to claim, any estate, right, title, or interest of, in or to the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels and every of them, and every part thereof, shall and will from time to time, and at all times hereafter upon every reasonable request of the said Grantee, but at the cost and charges of the said Grantee, make, do and execute, or cause or procure to be made, done or executed, all such further acts, deeds and assurances

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for the more effectually assigning and assuring the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels unto the said Grantee, in manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents as by the said Grantee or his Counsel shall be reasonably advised or required:

WHEREVER the singular or masculine are used throughout this Indenture, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties hereto so require, and shall include the parties, hereto, their and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Grantor has hereunder set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of

Sig. of Witness: Bruce Smith

ADDRESS Vancouver B.C.

OCCUPATION. Clerk.

Jack Harold Johnson

This is the paper-writing marked "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Jack Harold Johnson sworn before me this Twenty-fifth day of November, A.D.1939.

F.R. Fuller

A ~~Notary Public in and for the Province~~ Commissioner for taking affidavits ~~of~~ for British Columbia.

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"BILLS OF SALE ACT"

COUNTY OF PRINCE RUPERT TO WIT: } I, D.W. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for BC. of the Department of Mines and Resources,

in the Province of British Columbia, the Grantee in the foregoing Bill of Sale names, make oath and say: That the said herein made is bona fide and for valuable consideration, namely, the consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125.00); as set forth in the Bill of Sale; and not for the purpose of enabling me this deponent to hold the goods, trapline and chattels mentioned therein as against the creditors of the said Grantor; and that said Bill of Sale is not given for the purpose of protecting the goods, trapline and chattels mentioned therein against the creditors of the Grantor or of preventing such creditors from obtaining payment of any claim against the Grantor.

Sworn before me at the City of Vancouver in the Province British Columbia, this 25th day of November A.D.1939

D.W. MacKay

"BILLS OF SALE ACT"

COUNTY OF PRINCE RUPERT TO WIT: } I, ~~Jack Harold Johnson~~ J. Bruce Smith of ~~Cayhain St.~~, Vancouver, B.C. make oath and say as follows:

1. That the paper-writing hereunto annexed, and marked "A", is a true copy of a Bill of Sale and every Schedule or Inventory hereto annexed, or therein referred to, and of every attestation of the execution thereof, as made and given and executed by Jack Harold Johnson.

2. That the Bill of Sale was made and given by the said Jack Harold Johnson on the 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

3. That I was present and did see the said Jack Harold Johnson, in the said Bill of Sale mentioned, and whose name is signed hereto, sign and execute the same on the said 25th day of November, in the year aforesaid.

4. That the said Jack Harold Johnson at the time of making and giving the said Bill of Sale, resided and still resides at 387 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. and then was and still is.

5. That the name J. Bruce Smith set and subscribed as the witness attesting the due execution thereof, is of the proper handwriting of me, this deponent, and that I reside at and am

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 25th day of November, A.D. 1939, at the city of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia

J. Bruce Smith

F.R. Fuller

~~Justice of the Peace in and for the Province~~ A Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

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DATED:

BILL OF SALE

(ABSOLUTE)

FROM:

JACK HARALD JOHNSON

TO:
DEPARTMENT

RE: TRAPLINE, ETC.
STIKINE AGENCY.

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THAT the said Grantor is now rightfully and absolutely possessed of and entitled to the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels, and every of them, and every part thereof; AND that the said Grantor now has in himself good right to assign the same unto the said Grantee, in the manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents; AND that the said Grantee shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, peaceably and quietly have, hold, possess and enjoy the said hereby assigned trapline, goods, chattels and every of them, and every part thereof, to and for his own use and benefit without any manner of hinderance, interruption, molestation, claim or demand whatsoever, of, from or by him, the said Grantor, or any person or persons whomsoever; And that free and clear, and freely and absolutely release and discharge, or otherwise, at the cost of the said Grantor, effectually indemnified from and against all former and other bargains, sales, gifts, grants, titles, charges and incumbrances whatsoever:

AND MOREOVER, that the said Grantor, and all persons rightfully claiming, or to claim, any estate, right, title, or interest of, in or to the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels and every of them, and every part thereof, shall and will from time to time, and at all times hereafter upon every reasonable request of the said Grantee, but at the cost and charges of the said Grantee, make, do and execute, or cause or procure to be made, done or executed, all such further acts, deeds and assurances

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for the more effectually assigning and assuring the said hereby assigned trapline, goods and personal chattels unto the said Grantee, in manner aforesaid, and according to the true intent and meaning of these presents as by the said Grantee or his Counsel shall be reasonably advised or required:

WHEREVER the singular or masculine are used throughout this Indenture, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties hereto so require, and shall include the parties, hereto, their and each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Grantor has hereunder set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of

Sig. of Witness: J Bruce Smith

ADDRESS Vancouver BC.

OCCUPATION. Clerk.

Jack Harold Johnson

This is the paper-writing marked "A" referred to in the Affidavit of sworn before me this

day of November, A.D.1939.

F. R. Fuller

A ~~Notary Public in and for the Province~~ ~~Commissioner for taking affidavits~~ ~~within~~ British Columbia.

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"BILLS OF SALE ACT"

COUNTY OF PRINCE RUPERT TO WIT: (I, D. W. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for BC (of the Department of Mines and Resources,

in the Province of British Columbia, the Grantee in the foregoing Bill of Sale names, make oath and say: That the said herein made is bona fide and for valuable consideration, namely, the consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125.00); as set forth in the Bill of Sale; and not for the purpose of enabling me this deponent to hold the goods, trapline and chattels mentioned therein as against the creditors of the said Grantor; and that said Bill of Sale is not given for the purpose of protecting the goods, trapline and chattels mentioned therein against the creditors of the Grantor or of preventing such creditors from obtaining payment of any claim against the Grantor.

Sworn before me at the City of Vancouver in the Province British Columbia, this 25th day of November A.D.1939

D. W. MacKay

"BILLS OF SALE ACT"

COUNTY OF PRINCE RUPERT TO WIT: I, ~~Jack Harold Johnson~~ J. Bruce Smith of ~~Saltchuck~~, Vancouver, BC make oath and say as follows:

1. That the paper-writing hereunto annexed, and marked "A", is a true copy of a Bill of Sale and every Schedule or Inventory hereto annexed, or therein referred to, and of every attestation of the execution thereof, as made and given and executed by Jack Harold Johnson.

2. That the Bill of Sale was made and given by the said Jack Harold Johnson on the 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

3. That I was present and did see the said Jack Harold Johnson, in the said Bill of Sale mentioned, and whose name is signed hereto, sign and execute the same on the said 25th day of November, in the year aforesaid.

4. That the said Jack Harold Johnson at the time of making and giving the said Bill of Sale, resided and still resides at 327 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. and then was and still is.

5. That the name J. Bruce Smith set and subscribed as the witness attesting the due execution thereof, is of the proper handwriting of me, this deponent, and that I reside at and am

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 25th day of November, A.D. 1939, at the city of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia

J. Bruce Smith

R. Fuller

~~Justice of the Peace in and for the Province of~~ A ~~Commissioner for taking affidavits within~~ British Columbia.

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DATED:

BILL OF SALE

(ABSOLUTE)

FROM:

JACK HAROLD JOHNSON

TO:
DEPARTMENT

RE: TRAPLINE, ETC.
STIKINE AGENCY.

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To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for ~~renewal~~ relinquishment of my registered trap-line.

Name of applicant John Harold Johnson

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application Oct. 11th. 1938 No. of current Special Firearms Licence ...

No. of Registration Certificate

Dated this 25th day of November, 19 39, at Vancouver, B.C.

Signature of applicant J. H. Johnson.

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(For District Headquarters.)

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IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. .....

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

November 23rd, 1939.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: J.H. Johnson of Telegraph Creek.

With further reference to my letter of 18th inst. in regard to the transfer of the m/n trap-line to your Department for the use of Nelson Quock, Indian.

In a memorandum dated 21st instant from Inspector T. Van Dyk he advises that he has no objection to the cancellation of Mr. Johnson's trap-line and the transfer thereof to your Department, but strongly suggests that as Mr. Johnson's trapping area is entirely situated within the boundaries of Tommy Hawkins' trap-line area, the cancellation of the Johnson line would automatically place same within Tommy Hawkins' registered territory without further re-registration or other formalities.

Should not Tommy Hawkins be given this cancelled area, then Inspector T. Van Dyk is afraid that the granting of this trap-line to Nelson Quock would not be in the best interest of the Indians, as Tommy Hawkins has rights which should be protected.

In view of the foregoing and before taking any further action in regard to the cancellation of Mr. Johnson's trap-line and transferring the same to your Department, we would appreciate hearing from you in regard to the suggestions put forward by Inspector Van Dyk.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

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Trapline from R. N. cabin to Echo Lake

R N cabin = 'saw, 'axe. 2 pots. 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 2 pair of Blankets, and one set dishes, knifes + forks + spoons

21 cabin. 'saw. 'axe, 3 pots. 2 frying pans. 1 water bucket. 3 pair of good blankets, 2 sets of dishes + knifes + forks + spoons

Pop Lake, = 'saw. 'axe. 3 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket, 4 pair blankets, 2 sets of dishes + knifes + forks + spoons, one dozen no 1½ traps ~~in~~ cabin,

8 mile cabin, = 'saw, 'axe, 2 pots, 2 frying pans, 1 water bucket 4 pair of Blankets, 2 sets of dishes + knifes + forks + spoons, one dozen no 4 traps ~~in~~ cabin.

Echo Lake, 3 pair of blankets, pots + pans etc, (home cabin traps are all in there sets a long the line, ready to be set,)

1 traps,

Traps.

no 4 = 18
no 3 = 25
no 2 = 24.
Jump traps = 6.
no 1½ = 26.
no 1 = 21.
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112/12/2509.

17th Nov.,1939.

AIRMAIL

Dear Sir:-

Your File 420-3.

With further reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, regarding purchase of the J. H. Johnson trapline for Indians of the Stikine Agency, I would advise that Mr. Johnson is now visiting Vancouver and has agreed to dispose of this line to the Department for $125.00, provided we can close out the matter before he returns North. I have discussed the transfer with the Game Commission and, subject to confirmation by their Inspector for the district in which the line is situate, they are prepared to close out the transfer in the Vancouver Office.

It would be appreciated, therefore, if a cheque for $125.00 could be forwarded to me by airmail, by which time the Game Inspector's report will have been received and the transfer completed.

The importance of this line is that it is a thirty-mile strip situate in the centre of important Indian trapping territory, giving rise to continued difficulty and conflict.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
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Dept. of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, ONT.

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112/12/2510.

17th Nov.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming conversation with Mr. Inspector Coleman, of this morning, relative to transfer of the J. H. Johnson trapline to this Department for use of Nelson Quock, Indian, I would advise that I have applied to my Department for the purchase price, by airmail, on the understanding that you will effect the transfer through your Office as soon as Inspector Van Dyk advises there is no objection to the transaction.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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F. R. Butler, Esq.,
Member - Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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112/12/2381.

10th Nov.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

When you called at this Office recently you advised me that you were prepared to sell your trapline on the old Dominion Telegraph right-of-way to this Department for Indian use for the sum of One Hundred Dollars, the transfer to include five cabins equipped with an unstated number of blankets and one hundred and twenty traps. You did not state whether any of these cabins were those of the Telegraph Department. The trapline in question is that registered with the Provincial Game Department in your name.

I have now received authorization from Ottawa to proceed in this matter and, it would be appreciated if you would call at this Office early next week at your convenience and arrange the necessary transfer with Mr. Inspector Coleman.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Jack H. Johnson, Esq.,
c/o Standard Importing Co.,
327 Main St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
October. 5. th. 1939.

Sir,

The Bearer of this letter is Mr Johnson of Telegraph Creek, an "old-timer" in these parts, and well acquainted with all affairs of this District.

May it be requested that you grant him a personal interview, and obtain from him information that has great bearing on the Affairs of the Stikine Agency.

Also he has been kind enough to mention that he would like the Indian Department to take over his trap-line, that he states he is now willing to dispose of.

It is sincerely trusted that after you have obtained such information as he is enabled to give you; some action may at once be taken to relieve this Agency from any ill conditions it may be now existing under.

A sketch of Mr Johnson's registered trapping ground is being submitted under seperate cover.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

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Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
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VANCOUVER. B.C.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, Ontario,
October 28th, 1939.

Dear Sir: Re. J.H. Johnson Trapline.

I have your letter of October 23rd, 1939, in connection with the above.

You have the plans before you and if this is as suggested an exceptional application where the acquisition of this trapline is of special importance we will undertake to find the money to pay for it up to $150.00. We are not, however, anxious that any further money should be spent in the acquisition of traplines this year in view of heavy calls on the fur appropriation allotment due to the fear that no money for this purpose would be available next year on account of the war.

Yours truly,

D.J. Allan,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box No. 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

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112/12/2048.

23rd Oct.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Harper Reed has made application to purchase a trapline registered in the name of Mr. J. H. Johnson, Telegraph Creek, B.C.; a copy of the Agent's letter in this connection is attached.

I should appreciate being advised if funds to the extent of the amount involved are available and if the Department would approve of the purchase on recommendation of this Office. I consider this information necessary before negotiating with Mr. Johnson for the purchase of the line. Pending your reply, the usual enquiries will be made regarding returns from the Johnson line for the past few years.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, ONT.

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23rd Oct.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of October 5th, with enclosures, regarding the offer of Mr. Jack H. Johnson, to sell his trapline to the Indian Department for $150.00.

It is noted that Mr. Johnson is to call at this Office in connection with the matter.

As Mr. Johnson would have to apply to the Game Board for the cancellation of the line and transfer to this Department, it is not intended to proceed with the application until he has so advised the Game Office.

In the meantime, the matter will be referred to the Department for authority to proceed to negotiate for the line.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek, B.C.
October 5th, 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Purchase of White Trapground. Mr. Johnson
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

I beg to submit herewith a map, showing in blue the Registered trapground of Mr. Johnson, which extends from R.N. Cabin south on the Dom. Govt. Telegraph Wire Trail, to the Ningunsaw River.

Mr. Johnson is willing to turn over this line and all its equipment (traps and cooking material) to the Indian Department for the use of their Indians - for the consideration of $150.00 dollars. This is most reasonable as can be understood by observation of the map submitted. That the line, is worth obtaining can be vouched for by the fact that when the local Game Warden was informed of Mr. Johnson's intentions, it was protested against by that Game Office.

This area when acquired should be added to that of the Indian Tommy Hawkins & Family, whose present ground surrounds the area proposed for purchase. This area in times past has created a whole lot of trouble and expense, by the mere fact that a white line is so situated, when this is acquired for the Hawkins Family, and included in their area, such troubles will cease.

Mr. Johnson is calling upon you personally regarding this matter, and as he is also a personal friend of Game Commissioner Butler the matter could no doubt be arranged and adjusted whilst Mr. Johnson is in the south.

It is understood that old Government Cabins on this Wire trail are now in the possession of the Indian Department, and therefore in this case, there being several, adds to the desirability of securing this trapping area.

Mr. Johnson will explain the reason why he desires the Indian Department to own this ground, and it is sincerely hoped that the purchase will be allowed without delay.

I am,
Sir.
Your obedient servant.
"Harper Reed."
Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
October. 5. th. 1939.

A STATEMENT.

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SIGNED:- Jack H Johnson

WITNESS to same.

C.W. Meyer

INDIAN OFFICE
STIKINE AGENCY
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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, Ontario,
November 20th, 1939.

Dear Sir: Re Johnson Trapline.

Your letter of November 17th, 1939, is acknowledged, and the purchase of the J.H. Johnson trapline approved. The cheque covering this purchase will go forward either enclosed herewith or by concurrent mail.

Please advise the Agent to secure the usual Bill of Sale and arrange for the transfer of Mr. Johnson's license.

Chq. B 046354 – 125.00
Enclosed are

Yours truly,

D.J. Allan,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO. 112/12/2510.

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

November 18th, 1939.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: J. H. Johnson of Telegraph Creek.

I am in receipt of your letter of 17th inst., and note your remarks relative to the transfer of the m/n trap-line to your Department for the use of Nelson Quack, Indian.

We are contacting Inspector T. Van Dyk in regard to this transfer, and as soon as word is received from this official I will write you further herein.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

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Nelson Juock trapline

October 30, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed that you wrote him in October,1938, stating

> " I beg to say that the limits of your Agency are described as follows - All that portion of the Cassiar District lying North of a line drawn East of the intersection of the International Boundary and the Stikine River. I cannot see that the administration could be improved by making any change in the division of the Territory at present."

I enclose sketch showing the boundary as set out by Mr. Reed in blue and that shown on the maps in this office in red. It would be appreciated if you would kindly advise which is correct, if either, as that in blue does not agree with your letter referred to by Mr. Reed.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
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D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
October. 4 th. 1939.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to the question as to why the Nelson Quock Trapground is within the Stikine Agency.

The following is a copy of a letter on this subject received from Ottawa:-
"October -1928. ------I beg to say that the limits of your Agency are described as follows - All that portion of the Cassiar District lying North of a line drawn East of the intersection of the International Boundary and the Stikine River. I cannot see that the administration could be improved by making any change in the division of the Territory at present - Signed J.D. McLean."

Also enclosed is a very rough map showing the area of the Stikine Agency. The Agency used to run East to 124 Long, but that is now given up owing to inrush of white trappers, our Indians having moved to the West. Also some small area south of Caribou Hide has been allowed to the Bear Lakers of Agent Moor's Agency.

The Ottawa Authority has been found to be quite correct in operation. The Tahltans claim the Stikine Watershed and reside in and around Telegraph Creek. Nelson QUOCK, is a member of the Tahltan Band and is a part owner of a house within the Townsite.

No good results can be obtained by this Ground being included within the Nass Agency, and were such carried out then many others on the same Water-shed Divide would have to be treated the same way. This would mean complications and expenses, to say nothing about correspondance delays, to everybody concerned, and if possible should be avoided.

May this Office be further instructed in this matter, please.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

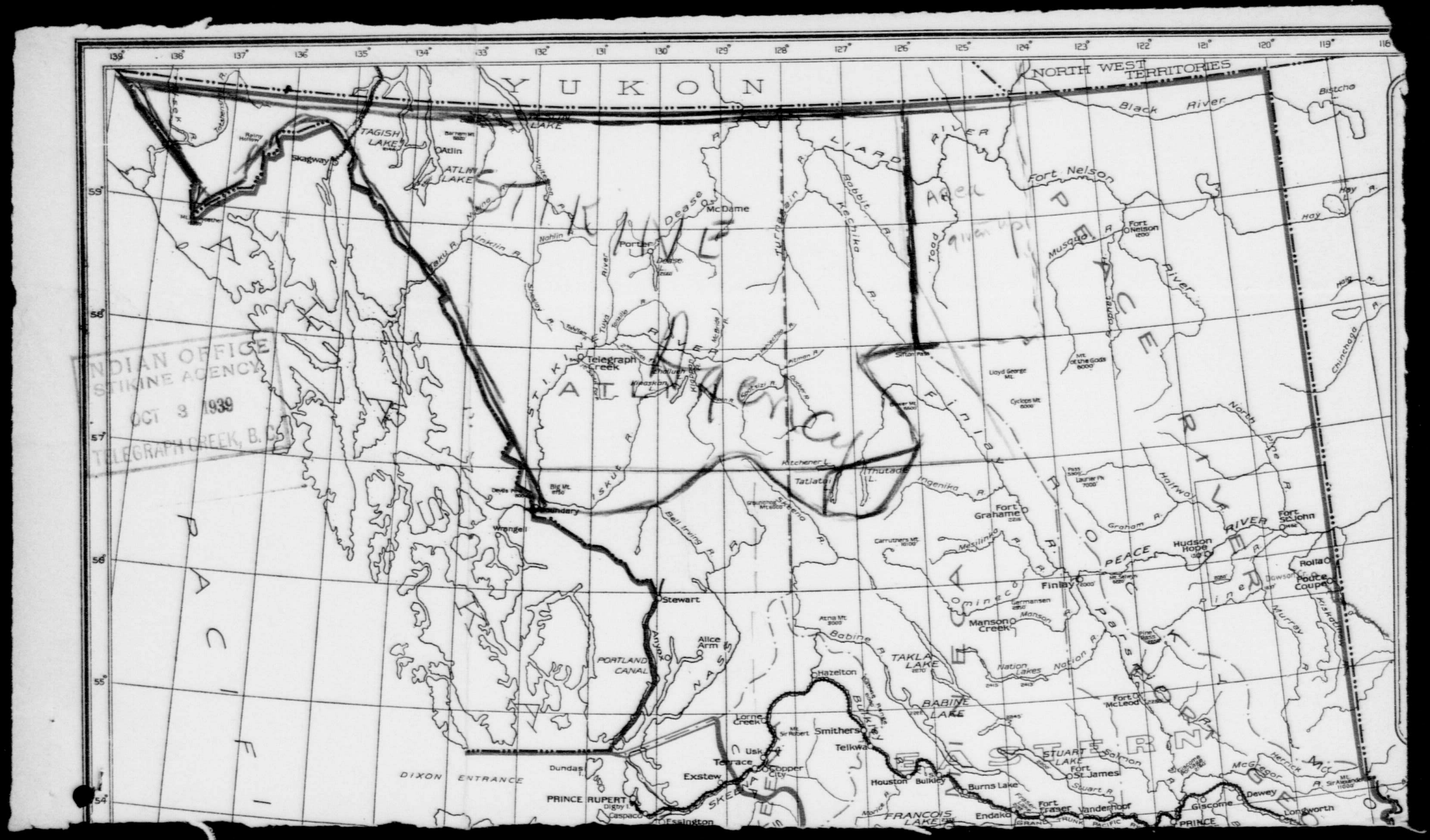
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October 30, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith, for your information, copy of report of Constable Gray, re the Quock Nelson trapline, as received at this office from the Provincial Game Branch.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
AC

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
October. 4. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Sutherland Trapping Complaint.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 8 th in regard to the above complaint, and note your instructions therein contained.

However up to the present, no Report on Constb Gray's last Winter's patrol has been received, which is considered due to this Agency. Inspt Van Dyk stated in July 29. th letter that a report was coming and that it would be forwarded, and no reason is known why Constb Gray has not done so.

It is understood that Sutherland is still on that ground and fixed up for the coming winter, and in this extreme case something definite should be done by the Game Department, and this Office advised.

Under seperate cover this same matter is being taken up in connection with White Prospector Mr Johnson, who is so deeply concerned over this Sutherland Affair and the non-help afforded by Constb Gray that he states a Court action will be taken by him against this Constable when he arrives in Vancouver. Mr Johnson has been requested to call at your Office for an interview, in regard to Sutherland's Affairs and the trasspass on Indian Grounds, when perhaps,the facts then related will, it is hoped, in some way help to safeguard Nelson Quock - his wife and 10 youngsters - trapping revenue for the coming winter.

Most respectfully it is considered that little assiatance or benifit, for the Indians with their vital family affairs, can be expected from the services of Constb Gray - a view-point shared by most all responsible persons in this District.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

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Major. D.M. MacKay.
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VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Under Indian Act Amendment
of 1894 re Indian
Graves by Rev. Father Fafard

No. 1 to J. Brown Indian Agent
2 " J Conroy
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Copy for Nelson Indian file

October 28, 1939.

Dear Sir: Your File 66007-1.

On the 9th ultimo I requested authority by air mail to expend $10 in order to refund instalment paid by John Crosby on a Dominion Government Telegraph cabin in order to enable us to take it over in connection with other cabins turned over to us by the Salvage Branch of the Treasury Board.

I would appreciate your advice as to whether this expenditure could be authorized.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:AC

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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YOUR FILE No. 112/12/446

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE No. TL-3Q-39

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

GAME DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
OFFICER COMMANDING

" D " Game DIVISION

Prince George, B.C.

October 3rd, 1939.

SUBJECT:

W. J. Coleman, Esq.,
Inspector, Indian Agencies in B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: QUOCK, Nelson, Telegraph Creek.

1. Further to my letter of July 29th last, enclosed please find copy of a report submitted on the matter by Constable J. Blakiston-Gray.

2. The main facts to be considered in this case are that J. W. Sutherland has a trap-line along the old Dominion Telegraph Line. Nelson Quock has also a line jammed in between 12 mile cabin and Echo Lake.

3. Mr. Reed is under the impression that Echo Lake and 12 mile cabin are located on the Nelson Quock line. Apparently in this he is wrong, as the Echo Lake cabin is on one J. H. Johnson's trap-line, and the 12 mile cabin on Sutherland's line.

4. The Constable made a patrol of this area last winter, found no infractions, and having received no information on which to base a prosecution, contented himself with advising all parties concerned, especially Mr. Sutherland, as to the location of the boundaries of their respective trap-lines.

5. Mr. J. W. Sutherland is in good standing and there are no lawful grounds advanced why he should be moved over the divide. I have therefore suggested to the Game Commission that the matter be dropped.

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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DISTRICT: Prince Rupert.

DETACHMENT: Telegraph Creek.

FILE No.

DATE: 18-9-39.

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H'QRS. REF.

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"D" Comm.
TI-248-39
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UNCLASSIFIED TERRITORY.

REPORT

Re: Trap-line, CHOCK, Nelson (Indian) - Telegraph Creek, BC.

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2. On perusal of this correspondence it is plain to perceive that in reality the complaint tendered by Mr Reed on behalf of the Indian Chock, is nothing more than a personal thrust at the man Sutherland and myself and by which the Indian plays the part of scapegoat unknowingly. Mr Reed's alleged complaints against J.H. Sutherland have been a source of worry for many years. From what I can glean from Mr Sutherland considerable animosity prevails between them, due to past contacts and whenever the opportunity arises, Mr Reed is not reluctant to make considerable import of the matter.

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Witnessed ... ... and self Sworn 22.9.39 Continued

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Re: Trap-line. QUOCK, Nelson (Indian) - Telegraph Creek, BC.

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Returned herewith please find completed file.

For transmission to B.C.Game, Indian Commissioner for B.C., and local Indian Agent.

CONCLUDED.

J.Blakiston-Gray.Const.
i/c Telegraph Creek Detmt.

To. The N.C.O. in Charge,
Prince Rupert District.

27-9-39; Forwarded to the Officer Commanding, "D". Divn. B.C. Police, Prince Rupe t, B.C.

This report is sub itted in comp iance with instructions contained in letter to you from the Inspector i/c "D". Game Division, and dated at Prince George, B.C., July 29th, 1939.

(E. Gammon) S/Sergt.
N.C.O. i/c District.

Divisional Headquarters,
Prince Rupert, B.C., Sept. 27, 1939.

FORWARDED:
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(E.Gammon) S/Sergt.
for
Officer Commanding "D" Division(AOD)

To: The Commissioner, C.I.B.,
Victoria, B.C.

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12th Sept.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

Some items in your Monthly Diary for July, 1939, seem to call for comment.

On the 3rd July, you note that Ned Brooks and Nelson Quock are hanging around town. It should be impressed on them that it is not the intention of this Office to use up valuable time in connection with their traplines unless they get out on them and observe the requirements of the "Game Act" in regard to trapping the areas.

On the 10th, you state that you found that Albert Johnson had "joined up with the Fisherman's Union - so practically 'off' Canadian Census." Am I to understand that you propose to strike him off your Census of Indians for the reason that he has joined some association? If so, I would advise that such action is contrary to the "Indian Act" and that a male Indian can only lose his Indian rights by enfranchisement or residence in a foreign country for five years without permission, and then only by authority of the Department. Indian women can, in addition to above, lose their Indian status by marriage to a non-Indian. Please let me have a report on this.

On the 22nd July, apparently there was much drunkenness among Indians at Atlin while you were in town. Please inform me what action was taken by the Police resulting in arrests and what convictions they secured.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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H. Reed. 12th Sept./39.

If no Police action was taken, what action you took in the matter. Drunkenness among Indians is a matter of grave concern to this Office and I look to you to insist on the matter being dealt with very thoroughly. In future, please forward a monthly list of convictions of Indians in your Agency.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Sept. 8, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo regarding alleged trespass of J. W. Sutherland on the Nelson Quock trap line, I would advise that this has been discussed with the Game Officials and you should maintain contact with the case, and if there are further complaints, notify the Game Warden in charge of that locality keeping this office informed of any action you take in this respect.

You have already been instructed from this office that certain Dominion Government Telegraph cabins have been turned over to this Department for the use of the Indians of the Stikine and Babine Agencies and you should take formal possession of same with the exception of those set out in my letter of August 14th and inform me fully in this respect as instructed in duplicate. There is no likelihood so far as I can see of this Department obtaining the ground covered by the telegraph line for use of the Indians as a trap line.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Sept. 8, 1939.

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Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23.rd.1939.

Sir,

Re:- White Trapper SUTHERLAND - Nelson QUOCK's Trapping ground.

I beg to thank you for the copy of a letter from Inspector Van Dyk of the B.C. Game Dept in regard to the above white trapper living on an Indians trapping ground during the trapping season.

It is noticed that the Inspector has received "no report" on this matter, and it is thought that he should be asked "why" no report has, up to now, been received.

You will no doubt remember "The Sutherland Complaint" which was washed out at the B.C. Game Conference some time ago, this is the same fellow, and last winter he was sitting in the same place - on indian Quock's trapground.

This brings up the matter of obtaining the discarded Government Cabins along the Telegraph Right of Way, so that this white trapper, and others, can be moved off - and so not mixed up with indians and their trapping affairs.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE_____

Telegraph Creek B.C.
August. 23.rd 1939

Sir,

Re:- LOCATION - Indian Nelson Quock's T/ground.

The above Indian is a member of the Tahltan Band of Indians - has a family of 13 - lives in Telegraph Creek B.C.

His line is registered in this Office as under January 25 th 1938, and herein is enclosed a copy of his trapline supplied by the B.C. Game Dept.

It is not understood how any information supplied by this Office could have placed him entirely within the Nass Agency.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Aug. 5, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith copy of a letter sent to Inspector of Indian Agencies by Inspector T. Van Dyk re the matter of a trespass by Mr. J. W. Sutherland.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Encl.
:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Your File No. 112/12/446

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In Reply Quote File No. TL-24S-39

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division.
[redacted]

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.
July 29th, 1939.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: SUTHERLAND, J.W.,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Reference your letter of the 21st inst., please be advised that Indian Agent Harper Reed took the matter of a trespass by Mr. J. W. Sutherland, by letter dated April 25th, 1939, direct to the Game Commission, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver.

The matter was referred to this office, and as no report has been received from the Constable concerned, who made a patrol of the trap-lines of both Quock and Sutherland last January, I am not in a position to advise you as requested.

When the reports come to hand, you will be advised immediately and you will then be in a position to close the case.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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July 26, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Plotting the Nelson Quock line on our maps from information supplies by you, it is found to lie south of and adjoining latitude 57 on the Iskut River, and would therefore be entirely within the Nass Agency.

Kindly advise if Nelson Quock is an Indian of the Nass or Stikine Agency and if there is any reason why this trap line should not be administered by Mr. Gillett.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
:EA Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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July 21, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am endeavoring to sort out Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed's trapping troubles in the Stikine Agency and amongst them is the question of the alleged trespass of J. W. Sutherland on the registered trap-line of Nelson Quock (Indian) who apparently has a license in a locality devoid of privately-owned property and no line of his own. Mr. Reed is requesting that action be taken to prevent his trespass on Indian lines. The file here does not disclose final action in this matter by your Department and in order to enable me to dispose of this argument, it would be appreciated if you would kindly advise me in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

:EA

Inspector.

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B. C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April. 25.th.
1939.

Sir,

Re:- Indian Nelson Quock - Complaint - J.W. Sutherland.

In your Office on July 30.th. 1937, a complaint from Sutherland was taken up and settled and then you were good enought to promise me personally that no more trouble would be received from that quarter.

However this white trapper has been giving trouble ever since, as you know by recent actions taken, and it has led to the attached complaint by the Indian. Also attached are two copies of letters in connection with your local Office here, and it is certainly thought that Constable Gray should have used the Indian upon whos ground the poaching was taking place, and notsome other Indian who is of another division of the Indian Band. Really this Office is doing all possible to help matters along, and we must hold on to trap grounds; as someplace to where Indians can go, and perhaps obtain some revenue.

Frankly Sutherland should be moved south over the Divide, and in the 1932 Conference at Prince Rupert, it was so arranged and granted but since that time this trapground changed hands and the Indian Ground only runs up to 12. mile Cabin on the Wires Trail, which cuts off from the Indian ground a very fine set of beaver ponds. The watershed should be the guiding lines on setting out such ground otherwise there is always trouble.

Could it be requested that the above be given your consideration. Constb Gray was seen this morning, with the Indian present, but no definite end was obtained as usual. I wish to mention also, in passing that were you to allow a real Game Warden at this point, one that can travel the bush and understands matters much of the trouble here would soon pass away.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

J. G. Cunningham. Esq.
Game Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

For your inspection. Sir,

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CANADA

OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT STIKINE.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April. 24.th
1939.

Copy

COMPLAINT STATEMENT.

Indian Nelson QUOCK T/creek. V Mr.J.W. Sutherland.
TRAPPING.

I. Nelson Quock, an Indian of Telegraph Creek; owing a Registered trapping ground, Lat. 56-40 & Long. 129-50. Telegraph Creek B.C. do hereby state that a White Trapper Mr J. W. Sutherland now living at Echo Lake Dominion Government Telegraph Cabin, is and has been interfering with my living as a trapper, and that he has caused other white men to do the same.

I went out along the Dom Govt Wires Trail with my two sons, Freddy & Roy, to go to my trapground and on the evning of April 14.th 1939 reached as far as Echo Lake and so camped there.

That evening in some conversation with Mr Sutherland who was there he stated that " he had trap'd beaver between Echo Lake and 13. mile Cabin, last Spring (1938)" and he went on to say that if I with my boys thought of going along any further for trapping purposes, our chances were "poor", as everything had been cleaned up. Mr Sutherland also said that he had been down to the mouth of the Ningunsaw River looking for Beaver but could find no beaver signs. My two sons were with me at this time and heard all that was said.

We had just come up from the mouth of the Ningunsaw River having caught 4 Beaver, but hearing all this and having some trouble and sickness at home we went back to Telegraph Creek.

In July last I happen to meet Mr Moose McKay, who spent many years as Operator at Iskut Telegraph Cabin, we were talking outside the H.B. Coy Store in Telegraph Creek, Mr McKay had just come up from Vancouver. He told me that down there he had met Sutherland who stated that he, Sutherland, was going back trapping by Plano and that he was taking in a white man to help him, but I thought this meant he would live on his trap ground on the Bell Irving Watershed.

About March. 5.th 1939 in Telegraph Creek I met Indian Christopher Etzerza, who had been guiding Constable Gray to Sutherlan's trapping ground, this spring, and from him I obtained the information that Constable Gray stated that this new white man had been trapping on my ground at Quinn Lake, and that right now some traps had been cached at the Quinn Lake Outlet. I think these traps should be turned over to me.

When I saw Mr Sutherland, after Constb Gray had left, he told me that Constb Gray had over $100-00 worth of fur that was going in to Telegraph, I think also that some of that also belongs to my family. I would much like to know why Mr Sutherland is living where he is and off his ground, which he has done since he left the Whiting River, and before he get proper trap-line.

I have a family of 12 alltold to look after, also lots of sickness and trouble, and can't get enough fur off my ground to live with, and it is impossible for me to be on that ground all the time.

Nelson Quock
Nelson QUOCK
his
Freddy X Quock
Mark

Harper Reed
Witness to above statement.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
January 28.th.1939.

The B.C. Game Department.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- White Trapper - SUTHERLAND.

On the 30 th. July. 1937. Major. D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.; with myself were attempting to settle various trapground mix-ups, in the B.C. Game Commissioner's Headquarters in Vancouver. B.C.

The first matter laid on the Table was the Complaint received from the above trapper - it was proven entirely incorrect, and was so admitted.

It was then requested that some action be taken against this fellow, and that he be told to keep away from Indians and their trapping affairs. Since that time Sutherland-it-is reported has lived right inside Nelson Quock's trapping ground and that he has been trapping the top end lakes of the Ningunsaw River which belongs to the Indian.

If this is allowed to go on it cannot be expected that the Indian will trap his ground, they simply keep away and avoid a "row" with the white man. Reason being that should the indian go broke, he could then go and borrow some grub.

Should it come about that you would care to look into this matter, Nelson Quock can be allowed provisions to the extent of $25. to cover his time and trouble for acting as your Guide etc. This would throw you free from using some other guide who might be involved in trapline encroachment, that perhaps has not yet come to light.

Yours truly.

P.S. Quinn Lk belongs to Nelson Quock.

Sgd. Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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MEMORANDUM.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POLICE.

January 30 th. 1939.

Harper Reed
Indian Agent Telegraph Creek. B.C.

SUBJECT:- Re:O Trap-line Sutherland. J. T/creek. B.C.

1. I am in receipt of your letter of the 28.th inst.

2. For your information, I will probably be in the Echo Lake district B.C. in the near future. The matter of the Sutherland trap-line will be looked into.

3. Thank you for the offer of a free gratis guide, but I already have a man spoken for. for that purpose.

Yours truly.

SIGNED J. Blakiston-Gray. Constb.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 21.st.1938.

Sir,

Re:- Sutherland's Complaint - 1937.

May I be allowed to recall to your memory the above "complaint" that came up for consideration at the Game Board conference, and that was proven- rather out of Court.

Last winter Mr Sutherland was camped on an Indian Registered Trapground, and operated from that point.

Would it be possible to request Inspector Van Dyk to ask this lad to do his trapping from some other point, and then perhaps the Indian Owner (Nelson Quock - family of 12 - destitute) would be able to trap his ground without worry.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

STIKINE AGENCY

Victoria, B. C., July 28, 1937.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 26th in connection with a complaint from Mr. J. W. Sutherland to the Game Department at Stewart, B. C.

To deal correctly with this long and utterly inaccurate complaint a little personal history of Mr. Sutherland should first be submitted.

Mr. Sutherland arrived in Telegraph Creek destitute, and the late Commander Hodgson and myself helped the lad out for nearly two years. As he expressed a desire to go trapping, the Indian Office assisted him to obtain a small section of trapping ground at the head of the Whiting River. He then started trapping and ran as many as five dogs, but eventually got into some mix-up with the Joe Colburn Band of Indians.

Mr. Sutherland was then given assistance in obtaining the Yukon Telegraph linesman's job and started to work at Echo Lake south of Telegraph Creek. Later this part of the Telegraph line was abandoned, but Mr. Sutherland stayed on and trapped from the Dominion Government refuge cabins which were then vacant. For the last two years he has used a plane from Stewart B.C. to reach his claimed trapping ground at Echo Lake.

Constable Boys of Telegraph Creek has been questioned several times as to whether this lad owned the trapping ground, and the constable's reply was no. The location stated as his trapping ground is registered under the name of Indian Mary Coluhan, it is thought.

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With regard to Mr. Sutherland's statements regarding quantity of dogs, his data concerning Nanook Etzerza, Agouta Etzerza, Murray Yahoo, and Tomas Dennis is quite correct. These Indians have families. Pat McCluskey is known to own nine dogs, having 3 sleighs. Buck Adsit (half-breed) is not an Indian, and the Game Department has been requested to pick this lad up many times. He is a continual nuisance to authorities and Indians in general.

It is mentioned that Agouta Etzerza has a registered trap-line of his own, but he and his brother trapped irrespective of grounds in accordance with climatic conditions, which is quite allowable by law.

It only remains to be remarked that the number of moose claimed to have been shot is simply absurd, whilst the statement regarding the depletion of game in the Kinaskan area is utterly inaccurate.

In conclusion, it is considered that this lad should be gone after for encroachment on Indian trapping grounds, and that an investigation should be made into the reason why odd white men are enabled to get trapping licences without owning a trapping ground.

Yours respectfully,

Harper Reed

Harper Reed,
Indian Agent.

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P.O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.,
July 26, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

Could I have your comments please on a report on the destruction of moose in the Telegraph Creek District by Mr. J. W. Sutherland, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

DMM/LT

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YOUR FILE NO.....

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO.....

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

July 7th, 1937.

The Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 666,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Destruction of Moose - Telegraph Creek District

With reference to our conversation of yesterday's date in regard to the complaint lodged by Mr. J. W. Sutherland in respect to the killing of Moose by Indians for the prupose of feeding their dogs.

Copies of the report of Constable Smith dealing with the complaint of Mr. Sutherland are enclosed, and it is suggested that you have your Indian Agent supplied with a copy of the enclosure and have him submit his report thereon, and we would like to have a copy of this report as soon as possible.

I do not think there is any question that you will realize that if the situation is as complained of by Mr. Sutherland some action will have to be taken in regard to Indians killing Moose for dog-food.

For your information I would like to point out that under the provisions of Section 8 of the Game Act an Indian residing in an unorganized district, that is all that portion of the Province lying to the North of the 53rd parallel of North Latitude, may hunt, kill and retain in his possession male animals of the Deer family other than Wapiti over one year of age, for use when in actual need of the same for food for himself and his family, but he has no authority under the Game Act to kill Moose for dog-food.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler,
Member - Game Commission.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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DIVISION: "D"

DISTRICT: Prince Rupert

DETACHMENT: Stewart

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FILE No.

DATE: May 29th/37

GAME DEPARTMENT.

PR or PCR.

NIL

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY

COPY OF REPORT

Re SUTHERLAND, J.W. - Complaint of-Res. Special Firearms Licence # 56511

With reference to the above subject, I respectfully beg to report as follows:- That on Saturday May the 29th, 1937, Mr. Sutherland came to this office and told me that he had a complaint to make, concerning the destruction of Big Game in the Telegraph Creek Area, by the Indians living in that District, and asked that his complaint be placed before the Police Authorities, and also before the Department of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sutherland appears to be a young man of good character, and not the type who would make a complaint, unless there was just cause, at my suggestion, he made out his complaint on the typewriter, in four copies, for the information and guidance of the departments concerned, giving every de ail with reference to the conditions now existing in the Telegraph Creek District, and which is attached to this report.

H'QRS. REF.

To:
The N.C.O. i/c
Prince Rupert District
B.C. Provincial Police,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

T. Smith, Const. #309,
i/c Stewart Detachment
B.C. Provincial Police.

DIV'L REF.

The O.C. "D" Div., B.C.P.P.
Prince Rupert, B.C.

DIST. REF.

Submitted: I have forwarded a copy of this report and complaint to Constable i/c Telegraph Creek for his information and action.

DET. REF.

J.H. McClinton, Sergt.
N.C.O. i/c P. Rupt. Dist.

2.6.37

"D" Division
File 5-1-37

Prince George, B.C.
June 17th, 1937.

Forwarded for your information. It would be advisable for Inspector J. Cunningham to look into this matter when visiting Telegraph Creek. The necessity of appointing a Game Warden at Telegraph Creek is again brought to your attention.

T. Van Dyk, Inspector.
i/c "D" Game Division.

To The Game Commission
411 Dunsmuir Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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Stewart, B.C.,
May 29th, 1937.

To
Constable T. Smith,
B.C. Police,
STEWART, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Complaint, Re destruction of moose in the Telegraph Creek Dist.

I am going to lay before you a very pressing matter, which necessity calls for enforcement of the Game Laws of B.C. Your interested co-operation in this matter will be a distinct service to this district as a whole as well as to the rest of the Province and to the individuals directly concerned.

The nature of the case I am going to set down for your attention is purely criminal infractions of the Game Laws and trapping regulations and the remedy is the enforcing of same said laws and regulations when reported.

Much has been written and said about the wanton destruction of valuable Big Game herds in the Province of B.C. and this case has its parallelin reports made hitherto.

Constable Boys of Telegraph Creek and the Provincial B.C. Police are only to be commended for the splendid service and co-operation that has been rendered in these matters in the past so that there will be no misunderstanding as the text of this letter is a particular case and needs the immediate attention of the proper authorities and Commissioner of B.C. Police for early action before another winter season passes.

This case concerns Indians from Telegraph Creek and may be laid before the Indian Department for the informattion and knowledge of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

For the last five years I have been located on a registered trap-line at Echo Lake covering a district along the Yukon Telegraph Line and for three years previous held a registered trap-line covering the headwaters of the Whiting River to the Alaskan Boundary from which place I went to Echo Lake where I was employed by the Dominion Government Telegraphs for three years at the Echo Lake Station until the Hazelton-Telegraph Creek part of the Yukon Telegraph Line was closed down. Therefore having remained at Echo Lake to earn my livlihood by trapping after my employment with the Dominion Government was ended it is well within my capacity to set this case down for your decision and action.

Following is the case with explanations. Listed here are the Indians involved and the number of dogs owned and worked by each Indian as dog teams:

Nanook Edzerza	------ 5 dogs
Agouta Edzerza	------ 5 dogs
Murray Yahoo	------ 4 dogs
Buck Adsit	------ 4 dogs
Tomas Dennis	------ 4 dogs
Pat McCluskey and two sons	------12 dogs - Total 39 dogs.

The white trappers and myself in this locality have been very lenient and forbearing with the Indians in the past as to the destroying of the natural resources and encroachments on our registered trap-lines. We have allowed them to get away with a lot in their hunting and trapping mainly because we did not wish to have it said that the white discriminated against the Indian in B.C. or Canada.

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Nevertheless these listed Indians overstepped all sense of reasonable freedom this spring and the circumstances certainly warrant immediate attention. Incidentally this is my first complaint or rather report on this subject.

This list of Indians left Telegraph Creek about February 15th, this year and the first intimation I had that they were out was when I met two of them, Agouta Edzerza and Murray Yahoo on February 20th, seven miles south of Echo Lake, this meeting took place on my trap-line where I had a line of traps set and when they stated their intention of trapping there I turned them back without causing any friction. They back-trailed at that time and said they would trap on More Creek a tributary of the Iskoot River 22 miles north of the point where we met. One month later on March 20th, the same two Indians returned and set forty traps on the Ningunsaw River fifteen miles south of Echo Lake. As I was twenty-three miles south of Echo Lake at the time covering my trap-line I didn't see their tracks until my return trip towards Echo Lake. Following their tracks to their camp I again persuaded them without any friction or trouble that they were breaking the law in poaching on my ground and setting traps alongside of my traps.

They lifted their traps and prepared to leave my ground the following day March 21st, they caught two marten and three weasel that I agreeably let them keep. This is just an instance of how they respect the registration of trap-lines and how lenient we are with them. Agouta Edzerza has a registered trap-line at the head of the Tuya River one hundred miles north of Telegraph Creek so therefore he was over two hundred miles away from his legal ground.

The main text of this letter follows though as to the destruction of moose (big game) which is our main concern in this locality. I have listed the number of dogs these Indians had this spring to explain the slaughter of moose that the feeding of such a number of dogs incurred.

On the 25th, of March Buck Adsit and Thomas Dennis met me at Echo Lake which I reached that day. They had come from the Iskoot River about six miles distant where they were trapping with Nanook Edzerza who holds a registered trap-line along the Iskoot River and adjoins my trap-line. Adsit and Dennis were hunting moose for dog feed that day and remarked that since they had come out they had killed sixty moose for dog feed. That slaughter of moose just covered a period of a little over a month from February 20th, to March 25th. Upon investigating the territory between Echo Lake and Quinn Lake and bounded by the Iskoot and Ningunsaw Rivers on the west I corroborated the remark by finding the remains of these moose minus the meat which of course the Indians used. Bands of wolves were attracted by the waste left by the Indians which further increased the killing by pulling down the younger moose on their own account.

In the following thirty days the killing continued at the rate of one and two moose a day until the Indians killed upwards of one hundred moose during that seventy day period from February 20th, to April 30th,1937.

That this criminal depletion of moose must be stopped through the proper channels and soon is evident, before another spring passes as extermination of the moose in that locality will take place at that rate easily in another two years.

The only benefit derived by the Indians from that wanton killing to feed their dogs is the very small amount of fur that they catch.

The white trappers in this locality with myself do not maintain dogs to trap and we preserve the big game in our territory with a bigger end in view, namely that of big game hunters for trophies and fishing for sportsmen from various parts of the world.

It is needless for me to go into the revenue derived from big game parties by the Province of B.C., communities where out-fitted and the livelihoods

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earned by the men engaged in this work as compared to the same big game value when used as dog feed. Suffice it to say that there are a great number of citizens who stand to earn their livelihood in the big game hunting field in Northern B.C. and therefore we do not want that livelihood destroyed. Therefore it is up to the proper authorities to set into motion the means to save the moose from being exterminated at no benefit to the Province of B.C. or the citizens who have to earn a living from the natural resources.

Enforcement of the Game Laws and restriction of the number of dogs for the Indian as well as the white is the remedy. Two dogs are the legal number for single men if necessary in the Telegraph Creek area and three dogs when necessary for married men and the white trapper is restricted to his own registered trap-line.

Interested action on the big game extermination is the important item and reason of this report as myself and associated parties will be booking up several hunting and fishing parties for next summer and fall and we require the co-operation of the B.C. Police and game board to be able to have any big game left in Northern B.C. to be able to offer a satisfactory hunt to big game parties.

To further enlarge on this subject for investigation is the much larger district north of my location containing the Kinaskan Lakes which up until the last year has contained a valuable collection of big game species and game fish in the lakes comprising the Kinaskan Lakes group. This district is also being merrily hunted to extinction by the Indians from the Bear Lake Reserve and Cold Fish Lake. Last winter upwards of two hundred Indians deserted the Bear Lake Reserve and the Cold Fish Lake Reserve and have moved in around the Kinaskan Lakes. They have hunted and fished out the areas they left and are of course proceeding to do the same thingin the Kinaskan area.

Yours truly,

J. W. Sutherland.

GAME COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Telegraph Creek.
B.C. Jan 4 th /32.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your "wire" dated Dec. 29 th, re Traplines, aconfirmation, with its reply is herewith enclosed.

To add much to the Reports already submitted is needless, but the liberty is taken of presenting just a little more evidence, to show that, your Office here, is doingevery thing possible, to complete Indian Trapping Grounds. There is serious delay encountered from Prince Rupert. No Maps have yet been received by this Office, execpt such that are no good, and from which applications will not be considered.

Also in the last mail, notice was received from the Prince Rupert Game Warden that only the standard maps, will be accepted, and these we have not got. Indeed Constable Devlin is applying once more for three Maps for his Office, and I cannot go on with the Nomads Registration for the "inside" on account of this. Meanwhile "Whites" are being granted "lines for the time being, later on these will be marked off and made "air-tight" Any Provincial Govt. Maps whatsoever should be accepted, and get on with the matter. Constb Devlin and I are simply at a standstill, our ideas agree, and if the Constables private opinion could be obtained, it would I fancy clear matters up a little.

I am sorry to say that Mr Martins visit to here and Atlin was for the simply reason of placing his made up maps in those Offices, thereby making things "air-tight". He even instructed the Constables to forget all the back years of work and detail, from this Office, which has been done, and all that work is now discarded in the two Offices. This is the prime reason why, the new maps which are coming, should not be sent to Rupert for marking, if they were, the whole thing would then be "air-tight" and good ground lost for ever.

Mr Devlin has been shown samples of incorrect work on the maps he has to go by, and altho he admits its wrong, yet has been instructed that - as the maps stand - so they have to be

A copy of a letter is enclosed marked" Excess detail work" how is it possible to do this Game Dept, work, in a Nomad District? it would take an army of Game Wardens - Trap Grounds for the Indians of the Cassiar must be permanent, for they themselves want it so. If not then every year a huge mix-up would take place. It seems also that a trap-line application has to be submitted to the Local Game Office - then it goes to Rupert - then it goes to Prince George - then it goes to Vancouver, and by that time the Indian is dead, or some other arrangement comes about. It would be far better for the local Game Office to act as a Bank, with the Trap-grounds as Bills when all detail can be arranged on the spot, thereby saving trouble and much expense. Trap lines are good, and were the Game Dept to vanish into thin air, a system of our own would have to be put into practice - to settle the Indians and give the weaker families a living chance. The Indians are all trapping at present, and not interferring with the Whites so why not grant them what they have, and straighten out the few tangles existing.

Mr Devlin, and I are in complete accord, our views are the same. He has even suggested that the whole trapline situation be turned over to this Office, to run. This is not so absurde as it sounds, for over 80% of the traplines are Indian and

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TRAPLINE REPORT. Contiu. 2.

and :-

the extra detail that would be necessary to handle the Whites is of no moment.

However, Sir, your wire is taken to mean that - all the vacant ground open on their maps, must be taken up for Indians, and this shall be done at once. After Mr Perrys visit such was done, but all that has now been burried in the Game Offices. It is to be hoped that these applications will be accepted, but unless some power is brought to bear on Rupert, it is rather doubtfull.

All requests from this Office have been reasonable, see the many cases taken up, and after much fighting have been granted, which proves the case.

Take the Taku Affair. I saw Mr Martin in Atlin, when he rushed up and down again. He admitted it was a "wash-out" and it was; but even at that, more lines along the Taku River have been granted it seems, to Whites, and such river lines of course control the hills and mountains near-by. Mr Martin knows all that. The Stikine River has only one Indian Trapper on it, and soon, if things go on as they are the Taku will be the same way. The Cassiar is different from any other part of B. C. and it takes a Northerner to know it, matters that may apply to say Peace River District, cannot be used for this part of B.C.

The present long distance control system used by the Game Dept will not work correctly up here, my desk is piled up with green papers covered with green ink, there are about 30 returned applications waitinghere now. I send for your inspection some of the slips that were returned with the last bunch of returned TrapLines.

If it were only possible for the local Game Warden, who so ever he might be, that would understand what is required, - and this Office to settle all matters as final, the whole question would be soon settled, and everybody happy. At present there is more bother and trouble in this Agency over registration of Trap-lines than all the other Indian work combined, and this in spite of early and late hours of work.

It is sincerely regretted that all this trouble has to be brought to your notice, especially now when so much other trouble is abroad, but it seems impossible to get anything at all through Prince Rupert, and something must be done soon. If the Indians are satisfied with trap-lines, they will help all they can to keep such and do what is required, but if they do not get what they should have, then the whole scheme falls to the ground, with trouble and expense as the result.

All of which, Sir, is most respectfully submitted for your consideration, with the sincere hope that applications for Indian trap-grounds from this Agency, will in future receive a little more considerate attention than they have, up to the present time.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. E. Ditchburn. Esq.
Indian Commissioner.
VICTORIA. B.C.

Harper Reed

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Indian Agent.

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Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to:

To Indian Agent. Telegraph Creek. B.C. 192

If you have received maps from Game Commissioner submit same to Game Warden Martin Prince Rupert who will indicate thereon all Indian Traplines as Registered After checking them over apply for line areas shown vacant in maps for Indians who require them Imperative that all lines be registered where possible without delay.

W. E. Ditchburn Dec30 650PM.

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					Charge Indian Office.

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to:

Dec 31 st 1931. 192

To Indian Commissioner.

Victoria. B.C.

No Maps received yet. Constables also short important maps therefore impossible registration as demanded by Rupert. Twenty returned applications here now letter July twenty eight ⊗ sample. Constable Devlin assists everyway possible our views coinside. If entire authority given Devlin and Agent to settle complete satisfaction gurranteed.

HR
Harper Reed.

⊗ Copy H/W.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July 28 th 1931.

Sir,

Re :- Game Matters.

I beg to report that Game Matters for this part of the Stikine Agency have come to a dead halt.

The new Constable Mr Delvin frankly states that everything must wait for the arrival of Mr E. Martin, from Prince Rupert, and that he will be here about the end of August, arriving from Wrangell under his own power.

Mr Martin was advised that upon my return from the Liard Trip, which was on time, that a good chance would occure to settle all matters, and that then Mr Delvin and I could go ahead this summer and straighten out the game work.

Now it is imperative that the Atlin, and perhaps Teslin trips be made, and it is expected to be back here during the first week in ~~Au~~ September, and then another good chance to meet will occure.

After that the long delayed trip to the South will have to be undertaken, for the Indians out there require a Chief or Head-man, and arrangements have been already made.

On the Office desk here, and same were inspected by Mr Delvin this date; lays two samples of Trap-line trouble.

They belong to Old Geo. Edzerza and Tommy Nass, two very fine fellows, but tribal rows have set them apart. Since 1928 their lines have overlapped, both made up by Game Warden Ashto

Untold letters have been written and many maps submitted showing this, but in a letter from Prince Rupert received two days ago, it states:- Tommy NassT/1. " Please return this application to the Indian Agent pointing out that it conflicts with the T/line of Geo Edzerza". The very thing we all want altered, and even now it is not done. The two Indians concerned are fast becoming friends over the idiosyncrasies of the Game Dept, and untilthe matter is settled, have agreed to go on trapping by a line laid down from this Office.

up to June 1st 1932

Mr Delvin agrees with my-self that it is impossible to straighten these matters out, by mail, and therefore it is respectfully requested that Mr Martin be asked to arrange his arrival here, so that we all three can meet and settle matters.

There is no doubt that Mr Martin has a lot of troublesome work to get through, but never-the-less it should not require such a length of time as the above samples have taken.

If the above arrangement can be obtained it will help Game Matters along very much, especially as there might be a few new Atlin & Teslin matters to be talked over also.

I am.

Sir.

Your obedient servant.

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.
Indian Commissioner.
Victoria. B.C.

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

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ALBERT [redacted] DEASE

COPY of Game Warden Martins Letter.

PRINCE RUPERT TL/2D/11
June 2 nd 1931.

T/line
Albert Dease. (Indian)
T/creek.

To:- CONSTABLE i/c B.C.P.Police
Telegraph Creek.

Dear Sir,

I am returning herewith application to register a trapline submitted by Indian Agent in favour of the m/n trapper.
The area applied for in this application is already registered and in order, and I can see no need of any change of application papers. The Sketch you enclose with the new application does not conform with any of the maps in this Office.
Yours very truly. E. Martin.

Jan 4 th 1932. T/creek.

Re above. On the back of application the late Constable signed his name showing that it was necessary. This date I saw the present Constable, he states the same. Martins maps are not correct, and his red pencil makings are also WRONG.
If the enclosed is not accepted the Indian looses the best part of his Fox Trapping. This day Constable Devlin states that if a White Man applied for the lower end of the Indians Ground it would be allotted to the White man.
Constable Devlin states that he can do NOTHING but what Mr Martin has laid down.
(Mr Martins laid down Trapline for this Indian cuts off two brances of the Big Sheep River near Coffee Crater.)

In Indian Agents Diary for October 1931, and on, it will be seen that a Patrol was made of this Ground to see exactly what was wrong, The Game Warden here can't do it. Everything was checked and this is a clear case. Really this should be Game Wardens work. This Office is doing everything and more, to help matters along.

Costing money & valuable time.

This is only one case out of many.

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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C O P Y.

INDIAN AGENT'S REPLY TO THE ABOVE GAME WARDENS LETTER

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Sept. 22 nd 1931.

Mr E. Martin.

Game Warden.

Prince Rupert. B.C.

Sir,

Re:- Albert Dease's Trap-Line.

I beg to acknowledge your letter dated June 2 nd, just received, in which you state that this Trap Line is in Order.

Right underneath, you state that the sketch Map does not conform with anything you have in that Office, therefore something must be wrong.

Its another case, I should think, of old maps on your part, for the enclosed sketch was taken off the recently printed ones sent up from Victoria, and are therefore correct.

Please look the matter up and you will find that the local Constable and I thought it necessary to submit the enclosed.

The Scheme is to tighten up places left open, that are no good and if given out would cause trouble.

I am. Sir. Etc H.R. I.A.

Jan 4 th 1932.

Notes re same. :- The last sentance is rather mis-leading in this instance, for this end of ground is worth having. The Indian has always trapped there and does so now, Many other cases exist where the ground is no real good, but a White Trapper might claim same and do "fur raiding".

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
DEASE. Albert.	57-45	130-50
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable.)	(To be filled in by Constable.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Provincial Game Warden, Victoria, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Dease Albert P.O. address Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper -Guide. Interp.

No. of Special Firearms Licence Length of residence in B.C. Born

No. of years applicant has trapped line Length of trap-line

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Comm at intersect. of 14 M. Cr with the Govt wire. Thence E. to its h/waters. Thence S along h/waters of creeks going into Iskut- to N. side Coffee Crater. Thence W. to Govt Wire. Thence N to point of comm taking all area so enclosed.

Tentative or permanent registration

(To be filled in by Constable only.)

Dated this 17 day of Jan 1931, 192..., at Telegraph Creek. B.C., B.C.

Signature of applicant Albt DEASE per. Harper

Trapper Head. Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

Stikine Agency

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(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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REMARKS.

DETACHMENT: Telegraph Creek

Date January--18th...1931. 192x

W. Harrison.
W.Harrison.Const.#252.
(Constable i/c.)

DISTRICT:

Date ....., 192.....

Passed by Constb (ie Game Warden)
yet turned down by Prince Rupert!
(N.C.O. i/c.)

DIVISION:

Date ....., 192.....

(N.C.O. i/c Game Branch.)

HEADQUARTERS:

Why?

Date ....., 192.....

(N.C.O. i/c Game Branch.)

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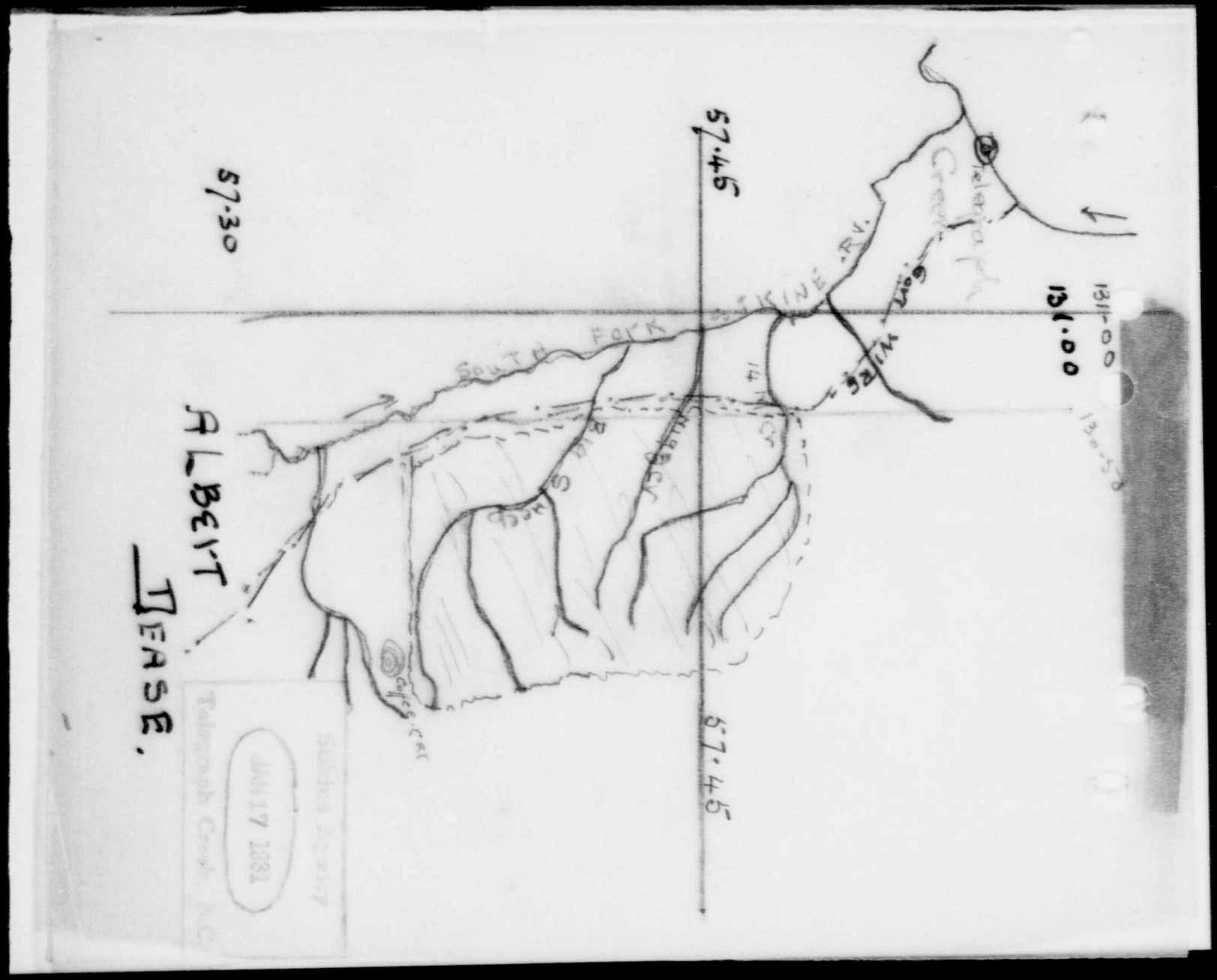
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This is one of Game Warden
Vladimir Nolfo's. An Indian
Family's whole
Source
dependence on
Beaver
moles!
Can see no
reason for
Game Charge.
Refer to letter
dated June 2 nd.
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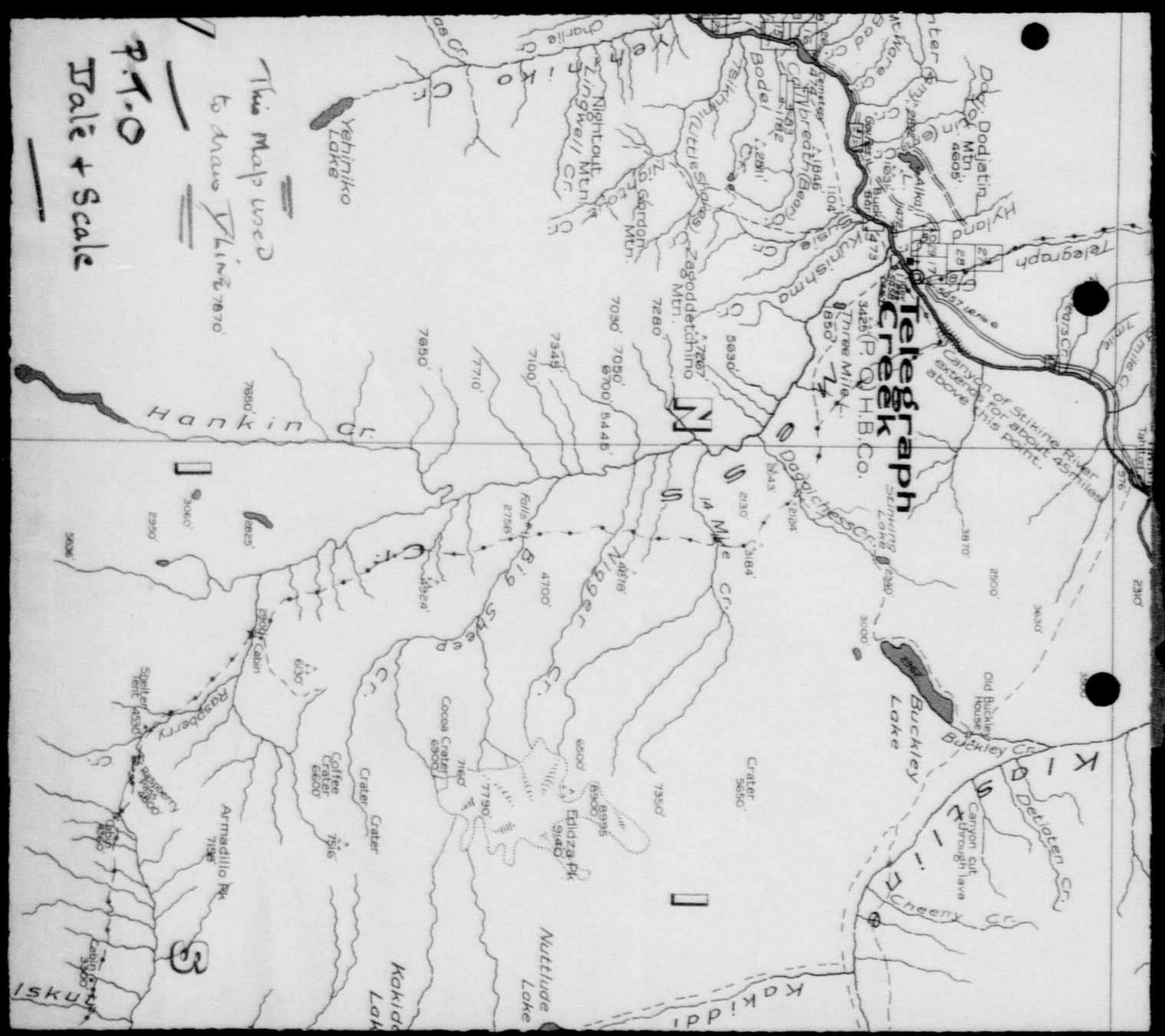
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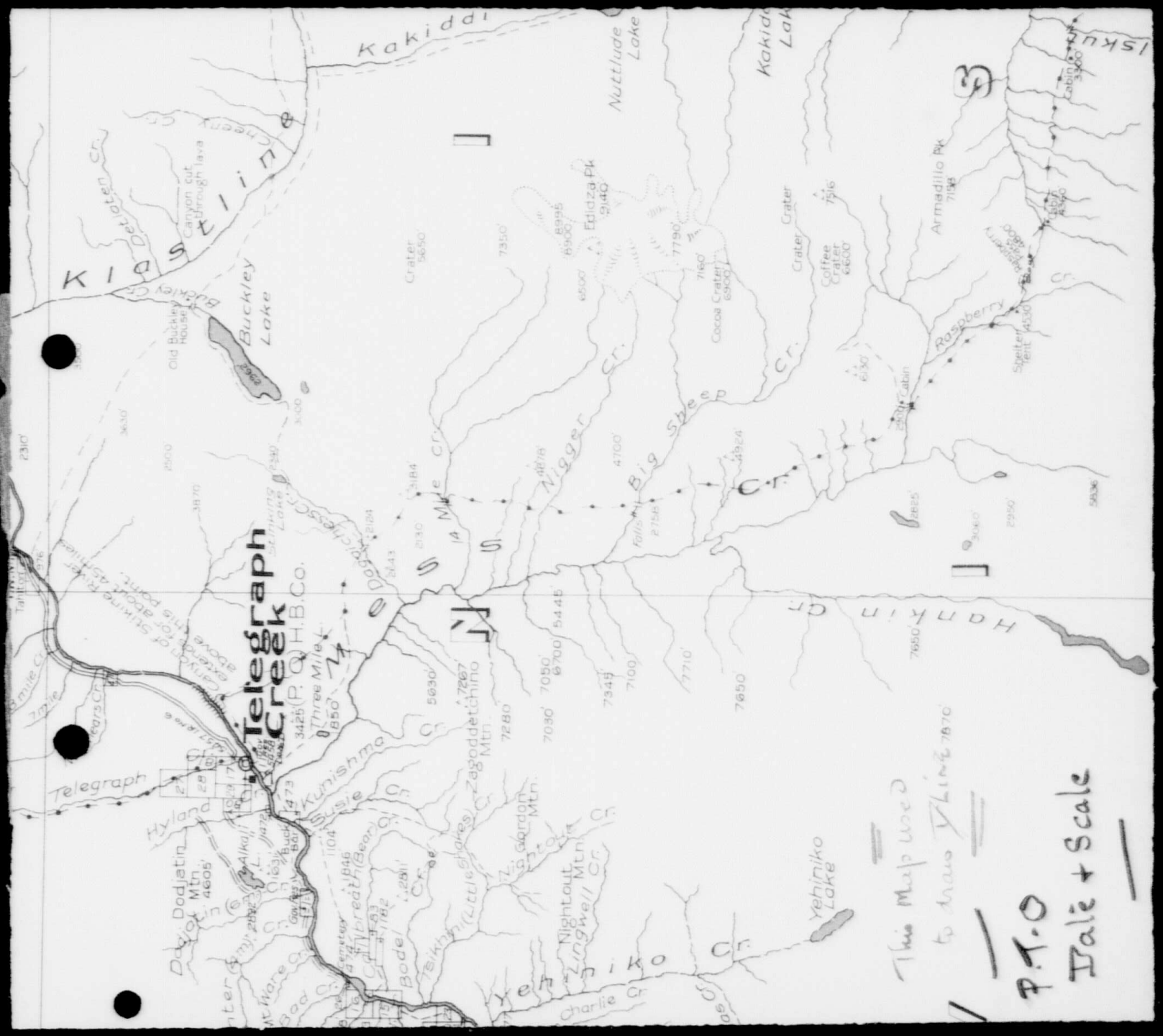
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British Columbia
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
HONOURABLE F. P. BURDEN, MINISTER
J. E. UMBACH, SURVEYOR-GENERAL

PRELIMINARY MAP

STIKINE RIVER

Scale 5 miles to 1 inch

1929

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RE Access Road Work.

GAME WARDENS OFFICE
Prince Rupert. B.C. Oct 1 st 1931

Trapline
Returns &
Renewals.

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent
Telegraph Creek.

Sir, This department is now issuing new Registration Certificates to all registered trap-line holders, but before these certificates can be issued trap-line returns and renewals must be submitted to this Office.

We realize that it will be difficult to obtain these returns and renewals from Indians at the start but I would suggest that books be given to the different Indian Councils of the various Indian Bands in your Agency to have the forms filled in.

The most important of the two is the return form and where a trapper reports no catch of fur for the season the return form must be filled in just the same and marked Nil.

It is not expected that we will be able to get all the the returns and renewals this year but it will be appreciated if you will obtain as many as possible.

Samples of return and renewals are enclosed herewith for your information and return and renewal books are being forwarded under seperate cover.

Yours very truly.
Signd. E. Martin. Game Warden.

"? Goes to show that the Game Dept. don't know where they are. Fur Traders Book should show all this.

Telegraph Creek. B.C. Dec 31 st 1931. The above is a copy of a letter just received. This Agency is composed of Nomad Indians, and the great idea is to get them SETTLED, and to build Cabins on their Grounds. ZZzzz Some long time ago it was decided to make all INDIAN TRAPGROUNDS PERMANENT and the Indians want this, indeed expect it. Therefore why renewals? Mr Martin agreed to this even when in Atlin 1931. If these Nomads thought for one minute that their grounds were not permanent, and that their Cabins might be given away, no Indian would register another Trap Ground. Constable Devlin agrees with the Indian Office that the letter is absurde Seems that the B.C. Game Dept are making the Indian Offices do their work and this Office up to now has not received Authority from the Indian Commissioner to accept such orders from a Game Warden. If this work has to be done in the Cassiar, an Indian Office Game Dept will have to be started, for this Office controlls over 75 per cent of Cassiar Trap-lines.

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

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RE. MAPS.

C O P Y of letter on the Office "Maps" Fyle.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POLICE.
Game Branch.
Victoria. July 8 th. 1927.

The Indian Agent.
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Registration of Traplines.

With further reference to my letter of the 29 th. ultimo in regard to certain applications made by Indians to Constable Webster. Atlin Detachment.covering the registration of their trap-lines I now wish to state that I am in receipt of a letter dated 4 th inst from Inspector Spiller Prince Rupert B.C. in which he states that the applications refered to in your letter, are being held at his Office pending receipt of maps requisitioned for some months ago, and in this connection I wish to state that through the fact of our not being able to obtain the necessary supply of maps for use in connection with the registration regulations the matter of issuing the registration certificates has been unfortunately delayed, I have done my utmost to get these maps prepared and distributed throughout the Province and I expect to be able to do this within the next month or two.
However I can assure you that the applications of the Indians referred to in your letter will be given immediate consideration as soon as we are able to attend to these applications.

Yours truly.

Signd. J.H. Mc Mullin.

Provincial Game Warden.

Telegraph Creek. B.C. Dec 31 st 1931.
The above would seem to be the reason, or partly, why the Atlin Band lost all their old Tribal Grounds. No workable maps have ever been received by The Stikine Agency, and even the Constable, to-day, have not the maps to register the Nomads of Teslin Lake -Mc Dames & Liard.

Meanwhile Whit Trappers are given permission to Trap, and assured their Grounds. H.R. I.A.

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SAMPLE of Old Indian Tribal Hunting Ground lost to Atlin Indians. When Game Wardens have complete control of Maps.

Office of GAME WARDEN.
Prince Rupert. B.C. June 12 th 1931.

T/line:-
Thomas Prpich
Atlin. B.C.

Indian Agent.
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of Jan. 12 1931. with reference to traplines of Leo Taku and Thomas Prpich I wish to advise you that the application to a trap line on file at this Office in the name of Thomas Prpich, has been changed omitting the Indian Reserve & area surrounding this Reserve, for one-half mile.

T. Prprich's trapline remains the same with the exception of the area covered by the Reserve and the necessary distance of one-half mile around the Reserve.

It cannot be expected that, because a small part of the trap-line covers an Indian Reserve that the whole trap-line will be cancelled without some other good reason. Because an Indian Reserve is situated in some particular part of the country, this does not mean that all the country within miles of there can be claimed by the Indians, unless registered in the name of an Indian prior to this Department receiving application from other persons.

Yours truly.
Signd. E. Martin Game Warden.

Telegraph Creek. B.C. Dec 31 1931.

This is a case where an Indian Reserve is rendered usless. The Late Scott Simpson asked for the Silver Salmon Reserve with its Trapping Rights for Late Chief Taku and his sons. A Naturalized Sweed got in there and drove the Indians out. This Sweed makes good money in the summer, and still does. None of the Indians go near this Reserve now, Prpich is all around and still makes trouble. Three of the Taku Boys have no trapping ground yet, there is simply none to be had in the Atlin District, that is worth having and will support an Indian. Sent to show that if Game Warden Martin is allowed to "set" the maps of this Office the same thing will happen in the Telegraph Creek District.

H.R. - I.A.

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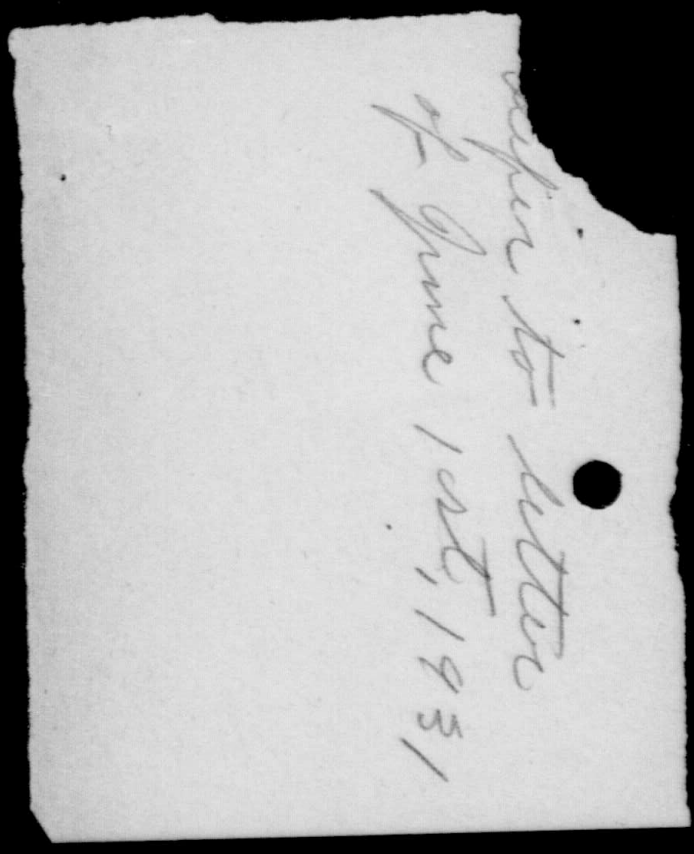
Samples of "Notes" rec'd Grade with returned applications - After training up with local Game Wardens & full letters of explanations rendered (season 1913) with applications

Stephen Read J.P.

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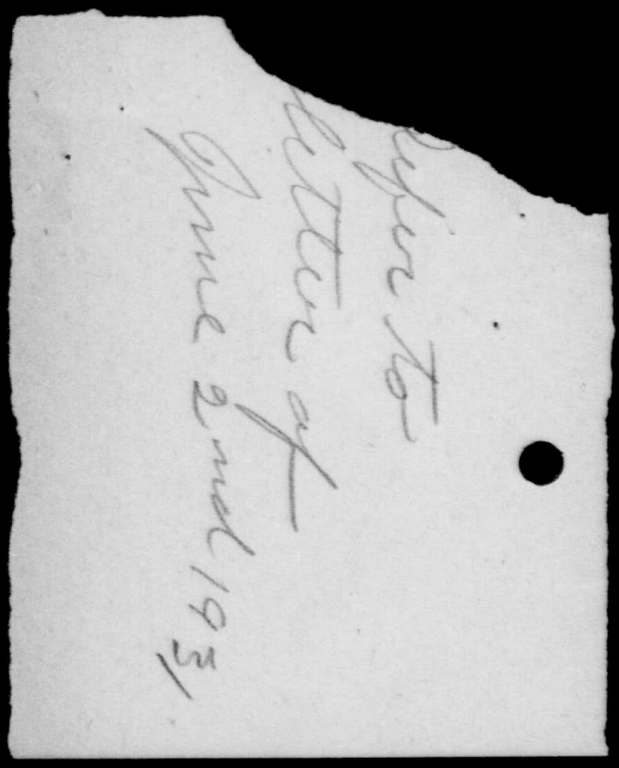
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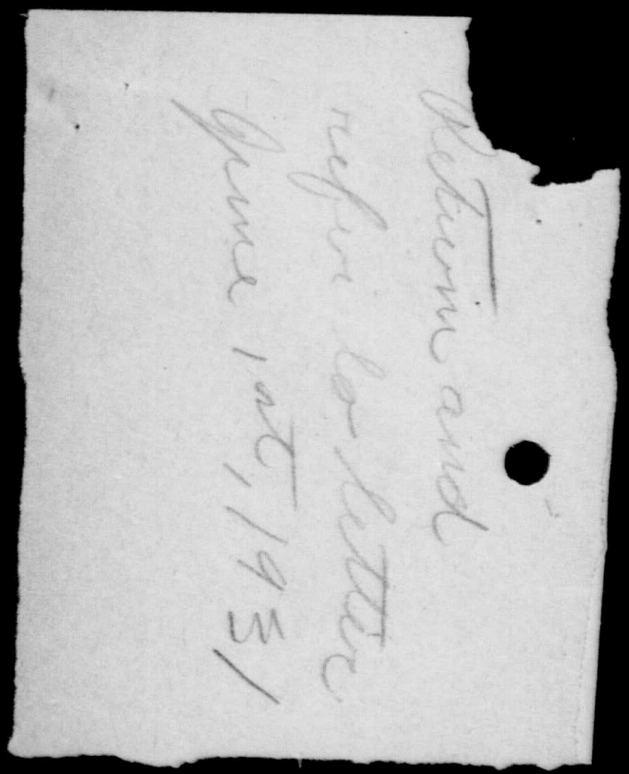
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Refer to Letter
Jan 16th 1931

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NAME QUOCK, Roy + family

No. STIKINE

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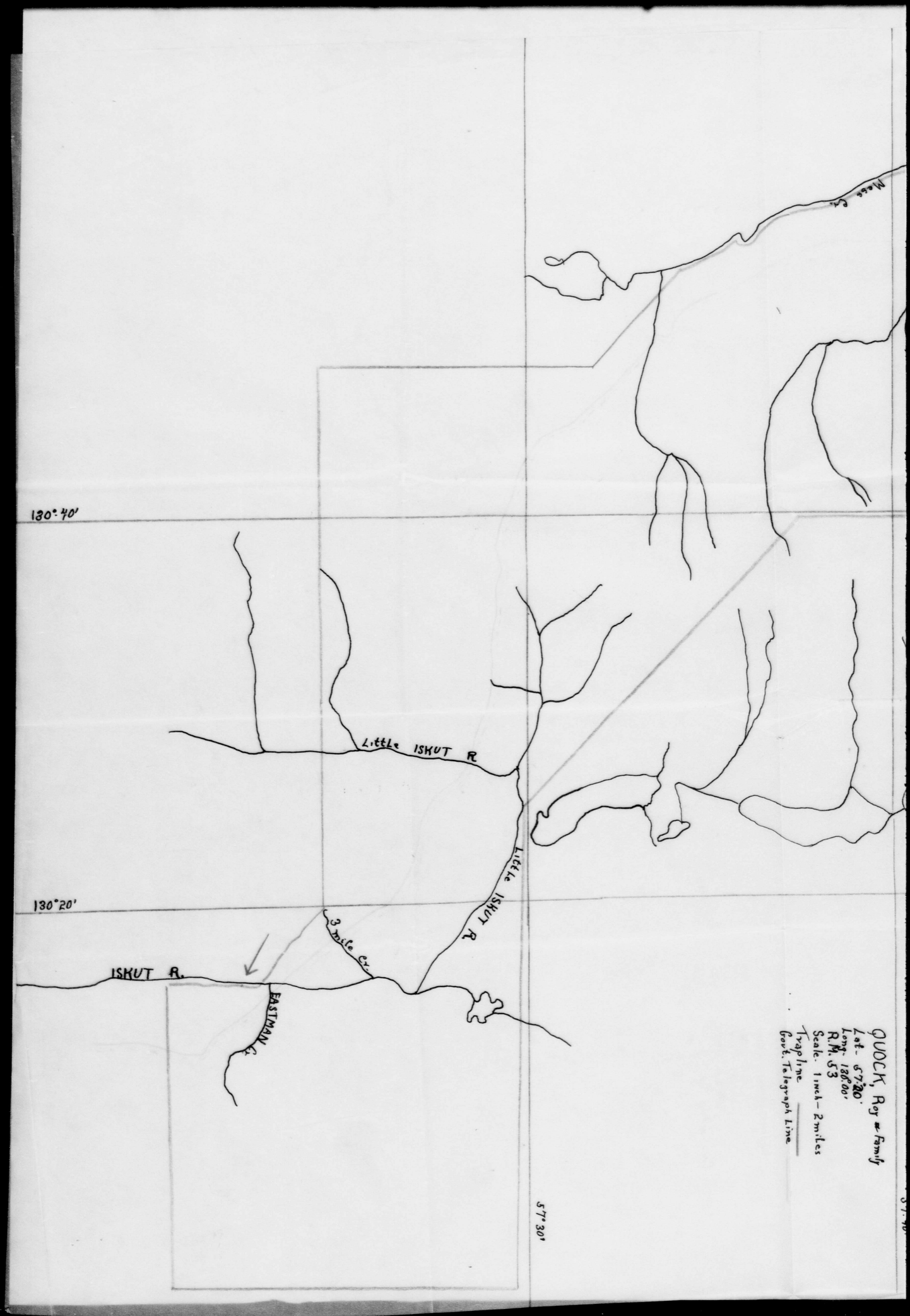
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QUOCK, Roy & Family
Lat- 57.20'
Long- 130.00'
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Scale- 1 inch- 2 miles
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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
QUOCK, Roy & family (Indians)	57.20	130.00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Roy Quock & family P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence 1 Length of residence in B.C. 24 yrs.

No. of years applicant has trapped line Length of trap-line approx. 125 mi.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line blazed, cabins & trails.

Geographical description of trap-line Comm. on S side Iskut R. 9 mi. S of mouth of Eastman Cr; S along E bank Iskut R 29 mi; E 10 mi; N 11 mi; W 15 mi. to little lake; N 10½ mi; W 11½ mi; W 10 mi. to mi. telegraph line; only 4 mi. along E side telegraph line; SW 1½ mi. crossing telegraph line, to point on Mess Cr 1½ mi. below mouth of 10 mile Cr; SW up E side Mess Cr. approx. 14 mi; SE 4 mi; E 6½ mi; S 17 mi. to point near head of 5 mile Cr; SE 5½ mi. to point of commencement, including interveningterritory except private property.

Dated this 10th day of November, 19 44, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant [signature] Indian Agent for R. Quock

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For District Headquarters.)

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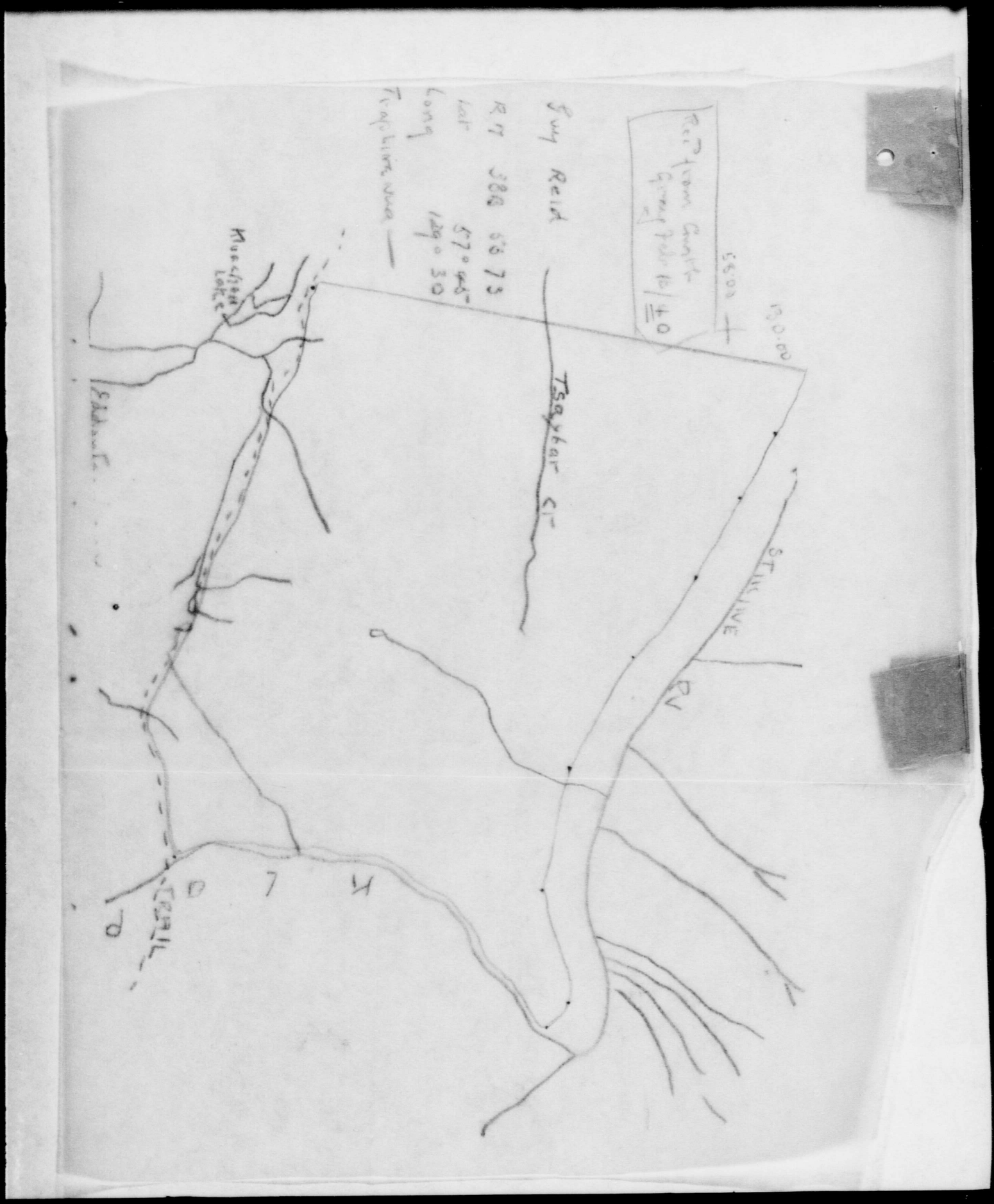
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April 16, 1945.

R.H.S. Sampson, Esq., Indian Agent, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Your File 5-8/3

Replying to your letter of the 21st ultimo with reference to trapline application of Guy Reid and family, I would advise that as this matter was the subject of discussion during my visit to Prince George in September, 1940, with Inspector Van Dyk and Indian Agent Reed, I took the matter up with the Inspector, pointing out that we discussed at that time the apparent conflict between the west boundary of the Guy Reid trapline and the east boundary of Dick Campbell's line, but it was found that Campbell had priority of registration application as of November 10th, 1928 over the Indian's application which covered a part of the area and that in consequence we had no reasonable grounds for protest. I reminded the Inspector that it was agreed that the Indian Agent would endeavour to negotiate with Campbell for the purchase of the desired portion of his trapline to add to that of Guy Reid's, and that under the circumstances I felt that we had reasonable grounds for consideration.

I enclose a carbon copy of the Inspector's reply of the 12th instant from which it would appear that the line was transferred to Maxine Stevens who is reported to have been killed overseas. The trapline forming part of his estate, the Official Administrator has the power to dispose of same and nominate a successor.

I would suggest that you discuss the matter with the Official Administrator who I presume is a Government Agent and ascertain if he is willing to accept an offer from this Department for the purchase of the portion required for the Indian as shown on your sketch and if so the price of same. Immediately on receipt of this advice I will take the matter up with the Department with a view to securing authorization for the expenditure. If at all possible it would be as well to support the application with a return of catch or an estimate of same by the Game Warden, and particularly for the area in question if this can be secured.

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If it becomes quite apparent that in spite of the Inspector's attitude in the matter, that the Official Administrator is not disposed to entertain our claim I would request that you advise me in triplicate in order that I may place the facts before the Game Commission although I am not at all sure what they can do in the matter but possibly they could refuse to entertain another application in view of our moral claim.

J. Coleman,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Our File TL-5R-45

Your File 112-12-7

BRITISH COLUMBIA GAME DEPARTMENT

TO J. Coleman,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

"D" Divisional Office,
Prince George, B. C.,
April 12th, 1945. 19

SUBJECT: Trap-line: Guy Reid & Family.

Dear Sir:

Two applications covering the registered trap-line of the late Maxine Stevens were received at this office. One in favor of Guy Reid, the second in favor of William Campbell of Telegraph Creek. Both applications were returned to Telegraph Creek as the application of Maxine Stevens is still in good standing.

It is reported that Maxine Stevens was killed overseas. The trap-line forming part of his estate, the Official Administrator has the power to dipose of same and nominate a successor to the trap-line as registered.

On receipt of the application for cancellation nominating the successor, the application of said successor will receive due consideration.

I suggest that the Stevens line be included in Guy Reid's trapping area, but whereas the Official Administrator will dispose of the line and nominate a successor, there is nothing I can do in the matter.

I do not anticipate any dispute in this matter, but if at all possible, in view of the claim of Guy Reid as set forth in your letter, I am very much in favor that the line be extended, now that there is an opportunity.

Trusting you will approve of my attitude in the matter, I remain

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

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April 10th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Van Dyk:

I enclose herewith a carbon copy of Mr. Indian Agent Sampson's letter of the 21st ultimo in respect to an application for an extension of the trapline of Guy Reid and family, Indians of the Stikine Agency, from which it would appear that the local Game Warden, Mr. Jamieson, is opposing the application.

In this connection I would refer you to our conferences of September, 1940, in Prince George, at which we went into the question of the apparent conflict between the west boundary of the Guy Reid trapline and the east boundary of Dick Campbell's line, when it was found that Campbell had priority as of November 10, 1928, over the Indian's application which covered a part of the area and that in consequence we had no reasonable grounds for protest. However, you may recollect that it was agreed that the Indian Agent endeavour to negotiate with Campbell for the purchase of the desired portion of his trapline to add to that of Guy Reids, and that if the purchase was consummated you would be prepared to recommend to the Game Commissioner that the annual fee of $10.00 be waived. You will note, however, from Mr. Sampson's letter that the Indian is prepared to pay the fee in this case in the event of the application being given consideration.

Under the circumstances I feel that we have reasonable grounds for consideration in this case and it would be appreciated if you would kindly advise me in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. Coleman,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

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INDIAN AGENT

CANADA

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 5-8/3

Telegraph Creek, B.C., March 21, 1945.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver.

REID, Guy & family, Trap-line, extension to.

The copy of an application for the transfer of the trap-line of the late Maxine Stevens to Guy Reid & family is enclosed herewith, together with copy of cancellation of the Guy Reid line for the purpose of extending it to include the line formerly belonging to Stevens.

This application was presented to the local Game Warden, Const. H. Jamieson, on the 19th inst. but could not be completed as to geographical description owing to the Game Department maps being at variance with the description of the Stevens line.(A sketch map of the approximate boundaries of the trap-lines, which adjoin, is also enclosed.) Const. Jamieson objected to this office making application for the line of a white man giving as his reason that if a white man were to apply for a deceased Indian's trap-line, he would stand a poor chance of getting it. It was pointed out to the Constable that the main reason for making application for the trap-line for Guy Reid & family was that the ground at present held by Reid is wholly inadequate to provide him with a living, there being only a few rats, coyotes and wolves in the whole area. The Constable also contended that Reid had not trapped his own line and could not expect to receive additional territory. Reid gives as his reason for non-trapping, that it does not pay him to secure a trapping outfit and travel to the line for the small returns he is able to bring in, and, having covered the area in which Reid traps I can give the opinion that the Indian's claim is probably only too true. A glance at the sketch will show that he has only a few miles of Tsaybar Creek and another small creek flowing into the Stikine River which is unproductive. The largest part of the line is a level grassy plateau with occasional swamps and 'spruce islands' dotting it.

Constable Jamieson informed me that no other person had made application in writing for the Stevens trap-line but that one or two half-breeds had made verbal application to himself and former Game Warden Todd.

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He stated definitely that he would oppose our application for Guy Reid, on the grounds mentioned above, and recommend the line go to an applicant with white status. In view of this you may feel it is advisable to present the matter to the Game Commission for consideration.

The Stevens line is valuable for its beaver, lying as it does, astride the Stikine River and with this additional territory Reid would be in a better position to make a living. Reid is willing to pay the $10.00 licence fee if he obtains the use of the line.

A fact which may also have some weight in Reid's favour is that through some misunderstanding over the registration of the Reid trap-line, he lost the valuable Morchuea Creek and Lake to Dick Campbell, white. This matter was the subject of extensive correspondence between the former agent, your office, and the Game Branch officials during the period of 1934 to 1940, and you no doubt have the file on this case. Reid feels very strongly about the loss of the only revenue producing area on his line and has been very discontented with the poor trapline that was left to him.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed.

R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
REID, Guy & family	57.45	129.20
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable.)	(To be filled in by Constable.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA —"GAME ACT."

CANCELLATION

APPLICATION FOR ~~RENEWAL~~ OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

for extension, to take in trap-line of Maxine Stevens, deceased.

To the Provincial Game Warden, Victoria, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for renewal of my registered trap-line.

Name of applicant Guy Reid & family

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence .....

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 19th day of March, 19 45, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant W.M. Brumpton Indian Agent.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
REID, Guy & family (Indians)	57.55	129.30
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Guy Reid & family P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence Length of residence in B.C. 41 yrs.

No. of years applicant has trapped line Length of trap-line approx. 25 m

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line

Geographical description of trap-line

Dated this 15th day of March, 19 46, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant [signature] Indian Agent.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

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Nelson	"	1931			
Bob	"	1935			
Johnston	"	1939			
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Evelyn	"	1929			
Lucy	"	1937			

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Full name of applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
RE[illegible] Guy & Band (Indians)	57-45	129-30.
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)

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Extension.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Guy Reid & Band P.O. address Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality Indians Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A Length of residence in B.C. Native Born

No. of years applicant has trapped line 2 years Length of trap-line 71 miles around approx

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Comm on N side of trail where it crosses Klappan R. Wly 26 mls following N side trail to a point ¼ mi W of Morcheuea Cr Nly 2½ NELy 11¾ mls following hgt of land between Morchuea & Consuel Tuey Creeks; SELy 20 miles to Klappan Rv. keeping 2b mls S of Stikine Sly following W bank Klappan . to point of commencement

PERMANENT

Dated this 11 day of October, 1934 at , B.C.

Signature of applicant Guy Reid SIGNED Harper Reed. I.A.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

Extension.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant: Guy Reid & Band — P.O. address: Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality: Indians — Occupation: Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence: N.A — Length of residence in B.C.: Native Born

No. of years applicant has trapped line: 2 years — Length of trap-line: 71 miles around approx

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line: Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line: Comm on N side of trail where it crosses Klappan R. Wly 26 mls following N side trail to a point ¼ ml W of Morcheuea Cr Nly 2½ NELy 11¾ mls following hgt of land between Morchuea & Consuel Tuey Creeks; SELy 20 miles to Klappan Rv. keeping 2[illegible] mls S of Stikine Sly following W bank Klappan . to point of commencement

PERMANENT

Dated this 11 day of October, 1934 at ..., B.C.

Signature of applicant: Guy Reid SIGNED Harper Reed. I.A.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

Feb. 3 1935

REMARKS.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

DETACHMENT:

Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Date Jan. 29.th 1935, 19.....

J.V. Boyd.

(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT: Prince Rupert

Oct. 17. 1934

Date....., 19.....

E. Martin per H.W.

(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION:

Date....., 19.....

(Inspector, Game Department.)

HEADQUARTERS:

Date....., 19.....

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT STIKINE.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 16. th 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Trapline Guy REID V Campbell (Halfbreed)

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 5. th, enclosing a copy of a letter received from Insp. Van Dyk on the above question.

I am sorry to say that this matter cannot be put aside in so light a manner. We are not responsible for the files that the sub-officials of the Game Department have, but we certainly have our own.

Indian Guy Reid was in yesterday over the matter and the attached statement was taken from him. Chief Chas Quash is also coming in on this matter and a statement will be taken from him and others. The local trappers know all about this affair, and it is simply another case as that of Thibert V Sammy Frank, but in this case the Campbells are rather "pets" of the local provincial officials and have their backing.

It is not thinkable that an Indian Family, through no fault of their own, can be thrown out in a destitute condition, without a means of obtaining Revenue, in this manner by a couple of Game Wardens. What ever are we to do with such a family ?.

It has been mentioned that at the Prince Rupert Conference Inspector Van Dyk was absolutely "stuck" for a map of this area, and as stated in my Diary of that time, Your agent had to wire Victoria for a new Map so that the registration could be carried on. There was a whole slice of this District not on the map at all - so how could it be registered ? It may have been made up since however.

Moreover the very maps are here now, and the arrangement marked in by Inspector Van Dyk are still here. The Campbells ground is away to the West of Reid's area- and is that of Blue Mountain. Fact is that Old Geo Campbell did hardly any trapping at all ere he died, and was out at Dease Lake hanging around.

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MAY 23 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Kindly hold this matter until a further letter can be sent which will have more data to go upon. As for Insp Pragnells notes etc, I expect they are lost, but I have a file on these matters. A lot of his uncompleted files were received back here when Inspector Coleman took over - one other of which was the Felix Jackson tangle. I might add that the Indians generally are much desirous of meeting yourself, or the Inspector, to find out exactly what security they have in trap-line registration.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

I am. Sir, Your obedient servant

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
May. 16. th. 1940.

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Orig to follow

A STATEMENT:-

This is to state that I Guy Reid owing a registered trap-ground out around Morcheua Lake and Morchaua River which is where our old Graveyard is, say that neither Old George Campbell nor his son Dick Campbell own or did ever trap on my ground as it stands to-day.

When old George Campbell alive he did trap up on Blue Mountain, but that is not on my ground. Since new Police man come here he make trouble by getting Dick Campbell to ask for my ground, this is too bad for I got 7 children to keep anda new baby expected.

This last April Dick Campbell come over on my ground and catch two Beaver under the ice. Then to day Willie Campbell come along and catch up near our Reserve 40 Rats and he is still catching fur.

Both these Campbells get summer jobs and earn good money but we Indians can only get Game Party work - when big game hunters come and that is not many.

SIGNED.

Witness to the signing

C.W. Meyer

Dr C. W. Meyer. M.D. C.M.

Guy Reid Indian.

Guy Reid

Drawn out in front of me this date

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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May 14, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter received from Mr. Inspector Van Dyk with reference to the Guy Trapline which is self-explanatory.

Please bring this matter up at the proposed conference between Inspector Van Dyk and Inspector Coleman and yourself.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. McKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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YOUR FILE No. 112/12/R/5438.

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE No. TL-1R-40.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~DISTRICT GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

May 11th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: REID, Guy, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

In the above matter, kindly refer to my letter of the 23rd day of March last, and the second paragraph thereof, which reads as follows: 'In view of priority rights established by Dick Campbell, as per records on file at this office, the Reid application, sponsored by Mr. Harper Reed, can not be considered'.

No facts or documents that would alter the status of the Dick Campbell line having been produced, nothing further can be done in this matter.

Perhaps it would be advisable to bring this matter up at our proposed conference in August.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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May 7, 1940.

Dear Sir: Your File TL-IR-40.

With further reference to the claim of Guy Reid, (Indian) to part of the trap line held by Dick Campbell, I enclose herewith, for your information, a statement dated March 29th, last, by Guy Reid in support of his previous contentions in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encl
:AC

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Inspector T. Van Dyk,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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May 7, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 29th, last, enclosing statement by Guy Reid in reference to his contention that part of his registered trap line has been transferred to Dick Campbell I would advise that this has been forwarded to Inspector Van Dyk although I fail to see what value it has in view of the fact that the Game Branch state that the area in question was registered in the name of Campbell in 1925, whereas the Reid application was not submitted until 1932, some seven years later.

If, as you state, the matter was settled by Inspector Pragnell in 1934, it is unfortunate that you did not have the decision confirmed by the Game Branch at the time. I fail to see what can be done in the matter at this date.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:AC

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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MINES AND RESOURCES
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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
March 29 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re Complaint Indian Guy REID Loss of T/ground.

Further to a letter from this Office dated February 29 th, with regard to the above matter, Guy REID the indian came into Town to-day and made the attached Statement.

In conjunction with the above mentioned letter it should be seen that all such matters as this are indeed urgent - important, and may lead to serious troubles if not given immediate attention. Therefore toclear this Office from any responsibilities that might come about a wire was sent ; copy of which is attached.

The activities of this Constbale stationed here, have been reported again and again, and here once more is shown a case of an assisted half-breed - who can and does obtain all the revenue needed to mantain his family - being helped against a down and out Indian Family who have to catch what they can to live on.

If a wire is not sent immediately to stop this affair, the indians ground will be cleaned of fur within a week or so, and in addition this half-brwed may use the help of another indian to create such a situation. This matter is important.

I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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To Major. D.M. MacKay.

Indian Commissioner
Federal Buildings. Vancouver. B.C.

Ref trapping letters Thibert january twenty six and Guy Reid February twenty nine.

Wish to advise you that serious indian trouble might result unless matters rest as registered over winter season.

Constable should be wired immediately to stop interference.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
MARCH. 29. th. 1940.

INDIAN OFFICE.

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A. STATEMENT.

This is a statement made by me Guy REID an Indian of the Klappan Band of Indians with a Registered trap-ground out around the Indian Reserve of Morchuea Lake, and our Graveyard at the mouth of Moucheua River.

On the 4. th of this month I was at the Klappan Day School building, where my children go to school. Constable Gray comes in on his way to Caribou Hide with Bob A Quock. He call me over in front of Mr Moran the Teacher, and begin to draw a map on some paper he got, and told me that I loose half my trapground and that it is to be given to Dick Campbell. I do not understand all he say, for it was the first time I he hear anything about Dick Campbell get my ground. He did not give me the map he draw, but told me to "come in and see him and then he give me a map, but don't go up and see Mr Reed, for I'm the one to give you your trapping ground Map" He told me also that my ground was open and never taken up. I was going out to get my map and show him but he did not want to see it, and said he knew all about it.

Now I hear that Dick Campbell is going up to trap all my Beaver and Rats that I have been saving ever since we had the row with Mr Morgenstine, years ago, when he was turned off my ground and went trapping in the Stikine River.

Everybody knows that George Campbell-father of Dick Campbell used to trap on Blue Mountain and that is over 10 miles away to the west of Morchuea Lake Reserve. That all right we never trap over there.

I can't stop trapping for I got wife and seven children to keep. I don't know why Constable always helps Dick Campbell for he gets good summer wages on Road Work and lots of Survey Parties. So I wish Indian Department to help me keep my trapground or else I go broke sure.

SIGNED

His X Mark

Taken in front of me
this date.

Guy. RIED.

Also I forgot to tell Campbell got too big ground now, for this Spring he take Andy DENNIS Indian along with him and Andy he catch 4 Marten - I only catch 3 Cayoote and one wolf, but I save Beaver and Rats. G.REID. +

Harper Reed
Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

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Original sent to Insp. Van Dyk

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112/12/G/4950.

5th Apr.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated 23rd ultimo received from Mr. Inspector Van Dyk, with reference to the Guy Reid trapline, by which it will be observed that it is stated that Dick Campbell has a prior registration in good standing over the area you claim for Reid, which application for that reason can not be entertained.

Unless you have conclusive evidence to the contrary, it does not appear that anything further can be done in the matter.

I am unable to find anything on Colonel Pragnell's files in support of your contention that he settled this matter in 1934, as stated in your letter of February 29th last, and, of course, any settlement would require the approval of the Game Branch.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Your File No. 112/12/R/4654.

In reply quote File No. TL- 1R-40

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~DISTRICT GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

March 23rd, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: REID, Guy, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Guy Reid's application, dated May 26th, 1932, shows that at the time of application, the applicant had never trapped the area, whereas Dick Campbell and his father, George, submitted applications in 1925, which covered the area now registered in Dick Campbell's name.

In view of priority rights established by Dick Campbell, as per records on file at this office, the Reid application sponsored by Mr. Harper Reed, can not be considered.

In the matter of Indian reserves within registered trap-lines, whereas the Game Act does not apply to Indian reserves, they are automatically excluded from any registration and do not enter into the picture.

Whereas no Indian reserve is shown within the area registered in the name of Dick Campbell, no notice of same could be taken.

The above in reply to your favour of March 19th, 1940.

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 26 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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March 19, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed from which I gather that there is some dispute regarding the trap line of Guy Reid and family by which it would appear that he claims that the westerly portion has been cut off and given to a half breed, Dick Campbell. It would seem that Mr. Inspector Pragnell went into this matter with you and I presume it was settled on the basis of the entire line claimed by Mr. Reid. It also appears that in 1932 at a Game Conference it was decided to not permit any white trap line within one mile of an Indian Reserve, but that Constable Gray disputes the fact.

It would be appreciated it you could enlighten me.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Inspector T. Van Dyk,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
March 2 nd. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Guy REID'S T/ground- cutting down of same.

Owing to bad weather the Mail Plane has not yet arrived, which allows of a further letter on the above submitted trap-line affair.

It is wished to state, thinking this matter over seriously that if this proposed cut-down is allowed, much real trou ble is liable to come about. Perhaps it would be better if the Inspector, when here, would take the matter up and see for himself how matters really stand.

,At the bottom of this proposed alteration are several White men, who wish to get hold of the area now claimed for this half-breed Dick Campbell. It is quite possible that if the lad obtained this cut-off, he would sell it as a trapping ground etc to the Whites who are now camp' ed there. This area is a very good grazing ground, and for that reason was obtained for the Indians. Hence the Graveyard, and the larger Reserve.

You will see, on one of the maps submitted, the location of our Klappan School, which is near-by, and were the Guy Reid Family to lose this ground, it would seriously affect the Schools correct operation. For it is on this disputed ground that most of the meat is obtainable for the School amp. It is an excelent Caribou Winter graz- ing ground, hence again the location of the Reserves.

Some years ago, Dr Mandy, Resident Prov. Engineer for these parts, gave his backing to Mr Bill Elder who has a string of pack-horses- to obtain this area. The matter was reported to Ottawa at that time, and no further actio was taken against the indians ground. Also we have had trouble with White Trapper Morginstien, some years ago when he had a trading store near the Reserve, and was catching beaver in the vicinity. That was settled by the movement of this White trapping, further north.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
VANCOUVER, B.C.
MAR 6 1940

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant
Harper Reed Indian Agt

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5th Mar.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of January 12th, to the Secretary, regarding Mr. F. E. Moran and the Klappan Indian School, and also his apparent encouragement of Mr. MacStephen to trap over Indian traplines in this vicinity, I would advise that I am requesting Mr. Inspector Barry to discuss these matters with Bishop Bunoz on his next trip north, which will prbably be in April.

It is probable that Mr. Moran will only be paid for the actual period this School is in operation.

You should make careful investigation into the matter of the alleged trespass by his friend, Mr. MacStephen, on Indian traplines and have the responsible Game Warden take whatever action is necessary to stop the practice. This is mentioned by you on your copy of the letter dated 15th ultimo to the Game Warden at Telegraph Creek and sent to me.

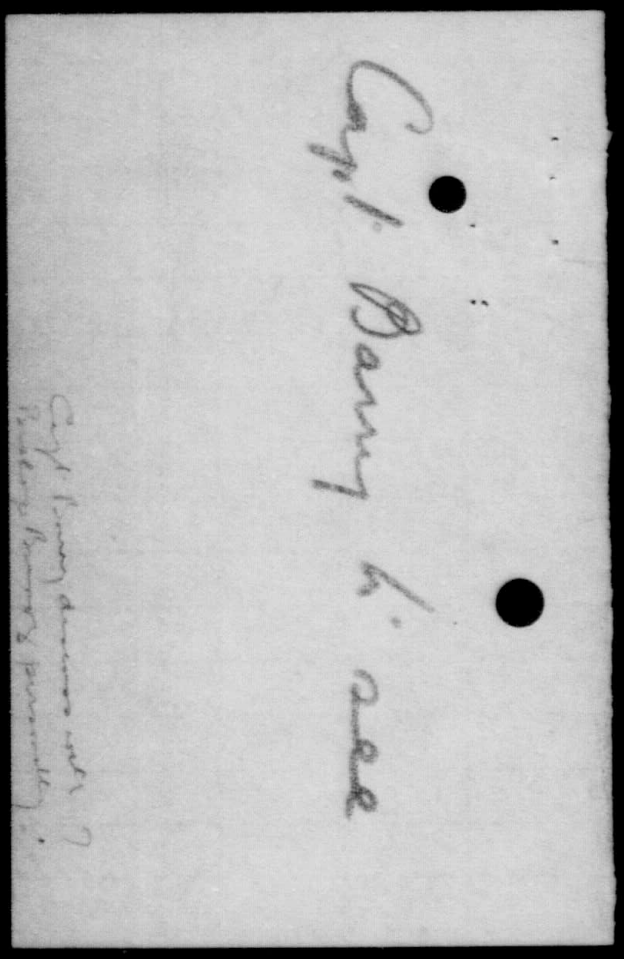
Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
January. 15. th 1940.

The B.C. Game Dept.
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

COPY.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Guy REID Family T/grounds. Morchuer Lk Reserve

On the 5.th inst you stated that the above grounds were registered wrongly, and that Half-breed Campbell should have more ground up this way.

In reply you were informed that sucha claim was absurde, but that the Campbells raised thid cry every time a new Constable came along this way.

This Indian Ground, which holds a Reserve is being bothered by White Men to-day, and no doubt you wish more ground for the Whites. The Indian Registration is in correct order and a cancellation will not be considered from this Office.

The fact that Dick Campbell has a Cabin on the Guy Reid trap-ground is well known and he was warned about this being- not on his ground -at the time of construction by myself -on the location.

The above is for your information.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
FEB 5 1940
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Copy submitted as information ere this trouble grows larger. White men near here are:- Morgenstine - Ford- Bill Elder and his help (different man every year) Also reported MacStephen, friend of Teacher Moran of the Klappan Day School (Bear Lake halfbreed stated). H.R.

So. Indian Agent

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
January. 15. th.1940.

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

COPY.

Dear Sirs,

May the information be allowed this Office as to where a certain Mr MacStephen is now trapping, if he is trapping at all.

This information is desired to assure the indians of that District that the lad is not trapping on indian grounds, or any such that are at present under abeyance for the Indians.

You no doubt understand that there are several Indian Reserves out this way, with also the Klappan Winter Day School in operation near by, and it is desired to have matters run as smoothly as possible.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Submitted , as it is considered some efforts are being made to create a trapping ground for this white trapper. H.R.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT STIKINE

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
February. 29.th.
1940.

Sir,

Re:- Indian Trapline. Guy Reid Family. (9)

On the 15. th of January 1940, a "copy" of a letter to the local Game Warden was submitted to your Office, in regard to the above T/line, with the remark that more trouble might come about. It now has, and is therefore reported.

Submitted herewith are some maps :-

No. 1. Correspondance with Map & Application just received from the local Game Office. This starts the affair afresh, after the whole matter has been sealed and settled years ago.

No. 2. A copy of an "old" map received from the Game Dept. proving their maps are wrong, by their showing Morchuear Lake - where it is not.

No. 3 A registration, after a year of work, showing matters straightened out, and accepted by the Game Dept. This they had to complete and it is not our fault if same were not done.

On the files of your Office will be found a Report from here to the Department dated June 9 th. 1932. Therein is recorded that special Blue Prints were obtained by your Agent ere it was possible to arrange correct trap-Areas, it covers the above trapground. Also ,on your files will be found under date of May 21 st 1932 Agent's Diary the following:- "At Game Office all day. They accepted my Blue Prints(from Victoria) as correct and all Bear Lakers and Caribou Hide were marked in on this Map - their maps too old to use.

Inspector Pragnell spent a lot of time on this line and it was considered it was in order and has been held as such, ever since 1934, when it was "settled". Of course the Reserves (two) are included in the Indians ground, and that is the reason new maps were obtained, and the 1934 registration finally settled.

The Campbell half-breed family have no right what-so-ever as the Indians can prove. This Campbell family are the trouble makers of this district. Dick the son of old wandering George Campbell, is nearly always on Relief and wishes the "rat-ground" up around Morchuear Lake. To help this along he has already built a cabin on the Guy. Reid Ground.

It is a shame that the Game Dept should be allowed to dig this up again after all they know, or should know about the case. I cannot help but think it might have started at this point, has have so many other little affairs. May this matter receive your kind consideration, please and the matter adjusted.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
MAR 9 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Major .D.M. MacKay
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Memorandum.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POLICE.

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January 31 st. 1940
Telegraph Creek. B.C.

The Indian Agent

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Subject:- Trapline. REID Guy Telegraph Creek B.C.

1. I quote hereunder extracts from recent letters from Inspector T. Van Dyk. O. C. "D" Game Division, pertaining to the Guy Reid trapline.

2. Appended hereto is a copy of application of the Guy Reid trapline submitted by yourself on May 26.th 1932.

3. Whereas this trapline is in good standing at "D" Division Game Headquarters, and the Vancouver Office, it has never been altered, it would be advisable to correct your maps as per the enclosed sketch.

4. The application in favour of Guy Reid dated October 11 th 1934 was never accepted by this Department, i.e. the Inspector's Office.

5. Further foryour information. Whereas the Game Act does not apply to Indian Reserves, they are automatically excluded from any registered area. This exclusion however covers the reserve area only and not one mile around as you are under the impression.

Yours truly.

SIGNED J. Blakiston -- Gray Constb
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Indian Office notes on above February 29.th 1940.
Par. #2. This Constable only submits -what data he desires to submit - There is a big file on this area, which will explain why the above application was discarded.
#4. Why was not this treated correctly -entirely their fault, it was all arranged by them to be accepted.
#5. At the Game Conference 1932 it was decided that all Indian Reserves should have one mile around same, if on a White Trappers area. To-day they wish to put a Reserve, on a Half-breeds trapping area. Absurde action to take. H.R.

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Copy of original application for Indian Agent T/creek B.C.

Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
Reid. Guy & Band.	57-45	129-30.
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

Rec'd Guy Reid Trapper Apr 16-1932

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Guy Reid & Band P.O. address Telegraph Creek. B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. age

No. of years applicant has trapped line New line Length of trap-line 57½ miles

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Start at W side of Klappan R on the N side of trail Wly following N side of trail 14 miles Nly 10¾ miles Ely 16.½ miles keeping 1. mile S of Stikine River to a point on the Klappan R. 1. Mile S.W. of Stikine R thence Sly following W side of Klappan R to point of commencement including intervening territory.

Permanent

Dated this 26 day of May, 1932., at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Signature of applicant Guy REID per signed Harper Reed I.A.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

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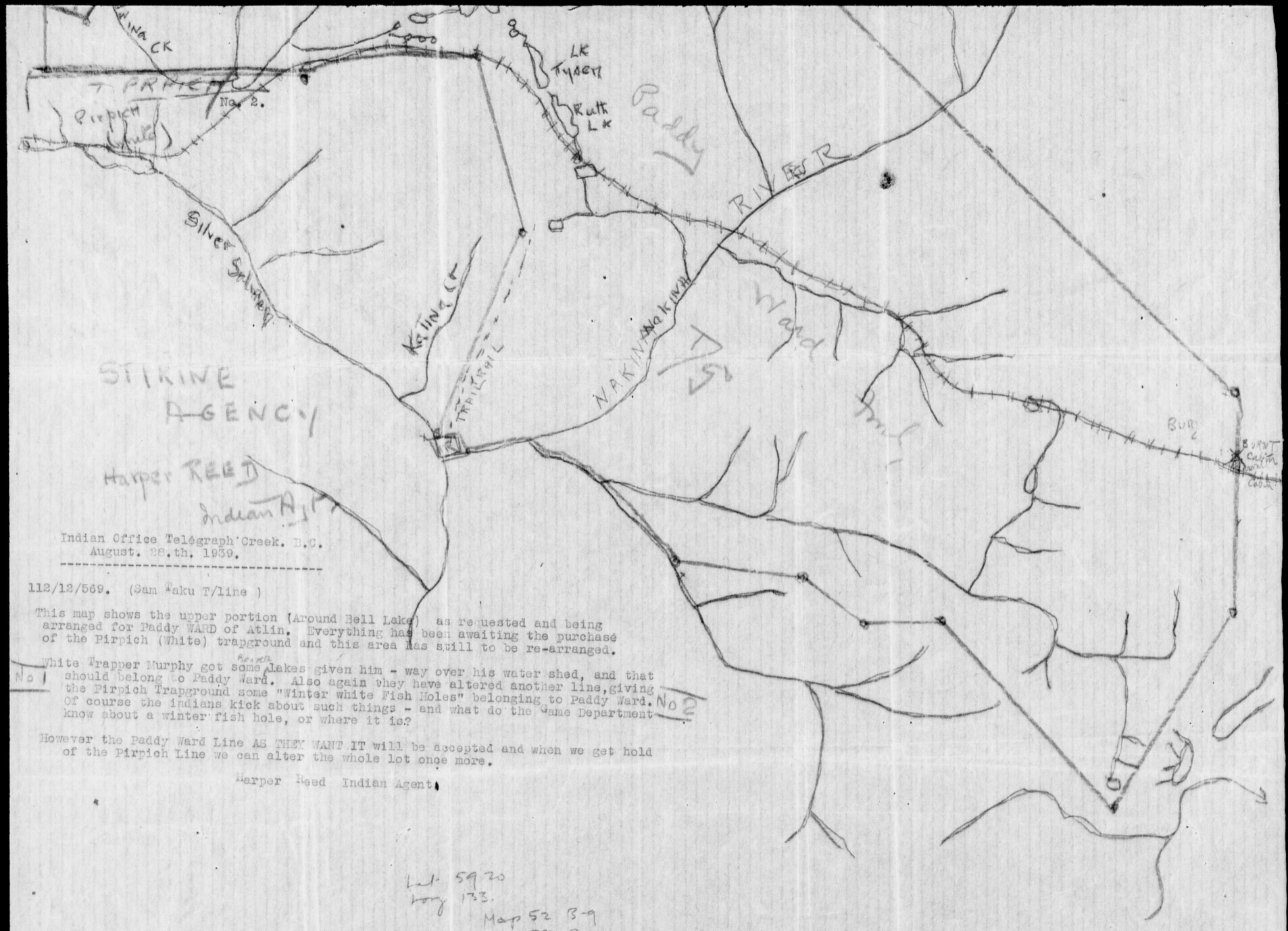
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112/12/569. (Sam Taku T/line)

This map shows the upper portion (Around Bell Lake) as requested and being arranged for Paddy WARD of Atlin. Everything has been awaiting the purchase of the Pirpich (White) trapground and this area has still to be re-arranged.

White Trapper Murphy got some Reach lakes given him - way over his water shed, and that should belong to Paddy Ward. Also again they have altered another line, giving the Pirpich Trapground some "Winter white Fish Holes" belonging to Paddy Ward. Of course the indians kick about such things - and what do the Game Department know about a winter fish hole, or where it is?

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However the Paddy Ward Line AS THEY WANT IT will be accepted and when we get hold of the Pirpich Line we can alter the whole lot once more.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

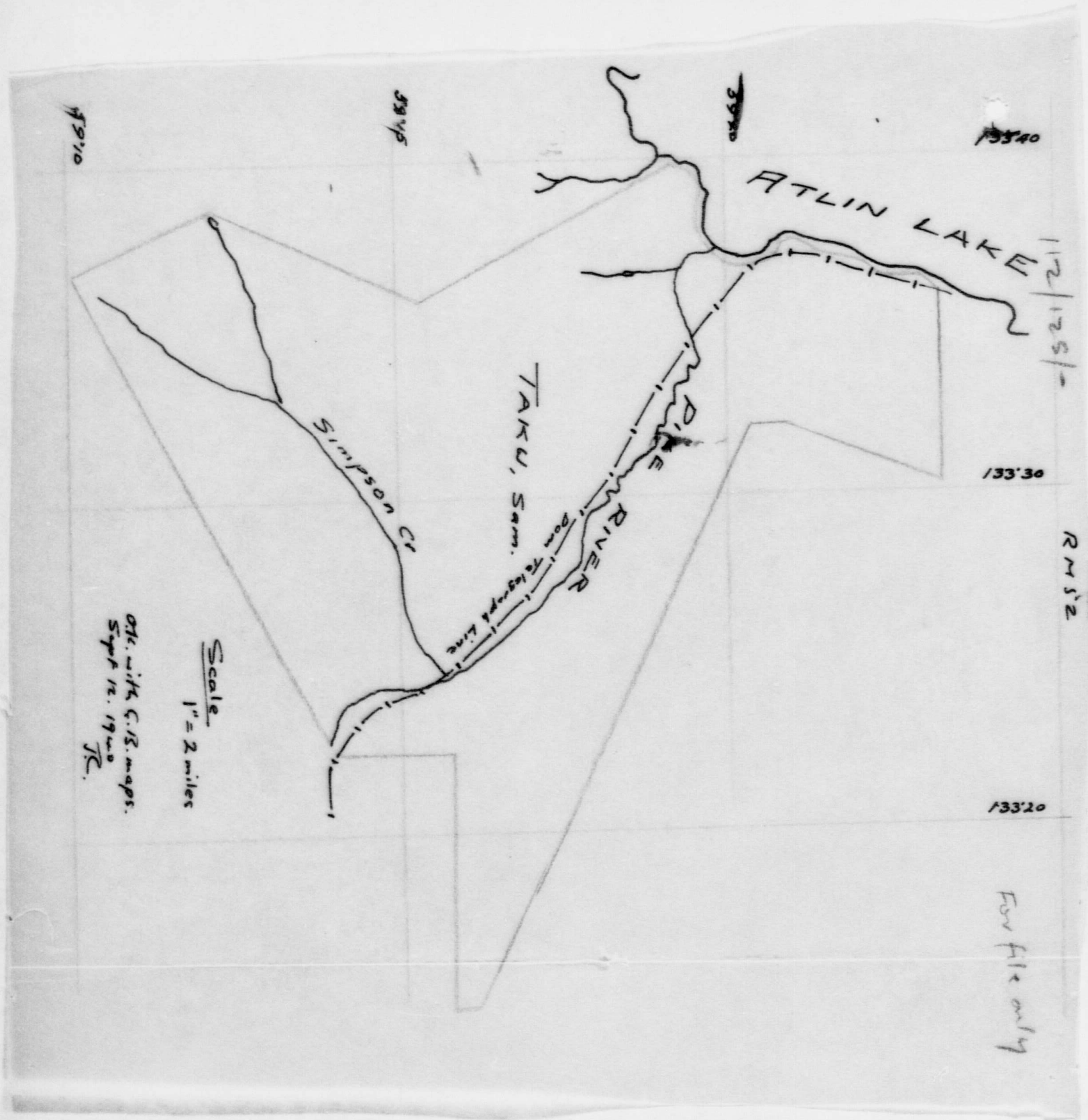
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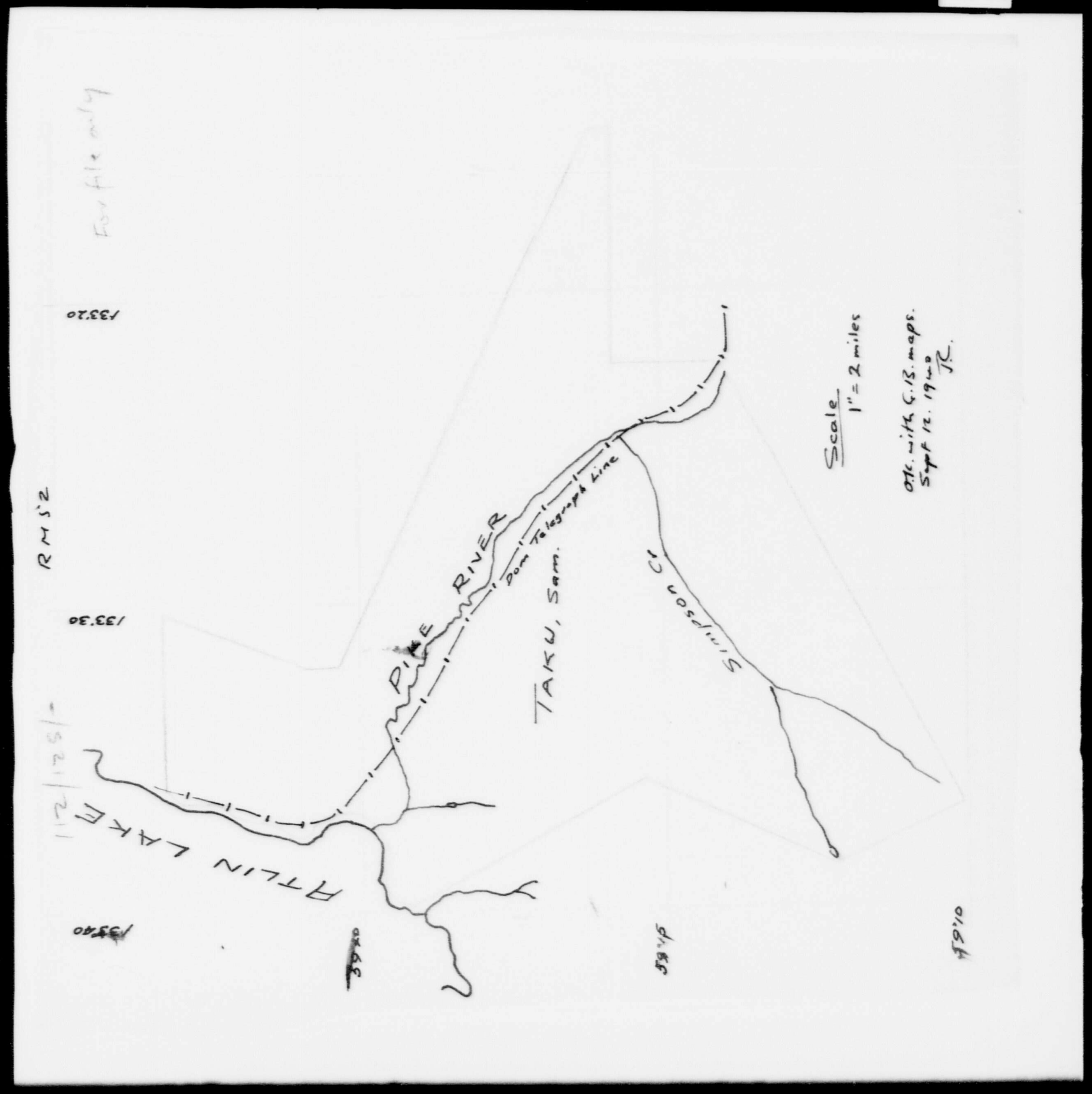
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Dec. 25.th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Taku Sam Trapline.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9. th in regard to the above ground.

The Henry Taku trapground has at last been settled and it is now possible to finish up dome others that have been in abeyance until that line was cleared up. The delay has not been caused by this Office. Trap lines arrangements are something like a fish net, if its pulled one way, then all the netting is rearranged.

However it is possible to be in Atlin in the middle of next month and then Constable Bennett and your Agent will bring everything up to date.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
December. 25.th. 1939.

COPY.

Inspector T. Van Dyk.
B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE GEORGE. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re:- T/L. Indian Paddy Ward. Atlin.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 24 th in regard to the above.

Your Game Office in Atlin with this Office have done all possible up to date with this "line" and the others that are near to, and are in connection with the purchase of the Henry Taku JACK line - that took a long time to settle.

In a conversation with Constb Bennett, two days ago, we arranged that matters should stand as they are until it is possible for me to get over to Atlin about the middle of January, when all these lines will receive attention.

Meanwhile, of course, all these lines are under alterations; and as such, are safeguarded from loss to the Indians.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
JAN 12 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Submitted Sir as in connection with your 112/12/2913. Taku Sam T/L.

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9th Dec.,1939.

Dear Sir:- re: Taku Sam Trapline.

Replying to your letter of the 14th ultimo, regarding the above trapline, part of which appears to have been taken into the trapline of Paddy Ward, I would advise that if you are not very definite or certain as to what has been done in the matter, you should assure yourself through the proper channels that the ground in question is included in Ward's trapline.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Nov. 14. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Indian Trap Ground. Atlin.
Taku Sam or. Sam Taku.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Sept. 9 th, in regard to some ground that seems to have been not taken up again, by this Office, in the rearrangement of the above Indian's trapground.

It seems that the small ground in question was taken into that of Paddy Ward, which was the reason why an alteration took place at this point.

Sometimes such rearrangements as this, in fact all such alterations in the Atlin District is done with and in the Game Office in Atlin. Mr Bennett is very good to us up there, and we know what is required without much talk, or paper matter, and it is thought that this item was done that way.

As far as this Office knows both these lines are now in good shape, Maps have been issued to the Indians so that they can see where they to trap, and where not to trap.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Sept. 9, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing copy of registration of Sam Taku presumably in reply to my inquiry of July 28th as to why no new application had been submitted to cover the territory formerly held by Sam Taku (assumed to be the same Indian). I would point out that submission of Sam Taku's new application for other territory does not show what has happened to the ground formerly held by him, unless the sketch of the Paddy Ward line on brown paper is intended to clear up the point, in which case it should have been accompanied by a separate report.

Please advise.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
August. 28.th.1939.

Sir,

Re:- Re:- Trapground. Sam TAKU. ATLIN. B.C.

I beg to submit herewith a copy of the Registration in regard to the above T/line, which seems in order.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Full Name of Applicant.		Latitude.	Longitude.
T[redacted]U Sam	(Indian)	59-10	133-00
(Surname.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Sam TAKU ..... P.O. address Atlin. B.C.

Nationality Indian ..... Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence n.a. ..... Length of residence in B.C.

No. of years applicant has trapped line 6. years ..... Length of trap-line 53 miles around approx.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Comm on E shore Atlin Lk at a point 1. mile N. of Mouth O'Donnald Rv. E. 3½ M. Swly 2 ¾ M. to a point on O'Donnell Rv 1½ M. W. of mouth of Jasper Cr. S.¾ M. Sely.11½ M. S.½.M. W. 4½ M. S.2½ M. Passing ThruE end of Pike Lk. Swly 9½.M. to head of Simpson Cr. Nwly 2¾ M. to W. end of unnamed Lk. Nely.4¼ M. Nwly. 5¼ M. to shore of Atlin Lk. 1. M. W. of mouth of Pike Rv. Nly along shore of Atlin Lk, about 5½ M. to point of Comm. including intervening Terr.

Dated this 16 day of September, 1938, at Prince Rupert, B.C.

Signature of applicant Sam Taku per Harper Reed Indian Agent (signed) & Stamp'd

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

REMARKS.

DETACHMENT: ATLIN.

Date Dec. 28.th 1938, 19.....

Constb C.H. Bennett
(Recording Officer.)

DISTRICT: Prince Rupert

Date Sept. 16. th 1938, 19.....

E. Martin per H.W.
(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION:

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(Inspector, Game Department.)

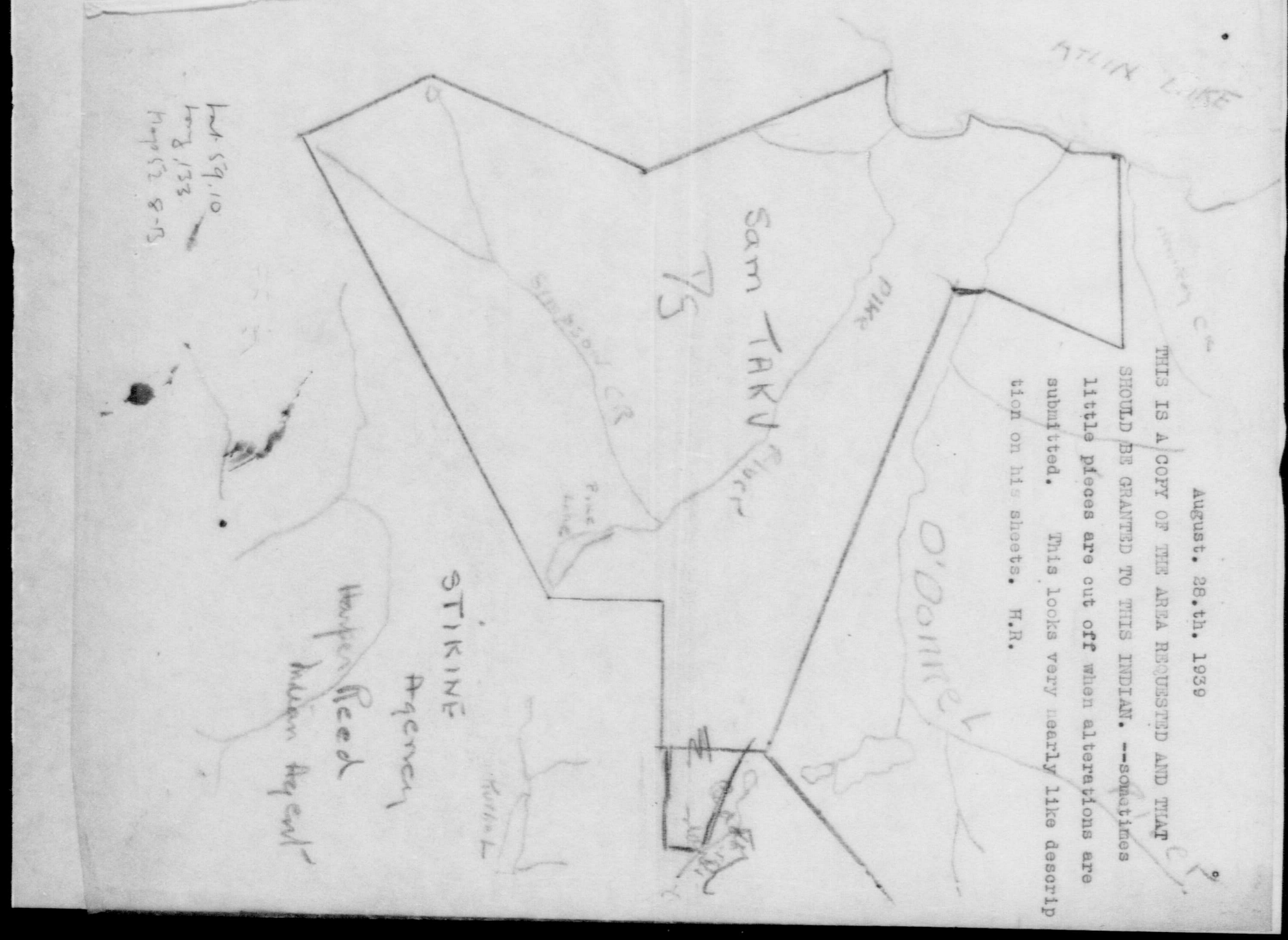
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THIS IS A COPY OF THE AREA REQUESTED AND THAT SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THIS INDIAN. --sometimes little pieces are cut off when alterations are submitted. This looks very nearly like description on his sheets. H.R.



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July 28, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Kindly submit a report showing why no new application has been submitted to the Game Branch to cover territory formerly held by Sam Taku of Atlin, B. C. which was cancelled April, 1938 at your request and is now open to any person desiring to apply for same.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Feb 7 th 1935.

Inspector T. Van Dyk.
The B.C. Game Dept.
PRINCE GEORGE.

Dear Inspector.

Re Application for T/line extention-
Indian Taku Same - Atlin.

On the 29 th of last Month, being in Atlin, a call was paid to your Game Office at that point, and Constb Stewert was seen.

The old matter of Blakes Trapping ground, near Pike River came under review, and it was learnt that Mr Blake was going to give same up, and had not paid up his dues so far. The Game Warden was requested to look up this Offices old application in the matter, but it was not done. Therefore as nothing could be settled there, herewith is submitted a map showing the desired ground, in favour of Taku Sam, and application sheets to cover same. It is hoped that this can be granted, for if the old Indian can get this extra ground he can be removed from off the Ration Lists.

A letter was received from Indian Tom Williams of the Taku River Trap Lines, in which he asks if he can buy Blakes Cabin for $150-00, Blake offered it to him for that amount. Tom was doing Govt Work on the "Line" at that time. So it seems that Blake is giving up his line. Of course as you will understand Tom Williams is not wanted up at Pike River, he is well fixed on the Taku River, and Blakes ground if it goes to anybody, should be allowed to some Indian who has not a Trap Line yet, or to Old Sam Taku, so that Rations might be cut off.

I could not find out from Constb Stewert what was doing, nor yet what has been done in the matter, and so as instructed bring the matter to your attention.

On the map submitted you will see that a half mile each side of the Dom. Govt Line (telegraph) has been left for the Linesmen's use, as we agreed upon.

Should there be any more papers to be made out, or if the enclosed are not correct, may I be advised further, Please.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

P.S. Mr Blake is at present working in the Atlin Office, and it is understood that he is there for good.

G. S. Pragnell. Esq. Inspector of Indian Agencies Kamloops.

Submitted for your inspection. Sir.

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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Jan. 17 th 1935.

G.S. Pragnell. Esq.
Inspector of B.C. Agencies.
KAMLOOPS B.C.

Sir,

It is thought correct to mention the fact than the HOPE Trapground affair, was looked into the other day to see what is being done in the matter. The Reason is that Mr Hope has not been on this ground this season and as far as can be learnt he will not be able to do so either. He has gone into the Mc Dames Mining area,to do some Spring Mining work.

The local Game Warden notifies me that Mr Hope has obtained a "lay-over" which means that this Trap ground is standing exactly as it did, ere the matter was fully gone into. Perhaps this is correct but it was understood from Mr 'an Dyk that the ground had to be used. It is unnecessary to say that this was arranged at this point.

Also it is understood that the local Game Warden is trying to obtain the Charlie Thibert Trapground - which after being gone into many times now belongs to this Office.

This is being gone after,for a Mr Pat McNarrar who has a choice peice of Trapping Ground (Mink Creek) out in the Klappan District, which if he dosent require same will be of immense use to this Office as it is certainly a good fur line.

This is mentioned because one can do little here, from this Office for it is impossible to keep track of the different White Lines, as case in the past have testified

It is regretted that you are being bothered about such matters but this Office has received more help by your kindness than in any other way.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine,

Telegraph Creek.B.C.
December. 5 th 1934

Sir,

With further reference to your letter -St-9-2059 dated November 5 th, in regard to the proposed policing of the Cassiar by the Provincial Authorities, it is known at the present time, that some friction will result between the Interior Nomads, and the Officers sent in. This is to be expected. These Nomads, not a single one of which is "bad" and can be handled just likea a sleigh dog, if you know "how" - are constantly breaking the Game Laws, and know no restriction what-so-ever. They feed their dogs on Moose Meat all the year around, and have many dogs etc, so that it will be seen that were a Game Warden to "operate" and show some reason why he is there, as he will, some "troubles"will result.

Therefore would it be possible to come to some understanding that all "cases" that are up for "court" action must first be passed upon by the Indian Agent concerned, or brought up for his ruling.

This seems drastic, but at present there is nobody here that could sit on such an interior case with any knowledge of the Interior and its demands. Past experience shows that cases brought up locally do not receive the merciful consideration and investigation their due. If such is not given the various fines etc will have to be born by the Indians Office, for if rules and regulations are enforced, every Nomad in the district will be incriminated for something or other.

The matter is now mentioned for your kind consideration with the only object in view of avoiding trouble in the future. It is wished to assure the Department that these Nomads are not "bad", in no ways what-so-ever, but were they "pushed" too fast, much trouble will result. Here again is seen the need of the R.C.M.P. who know how to handle such affairs.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Geo. S. Pragnell. Esq.
Inspector of Agencies.
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Dec. 5 th 1934.

Sir,

Trapping Areas - Dom. Govt. Linesmen.

I beg to submit for your inspection, the Office file on the matter of the Area allowed, or should be, to a Dominion Government Linesman.

The matter has had attention ever since the first meeting in Prince Rupert on Game Matters, but lately, has come to the front again, because the Indians Revenue from Fur Catches is now small, and not least, under the new rules, it might be possible for a Linesman, to leave the Govt. Employ, retain his line, or perhaps sell same.

During the time the matter has been under attention, many small lots of such ground has been acquired, by this Office, but there are still various other areas, and streams that the Indians think by right should now come to them for use. An instance of which is Shesley River, asked for by Old Frank Quock.

As the correspondance will show, this Office considers that ½ a mile should be allowed to the Linesmen, if any amount at all, but the B.C. Game Law of "a mile away from each other's lines" only means that the Linesmen will trap that much extra.

Perhaps it could be arranged that the Dominion Govt, should be given a strip to extent of ½ a mile each side of the Telegraph Dom Wire Line (not trail), and that same be placed in with the Indian Departments Trapping Areas, and in that way, matters would run smoothly. But here it is pointed out that the Provincial Game Dept, would be out the Linesmen's $10-00 for a trappers license, which of course, is their main interest.

The above information is as requested, during the Prince Rupert Visit.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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INDIAN OFFICE.

STIKINE AGENCY.

Office file on :-

DOM. GOVT. WIREMEN.

Size of their trapping grounds.

Please return.

Stikine Agency
DEC 5 1934
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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STIKINE.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Feb. 14 th 1933.

J. C. Devlin. Esq.
Govt. Agents Office.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Dom. Govt. Wiremen's Trapping Grounds.

With further reference to our conversation regarding the right of, and the extent of, a Dom. Government Wireman's trapping privilege, as in connection with Indian Trapping grounds, it is stated once again, that as far as the Indians are concerned, none of them wish to stop the Linesmen from trapping along the Dom Govt Right of way, which is the Line Trail. This has been the custom in the years gone bye, and some of the Wiremen had very profitable side lines for trapping purposes. Now however, with fur return down to nothing the Indians do state that the Wire men should be content with trapping just along the Line Trail, and that they should give up the extra side lines.

For instance Operator Hicks at Wahlin had quite a large ground, which has been applied for by this Office now, also the same remarks apply to Joe Quinn's extra line up Devil Cr.

Also Operator Blake has a line in the Atlin Division, which the Indians have remarked upon, but has not been asked for by this Office.

All this matter was gone into by Mr VanDyk and myself in Prince Rupert last Spring and it was agreed to allow any Wireman to trap along his right-of-way, to the extent of half a mile each side of the Telegraph Line its-self.

The Indians state they do not mind this arrangement, for they often bother the Linesmen for provisions when short, and the linesman of their part receive some help from the Indians.i.e. carrying mail, odd supplies, and a mended break-down or two.

Therefore it is thought that if all Indian Applications that show they have the ground covering any part of the Telegraph Line; be marked on the Application - "Excepting one half mile each side of the Dom Govt Telegraph Line" and the maps in connection be marked with blue pencil to correspond, which would show that strip of ground belonged to a "White" trapper -- it would save a whole lot of trouble and time.

As a matter of fact, the Indians understand that now, but as stated, in one or two cases applied for since last Spring, (1932) they do want the extra side lines cut off from the Lines mens grounds, for the simply reason that fur is down to nothing, and the Govt Men are paid and fed, whilst the Indian trapper has to hunt for what so ever he can make.

It is sincerely hoped that the Game Department can see the matter in this light and so arrange the question without huge amount of work that would otherwise have to be und

I am.

Sir,
Your obedient servant.

H. F.

Harper Reed I.A.

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YOUR FILE No. .....

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE No. TL/Misc/33.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF
GAME WARDEN

SUBJECT:
Trap-line
Registration.

Prince Rupert,
March 18th, 1933.

Stikine Agency
Rec'd
APR 20 1933
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 14th, 1933, written to J.C.Devlin, Esq., Constable i/c Telegraph Creek Detachment, a copy of which was received at this office, this letter deals with the registration of trap-lines in the names of persons employed by theDominion Government Telegraph Service. The suggestions in this letter might be alright, but they are not practical. There are Indians registered on the Telegraph Line right-of-way as well as white men, and in order to change all of these applications it would takes months of time, and nothing in particular would be achieved.

Your Agency is only a small part of this trap-line registration district. We have now devoted the last ten months of our time to your part of the district, and we will now have to give service to the other parts of the district.

Yours very truly,

E. Martin

E. Martin,
GAME WARDEN.

Note by Stikine Indian Agent.
Re remarks —→
No person belonging to the Game or Police Departments - have ever been into the Cassiar - i.e. The Stikine Agency.
Therefore - all registration has been accomplished by WORK done by the Indian Office. Yet repeatedly have the Game Dept - EM/HW altered & realtered matters they know nothing about!
Re. Dom WIRE Mens T/LINES

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Refs:-TL/Misc/33. Mar/18/33.
TL/7A/34 May/[redacted]/34.

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
June 14 th 1934.

Re Appleyard - a new linesman in the Old Bob Quinn area. He came to Town ill + arranged locally to get a slice out of an Indians T/ground. Then went to Rupert + settled matters there - + a letter was rec^d from G. Warden Martin - instructing this Office to alter our maps etc - No cancellation of Indian Ground was given.

The B.C. Game Department.
Court House.
PRINCE RUPERT. B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Dom Govt Wireman.Aplication for Indian T-ground.

It is wished to acknowledge your letter dated May 31 st re Mr Appleyard's request for more ground.

You are referred to your own letter dated March 18 th 1933, you were then requested to straightene out this matter but did not do so.

Since then the Scott Airplane Affair costing the Provincial Government a lot of expense has taken place, owing to this man being in a small peice of open ground near Echo Lake, where he wintered , and complaints have been received of his trapping s and being generally in the way of others, both whites and Indian

× Govt Wire May.

You were requested to give Mary Colouham ALL of Bob Quinns× trap ground and so join up Hawkins ground with Colouham's. This was not and has not been done. See applications dated Jan 23-1933.

× Govt Wire May.

Also many times you have been asked to settle the Joe Hicks× affair out at Nahlin, which the local Game Warden states is open, applications are in for this for over two years - not yet done, this is another Telegraph Lineman's question.

× Govt Wire May.

Again you have been requested to let the Indians have some part, of the Blake× Trap Line on Pike River Atlin Dist, another Linesman's ground, yet this also has not had attention.

(A) Mr Jack Wrathal — his wife Indian + Jack Wrathal help to this Indian family - But it's high time now - it is all down - He might sell the Trapline.

(A) The Shesley Lineman's trapping ground has not been requested and has therefore not been asked for by this Office. (since has been)

Very good catches have been made this winter by these Dom. Govt Employees, Mr Appleyard stated so himself, and it is not seen why they should receive further assistance, when the Indian Ration Relief is growing larger, owing to lack of Fur. In some spots fur is returning, but on the whole it is decreasing, as so stated by your Game Warden here, yesterday.

However, if you can see your way clear to settle the Joe Hicks affair, and give Joe Colburn what he has asked for. Give Mary Colouham the open odd peices of ground with the beaver lakes around Echo Lake District, and so join up her ground with Hawkin's. Allow some part of the Blake Pike River Ground to the Atlin Indians, your request contained in letter TL/&A/34 might be granted by the Indians as compensenton- which you must admit is only fair and correct.

* Dom Wire Man Appleyard given a chip of T/ground along T/Wire Line which was registered as Indian Trap ground + that without asking the Indian Office.

If not these matters will still be held in abeyance and brought up for a ruling at a later date. This will have to be done for the Indians have maps of their districts, and know exactly what is happening.

I am.
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H.R

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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D. H. KEELEY, *General Superintendent.*

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Re. Dom. Govt Wire Men -- Trapping Areas. 19

To.....

On September 22 nd. 1933, and after the Inspection of the Stikine Agency's Books at Prince Rupert, the matter of Dom Govt Linesmen's trapping areas was still an open matter.

The Game Dept would not do anything in the matter but stated that (Mr Martin) it did not matter who applied to them, if possible a ground would be allowed. They said take it up with the Official in charge of the Dom Govt Lines - O. Landry Esq in Prince Rupert.

Therefore on the 22 of September Mr Landry was seen. He agreed at first that it did not seem fair and would I show him the Maps.

Next Day this was done, but he had altered his view point by then and altho he kindly looked the maps over, he stated that "of course the boys would have to have some reserve ground in which the fur can breed " further talk was useless. He was asked to reconsider the question that they all have just a ½ mile each side of their LINE and he said he would, Nothing more was heard from his, hence the following Wire, and reply. Since then it has been again in -- abeyance. H.R.

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Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to:

December 1. st 1933. 19

To Mr Landry.

Dom. Govt Wires.
PRINCE RUPERT. B.C.

Re interview September twenty second Rupert.
Have you gone into this matter as promised.
Circumstances are driving me towards some arrangement.
With all the Seasons Compliments.

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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Stikine Agency
JAN 3 1934
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

No. not my complaint.

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PRINCE RUPERT BC JAN 2 1934

HARPER REED

INDIAN AGENT TELEGRAPHCREEK BC

DOES YOUR ENQUIRY REFER TO RADIO INTERFERENCE OR THE OTHER MATTER IF THE LATTER I WILL REQUIRE FULL DETAILS EITHER BY LETTER OR TELEGRAPH AS IT WILL EFFECT THE WHOLE OF THE SERVICE NORTH OF HAZELTON STOP BEST WISHES

O LANDRY

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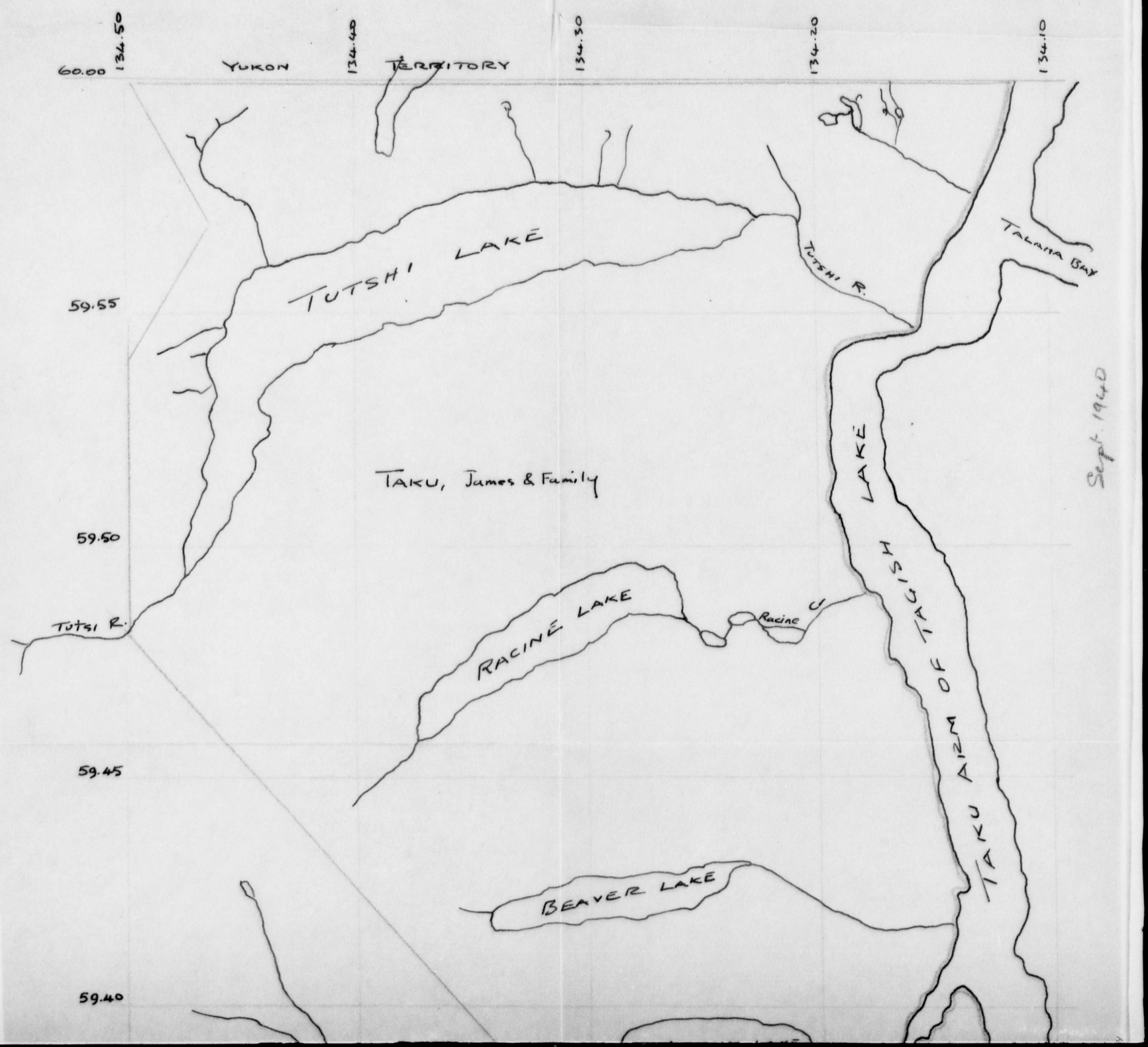
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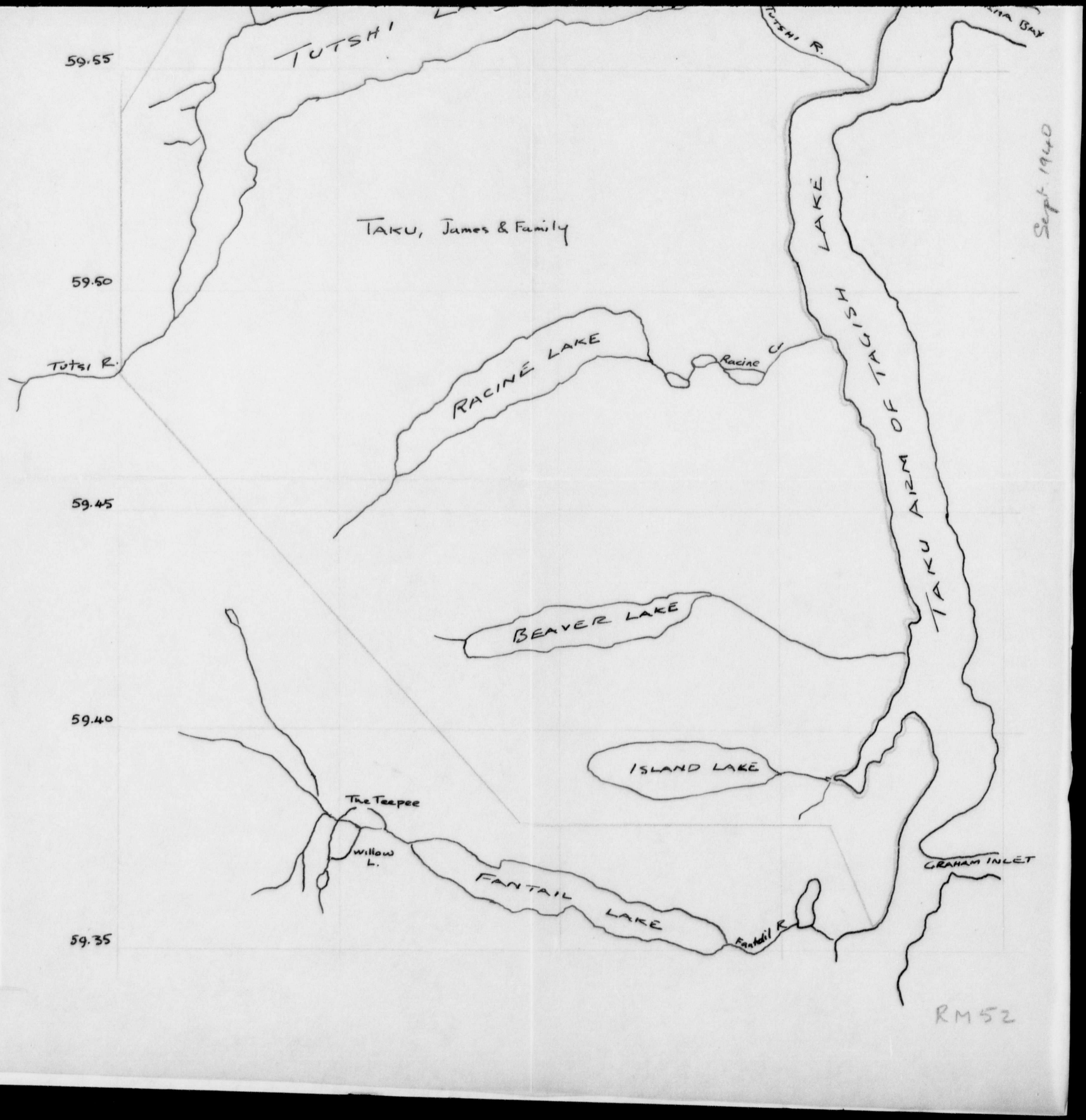
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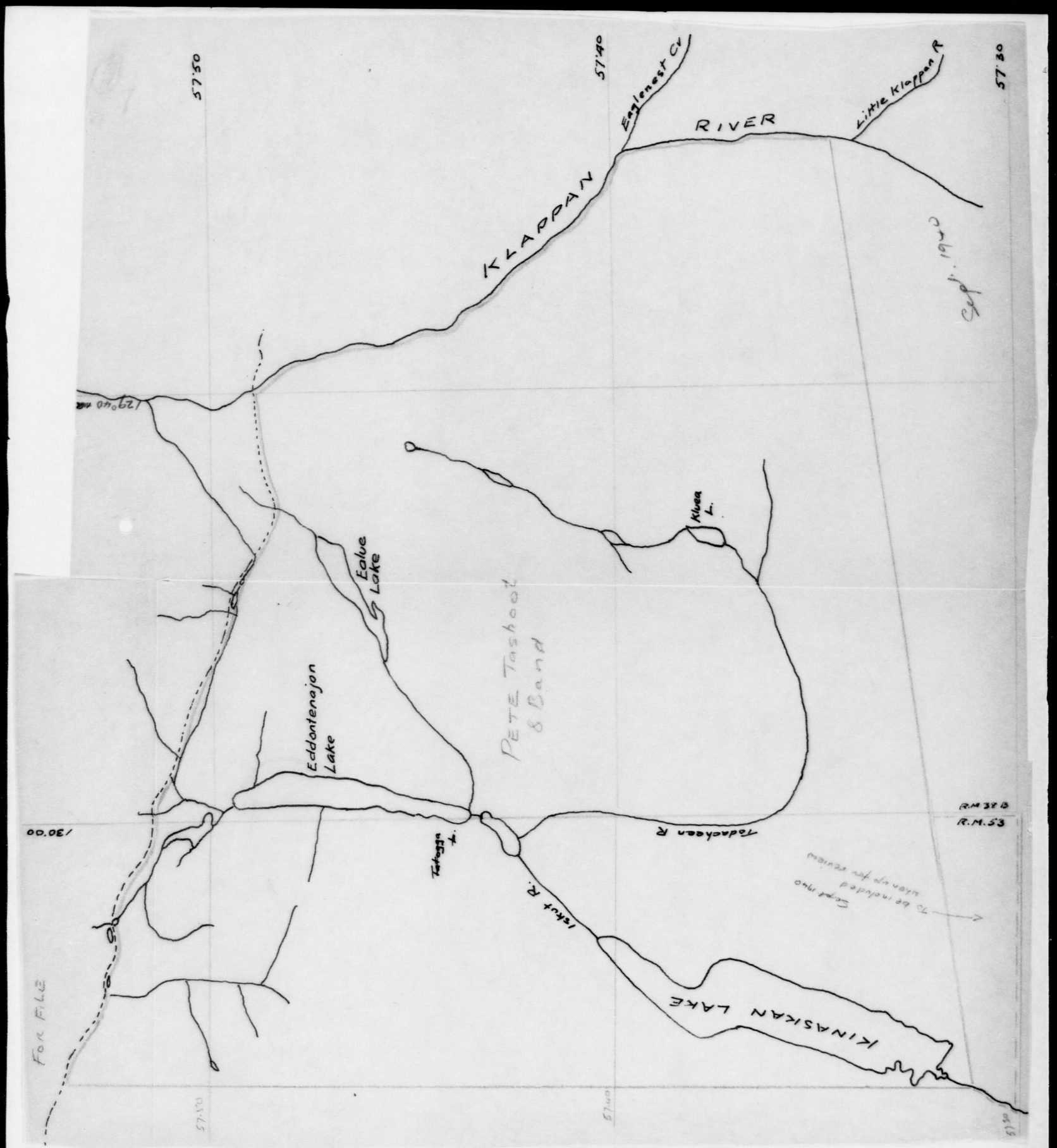
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Sept.14th,1940

Dear Sir,

I beg to advise that I am informed by Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed that Pete Tashoot has di ed and it would be appreciated if you would kindly register the information on your files if necessary. The line is registered as Tashoot and Band (57.30. 129.20).

Yours truly,

(James Coleman)
Inspector of Indian Agencies

T.Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
"D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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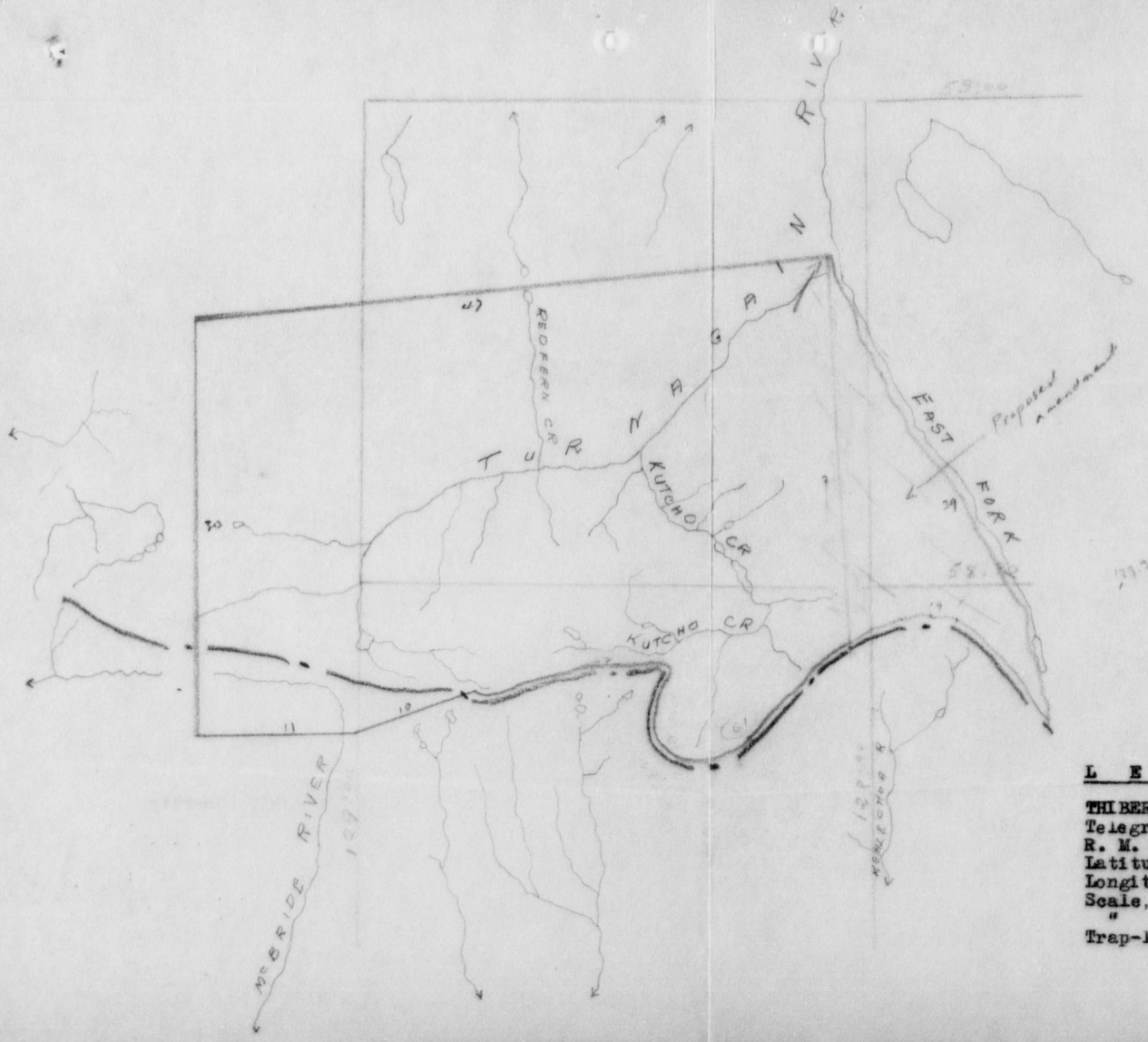
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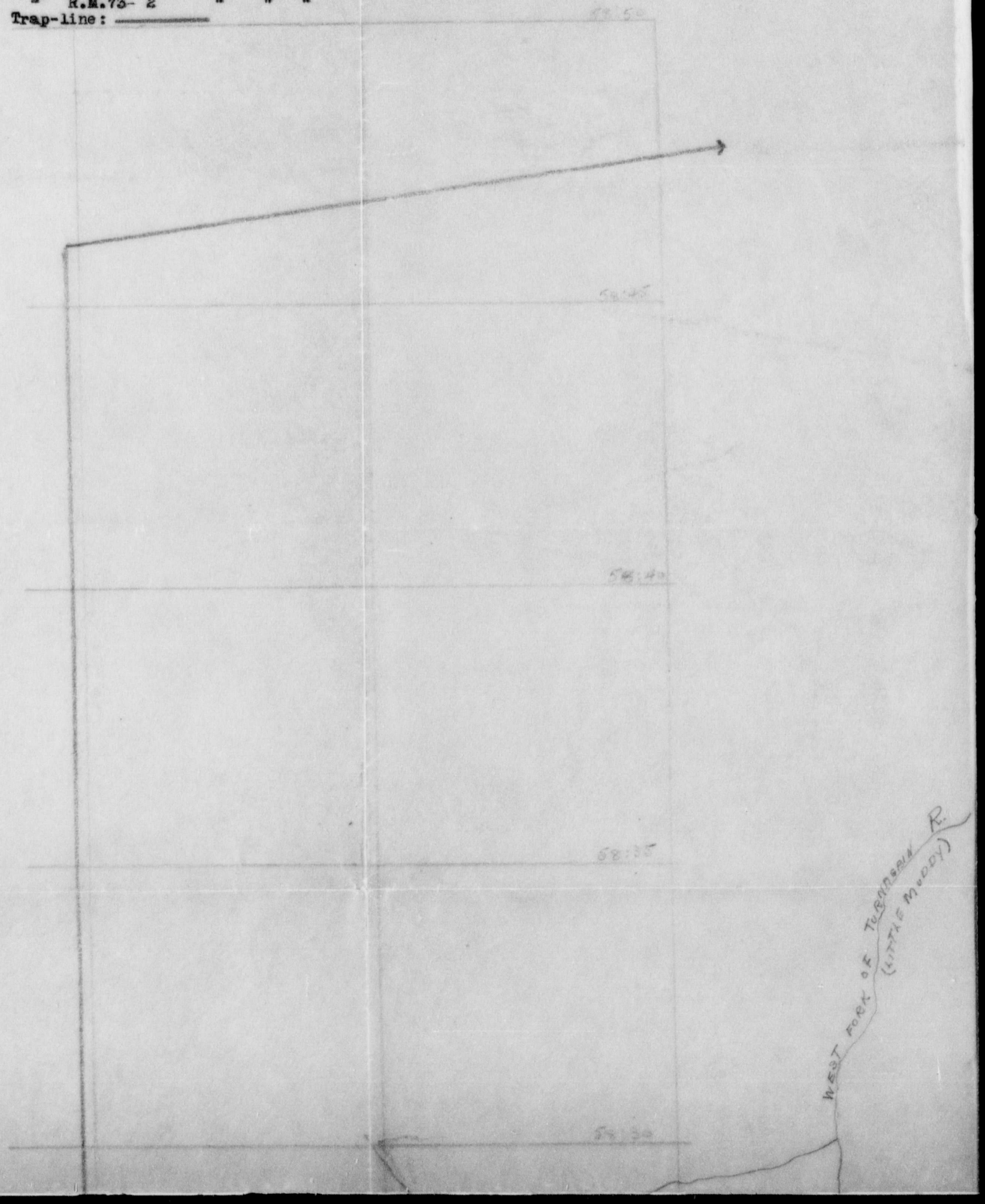
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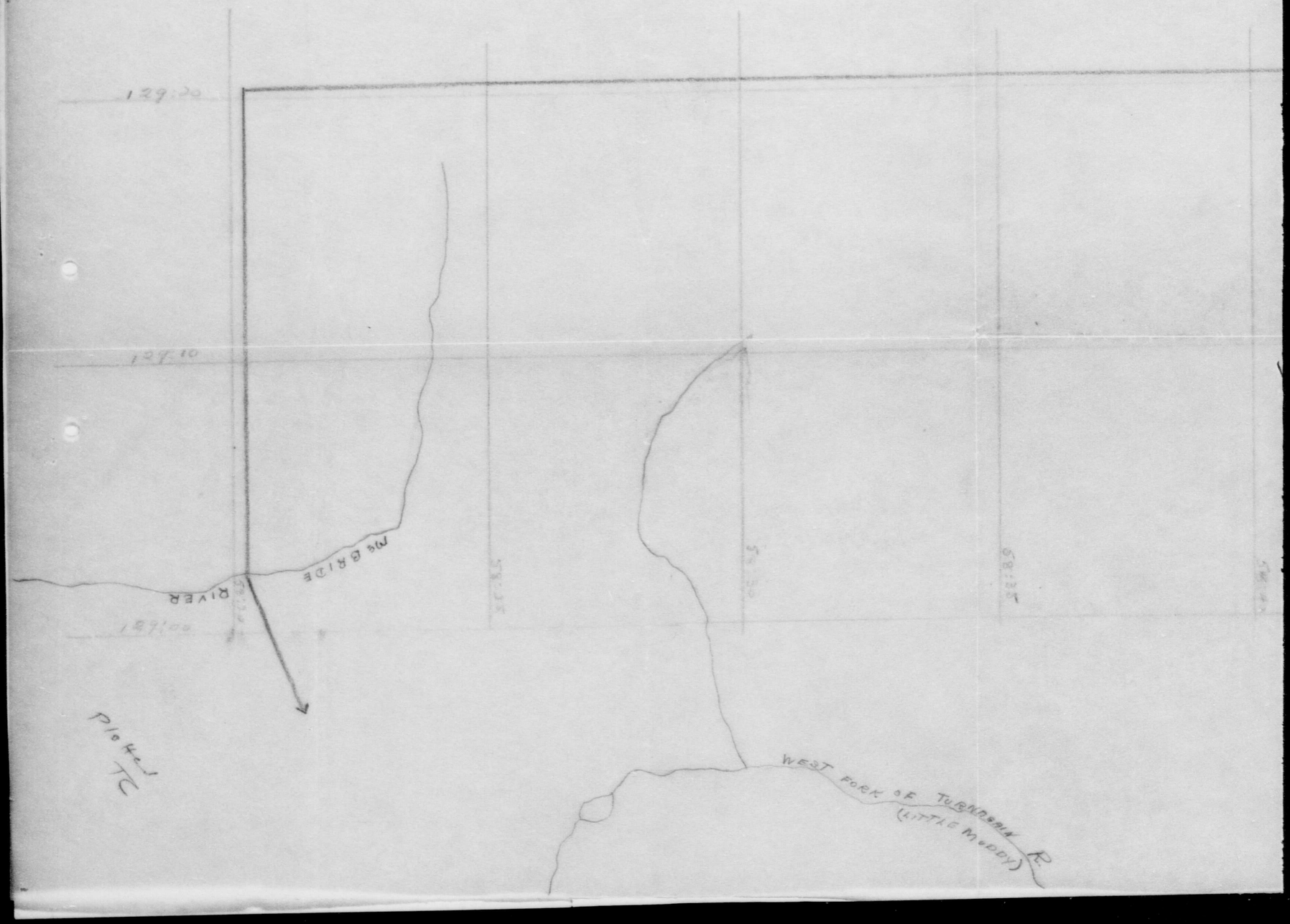
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Stikine Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
January 18, 1944.

J. Coleman, Esq., Inspector of Indian Agencies for B.C.

On re-reading your letter of September 16, file 112-12-C-6797, today I realized that I had not caught the full significance of your letter when I replied to it October 9th last. I was then of the opinion that you required a report on the Colburn area only but I see now that you wish to have a brief report on each of the trap-lines registrations referred to in your inspection report and which were the subject of the discussion between Inspector Van Dyke, the two Game Wardens and ourselves in September, 1941.

I will here comment briefly on the traplines in the order they appear in your report:

(1) Willie Cigar - This registration covered an area trapped by Indian Alex Chief therefore a tentative sketch has been made up and both registrations are to be completed at a meeting with Const. Purdy about January 25th at Lower Post.

(2) Old Faddy - To be completed at meeting with Const. Purdy Jan. 25th

(3) Amox Alex - To be adjusted with Old Faddy line.

(4) Edward Johnny - To be reviewed with Const. Purdy and Mike Johnny's interests considered.

(5) Phillip Murratt - Now deceased and arrangements being made to have another Indian trap same.

(6) Jimmy Cigar - Now being trapped by Harry Johnny as Cigar died. Registration & sketch to be completed with Const. Purdy.

(7) Old Murrat - Died recently & grils cannot trap it effectively. Will have to be turned over to some other Indian as soon as this can be arranged.

(8) Liard McDames Band - Individual applications received from members of Porter & Stone families and registrations will be completed with Const. Purdy.

(9) Louis Boyah - He is registered in this agency census. Ground for this Indian to be arranged with Const. Purdy.

(10) Albert (correct name, Willie) & Howard Dease - application submitted to local Game Warden for southern portion of this line, in name of Lester Frank and family. Not yet ratified by Game Dept.

(11) Billy Frank & Family - Billy Frank now deceased and application submitted for registration in name of Lester Frank (son of Billy) and family, also to take in southern portion of late W.& H. Dease line.

(12) Muncho Lake Band - Abandoned.

(13) Nelson Quock & family - Mr. Teigen is not known in this area and presumable makes his headquarters at Stewart, B.C. or some point on the C.N. railway. Quock has not seen him at all. An attempt is being made to contact Mr. Teigen.

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(14) Charles Thibert- This line has been transferred to Benny Nehass and duly registered. The Dept. ruled that neither Mrs. Elder nor her children could share in the estate. Thibert's aged mother is receiving compensation from Nehass for the use of the line.

(15) Billy Hawkins- Ground never used by Hawkins - he now has a line registered north of the one in question. Although the Dept. purchased this line it appears to be of little value as a trap-line and a trapper could only expect to pick up a few coyote, wolf and perhaps the odd fox. It would never wholly support an Indian. The suggestion of transferring the line to Benny Nehass is out of the question now as Nehass is registered at Dease Lake on the Thibert Line. I am endeavouring to find some Indian who is willing to take over both this and the Margaret Nehass line,- together they might produce a meagre living for an old couple.

(16) Caribou Hide- This question has recently been under consideration by your office.

(17) Joe Colburn & Band - Divided & registered as per letter of even date.

I would like to point out that some difficulty has been encountered in lining trap-line registrations up with the former McDames Creek detachment of the Game Branch, in charge of Const. Purdy for the reason that plans to meet Mr. Purdy last August to settle outstanding matters could not be carried out owing to the dysentery epidemic which developed at Telegraph Creek during the absence of the field nurse on vacation. This detained me at Telegraph Creek for ten days and when I arrived at McDames Creek Mr. Purdy has gone away on patrol. I can see no reason why this work should not be cleaned up when I meet Mr. Purdy in about a week's time at Lower Post.

As requested I shall submit individual reports on the traplines as they are settled.

(Sgd.) R.H.S.Sampson-
Indian Agent.

P.S. I am forwarding copies of the "J.Colburn" registrations-sketches by the next mail.

RHSS.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
THIBERT, Charlie (INDIAN)	58.30	127.30
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." IDC & 73

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charlie Thibert (Indian) P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. Age

No. of years applicant has trapped line 33 years Length of trap-line 100 miles around (approx)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Usual blazes

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at Turnagain River opposite the East Fork of Turnagain River, thence south westerly 17 miles, thence south 30 miles across height of land, thence east 11 miles to Dease River to cabin, thence north easterly 10 miles over divide, thence easterly 21 miles following north side of Dease River to where the East Fork of Turnagain River, thence northwesterly following west bank of said East Fork of Turnagain River to point of commencement, including all intervening territory

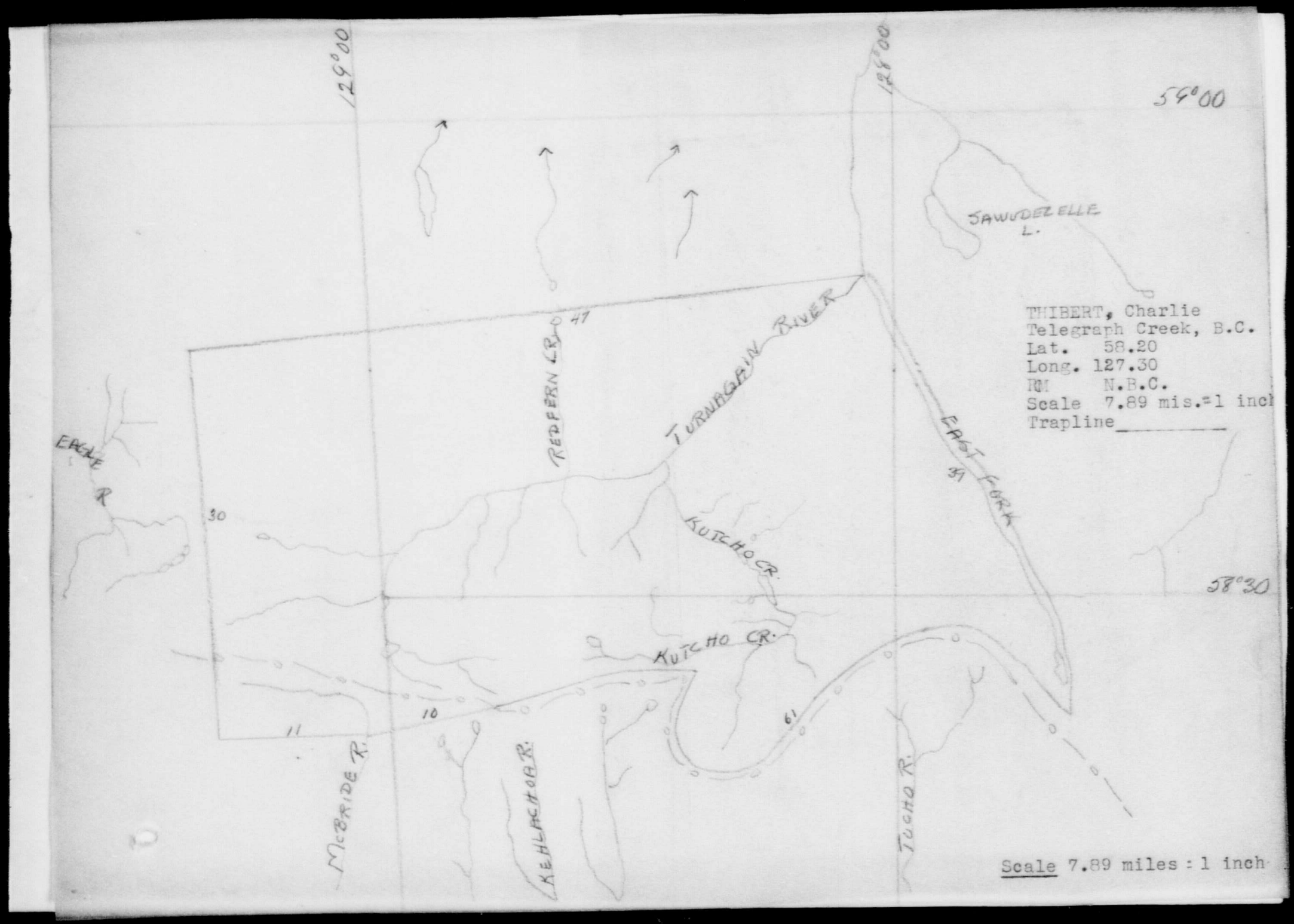
Dated this 14th day of September, 1940, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Thibert, per Harper Reed (Harper Reed) Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. (For Divisional Headquarters.)

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
THIBERT, Charlie (KOLAH)	58.30	130.00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR ~~RENEWAL~~ CANCELLATION OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for ~~renewal~~ cancellation of my registered trap-line. for the purpose of re-registration

Name of applicant Charlie Thibert Family

P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence N.A.

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 14th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Thibert, per Harper Reed
Indian Agent

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(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 15 th 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Trapground Charlie Thibert.

I have to acknowledge receipt of a letter in regard to the above affair signed by Inspector Coleman, and dated August 7 th 1940. Therein he wishes me to entirely accept a "frame-up" on the above Indian's trapground by which this indian looses half his ground.

None of the questions asked in the last letter from this Office has been answered, why is not known, but as there is on file a Registered Line signed by Game Warden Martin giving Thibert the line he claims, it is not seen why same should be cancelled. We don't want it cancelled neither does Thibert, so why should it be so treated.

It cannot be helped by this Office if Insp Van Dyk does not know what his own men have done, sufficient to say that the files of this Office are in good order, and must not be over-ridden if registered.

As Inspector Coleman is intending to visit this Agency in the future, this case as others can await his coming, when he will be told exactly what has taken place to cause this required discounting of Thibert's Registration.

It is noticed that Inspt Van Dyk requests the Inspector's assistance to "settle" the matter. With the help of the Office Files it is hoped to do the same thing, and give Thibert a square deal.

I am Sir.
Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER AUG 19 1940 VANCOUVER, B.C.

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
THIBERT, Charlie	58:20	128:00
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charlie Thibert. P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence B.C. Length of residence in B.C. Age

No. of years applicant has trapped line 23 years Length of trap-line Approx. 168 miles around

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Usual blazes.

Commencing at the junction of East Fork Cr and Turnagain River on West side of Turnagain River; thence SWly 47 miles; South 30 miles, across height of land; thence E 11 mls across McBride River to cabin; thence NEly 10 mls, over divide; thence following N side of height of land approximately 42 miles; thence NEly 28 miles to point of commencement, including intervening territory.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

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Full Name of Applicant. (Surname.)	Latitude. (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	Longitude. (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)
THIBERT, Charlie	58:20	128:00

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Charlie Thibert, P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

Tentative or permanent registration Permanent (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden only.)

Dated this 8th day of June 19 60, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Charlie Thibert: Per

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Recording Officer.)

Form G. 1—100 pads-(50)-433-3050 [OVER.

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August 7, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th ultimo with reference to the Charlie Thibert trapline, I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from Inspector Van Dyk and would request that you reply immediately to his letter of June 12th last forwarding application forms and sketches.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:GR

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Your File No. 112/12/T/6940

In Reply Quote File No. TL-4T-40

THE GOVERNMENT OF
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INDIAN COMMISSIONER
AUG 5 1940
VANCOUVER, B. C.

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division.

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

August 1st. 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line - THIBERT, Charlie - Telegraph Creek, B. C.

1. Please be advised that my letter of the 10th, day of June last should read that "I have no record of an application dated February 16th 1937, having been submitted in favor of the above mentioned Indian."

2. From the files at this office an application was submitted to Mr. Harper Reed, and a copy forwarded to your office for your guidance. This trap-line was compiled from various applications on file at this office establishing the rights of Charlie Thibert to the ground applied for, and is in keeping with an application submitted by Mr. Harper Reed and dated August 13th, 1932.

3. I have not received a reply to my letter to Mr. Harper Reed of June 12th, 1940, nor have I received the application forms and sketches covering this application. I would be pleased if said forms and sketches could be returned to this office as quickly as possible in order that this matter might be settled without further delay.

4. For your information, I have applications in favor of Charlie Thibert, on file at this office, dating back to 1926, which show that he is entitled to the trapping area as set out in the description and sketch submitted to Mr. Harper Reed, but, if this area should be further enlarged, and same can be done without encroaching on other registered trap-lines, I would be pleased to receive new application and sketches for consideration. Hoping, with your assistance to be in a position to settle this matter at an eary date,

I remain, Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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July 27, 1940.

Dear Sir: Your File TL-4T-40.

Mr. Indian Agent Reed is enquiring re the Charlie Thibert trapline registration. My letter to you of the 6th ultimo raised the question regarding a registration alleged by Mr. Reed to have been made on February 15, 1937, not 1923, as stated in your letter of the 10th ultimo.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly advise us if you received the February 16, 1937 application on this man's behalf and if so, whether it covers approximately the same ground as that now being registered for him.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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112/12/T/6020.

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
July. 17. th 1940.

Sir,

Re:- T/1 Charlie Thibert. Indian.

You were kind enough to write to Inspector Van Dyk under letter dated June 6 th 1940, a copy of which was received here, and under his file No TL-4T-40.

A reply to this has not yet come to hand, but he has forwarded a set of papers requesting a Cancellation of the 1932 registration - yet he says nothing about the 1937 registration.

The Inspector knows that all cancellations have to be submitted to you ere same are signed, so therefore such are being held in abeyance until his reply is received to your above mentioned letter.

If we lose control of our registrations - we have nothing at all to stand upon. May he be requested to reply.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Your File TL-4T-40.

June 15, 1940.

Dear Sir: Trap-line: THIBERT, Charlie, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of June 10th enclosing sketch plan and copy of application form covering the territory originally applied for by the marginally noted Indian. I should be pleased if you would inform me when you receive the application form duly completed from Mr. Reed.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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YOUR FILE No. 112/12/T/6020

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE No. TL-4T-40.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

June 10th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: THIBERT, Charlie, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

I have your letter of the 6th inst., and in reply wish to inform you that I have no record at this office of an application dated February 15th, 1923, having been submitted in favour of the above mentioned Indian.

However, from data on file at this office, and sketches received from Mr. Harper Reed, I am submitting an application and sketch, which covers the territory originally applied for by Charles Thibert, to Mr. Harper Reed for his signature, trusting thereby to bring this matter to a close.

Copy of above mentioned application and sketch enclosed for your information and file.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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June 6, 1940.

Dear Sir: Your File No. TL-4T-40.

Your letter of April 19th last in reference to the Charlie Thibert trap line states that this Indian is to retain full right to the whole area registered in his name on August 13, 1932.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me if this covers the same ground as our application of February 16, 1937, and if not, to what extent the two applications are at variance.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 30 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Indian Chas Thibert. Trapground.

In finally fixing up the above matter, it is found in Inspector' VanDyk's letter dated April 19.th that the final paragraph states

" ----- as registered in his name August 13 th.1932"

This is not as required for it has been registered by the Game Dept since that time, as many another has also.

What has become of these later registrations? Who may it asked has cancelled them ? This whole question hung on the Registration dated 16.th February 1937 which as far as this Office is concerned -is still in good standing.

May Inspector Van Dyk be asked why the discarded, and acknowledged so by them - registration of 1932, has again been brought up for use?.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 20 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Charlie Thibert T/line.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 8 th, and to thank you for same.

On no account should Inspector Van Dyk be allowed to prosecute Indian Sammy Frank - this lad like many others was only trying to obtain something that his people years ago travelled over and caught fur, when fur was plentiful.

This case should be drop'd at once -otherwise the tribal ill feeling between such Indians will only be retained alive.

I have handled Sammy Frank during the last few days and it is quite possible that the lad will take up a ground near-by, and perhaps Thibert might give away a very small area of his ground, also. In this way, the two families might become friends and old tribal matters settled for good.

Such matters should be left to the Indian Agent in charge of such affairs.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent

Major D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 16. th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- T/line Thibert V Frank.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter to Inspector Van Dyk, with also a copy of his extraordinary letter to yourself - regarding the above traplines. It is very clearly seen that the viewpoints of our Department, your Office with this Agency, are somewhat the same. However, for your information the Inspectors letter is taken by paragraphs, and the following data is submitted-

Par.1. Incorrect - This line has been fully registered, after all necessary data had been taken into account- It has now been cut in half - Therefore it is reduced.

Par. 2. Routine Work re Traplines, calls for the Indian to submit his application through the Indian Office- FIRST, and then it is made up and passed on. This case was deliberately engineered at Dease Lake, and all carried out -underhand - without the Indian Office being consulted at all.

Par. 3. Incorrect- as stated above, no knowledge of this work was known about until it was "forced" on the Indian Office. Also Tommy Frank has nothing to do with the matter. Case of Inspector Van Dyk stirring up Indian troubles.

Par. 4. Inspector Van Dyk has no authority to hold "personal" interviews with our Indians - he is not wanted up this way at all, and that by all concerned. Chief Quash and others are now asking "Who is Boss Indian Commissioner or Van Dyk ? " Tribal indian affairs are out-side the Game Boards Authority, and the arrangement of trapping grounds are tribal affairs. If not this; then - chaos and very heavy expenses.

Par. 5. Considered a "fill-in" no value. The Game Board are concerned with Registration - as wanted - and infractions of the Game Laws. That is more than they can do properly.

Par. 6. This shows up Inspector's real nature - It is considered - Crawling - impertinent- and somewhat illiterate.

Par. 7. Incorrect- for this has been altered, and many others also.

Finally The Indian Commissioner- only - can cancell an Indians trapline, and this had to be cancelled, ere alterations could come about. Mover over the Game Dept have already passed a Court Case on Thiberts Registration - that of White man's poisoning etc.

I am Sir, Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay.
Ind. Commissioner
for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

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112/12/T/5467.

8th May, 1940.

Dear Sir:- re: Charlie Thibert Trapline.

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of letter dated 19th ultimo from Inspector Van Dyk, regarding the above trapline.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO. 112/12/T/4908

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-4T-40

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~DISTRICT GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

April 19th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: THIBERT, Charlie, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Please be informed that the application of Charlie Thibert, dated August 13th, 1932, is in good standing at this and our Vancouver offices. Same has never been cancelled nor altered.

It is true, however, that investigations made following complaints received from Sammy Frank, the Constable i/c Telegraph Creek was led to believe that an injustice had been done to the latter, and proceedings to cancel Thibert's line and register Sammy Frank on portion of same, were instituted, but, on reaching this office and on checking both applications, it was discovered that Sammy Frank misled both Constable Gray and myself. The cancellation and re-registration of this area was therefore stopped and Constable Gray, by my memo of March 25th last, advised of the facts.

This matter, however, will be further dealt with on my next visit to Telegraph Creek, when I will possibly prosecute Sammy Frank for giving false information in his application for registration of a trap-line.

Charlie Thibert is to retain full rights to the whole area registered in his name on August 13th, 1932.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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3rd Apr.,1940.

Dear Sir:- Your File TL-4T-40.

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo, with reference to the trapline of Indian Charlie Thibert, in which you advise that Mr. Harper Reed is misleading me when he states that you are reducing this line.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a rough sketch of the line in question as made by Mr. Reed, which he states was registered in 1927, and also copy of a letter alleged to have been received by him from Mr. J. B. Gray, dated January 15th, 1940, paragraph 4 of which states definitely that Kutcho creek and its tributaries have been deleted from the Thibert line and turned over to Sammy Frank. I have no copy of the original Thibert registration but, if Mr. Reed's sketch is approximately correct, I fail to see how I have been misled in this case. As the first intimation I had of the matter was from Mr. Reed, this certainly was a case where changes were proposed by one of your officials without reference to this Office as Const. Gray's statements were not what was porposed, but what had been done. I trust that this will also answer paragraph 6 of your letter.

In reference to paragraph 4 of your letter, it appears to me that, where a registration has been in force for a number of years, the discovery of irregularities in the application at this date should be remedied by approval of the line as it was shown on the attached sketch, as it is not always easy for a person not conversant with the description of land by metes and bounds to express their exact intent in words, particularly as those familiar with such procedure often make serious errors. The Tommy Nass line being dealt with at this time is also an instance of endeavouring to rectify an alleged error some years after the line has been in operation.

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector, i/c "D" Game Division,
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

Sent out on Apr. 8/40

COPY SENT TO HARPER REED, WITH COPY OF INSPECTR VAN DYK'S LETTER OF MAR.21/40.

COPY SENT TO GAME COMMISSIONER, with copy of Const. Black. Gray's letter of Jan.15/40. and V.n.Dyk's letter.

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I might say that no one realizes more than I do the difficulties in the Stikine Agency and for that reason this Office has been endeavouring to clear up all outstanding difficulties and new ones as they arise, resulting in almost a complete duplication of the Agency work in this Office and, in the course of this, it has been necessary to trouble you with frequent enquiries, which I am sure must have added to the burden of your office work, but you are mistaken in assuming that any of the staff in this Office have an erroneous impression of the Game Department's method of procedure.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-4T-40

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D"Game Division,
~~DEPARTMENT OF GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

March 21st, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: THIBERT, Charlie, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Please be advised that Mr. Harper Reed is misleading you when he states that I am reducing the Charlie Thibert trap-line.

An application submitted by Sammy Frank, Indian of Telegraph Creek, has been submitted to this office, and is under consideration.

Mr. Harper Reed has been advised of this application and no action has been taken without his knowledge, but, in view of past experiences with this Indian Agent, and the reluctance on the part of Tommy Frank to deal with him, the whole matter is being dealt with through this office. Any alterations or cancellations will as usual be submitted to your office for final approval.

I might say that in the case under review, the applications of both Charlie Thibert and Sammy Frank are before me and that I have found very serious irregularities in the applications, which will have to be settled by personal interview with the applicants. When this investigation is completed and a decision arrived at, you will be fully advised and copies of applications and sketches supplied in the usual manner.

I am quite aware that representations made pro and con in any disputes are very often incorrect, and at times it is very difficult to sift the correct from the incorrect, especially when dealing with people who are inclined to let personalities enter into their arguments. I might point out, however, that the Game Department is in charge of the administration ~~of the administration~~ of the registration of trap-lines, and that whenever lack of co-operation exists between the Indian Agent and Constable or Game Warden in any locality, all matters pertaining to trap-lines are always referred to your office.

Numerous instances of this kind have occurred in the past and you were kind enough to approve of the procedure, therefore I can not understand your attitude as expressed in your letter of the 19th

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D. M. MacKay, Esq., #2.

inst., second paragraph, the fourth and fifth lines thereof which read as follows: 'Such changes should not be undertaken without our approval, or the very least, consultation with our officials'..

In view of the fact that no changes to Indian Trap-lines have been made, as suggested in your letter, I trust you will see my point of view and disabuse both Mr. Harper Reed and the Inspector of Indian Agencies of the erroneous impression they have of the Game Department's methods of procedure.

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

TVD/J.

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OFFICE OF GAME COMMISSION
411 DUNSMUIR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SUBJECT

March 21st, 1940.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: Charlie Thibert (Indian), Telegraph Creek.

I wish to thank you for forwarding to this office a copy of your letter of 19th inst. to Inspector T. Van Dyk in connection with alleged alterations to the trap-line of the m/n Indian.

Yours very truly,

F. R. Butler

F. R. Butler,
Commissioner.

FRB/J

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19th Mar.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Indian Agent Reed, in which he states that you are reducing the Charlie Thibert trapline and adding the portion cut off to the trapline in the name of Samuel Frank, thereby stirring up some old tribal difficulties and, in his opinion, the alteration is not warranted by the circumstances of the case.

It would appear to me that, as this Department is responsible for the general welfare of the Indians, and the Indian Agent is held accountable for his administration, such changes should not be undertaken without our approval, or, at the very least, consultation with our officials. It has been our experience that representations made on behalf of various factions are frequently entirely incorrect and new men taking over your administration in local areas from time to time are apt to be seriously misled. I would, therefore, request that the Thibert trapline be left in its original condition.

Yours faithfully,

:HN

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector, Game Division,
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

COPY SENT TO INDIAN AGENT REED.
" " " GAME COMMISSIONER, VANCR. with copy of Const. Blakiston-Gray letter of Jan.15/40, and sketch.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

Atlin, B. C.
Jan. 26th, 1940.

Sir:- Re. Indian T/Ground -
Charlie Thibert T/C.

I beg to submit herewith a map of the above Indian's T/ground with some correspondence in connection with same. This can be taken as a good example of trapline interferrence by the T/Creek Game Warden and accomplished without any reference whatsoever to the Indian Office - such a practice should be put a stop to immediately.

This Indian belongs to a peculiar family and they have always been in tribal differences with the Sammy Frank family - an old tribal affair. Also this lad, who supports an old mother, his wife and three youngsters, has been "pestered" by every Constable who has served the Detachment in T/Creek. In some cases this lad has been driven nearly crazy, and now again he is being worried once more.

However, it will be seen he actually registered a line in 1927, being one of the first in that district to do so although there has certainly been some alterations and rows over his area - due to the Boulder Creek gold rush taking place in the very centre of his ground - yet the line is in good order and registered fully. Par. #2 of Constable Gray's letter is not correct, but he with some members of the Dease Lake Trading Post wish to see Thibert out of that district and the Frank family obtain same. Such a case as this may lead to serious trouble and should not be allowed to come about.

May this case receive your consideration, and this Office be advised.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Harper Reed

Harper Reed,
Indian Agent.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
January. 17. th.1940.

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The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- CANCELLATION (?) Chas Thibert T/line.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter , redated the 15 th inst, and beg to also draw your attention to the fact that the letter from this Office was sent you on the 16. th inst.

However this is to inform you that the Thibert T/line has not been cancelled, and therefore it stands as the last Registration shows.

Sammy Frank of Dease Lake has no complaint what-so-ever He was offered, by myself, last summer a trepline, in fact he had the choice of either the Dease Bros Lines or that of W. Irwin, when purchased.

Inspector Van Dyk with yourself have no right to mix up in Tribal Indian Affairs. This case is serious and of long standing, and the area of the Thibert Ground was only settled after much hard feeling and trouble. The Thibert Registration goes back to 1927, when the Franks with the Colburn Band would not register trapping grounds.

The trouble here, I am afraid, is that you have been again listening to odd White people, and what they consider should be done for their "Pets". In any case you have held up Indian Thibert from his trapping affairs, and it is not yet known what "papers" you tried to induce himto sign. Sammy Frank of his own accord belongs to the Mc Dames Creek Band and not to the Dease Lake Band.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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To The Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

January 15th, 1940.
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Re: Trap-line; THIBERT Charlie. T/Creek, B. C. (Dease Lake)

Copy

1. I am in receipt of your letter of even date.

2. Last summer a complaint was made by Sammy FRANK (Indian) of Dease Lake, B. C., to Inspector T. Van Dyk of the B.C. Game Department, that no consideration had been given him in so far as a registered trap-line.

3. The findings of the Game Department are that Sammy Frank has now a registered trap-line of his own, a copy of the application and sketch will be granted you by Inspector Van Dyk in due course.

4. For your information, the Sammy Frank trap-line takes in Kutcho Creek and all the tributaries, this line has been delated from the Charlie Thibert registered trap-line on the Turnagaine River. It is thought by the Department and myself that the present Thibert line, some 145 miles in circumferance, is quite large enough to maintain the Thibert family. It is also to be remembered that Sammy Frank is also a married man with a family, and that some consideration should be given him.

H.R.

5. As you know, the Thibert territory is not within the bounds of this detachment, so far as Game matters are concerned but as both parties are within my reach I am handling this move for the Department.

6. You will hear further on this matter from Inspector T. Van Dyk when Thibert's and Sammy Frank's applications have been completed.

Yours truly,

(signed) J. Blakiston-Gray, Const.
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
4.P.M. Jan. 16. th
1940.

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The B.C. Game Dept.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

With further reference to a letter sent you this afternoon by Indian Charlie Thibert, regarding his trap-ground, this lad returned without a note from your Office, but a verbal message that you had no time at present to attend to the affair etc.

Therefore the lad was given a new tracing of his fully registered trapground and instructed to return to same andcarry on with his trapping, which was interrupted by your attempt to cut down his line.

In regard to the Sammy Frank Affair, it is mentioned that it is high time support given to this indian, by odd and various Whites should be put an end to. This indian has been offered various lots of grounds by this Office and also Mc Lanes Game Wardens, which he has not accepted. He is not in want of a trapground as the Indian Revenues show that he makes good living during the summer time, but just wishes to have what he wants, no matter where it is or who owns such ground.

However the whole affair will be reported to Vancouver for investigation.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
2-30 P.M. Jan. 16. th
1940.

The B.C. Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

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Dear Sirs,

Re. Indian Trapground -Charlie Thibert.

The bearer of this note is Charlie Thibert who has a fully registered trapground out at Dease Lake, and which, going by Inspector Van Dyk's letter of October 27 th 1939, comes under the authority of Game Warden Davis of Mc Dames Creek.

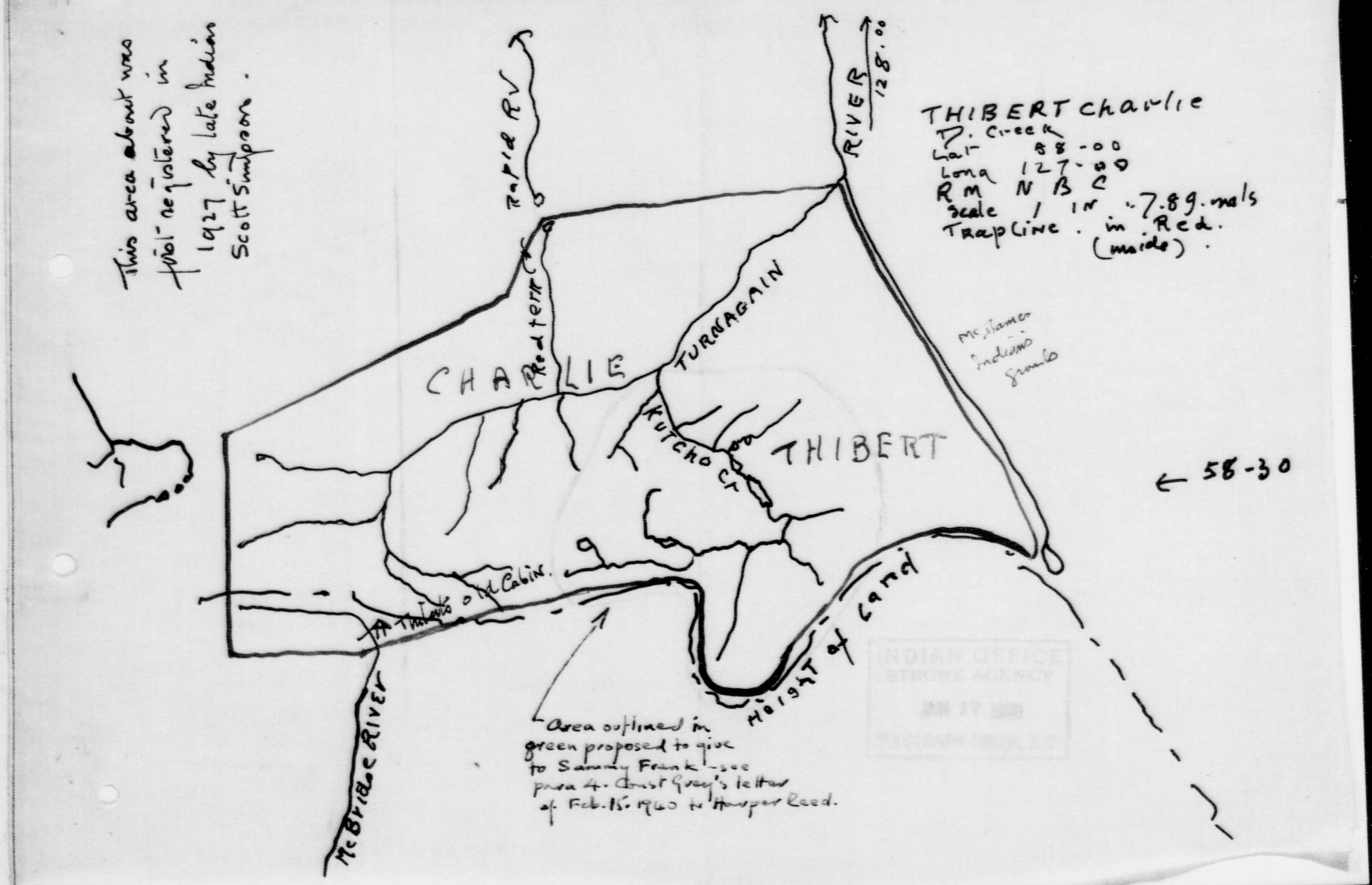
This indian reports that you have tried to get him to signe something or other, a copy of which he did not receive, and that you told him he had lost half his ground and that Sammy Frank, a Member of the Mc Dames Band of Indians, is to receive part of the Thibert Ground.

Would you be so kind as to state how this trouble has come about and why this Indian with his whole family are being prevented from earning a trapping Revenue.

The lad will wait for a reply.

Yours truly.
Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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2nd Apr.,1940.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 9th ultimo and your telegram of the 29th ultimo, with reference to the Thibert trapline, I would advise that this matter is the subject of correspondence between this Office and Inspector Van Dyk, copies of which have been forwarded to you. As soon as the matter is disposed of, you will be advised.

I fail to see the necessity for incurring the expense of a telegram in this connection, and would request that, in future, the Departmental instructions in this respect be observed.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Telegraph Creek. B. C.
March. 9. th. 1940.

Sir,

Re. Chas THIBERT.Dease Lake. -Trapping Complaint.

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I am.
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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
March. 8 th. 1940.

INDIAN OFFICE. 1. P.M.

Trapping Complaint.

Charlie Thibert Indian from Dease Lake appeared at this Office with a complaint that Sammy Frank, his brother Tommy Frank, and Archie Nehass were trapping on his Registered Ground, and intended to do so till the end of the season. Therefore the following questions were asked him.

Q. Have you a map of your Registered trapground and do you carry it with you all the time.
A. Yes I do and here it is.
Q. When did you go trapping this year.
A. I took my family out to Dease Lake this Fall, and then went trappin
Q. When did you meet the above bunch of indian trappers.
A. About 20 days ago.
Q. Where did you meet them
A as I have marked on my map were we met and were I camped, and where we found the deadfalls.
Q. Who was with you at this time.
A. Lame Dick from Head of Lake.
Q. Why was he with you ?
A. Well you know how it is between Frank Family and my family. He num come along with me to help. I don't want any big troubles again with that bunch of people.
Q. Did you show Sammy Frank your Map.
A. Yes.
Q. What did he say.
A. He hung down his head, and said that he got a map also, and it was on the sleigh. He said he got it from the OFFICE.
Q. Did you ask him to show you the map.
A. Yes I ask him twice but he would not show the map to Lame Dick and me. He said we will go down to the Office and talk. He then said that everything is going to be altered and we are going to get 6 miles all ways, and that would be our trapping grounds.
Q. Did you see traps etc on the Franks Sleigh ?
A. Yes of course they had everything.
Q. What relation is Archie Nehass to the Frank Boys
A. They are cousins, that bunch was one big family and they want all the ground in the country.

I sign the above having been read same and it is true.

f. Game office T/creek . Inspt Van Dyk states this area comes under Mc Dan as Creek Warden. Constb Grey states he handles same.

SIGNED.

Witness to same.
before me.

Charlie Thibert.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Charlie Thibert

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STIKINE AGENCY
MAR 8 1940
TELEGRAPH CREEK B.C.

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APR 1 1940
VANCOUVER B.C.

Inspector T. Van Dyk. B.C. Game Dept PRINCE GEORGE
Copy submitted to your office. Constb Grey away. H.R.
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TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.
March. 8 th. 1940.

The B.C Game Dept.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re:- Complaint - Chas THIBERT -Poaching.

I beg to submit herewith for your prompt attention a Complaint from Chas Thibert. It seems that the Hunter Frank Boys, are up to their old game of poaching on other indian's trapping grounds.

Sammy Frank has been offered many time a trapground, even during the summer of 1939. He has not accepted. Tommy Frank is registered with the Mc Danes Band of Indians, and has a trap ground down that way.

The Thibert line is in good standing and has not been cancelled by this Office.

Yours truly.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

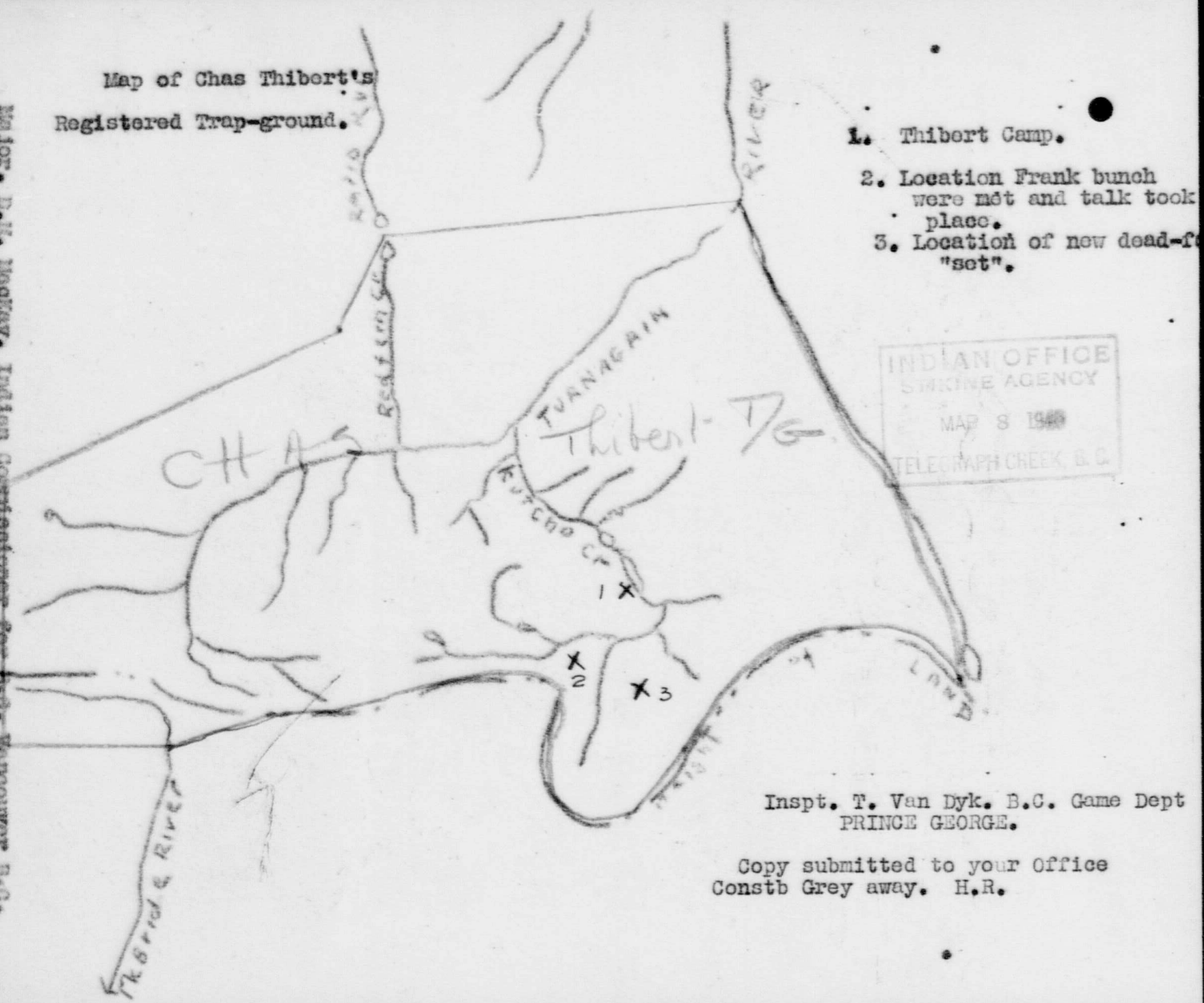
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Map of Chas Thibert's
Registered Trap-ground.



1. Thibert Camp.
2. Location Frank bunch were met and talk took place.
3. Location of new dead-f "set".

INDIAN OFFICE
SMITHERS AGENCY
MAR 8 1940
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

Major. D.L. Hoolay. Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver B.C.
Submitted Sir for your consideration and in connection with report on same matter dated January 26.th. 1940. H.R.

Inspt. T. Van Dyk. B.C. Game Dept
PRINCE GEORGE.

Copy submitted to your Office
Constb Grey away. H.R.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C
August 30 th. 1939.

Mr Sammy FRANK.

DEASE LAKE.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Trapping Operations.

Again the matter of a trap-ground for yourself and family is brought to your attention. Today you have not got a Registered Trapping Ground, perhaps you think you have but it is not on File in this Office.

You are warned that there is a lot of talk going around the District about these affairs, some of which comes from the Mc ames Game Warden, and some from other people who live nearer to your home.

It is thought that you should take the matter seriously and sign up for a trapground at once. To do this for a sure thing, it should be done through this Office. We are here to help you all we can.

The Nellie Dease Boys Ground at the back of Porters Landing , and taking in the Cotton Wood River-up to Marie Lake can be set aside for you, and it should be taken up by an Indian Family- at once. If not it might be cancelled to the Indians and given to some white trapper.

You are up and down the Dease River all the time and know all about these affairs, so you should act at once. I hope to be out there very soon and we can then arrange something for your good. Yours truly.
SIGND Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Note:- When seen later on in the Fall - he was a very wise person - and would not talk at all. He had received White people's advice. H.R.

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Stikine.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE_____

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
March 29 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- Chas Thibert T/ground - poaching.

On the 26 th of January, and also since letters have been written to your Office in regard to the above affair. I am now compelled to send a wire of warning to you on the same matter.

It is a very serious matter to have indians bunching up and quarrelling over their trapping rights- especially in the winter times when they are all armed with rifles.

This case of tribal dispute is a very old one and the Game Warden here should not be allowed to start such an affair. A Wire should be sent the lad to get the Franks from off the Thibert Trapground, immediately.

This line has not been cancelled, no line can be so treated until you have gone into the matter and your signature obtained. In any case the line belongs to the Thibert Family and was so started by the late Indian Agent Scott Simpson.

To allow an ^LW experienced game warden to come up into this indian nomadic district and create the trouble he has, is a shame. This Agency is free,up to date from any real serious trouble caused through the Provincial Policedealing with indian Affairs, and it is wished to keep it so

I am. Sir,
Ypur obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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APR 22 1940
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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To Major. D.M. MacKay.

Indian Commissioner
Federal Buildings. VANCOUVER. B.C.

Copy

Ref trapping letters Thibert january twenty six and Guy Reid February twenty nine.

Wish to advise you that serious indian trouble might result unless matters rest as registered over winter season.

Constable should be wired immediately to stop interference.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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July 23, 1934.

Mr. R.H. Moore,
Indian Agent,
Stuart Lake Agency,
Vanderhoof, B.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am in receipt of your G.I-825 of the 19th instant, I am sorry that my letter did not arrive in time for your trip. You say that Chief Thomas' line is within its proper boundary, if you will look more carefully at my letter you will find that this is not disputed. It is merely that Chief Thomas apparently agreed with some of Mr. Harper Reed's Indians that he would allow the western boundary of his line to be pushed east somewhat as Chief Thomas apparently agrees that his is part of their trapping grounds enclosed in his.

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

Ross Stalberg Ltd.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Vanderhoof, B.C.

July 19th., 1934.

Dear Colonel Pragnell:-

I thank you for your letter of the 7th. inst. File No. SL-G-1842 with enclosed File from Harper Reed, Esq. in connection with trap lines and alterations between the Cariboo Hide Indians and Chief Thomas. Although your letter was written July the 7th. it did not arrive at this office until the 12th., two days after I had left for Takla, consequently I could not do as suggested by you; discuss the matter with Chief Thomas. I am keeping the matter before me, however, and will discuss it with Mr. Van Dyk but so far as I can find out at this end Chief Thomas's line is within its proper boundary and I have no notification where any pushing back could take place. As far as Dick Bird is concerned, I do not know the man and have no record of his application.

I am delighted to know that you are gradually improving in health and hope that by this time you have been able to get down to the office. As soon as you are feeling well enough to travel this far I would be glad if you would advise me as there are one or two matters at Stuart Lake which I wish you to settle.

The trip to Takla was most enjoyable. I had Mr. Caldwell along as well as the Game Warden and Mounted Police, the weather was very poor and did not add to the enjoyment as it was raining and blowing every day.

Your obedient servant,

R.H.Moore,
Indian Agent.

RHM/L.

Colonel G.S.Pragnell, D.S.O.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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July 7th, 1934.

St-G-1844.

Dear Mr. Van Dyk:-

I have just received a communication from Indian Agent, Harper Reed, with a file about the Cariboo-Hide Indians and their traplines.

It seems that Harper Reed has just come out from that part of the country, and he found that the Cariboo-Hide Indians and Chief Thomas and Dick Bird have come to an agreement to shove Chief Thomas and Dick Bird's line a little bit further east. You will understand, therefore that this is really an entirely Indian matter of adjustment between lines.

I have therefore sent the whole correspondence to Mr. R.H. Moore, Indian Agent, Vanderhoof, B.C., who is about to proceed north to Tacla Lake where he expects to meet Chief Thomas and some of the Cariboo Hide Indians. He can therefore take the matter up and be sure that Chief Thomas and Dick Bird , who are his Indians, are agreeable to the change as stated. When he finds out if this correct, I have instructed him on his return to go to see you at Prince George with Mr. Harper Reed's maps showing the alteration, and then, I presume it will be merely a book transaction on your part of just altering the line.

This is merely a preliminary to you so that you will have some idea of what Mr. Moore is doing in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

T. Van Dyk,
Inspector i/c
"D" Game Division,
PRINCE GEORGE , B.C.

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July 7th, 1934.

St-G-1843.

Dear Mr. Reed:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th instant, with respect to trapline extension for the Cariboo-Hide Band of Indians, and the removal of Chief Thomas and Dick lines further east.

I have forwarded your file immediately to Mr. Moore of the Stuart Lake Agency, as he is, I know, proceeding north to Teela Lake where he expects to meet Chief Thomas and Dick Bird and some of the Cariboo-Hide Indians, whom he meets there every year about that time. He can go into conference with them and if Chief Thomas and Dick Bird are agreeable to the alterations, I have instructed him to go to Prince George, which is only a short drive from his Agency headquarters, with your maps to make final settlement with Inspector Van Dyk.

It may be a considerable time before I hear the result, but as soon as I do I will let you know.

I regret very much to report that I have been laid up for the last two months with a bad attack of Influenza followed by pleurisy and infection, and am still confined to the house though much better. This is very unfortunate as I intended to make this particular trip to Tacka Lake with Mr. Moore and go into that whole matter myself. It also means that I am away behind in my inspection visits. I do not know whether I can make Telegraph Creek again this year , but if I find it beyond my powers or time, I will probably telegraph you to come down to Prince Rupert, which I certainly expect to visit. If you would let me know about the dates it would be suitable for you to come down with the assurance of getting back, I shall be much obliged.

I have to thank you for the enclosed snapshots which you let me have and which are very interesting.

Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspectorof Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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July 7th, 1934.

SL-G-1842

Dear Mr. Moore:-

I am just in receipt of a report and a file of some applications for change in connection with trap-lines of the Cariboo-Hide Indians.

I am sending this to you because Mr. Harper Reed has asked me to help in the matter, and I know you are proceeding up Tacla Lake and may possibly see Chief Thomas and Dick Bird. On reading the correspondence you will notice in brief that what Mr. Harper Reed wants is the line of Chief Thomas and Dick Bird pushed back to a certain point which he shows on the plan. He states that the Caribou Hide Indians say that Chief Thomas and Dick Bird are agreeable to this.

If you find that this is correct, I shall be much obliged if you will see Mr. Van Dyk and show him the whole correspondence and report that Chief Thomas and Dick Bird are agreeable, if they are.

I have written Mr. Van Dyk to say that you will see him later on upon this matter, and I have also written Harper Reed informing him that I have placed the matter in your hands for you to do what you can.

I am pleased to report that I am much better, but am still confined to the house and not able to get down to the office. I hope, with any luck, I shall be better and able to get down to the office next week.

I hope you will have a pleasant trip, and I wish I were with you.

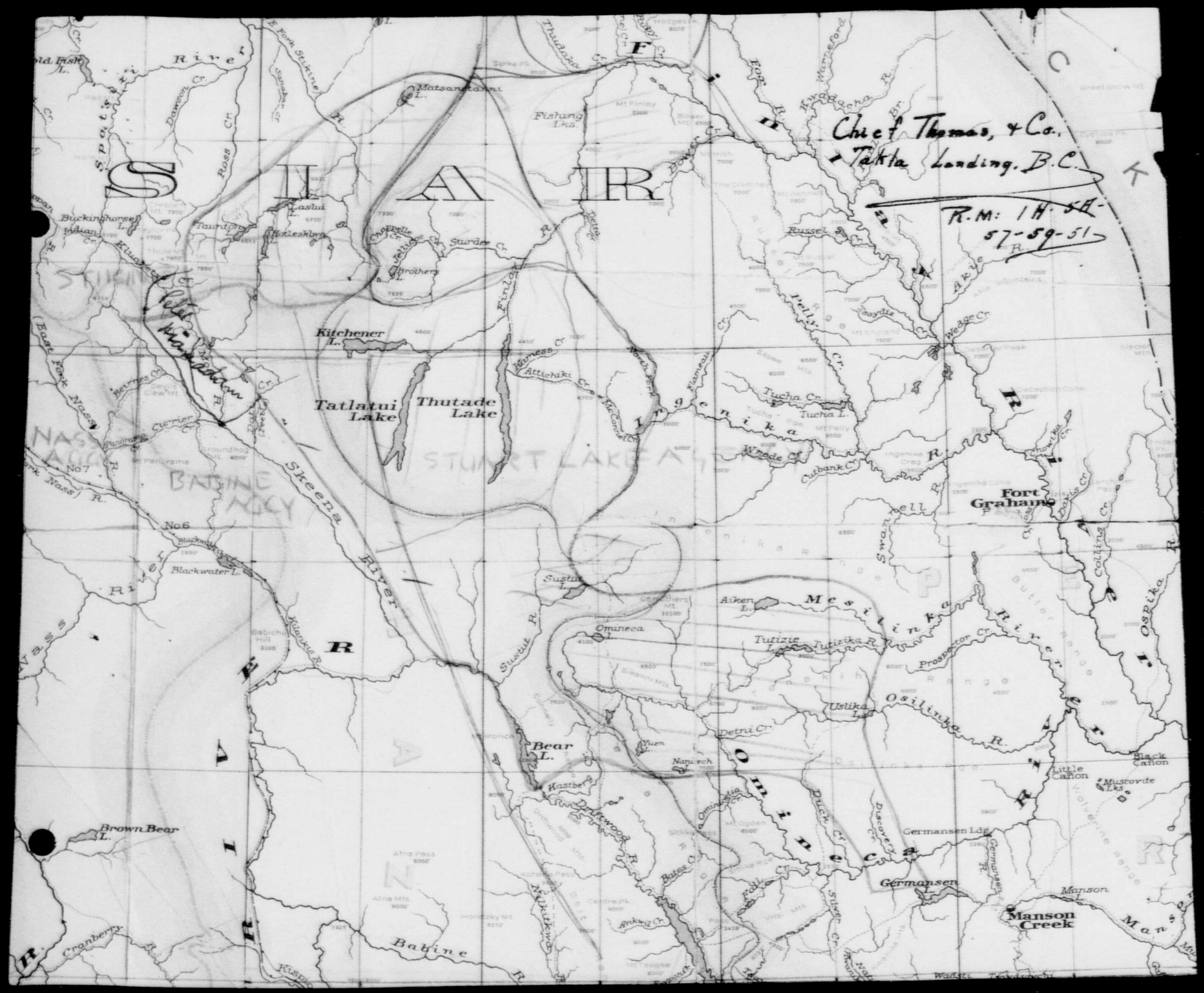
Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

R.H. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
VANDERHOOF, B.C.

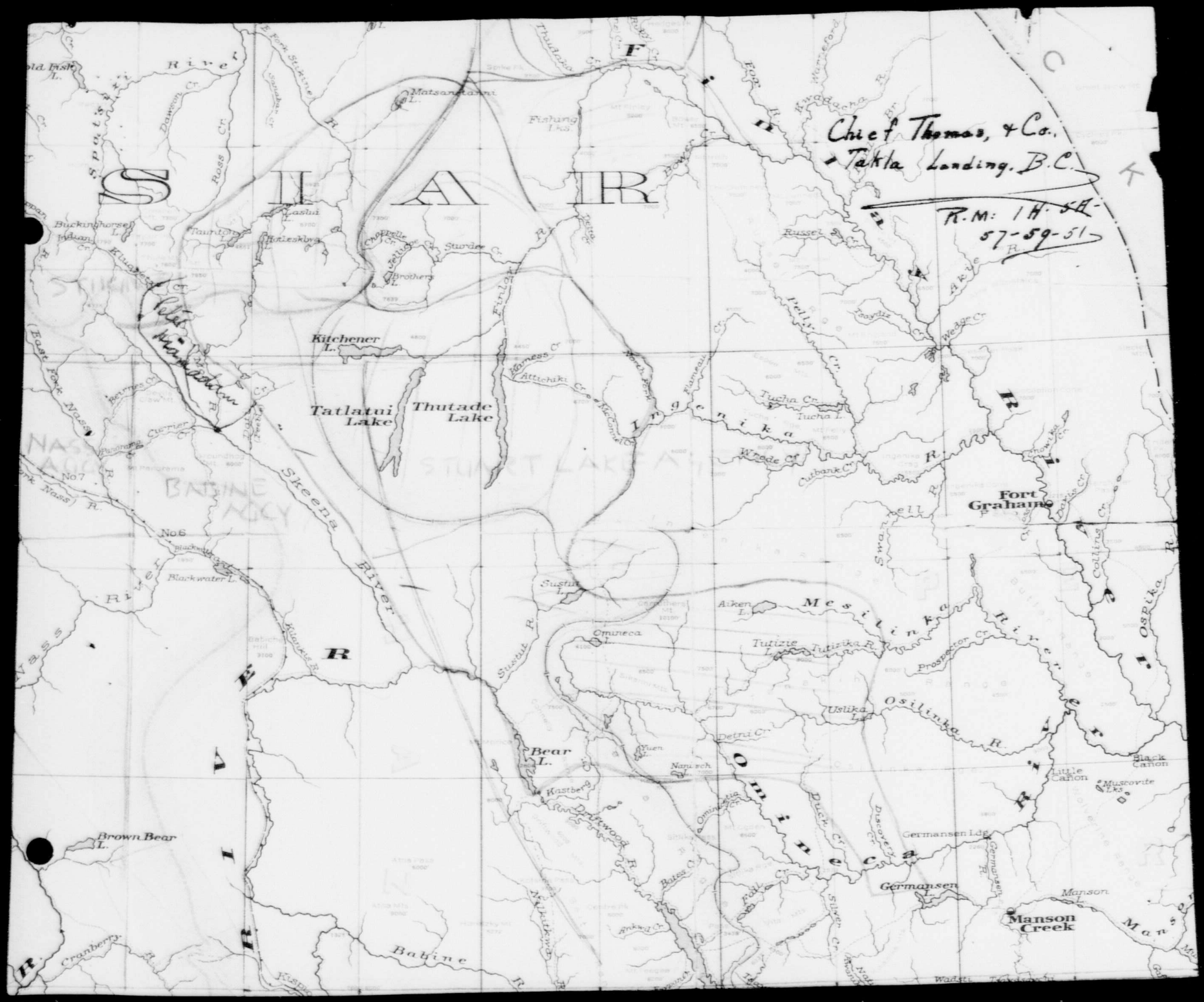
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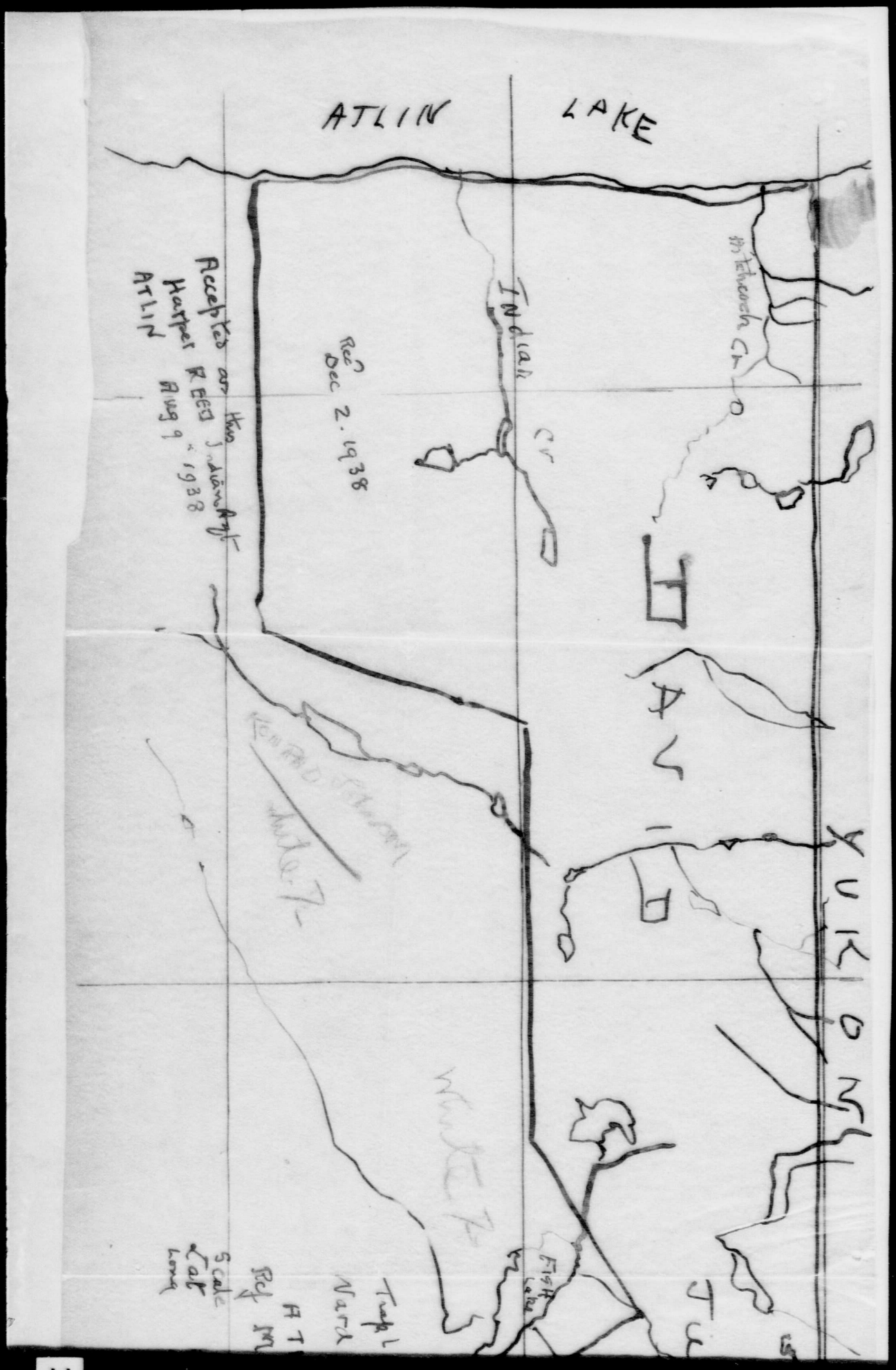
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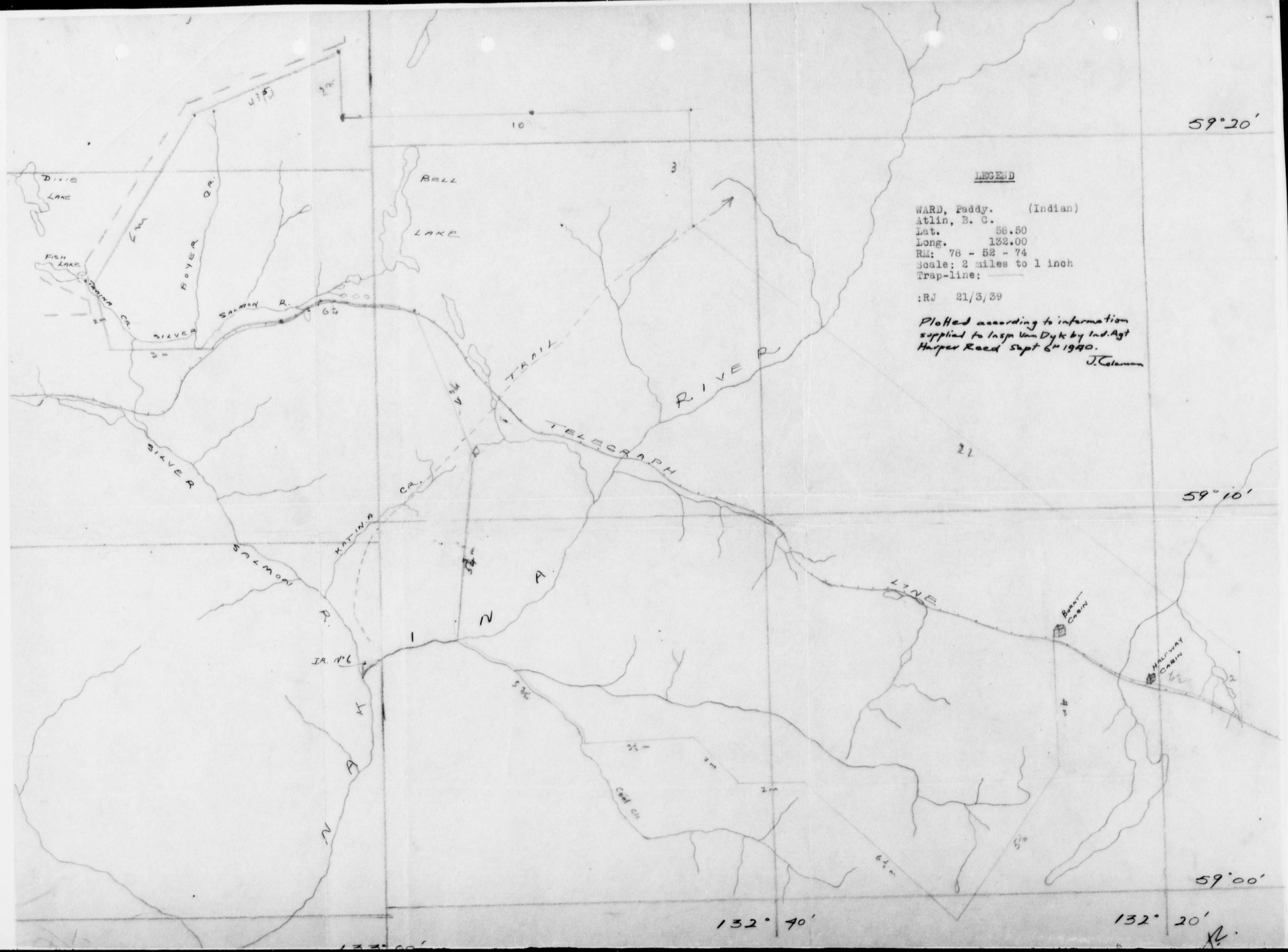
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Gladys Lake

Trap Lines
Ward David Judson
ATLIN B.C.
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Scale 2 miles 1 inch
Lat 59 · 50
Long 132 · 30

Exact copy of map see Govt. Dept

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LEGEND

WARD, Paddy. (Indian)
Atlin, B. C.
Lat. 58.50
Long. 132.00
RM: 78 - 52 - 74
Scale: 2 miles to 1 inch
Trap-line: ———

:RJ 21/3/39

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J. Coleman

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59°20'

59°10'

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133°00'

132°40'

132°20'

DIXIE LAKE

FISH LAKE

LOWER DIXIE CR.

SILVER

SALMON R.

BELL LAKE

TELEGRAPH TRAIL

RIVER

SILVER

SALMON R.

KATINA CR.

INDIAN RESERVE No 6

COAL CR.

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Sept. 16th.1940

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Mr. Indian Agent Reed that on account of advancing age it is the wish of Judsmn Ward to transfer his trap line (58.50. 158.50) to his son, Jimmy Ward, and it would be appreciated if this could be given favourable consideration.

I understand that cancellation and re-registration is unnecessary.

Yours truly,

(James Coleman)
Inspector of Indian Agencis

T.Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
"D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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COPY SENT TO INDIAN AGENT REED.

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March 31, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant enclosing copy of Application for Cancellation covering the trapline of Judson Ward, and a copy of the Application for Registration in favor of Jimmy Ward.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector, "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-1W-41
TL-11W-41

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

March 18th, 1941.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: WARD, Judson, Atlin, B. C.

Reference your letter of September 16th, 1940, regarding transfer of the a/n Indian trap-line to Jimmy Ward.

Kindly be advised that I am enclosing herewith copy of Application for Cancellation covering the line of Judson Ward, also copy of Application for Registration in favour of the nominee, Jimmy Ward, these being forwarded for your files.

Yours truly,

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
W[illegible], Jimmy	58:50	132:30
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." Indian Commr

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Jimmy Ward, P.O. address Atlin, B. C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N. A. Length of residence in B.C. Age 26

No. of years applicant has trapped line 10 years Length of trap-line Approx. 61 miles around.

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Usual blazes.

Commencing at mouth of Inklin River, Ely along N. side of same 7 mls. to Yeth Creek; Up W & N side of Yeth creek about 13 mls; N 4 mls; NE 4 mls; Along height of land NW 3 mls; W 2 mls; NW 2 mls; W 3 mls to unnamed Cr; Along W & S side of unnamed Cr. 5 mls to Nakina River; Down S & E side of said river 18 miles to point of commencement, including intervening territory.

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Name of applicant Jimmy Ward, P.O. address Atlin, B. C.

Nationality Indian Occupation Trapper

M. A. Length of residence in B.C. Age 26

G.C. to fill Game Commission

Tentative or permanent registration Permanent.

(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden only.)

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1941, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Jimmy Ward, Per: Harper FREED &A.

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For District Headquarters.)

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DISTRICT:

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(District Game Warden.)

DIVISION:

Date....., 19.....

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(Inspector, Game Department.)

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

CANCELLATION APPLICATION FOR ~~TRANSFER~~ OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for Cancellation ~~transfer~~ of my registered trap-line., for transfer to my son, Jimmy Ward.

Name of applicant Judwon Ward

P.O. address Atlin, B. C.

Date of last application May 23rd, 1932. No. of current Special Firearms Licence N.A.

No. of Registration Certificate - -

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1941, at Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Signature of applicant Judson Ward, per: Harper Reed JA

100 pads (50)-1138-6582

(For District Headquarters.)

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Sept 19th 1940.

Ward. David Hudson.

– Ban 0 9mly.

This should be WARD David Hudson of my Dan Ward is dead. his wife is senile remains.

★ Reed

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
WARD, David Judson, [illegible] (INDIAN)	59.40	132.30
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT."

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant David Judson Ward, [illegible] & family (Indians) P.O. address Atlin, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indians Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence R.A. Length of residence in B.C. Age

No. of years applicant has trapped line 8 years Length of trap-line 100 miles around (appro)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line BLAZED

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at the intersection of the North boundary of British Columbia with the east shore of Atlin Lake, thence east 40 miles, to the east shore of Marrow Lake, thence south 9 miles, thence south east 35 miles, thence west 7½ miles, thence north east 5 miles, thence north westerly 4 miles, thence north westerly 8 miles, thence westerly 6 miles, thence north westerly 4 miles, thence south westerly 4½ miles, thence westerly 6 miles, thence southerly 6 miles, thence easterly 4 miles, thence south 3 miles, thence south westerly 1 mile, thence west 5½ miles, thence south westerly 4½ miles, thence northerly following the east shore of Atlin Lake 10 miles to point of commencement.

Dated this [illegible] day of September, 19 40, at Prince Rupert B.C.

Signature of applicant David Judson Ward & family per (Harper Road) Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. Harper Reet

(For Recording Officer.)

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—"GAME ACT."

Cancellation

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for renewal of my registered trap-line. cancellation for the purpose of re-registration

Name of applicant Ward, David Judson, Ward, Dan. & family

P.O. address Atlin, B.C.

Date of last application ..... No. of current Special Firearms Licence N.A.

No. of Registration Certificate .....

Dated this 9th day of September, 19 40, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant [redacted] Ward & family) per Harper REGT (Surname first) Indian Agent

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(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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In Reply Quote File No. TL-52W-39

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

GAME DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
OFFICER COMMANDING

"D" Game DIVISION

Prince George, B.C.

December 19th, 1939.

SUBJECT:

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-lines: JOHNSON, Albert) & WARD, Dan) Atlin, B.C.

Please be advised that the trap-line formerly held by Albert Johnson, under application dated May 28th, 1932, and the area formerly registered in the name of Dan Ward, under application dated May 27th, 1932, were cancelled at the request of Indian Agent Harper Reed on Nov. 23rd, last.

The area covered by the two above mentioned trap-lines was applied for, application dated Sept. 22nd, 1939, signed by Indian Agent Harper Reed, and registered on Nov. 23rd last in favour of David Judson Ward and Dan Ward and family.

In the third paragraph of your favour of the 11th inst, dealing with the rather serious accusation made by Mr. Harper Reed, that the Indians (D.Ward & Family), had been deprived of their rightful trapping area, and same, or part thereof, given to Mr. O. Lemieux. I very strongly object, even to the suggestion, that such action would be allowed by this Department, and I would be pleased to know the grounds on which Mr. Reed bases his allegations.

From the files at this office I discovered that Mr. Omer Lemieux applied for his trap-line area during the year 1925, and again in 1926, by application dated Oct. 8th. This application shows that Mr. Lemieux had been in B.C. 31 years, had trapped the area applied for over a period of ten years, no complaints were received in regard to this trap-line being on Indian territory until I received the letter now under review.

The first application submitted by Indian Agent Harper Reed in favour of Dan Ward, dated May 27th, 1932, shows that the area applied for was never trapped by this Indian. Information given by Mr. Reed in the application form, under the item "Number of Years Applicant has trapped line", Mr. Reed made the following entry: "New Line".

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D. M. MacKay, Esq., # 2.

It is apparent that Mr. Harper Reed is getting very deeply involved, as you so aptly suggest in the third paragraph of your letter, when he claims that the Indians had been pushed back some eight years ago, when only seven years ago he applied for the territory in favour of Dan Ward as a new trap-line. No territory has been taken from the Indians and registered by Whites, as alleged by Mr. Harper Reed.

I can not understand the Indian Agent's attitude. The information he gave in this case is entirely false, and, to say the least, very objectionable.

Trusting the above information will clear up any doubts Mr. Harper Reed may have in regard to the trapping area formerly held by Albert Johnson and Dan Ward, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

T. Van Dyk

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
i/c "D" Game Division.

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December 11, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise if the trap line formerly held by Albert Johnson (Indian) has been transferred to David Judson Ward and Dan Ward and wife, and if so, who is now on the former trap line of Dan Ward. Mr. Harper Reed advised on August 23rd, 1939, that he had some correspondence in the matter with your Prince Rupert office who requested the ages of the latter Indians on January 17, 1939, to which he replied on February 24th, since when he has apparently heard nothing further in the matter.

The line is situate on the Yukon boundary at Lat.59.50 Long.132.30 between Atlin and Gladys Lakes.

While this matter is rather involved in the way Mr.Reed has explained it; it appears that the Indian line formerly took in part of the north shore of Gladys Lake but that they were pushed back about eight years ago by the Lemieux Brothers who started a "fur farm" and cleaned up on all the game and fish in the country for food, thereby ruining the balance of the Indian lines, later getting into trouble and sold out to a Mr. Wann who poached on Chief John Jack's line until stopped by Constable Bennett; the farm" today being in charge of a "manager". I am interested chiefly in the statement that the Indians were in comparatively recent years driven off their lines, presumably registered, by the whites in question.

You mentioned the Albert Johnson line in paragraph 12 of your letter of March 4, 1939, re the Caribou Hide line(File T.L.-8C-39.)

Yours faithfully,

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
i/c "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Nov. 14. th. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Indian Dan WARD & Wife. Atlin. T/ing &
Housing Affairs.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to the above old and destitute Indians of Atlin, dated September 8 th.

Therein is mentioned a letter from this Office dated July 8 th, but looking through all the files here, it cannot be found, and therefore a copy of this letter, if same could be allowed this Office would be much appreciated, as it is forgotten exactly how the wording was placed. However the statement is still good, for DanWard's Area was subjected to much running over by white trappers in times past, both from the south, & south west, and also from the Yukon side, on the North. To prove this Dan Ward, or any other Indiam up that way could be interviewed for a statement. The ground is not so very valuable, and has to be looked after very intensely to conserve its fur. This the old couple could not do towards the last end of their existance out on Gladys Lake. Therefore having no revenue, they were destitute and so came under the Housing Grant.

The latter part of your letter deals with Albert Johnson again. Yes he originally had a ground up this way, and gradually he with his family moved down to Tulsequah at the mouth of the Taku River. But that does not say or is any reason why his ground should be given up- therefore it was held on to. These Indians used to spend their winters on the Taku River and the summers in Atlin. Now, the old Albert Johnson ground, or if you will, Line was an entirely different line from that of Dan Ward, altho next to each other's. To-day with fur nearly gone lines or areas have to be made bigger, and so -after it was found that Johnson intended to remain on the Taku Rv for good, had divorced his Atlin Wife in Juneau, and married a U.S.A. Citizen (native woman with children) in the same Town, this trapping area was re-arranged and fixed up as it is to-day. Now perhaps it might be asked why is it arranged that a destitute old indian, as Dan is, has been given partnership with a relation-David J. Ward? This is to fore stall the Game Dept. Old Dan can still get around and one cannot stop them going out trapping if they feel like it, and why not?. I know these fellows very well indeed, and so it is now possible for the old man to go out for a week, more or less, up the Lake, and do something he likes. He is Registered and so safe from the Game Department's Laws.

Mention is made about "being turned off from his trap ground about 8 years ago" this must have been in connection with the time when the Lemieux Brothers came into

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Gaddys Lake District and started up a Fur Farm etc. This is a great Game the Provincial Authorities are running, for here the Indian was pushed back from the edge of the lake, and the fur Farm got all the land around this lake and then up the south end of same and a Lake belonging to Chief John Jack of Atlin. Anyhow they got it and then the fish in the lake began to disappear, also the moose about that district, and the fur was caught mostly by the owners of the Fur Farm. I know this to be a fact for I was there. Then the Lemieux Brothers got into hot water, the farm did not pay, so it was sold to a fellow called Wann, some hitch up with him on some mink also, and then this Lad went poaching up on Chief John Jacks Ground and Constb Bennette very kindly stop' d him To-day he has sold out, or given up and they have now had to put a "manager" in charge of the Fur Farm. Through all this Old Dan Ward and his wife existed - no wonder that to-day we have to come to their aid, in their old age.

It is hoped that your letter has been answered, but should there be any other items that need explaining, may this Office be so advised.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

P.S. Sir, as a footnote to the above - Thereis practically no such thing as a Fur Farm in the interior of B.C. Only Beaver can be treated as such, perhaps a few Mink on the side. The reason for this is very simple - A fur Farm kills the district for feed, both fish and moose - and moreover has done so. The cost of Fur Farm feed is impossible exect on a Railway or on the sea cost near a Cannery for instance - but not INSIDE.

To create Beaver Farms - the Game Department must Close down on Beaver trapping - i.e. make a closed season of three years to allow a fair start- then and only then will our native, and also white trappers see for them selves the chances they have and the start they have been given by the closed season. H.R.

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Sept. 8, 1939.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo re trap line of Dan Ward which your letter of July 8th implied had been seriously curtailed by whites and the Game Branch necessitating giving them aid to the extent of $100.00, you state that the trap line is in good standing in the name of David Judson Ward and Dan Ward and wife. Please advise if the statements in your letter of July 8th were incorrect and, if so, what was the reason for making them.

I gather from your letters that this trap line was originally occupied by Albert Johnson who married an Alaskan woman and resided in Alaska for some years, but as he held the trap line up to April, 1938, when you applied for its cancellation, I am unable to reconcile white men having turned Dan Ward off eight years ago as stated. I presume the trap line of Albert Johnson is now registered in the name of David Judson Ward and Dan Ward and wife and that the latter have no other line.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Stikine.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23.rd. 1939.

Sir,

Re Indian T/line Dan WARD ATLIN. B.C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting the reason why a new application has not been sent in to cover the above ground, and that this area is "now open to any person desiring to appy for same"

This area is fully registered and in good order, and also good standing with the Game Department. To-day it happens to be registered under the name of David Judson Ward & Dan Ward & Wf.

For map of this line will you please look at the also enclosed reply to letter re Albert JOHNSON T/line, and you will find it is one and the same lot of ground.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Major D.M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
August. 23. rd. 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Relief issue- Old Dan Ward & Wife - ATLIN. B.C.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER
SEP 1 1939
VANCOUVER, B. C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter requesting to know details of the above "removal case" of old Indians from "off" their trapping grounds.

Old Dan Ward and Wife are ages 72 & 74. The old lady is a cripple, and Dan not much better. They have always lived out at Gladys Lake. Late Bryan Williams Game Commissioner knew them well, and they were respected. For map of location please see, on this same mail, their Registered T/grd now being taken over by their relation David Judson WARD.

During the last 6 or 7 years fur has gone to nothing, and the odd prospectors- young fellows with dogs etc, have been running all around the mining camp of Atlin - cleaning up fur. As Dan & Wife grew older they moved around less, and altho several complaints have been laid - very little protection has been afforded by the Game Wardens of Atlin B.C. This does not apply to the present Constable who has done all possible. It does apply to Game Warden Webster & also to Constb Stewert (both gone some time ago).

However they became destitute, and were placed on Ration and left where they were on Gladys Lake. They wished this.

Last Fall they got so bad that the Police and others demanded they be brought to Town - fixed up completed and allowed to finish their lives in Atlin under the Doctor's care. The Police even wished to "fly" them in.

Therefore it was decided to at last take action in this matter and so as this Agency hada Housing Grant for such use the whole affair was undertaken, whilst I was therefor it would never have been completed had I not super - vised the movement, and they are now, at the least expense possible - settled in Atlin, and they will not live over two or three years more at the best.

As stated their trap ground is turned over to a young indian with a wife to keep and he can now get around and look after his own affairs. Such Sir is a destitution case in the North, which had to receive attention, and which received approval of the Provincial Govt. Agent of Atlin. B.C. I am. Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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Harper Reed Indian Agent.

Major. D.M. MacKay
Ind Commissioner
for B.C.
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Aug. 4, 1939.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application to repair the house of old Dan Ward and wife, at a cost of $41.85 which has been approved and forwarded to the Department, you state that this has been necessitated in part by intrusion of whites on to their trap line at Gladys Lake. Also the account of Louis Schulz states Indians are destitute and helpless and removed from off their trap ground.

Please furnish me with full details of this case showing trap line as registered and if not registered before intrusion, state reasons, date of trap line, name of white trespassers, and extent of intrusion, if and when such intrusion was reported to the Game Branch, and action taken by them, map of line as registered on which is marked its present condition, intrusion and location of whites affecting same, with your recommendation.

It is observed that the cost of these repiars is expected to total $100.00.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Aug. 4, 1933.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application to repair the house of old Don Ward and wife, at a cost of $41.85 which has been approved and forwarded to the Department, you state that this has been necessitated in part by intrusion of whites on to their trap line at Gladys Lake. Also the account of Louis Schulz states Indians are destitute and helpless and removed from off their trap ground.

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Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT Stikine.

ATLIN. B.C.
July. 25. th 1939.

Sir,

Re:- Old Dan Ward & Wife - ATLIN. B.C.

I beg to submit herewith Voucher No. 112 to value of $41-85, being the first of such relief covering the housing of the above two old Indians, now reduced to destitution, and ill health.

The next Voucher that will be submitted is for roofing and interior cook-stove, also paper linning for the cabin the whole relief in this unavoidable case will come to around $100-00. Ever care is being taken however to keep expenses as low as ever possible.

These two old decent indians were located out at Gladys Lake, one of the very best spots in this district, and they also had a trapline there ~~also~~. Some 8 years ago the White men came in, got a fur farm going, obtained a trap-line also, and the indian was of course pushed back and egentually got under the thumb-so-to-speak, of the White trappers etc and have gradually got lower and lower, and were in the way. Age also helped, but to-day they are useless and the only thing that can be done is to fix them up in Indian Town and once for all fix his own old Cabin so that it will last the rest of their lives. This is the action that has been taken. Here is another case where the Game Dept have eaten up the indians living, and they have to be moved back.

Major. D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VANCOUVER. B.C.

I am. Sir.
Your obedient servant.
Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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July 28, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Kindly submit a report showing why no new application has been submitted to the Game Branch to cover territory formerly held by Dan Ward of Atlin, B. C. which was cancelled April, 1938 at your request and is now open to any person desiring to apply for same.

Yours faithfully,

For D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

:EA

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Sept. 16th. 1940

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Mr. Indian Agent Reed that on account of advancing age it is the wish of Judsmn Ward to transfer his trap line (58.50. 132.50) to his son, Jimmy Ward, and it would be appreciated if this could be given favourable consideration.

I understand that cancellation and re-registration is unnecessary.

Yours truly,

(James Coleman)
Inspector of Indian Agencis

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector,
"D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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COPY FOR INDIAN AGENT REED. REC'D Dec.12- 1940. T/creek.

This change mentioned in letter 112/12/G/4912 May-17-40
Judson Ward has been dead about 5 years. Atlin Game Office asked many times to fix this. Have copy of above letter at present on Office Files.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

INDIAN OFFICE SKEENA AGENCY DEC 12 1940 TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
WARD, Paddy & COULHAM. (INDIANS)	58.55	130.10
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." BI 58.70 & 74

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Paddy Ward & Coulhurn Indian P.O. address Atlin, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indians Occupation Trappers

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. Ages

No. of years applicant has trapped line None Length of trap-line 100½ miles around (approx)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line None

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at a point on the Dominion telegraph line known as "Burnt Cabin" and situate on the north side of said line, thence south 4 miles, thence south westerly 5½ miles, thence north westerly 6½ miles, thence west 2 miles, thence north westerly 2 miles, thence west 3½ miles, to Coal Creek, thence north westerly following the north side of said creek 5½ miles to its confluence with Nakina River, thence north 5½ miles, to small lake, thence north westerly 4½ miles to north side of Telegraph Line, thence westerly 6½ miles along north side of said telegraph line, thence west 3 miles, thence northerly 2 miles crossing Towinn Creek east of 2 small lakes, thence north easterly 6 miles, thence easterly 5 miles, thence south 2 miles, thence east 10 miles, thence south 3 miles to Katina trail, thence south east 22 miles to height of land, thence south 2 miles to north side of telegraph line, thence north westerly following the north side of said telegraph line 6½ miles to point of commencement, including all intervening territory.

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WARD, Peggy & COULTHARD, (INDIANS)	58.55	132.10
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." RE 58.78 & 74

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Dated this 12th day of September, 1940, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Paddy Ward & Coulhan, per Harper Reed (Harper Reed) Indian Agent

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

(For Divisional Headquarters.)

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WILLIAMS, JACK
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LONG. 132° 30'
R.M. 74
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PLEASE QUOTE
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Stikine Agency

Telegraph Creek, B.C.

20 November 1946.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver.

Enclosed herewith approved registered trap-line application of Jack Williams, Atlin Band, together with sketch of same.

R.H.S.Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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RM 74

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

Transfer fee pd. Rec. #57118-F

Application is hereby made, in quadruplicate, for the registration of a trap-line as described hereunder and as shown on accompanying sketch:—

Name of applicant Jack WILLIAMS P.O. address Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Nationality Cdn Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence Res.Ex.Sp # 54 Length of residence in B.C. 16

No. of years applicant has trapped line 5 Length of trap-line 159

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazes and Cabins

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NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application.

RHS-Simpson, [illegible] Recording [illegible]

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RES Compson, Asst Dist Recorder RECORDING OFFICER.

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Nationality Cdn Indian Occupation Trapper

Dated this 11 day of April, 1946 at Telegraph Creek, B.C., B.C.

Signature of applicant Jack Williams per

R.B. Sampson, Indian Agent
(Ex-Officio Recording Officer.)

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B.C. GAME DEPARTMENT.

REMARKS.

DETACHMENT: Atlin

Date July 5th, 1946

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T. J. Kelly
(Recording Officer.)
Const. I/C Atlin Det.

(District Game Warden.)

Certified as approved registered trap-line application of
Jack Williams
SEP 16 1946
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Per F. K. Butler
Commissioner

(Inspector, Game Department.)

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-19/1

Stikine Agency

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
March 6, 1946

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver.

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R.H.S. Sampson,
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112-12-2928

January 24, 1946.

R. H. S. Sampson, Esq., Indian Agent, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated January 21st from the Foreign Exchange Control Board in connection with the illegal export of a quantity of raw furs by Steve Williams of Tulsequah. Please advise if this man is an Indian of your Agency and if so discuss the matter with him at the first opportunity pointing out the seriousness of the offence he committed and impress upon him the necessity of obeying the regulations in future.

You might also let me have your comments with respect to the penultimate paragraph of Mr. Graham's letter.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Foreign Exchange Control Board

VANCOUVER, B. C.

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE GIVE THIS REFERENCE
VAN 3

January 21, 1946.

Indian Commissioner for British Columbia,
418 - 325 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

STEVE WILLIAMS, Atlin, B. C.

We understand that the above-named is an Indian and has been living at Tulsequah during operations in mining in that area.

We are informed that last spring he exported raw furs--beaver, mink, muskrat and otter--worth $1095 to Juneau, Alaska, without obtaining an export permit. He took them across the line at Taku, and apparently did not report to Customs or Immigration as required by the Foreign Exchange Control Order. He remained in Alaska until the end of October, 1945, and then returned to Atlin. When questioned by Customs he admitted exporting the furs and receiving U. S. funds in payment. He said he spent these funds in Juneau and returned to Canada without any money. At that time he completed an application for a licence to export the furs.

He has apparently committed the offences of exporting property without a licence and of failing to declare and offer foreign exchange for sale to an Authorized Dealer of the Board, and if he had been living in a more settled part of the country where there were facilities for obtaining the required permit and for selling the U. S. funds we should take a more serious view of the matter. However, on the assumption that none of the offences was deliberate we are prepared to close our file if you would have one of your officers--if it can be conveniently arranged-interview Williams and explain to him that he will have to obey the regulations in future.

If the export of furs in this irregular manner is common, we should be glad to be advised so that we may consider whether any special arrangements should be made to meet the needs

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of that part of the country now that the Customs Port of Taku is closed.

We should greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Yours truly,

J. R. B. Graham

J. R. B. Graham,
Vancouver Office.

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March 31, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and would advise that the corrections on the Application for Registration of the trapline of Steve Williams, Atlin, B.C., dated September 12, 1940, have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

GR

T. Van Dyk, Esq.,
Inspector, "D" Game Division,
Prince George, B.C.

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YOUR FILE NO.....

IN REPLY QUOTE FILE NO. TL-3W-41

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF "D" Game Division,
~~GAME WARDEN~~

SUBJECT:

Prince George, B.C.

March 18th, 1941.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Trap-line: WILLIAMS, Steve, Atlin, B. C.

Kindly be advised that Application for Registration of trap-line, dated September 12th, 1940, in favour of the a/n Indian, has been corrected at this office, as follows:

Latitude, 58:40, Longitude, 133:00.
This formerly read Latitude, 59:45,
Longitude, 133:05.

The eleventh line of description has been corrected to read "a point on the west shore of Sloko Inlet 1 mile northerly, etc.," in lieu of 1/2 mile northerly.

The thirteenth line of description has been corrected to read "thence south ~~e~~asterly 9½ miles, etc." in lieu of south easterly 9 miles.

In the fourteenth line, the distance "south easterly 7½ miles, etc." has been corrected to read 8 miles.

Would you kindly make the necessary corrections on your copy of the above mentioned application, and oblige.

T. Van Dyk, Inspector
~~i/c~~ "D" Game Division.

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Full Name of Applicant.	Latitude.	Longitude.
WILLIAMS, Steve (INDIAN)	58.40 ~~58.45~~	133.00 ~~133.0~~
(Surname.) (To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	(To be filled in by Constable or Game Warden.)	

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—"GAME ACT." MI 52,74 A

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRAP-LINE.

To the Game Commission,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.:

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Name of applicant Steve WILLIAMS (Indian) & Family P.O. address Atlin, B.C.

Nationality Canadian Indian Occupation Trapper

No. of Special Firearms Licence N.A. Length of residence in B.C. Age

No. of years applicant has trapped line 15 years Length of trap-line 170 miles around (approx)

Particulars as to blazes or signs on trap-line Blazed

Geographical description of trap-line Commencing at the south side of the mouth of McGavin Creek, thence southerly following the west bank of Taku River 9½ miles to a point opposite the mouth of King Salmon Creek, thence north westerly 4¼ miles, thence south westerly following the height of land 10 miles, thence north westerly 2¾ miles to the west bank of Chaksay Creek, thence north 12 miles to height of land, thence south westerly following northerly slope of height of land 17 miles to International Boundary, thence following said Boundary in a north westerly direction 37 miles to Mount Poletica, thence Easterly 14 miles, excluding Hobo Creek, thence north easterly 8 miles to Atlin Lake, thence south easterly following shore of said Lake 14 miles to a point on the west shore of Stoko Inlet ½ mile northerly of the head of same, thence southwesterly 9 miles, thence east 9 miles, thence north easterly 7 miles, thence south easterly 9½ miles to head of McGavin Creek, thence south easterly 7⅛ miles following the south bank of McGavin Creek point of commencement, including all intervening territory.

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Dated this 12th day of September, 1940, at Prince George, B.C.

Signature of applicant Steve Williams, per Harper REED Indian Agent
(Harper Reed)

NOTE.—Sketch of trap-line must accompany this application. (FOR RECORDING OFFICER.)

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April 27th, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your report for the month of March in which mention is made of the case of Billy Green who had been arrested for taking some mink skins and traps from a white trapper who had moved onto his trap line. This incident was dealt with in the article from the "Interior News" which was attached to your letter and for which I thank you.

I observe that you state in your letter that the local Justice of the Peace, Mr. Grant, threw the case out but that it was again taken up by the Provincial Police and Government Agent Hoskins, at Smithers, committed Billy Green to be tried at the Higher Court to be held at Smithers on the 5th of April. As your letter was written on the 18th of April it is thought that you should have been able to give some information as to just what the Higher Court decided. It may possibly be that you intended to say that the Court was to be held on May the 5th.

WED/KD.

Yours truly,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

E. Hyde, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Hazelton, B. C.

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...S, B. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

White Man's Equal Rig...

...s Established

The right of white men to trap in any part of the province was a principle of justice upheld in the County Court at Smithers on Thursday, when His Honor Judge Young imposed a sentence of thirty days on William Green, a Hazelton Indian, on a charge of theft of furs and traps. While upsetting ideas held by the Indians, the verdict is of more than ordinary significance to white trappers.

Green has been trapping for many, many years north of Hazelton, in fact, at the preliminary hearing he stated that he had been trapping there for "a thousand years—since before the world." For some years an aged man of German birth has been trapping in the same district. Last year Green was late in getting to his trap line, and when he got there he found the white man straddled across his hunting ground. The Indian found two traps, which he admitted springing and throwing away.

Following this he went to the white man's cabin, and entered on the invitation of the owner. It appears the law of the Indian is to secure some evidence of trespass, which is to be taken to the Indian Agent, and with this in mind when his eagle eye fell on some skins on a shelf, he helped himself. Green was then charged with theft and arrested at Hazelton.

At the preliminary hearing Justice of the Peace Wm. Grant of Hazelton threw the case out of court, but the police again served a summons on Green on their contention that the Justice had overstepped his jurisdiction, and when the case again appeared it was before Magistrate Hoskins at Smithers, who slipped the case along to County Court and Judge Young.

In giving his decision and passing sentence, Judge Young, through Mrs. E. R. Cox as interpreter, informed Green that, while the law of the land at present allowed a white trapper to apply his trade in any part of the province and that Indians had no priority of trap lines except from ...eason to season, a delegation was ...ow Ottawa on this very subject, ...nd he expressed the belief that the ...ndians would receive full justice in ...any decisions coming out of that conference.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAY 15 1925
VICTORIA, B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 17-1 P.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE
BABINE INDIAN AGENCY

HAZELTON, B.C.

Your ref.No.112/4953. May 9th 19 25

Dear Sir,—

I have your letter of the 27th untimo and enclose herewith, for your persual copy of deposition of the Green case at the first hearing, also a cutting from the "Interior News" which I omitted to attach in the first instance.

During a conversation with S.Sgt.R.Warrior, of the R.C.M.P. Prince Rupert, who accompanied Constable Cline of the local police to a point opposite the Hazelton Hospital to arrest Green who was on his way in with the furs, I was informed that the Indian told Cline that he had some furs which he was taking to Mr.Hyde who would hold Court and settle who was the rightful owner. S.Sgt.Warrior, is of the opinion that the Indian had good intention and did not take the furs with intention of profiting, except to establish his trapping rights.

Had the Indian so desired he could very easily have disposed of the fur, by giving them to some other Indian, or concealing in a cache, thereby disposing of strong evidence of which he was aware of as in cases betwwen themselves I usually find the offended Indian bring something as proof of the trespass. I understand Green asked to see me before a statement was taken but I heard nothing of the arrest until Inspector Acland of the R.C.M.P. told me, some days later during my visit to P.Rupert with an Indian boy. Green was arrested about 7.30 p.m. Saturday and I did not leave Hazelton for Rupert until 11 p.m. Sunday, I was back on the 18th March.

Mr.Thoen, a German who has been in this country many years only got his naturalization papers last Fall I understand. Many years back when the local Public Works Dept; built a bridge over 20 Mile Creek on the Hazelton/Babine trail, it is alleged that Thoen took several martin out of traps belonging to Old Chief McKenzie, who still resides on the trail near 20 Mile Creek; McKenzie's line is near Green's. McKenzie followed Thoen into camp and asked for the furs, when itis alleged Thoen called him a dirty Siwash, it was only when Kate, McKezie's daughter got her horse and threatened to ride into Hazelton and report the matter to the police. the furs were returned. If I remember rightly the bridge was built about sixteen years ago.

Green had a horse die last Summer whilst he was away fishing at the Coast and the matter on being reported to Constable Cline had the horse buried. Mr.Cline notified me who in turn sent a letter to Billy Green telling him what had been done, the expenses of this has not yet been paid, which of course Green should pay, it amounts to this, if the Indian does not, Mr.Cline will have to settle the account. I happened to drop into the police office and found Mr.Cline going after Billy in the strongest terms, when he noticed me he said something about taking out a summons against Green, I told him he had better not, and advised to ask Billy in a more sympathetic manner. I admit Billy is obstinate when it comes to paying and impetuous when occasion arises.

Your obedient Servant,

C. Hyde
Indian Agent

W.E. Ditchburn Esq.
Indian Commissioner
Victoria, B.C.

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Section 682, Criminal Code.
Add Form "Magistrate's Certificate."

(Form 19.)

Deposition of a Witness.

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
County of Prince Rupert

THE deposition of Halvor B. Thoen
of , taken before the
undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Prince Rupert
this Twenty fourth day of March , in the year of our Lord one thousand
nine hundred and twenty-five , at Hazelton
in the presence and hearing of William Green, James Green and Jonah Brown , who stands charged
~~who stands committed~~) for that

On the Second day of March 1925 at Twenty Mile Creek in the County of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, William Green, James Green and Jonah Brown without color of right unlawfully did steal Three Mink Skins and two steel traps the/property of Halvor B.Thoen to the value of Twenty Dollars.

The said deponent saith on his oath (~~or affirmation~~) as follows:—

Halvor B.Thoen Trapper living at Hazelton, Province of British Columbia being trapping for the last twelve (12) years at twenty mile creek, and on the 2nd. of March 1925 three Indians came up to my cabin and two of them came inside and asked me where I had my traps and I told them that I had some up the river.

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1925 In the Justice Court, Hazelton, County of
March 24 Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia.
2.30 P.M.

William Green, James Green, (Indians) and Jonah Brown

Accused.

Halvor B. Thoen Informant.

Accused represented by
H.L. Robinson Esq.
and
Prosecution represented by
Constable Cline.

Information read to accused all in Court
Mrs. Cox Sworn in as Interpreter.
Information read through Interpreter.
Halvor B. Thoen sworn in

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and some of on other different routes, the three accused Indians were in my cabin, these Indians ordered me to take up the traps and I answered would not do that then they said you look out you old son of a B- then they took three mink skins that I had on the stretcher drying I told them not to take them you will get yourselves in trouble sure, I went right down to the Police and reported the Indians took the minks and went up the river. The next morning on the 3rd. I came to my place and on 4th. I came down to Mr. Clines. I missed two traps going down below my cabin, and on 7th. of March 1925 we went back with two Police up to 20 mile arrived there on the 8th. of March and on the 9th. Mr. Woodman and myself went up river about 3 or 4 miles and we found that they had taken seven more traps
Objection to the seven traps --Objection allowed-
I followed tracks from my cabin down, and I could see where they took the traps out from where I had set them these were the only tracks. I saw the Mink skins since at the Court House
Three mink skins produced and identified by Informant.
These mink skins were taken from the wall of my cabin, by William Green one of the accused. Jonah Brown was also in the Cabin at the time and James Green was sitting outside on his bundle of blankets.
Mr. Robinson
What were you doing when these three Indians came in to your cabin (A) I was sitting on my bed mending my snow shoes
The Indians said that this was their trapping grounds, and wanted me to take the traps up, as I had no right there. He took the furs I had other skins he did'nt see I had them in a box.
Q Why did you let the Indians take these skins
A I was afraid to cause trouble
Were the Indians armed
A I did not see any weapons in sight- they might have mentioned Mr. Hyde's name but I did not hear it.

3 Halvor B. Thoen

Mr. Robinson) I had a dispute before with William Green in 1912
) He said that was his hunting ground, I told him I was not after beaver then he said it was all right -no trouble at any other time. I know they came up river to my cabin as I followed their tracks, my own tracks were there also, my ~~ww~~ snow shoe tracks are different from the others.
Q How do you know these are your mink skins? I identify those skins by the way I stretch them, and also by nail mark in tips of tails of all of them.
? I followed the tracks down there was another man up 3 or 4 days before -- I know my own tracks

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I saw the traps about three days before I missed them the other man was up after I last saw the traps.
Q How do you know the other man did not take your traps(A)
because he went by the traps not close to the trap line, but I dont know the other man's tracks from the Indians,I looked around for the traps but could not find them,they were numbered 1 o ~~2~~1
Barney Moe was the name of the man that was up

(signed)Halvor B.Thoen
.. C.Cox

4 Wm. Grant J.P.

Constable Thiis sworn in and who testified as follows:-
Thomas Richard Thiis Provincial Constable stationed at Hazelton
On the 7th. Inst. accompanied by Constable Woodwam R.C.M.P.
the Informant and Barney Moe.I patrolled to 20 mile Creek in the County of Prince Rupert Province of British Columbia. Arriving at Informant's cabin on the evening of the 8th. Inst. The accused three Indians were not there at the time ,before arriving at the Informant's cabin I seen the spot where two traps had been they were not there then-no sign of them.We left the Informant's cabin on the 10th. Inst. and arrived at Hazelton on 11th. P.M.
Q How did you know the place where the traps were missing
A The Informant was leading I have no practical knowledge of trapping.

(Signed) Thomas Richard Thiis
Prov. Const.
.. C.Cox

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S.T.Woodman sworn and testified as follows:-
S.T.Woodman,Constable in R.C.M.P. stationed at Telkwa, B.C.
On March 8th. 1925 in company with Constable Thiis and Informant and Barney Moe .On the way up to the Informant's cabin I examined the spots where traps had been,and where the Informant told me he had set them ,the traps were not there,or in the vicinity
Q Mr.Robinson What do you mean by vicinity-close to where the traps had been we searched ,and looked around the trail but could not find them ,there was no sign of the traps on the snow as there was enogh crust to keep them from sinking,we made a reasonable search,but did not look up the trees
Q Mr. Cline Was there trees handy to where these traps had been
A Yes Sir.

(Signed) S.T.Woodman Constable
R.C.M.P.
.. C.Cox

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Sperry Cline sworn and who testified as follows:-
Sperry Cline Provincial Constable stationed at Hazelton.
On March 14th. 1925 I arrested the accused William Green,accused after being brought to the lock up,and duly warned,and the warning interpreted to him -made a statement to the effect that he had taken three mink skins from the Informant at 20 mile Creek.The accused ~~xx~~ when arrested was in possession of three mink skins ,these mink skins are the skins produced today at this hearing and marked Exhibit "A" and claimed by the Informant as his property.
Mr. Robinson
Did Sargent Warrior accompany you when you arrested the Accused A Yes and was present at time of arrest
The accused Green made a statement that he took the three mink skins in order to bring them to Mr. Hyde and myself and bring up the question of Ownership of the trap line,that these skins were to be used as evidence I arrested the accused about 7.30 14th. day of March 1925 The accused was on his road to Hazelton

(Signed) Sperry Cline
.. C.Cox

5 P.M. Court adjourned to 7 P.M. this evening
Wm. Grant, J.P.

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March 14 7 P.M. William Green duly sworn testifieth as follows
Evidence already in by prosecution is entirely satisfactory to
allthree accused
Statement of the Accused read and interpreted
Mr. Robinson
for Accused Statement as follows-- After twelve O'Clock we were travelling up river, James Green Jonah Brown and myself, on Monday 2nd. of March 1925 we passed the bridge and kept on travelling we were following a man's snow shoe tracks. Thoen did not tell me that he was going to hunt on this water 20 mile Creek, after travelling for some time we reached my old hunting house, while we were travelling along we came accross a small steel trap set alongside of the road, which I sprung and threw to one side, as I had traps on my back which I was going to set as it was on my hunting ground The hunting grounds belonged to my great grand father many thousand years ago. It was our hunting ground from the beginning of the world
Map shown (made by Indians) giving boundries on
Map marked Exhibit "B" put in as evidence showing hunting grounds

8 Thoen has been hunting there 12 years the very first time that Henry Thoen went there before he built the house below the bridge I came on to Mr. THoenwhere he was camped below the bridge with my son James I said to him I wish you would lift your traps This is my hunting ground -I spoke to him many times this time I said I would remove them if he did'nt, after I sprung the trap I set it one side, we travelled on till we reached our old hunting house we went on a little further we found another trap which was set in the water, I took the trap and sprung it and threw it ashore I did not take the traps I just sprung them and laid them aside. The boys arrived at Thoen's ~~xCampxfirst~~ cabin first they put their packs outside and they knocked at the door Thoen opened the door and he said hullo when he saw who it was he slammed the door and left them outside I walked up to the house and knocked and was asked to come in Thoen was sitting down fixing up his snow shoes I went in by myself the boys stayed outside, and as I was talking to the white man Jonah Brown came in
9 (over looked in first statement well I said to Thoen if you dont take up your traps I will Thoen said take them up if you want them)
I said to him how long you leave this place and go home and I said to him take your packs and leave and he said I wont do it I wont take my traps Thoen said I bought this land from the Government to hunt in and it has nothing more to do with you then I became angry when he told me he bought my hunting ground from the Government I saw three mink skins hanging on the wall and I said to him I am going to take these mink skins and show them to Mr. Hyde and he will decide for me Mr. Hyde will decide for me about my hunting ground I pulled the skins off the s tretcher and left the stretchers Mr. Thoen stood andwatched me and didnt say anything to me Thoen then said what are you going to do with them I said I am taking them to Mr. Hyde in three weeks time you and I will be in Hazelton and you and I will be in Court I arrived at Hazelton on saturday the 14th. I have been in jail now eleven days
I was coming into Hazelton to see Mr. Hyde, as we were to hold Court over the hunting ground I had with me two martin skins as well as the three mink skins I was on my way down to Mr. Hyde when I was arrested and the skins w re taken away from me

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Mr. Cline
Q Was this time the first time you went to trap this year on 20 mile A yes this was the first time March 2nd.
Q Did you know that Mr. Thoen was trapping on the ~~ma~~ground you call yours A No Mr. Thoen trapped off and on for the past twelve years
Q Do you know where Thoen caught these mink skins
A Could not tell you the exact spot ,but I am quite sure he caught them on my hunting grounds.

(Signed) William Green his X mark

" C.Cox

Taken before me at Hazelton the day and year first above mentioned

(Signed) Wm. Grant
Justice of the Peace

Jonah Brown called
James Green called

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Mr. Hyde called sworn & testified as follows:- Edgar Hyde Indian Agent living at Hazelton-I know the three accused Indians they belong to Hazelton Tribe of Babine Agency and under my jurisdiction. I have considerable experience in matters of this kind and dealt with similar cases between the Indians but in this case I have no jurisdiction,as it was a white man's case

(Signed) E Hyde
" C. Cox

Mr. Robinson's Closing remarks 687 C
Mr. Cline's for prosecution
Mr. Robinson

The Court decides that he ~~fi~~ finds NOT sufficient evidence to commit the accused William Green,James Green & Jonah Brown to a higher Court for trial.
I therefore discharge the accused from custody.
I also order Exhibit "A" to be kept in Constable's Cline's keeping.

(signed) Wm. Grant
Justice of the Peace.

I the undersigned hereby certify that the fore going five pages are true and correct copies of deposition taken in Justice's Court wherein William Green,James Green and Jonah Brown were accused of theft.

Wm Grant
Justice of the Peace
in for the County of Prince Rupert
Province of British Columbia.

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BABINE AGENCY

Hazelton, B. C.
December 7, 1955

W. S. Arneil, Esq.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re: Indian Representatives Conference

Further to my wire of December 6th with reference to various Band Councils protesting the delegate chosen.

At approximately 4 P.M. on the above date, various members of the Councils of the following Bands of this Agency called at this office to lodge a protest regarding the member chosen from Region 5 to represent them at the above conference:

Hazelton Band	453 population
Glen Vowell Band	135 population
Kispiox Band	324 population
Kitsegukla Band	232 population
Kitwanga Band	232 population
Kitwancool Band	169 population
	1545

This Agency is more or less split into two groups. The one group, represented by the above Bands, are fishermen, or people that follow the sea or rivers. The second group, shown by the Bands listed hereunder, are interior or "Moose" people as they are termed by the first group.

Tsitsk Band	143 population
Moricetown Band	349 population
Old Fort Band	210 population
Fort Babine	288 population
	990

The total population of this Agency as at October 30th is 2535. Opposite the Bands listed above I have shown their total Band population.

It was pointed out to the members at the meeting here on December 6th, that although a representative for this Region was chosen from Stuart Lake Agency, the representative chosen from Region two, Frank Calder, would very capably present their thoughts and viewpoints with regard to their various problems.

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January 29, 1949.

J.V. Boys, Esq., Supt., Indian Agency, Hazelton, B.C.

Re: Nominal Rolls

With reference to your letter of January 24th, 1949 we concur that it is not possible to leave a 1¼" margin on the left side of the form.

It will be necessary for you to follow the instructions as laid down in our letter of January 10th, 1949 regarding extra copies.

The birth date should be recorded day, month, year.

for W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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This letter is for your information only, as it was felt that in view of the telegram sent to you, some explanation should be given in addition, should you have cause to refer to this protest.

W. B. Bailey
Indian Superintendent

WBB:avm

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 0-10-1 (151)

BABINE AGENCY

Hazelton, B. C.

24th January 1949

Indian Commissioner for B. C.,P.O.Box 70, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Kindly refer to your letter of January 10th, file 0-10-1, re nominal rolls.

I presume that you have received a sample of the form prepared by the Reserves and Trusts Division at Ottawa, on which to carry out the instructions referred to in Mr. McCrimmon's letter of December 29th, file 69RT. In case you have not seen the forms I enclose one. You will note that these forms do not lend themselves very well to the instructions outlined in your letter. Firstly there is barely enough room for seven figures in the left hand column reserved for Band number, certainly it would be impossible to comply with your request to leave a $1\frac{1}{2}$" margin on the left. Again it is extremely difficult to produce more than five good copies on this weight of paper.

Will you kindly advise by return mail what you wish done under the circumstances.

With reference to your instructions re birth date, I presume that you wish the English method employed, i.e. day/month/year rather than the American system sometimes employed in this country of month/day/year.

J. V. BOYS
Indian Superintendent

JVB:bms

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INDIAN BAND MEMBERSHIP LIST

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AIR MAIL

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December 8th, 1948.

J.V. Boys, Esq.,
Indian Superintendent,
Hazelton, B.C.

Your File 0-2-9 (151)

Dear Mr. Boys:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 3rd and revised census of your Agency.

I am pleased to note the activity in your Agency, in connection with the revision and maintenance of nominal rolls, and appreciate having a revised census list. I may say we had contemplated asking Superintendents for revised census records, but felt that the volume of work with which they had to cope at this time, was such that the matter could be left in abeyance until staff increases were effected.

The information with regard to the number of Indians of your Agency enfranchised, is most interesting.

Yours truly,

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W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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BABINE AGENCY

Hazelton, B. C.

3rd December 1948

Indian Commissioner for B. C., P.O.Box 70, VANCOUVER, B.C.

For the past year we have been revising, amending and retyping the census books of this Agency. From these books a census has been prepared, a copy of which is enclosed. You will note that it has been brought up to date as at November 30th 1948. Population by bands is as follows:-

Hazelton	...	380
Glen Vowell	...	147
Kispiox	...	258
Kitseguecla	...	228
Kitwanga	...	172
Kitwancool	...	113
Meanskinisht	...	26
Tsitsk	...	112
Moricetown	...	288
Old Fort	...	181
Fort Babine	...	256

You will note that the population of this Agency, despite enfranchisement of more than 130 Indians in the past two years, still remains at the very considerable figure of 2,161 persons. *50 more than in 1944 Census.*

J. V. BOYS
Indian Superintendent

JVB:bms

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May 1, 1918

J. Simpson Esq.,
Chief Constable,
Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Sir,-

Your favour of 29th ultimo to hand in reference to unrest among the Indians as the result of German propaganda. You mention a Father Wagner, priest from Penticton as suspect. I wasn't aware that Wagner was at Penticton, but understood that the priest there was Father Bellew. Both of them are bad eggs. Wagner I knew at Kamloops and Merritt. He had the reputation there of being a sly seditious brute who did a lot of harm in preventing recruiting. I understood that he got out hurriedly to avoid internment and I didn't know where he had gone to. This time last year the man at Penticton was Father John, but he left there in July and the man who followed him was Father Bellew whose reputation in the north country was most unsavoury. I hadn't heard that he had left and was of the impression that he was still there. But the offences of which he was accused up north were of a different character. Around Fort George, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James they held him guilty of graft and making too free with the squaws. He tried his best to get a big rake-off on the surrender of Indian lands at Fort George to the G.T.P., and he was caught in flagrante delicto with one of the squaws for which old Father Cocola fired him.

Brown told me a week or two ago or more about a complaint made to him that Father Bellew at Penticton was believed to be influencing the Indians in favour of Germany and that many Indians around Penticton had been influenced by his talk to the extent of proposing to take up a collection to send to Germany. I told Chief Fraser about it here and he said he was going to get Ralph McDonald at work on it, but I heard no more of it until your letter came to hand.

I expect to hold a meeting at Penticton shortly and when there will see if I can draw something out of a few of them, as you suggest, for men of that stamp should be weeded out and damn the cloth that would screen them.

Sincerely yours,

Inspector

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August 16th, 7.

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Dear Mr. McKenzie:-

On the 2nd instant I wrote you asking for some information with reference to the flume through the Indian Reserve adjoining the city of Penticton and as I have not up to the present received a reply I thought it might be possible that you did not receive my communication, and, therefore, I am enclosing a copy of the same and would be extremely obliged if you could let me hear from you on this subject by return mail.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

W. A. McKenzie, Esq.,
Reeve,
Municipality of Penticton,
Penticton, B. C.

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No. 631/G.

Chief Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B. C.,
August 2nd, 1917.

Dear Mr. McKenzie:-

While at Penticton on the 8th ultimo, during the drive through the timber reserve, adjoining the municipality to ascertain where the fire was located, we spoke about the flume being on the Indian reserve and I think you informed me that permission had been granted for this and it had been settled for.

The question of this flume being on the reserve came up at one of the meetings and the only information I could get was from Mr. Brown, the Indian Agent, who stated that the flume had been put there before the time of his appointment and he supplied me with a note from T.H.Latimer, Esq., the surveyor, who stated to the effect that he made the survey and sketch plan for the Penticton irrigation diversion dam and flume on the Indian Timber reserve in 1905 or 1906 for the Southern Okanagan Land Company. He stated he understood that the plans were forwarded and permission obtained for the construction of the flume and dam on the reserve.

I would be extremely obliged to you if you could give me some definite information on this matter at as early a date as possible, for it will take too long to get it from Ottawa and I desire th incorporate it in my report. I should like to know what settlement was made at the time and whether there was any monetary consideration given for the permission.

I only returned to Victoria at the end of last week and am now busy getting out the evidence taken at the various places.

W. A. McKenzie, Esq.,
Reeve,
Municipality of Penticton,
Penticton, B. C.

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places. The charges at Penticton make over fifty-five pages closely typewritten, so you will have some idea what the Okanagan charges will make when I tell you that there are 18 different charges and I sat for six full days there and one at Enderby.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. E. Ditchburn.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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The question of this flume being on the reserve came up at one of the meetings and the only information I could get was from Mr. Brown, the Indian Agent, who stated that the flume had been put there before the time of his appointment and he supplied me with a note from T. H. Latimer, Esq., the surveyor, who stated to the effect that he made the survey and sketch plain for the Penticton irrigation, diversion dam and flume on the Indian Timber reserve in 1905 or 1906 for the Southern Okanagan Land Company. He stated he understood that the plans were forwarded and permission obtained for the construction of the flume and dam on the reserve.

I would be extremely obliged to you if you could give me some definite information on this matter at as early a date as possible, for it will take too long to get it from Ottawa and I desire to incorporate it in my report. I should like to know what settlement was made at the time and whether there was any monetary consideration given for the permission.

I only returned to Victoria at the end of last week and am now busy getting out the evidence taken at the various places.

W. A. McKenzie, Esq.,
Reeve,
Municipality of Penticton,
Penticton, B. C.

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places. The charges at Penticton make over fifty-five pages closely typewritten, so you will have some idea what the Okanagan charges will make when I tell you that there are 18 different charges and I sat for six full days there and one at Enderby.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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2ND. CHARGE.

1. That the matter of the Henderson Lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights of the Band.
2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and m illegal.
3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties, as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the Band.

WITNESSES: Chief and Band.

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CORPORATION OF PENTICTON

FILE NO. _____ PENTICTON, B.C. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

August 18th., 1917.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Box 775,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,

RE YOUR NOS. 631 & 685/G.

Reeve W. A. McKenzie has requested that I write you on his behalf acknowledging receipt of your communications of the 2nd. and 16th. inst., also explaining the reason for delay in this matter.

As the Irrigation System now owned by this Corporation was purchased from a private company, we have no records available as to what transpired prior to its being acquired by this Municipality.

Upon receipt of your former communication the Reeve requested that I get in touch with F. H. Latimer, C.E., who was the South Okanagan Land Company's surveyor when the irrigation system was laid out. This I did, but on account of his being away from town did not receive a reply until very recently.

However, the information supplied by Mr. Latimer was not sufficient for your requirements, and efforts are being made to ascertain from the South Okanagan Land Company, Ltd., the exact position of affairs.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE AUG 20 1917 VICTORIA, B.C.

Yours truly,

B.C.B/P.

B.C. Bracewell
MUNICIPAL CLERK.

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Exhibit "B"

Statutory Declaration.

I E. C. Graham of Kelowna . A Prov,l Constable do solemnly declare

That during the summer of 1915 I was constable for the Municipality of Summerland and on one occasion during that time I happened to be in the City of Vernon B C..

2 While there I was requested by a freind by Prov,l Constable Taylor to accompany him to the Indian Reserve at the head of Okanagan Lake where he had instructions to arrest an indian whos name I cannot recollect .

3 I accordingly accompanied Constable Taylor to the reserve and on arriving there we went to Chief Castor Louis house to make inquirie as to the whereabouts of the indian Taylor wanted .

4 Chief Castor Louis then demanded to know what we were doing on the reserve and ordered us of the reserve at once Saying that the Prov,l Police had no right on the Indian reserve at all.

5 Constable Taylor refused to leave the resrve and insisted on looking for his man. Whereupon Chief Castor Louis assisted by another indian and Three Klootchmen grappled with Constable Taylor .

6 I then went to the assistance of Constable Taylor and after quite a fight we overcame the Indians and I am of the opinion that had not Constable Taylor had my assistance he would have been in a very serious position.

7 We later found the Indian that Constable Taylor wanted to arrest in Chief Castor Louis house, and Constable Taylor then arrested him and took him to the goal in Vernom.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true. and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at Kelowna B. C. this 16 Day of July 1917 A. D. 1917

E C Graham

H Reade J.P.

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DOM. AND B. C. LAND SURVEYOR
MEM. CAN. MIN. INST.

CONSULTING ENGINEER
IRRIGATION PROJECTS, WATER POWER AND WATERWORKS.

CODE "MOREING AND NEIL AND A. B. C." 5TH EDITION

Penticton, B.C., July 14th 1914

[I made the surveys and sketch plan for Penticton irrigation diversion dam and flumes on Indian Reserve Timber Nos 2 & 3 in 1905 & 1906 for the Southern Okanagan Land Company which, were forwarded, I understood, and permission obtained for construction of flumes and dam as per said plans.]

F. H. Latimer
B.C.L.S. & D.L.S.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Summerland, B.C.

4th August 1917

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
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VICTORIA, B. C.

Sir,—

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst, which I received on my return from Armstrong, I beg to say that I went very carefully, with Chief Michel Jack of the Penticton Band, along the boundary line between the Penticton Indian Reserve and the Kaleden subdivision, and found that in no case was there any part of the Reserve trespassed upon in running the line for the Kaleden subdivision. Mr. Latimer, who ran the line for the Kaleden people, found every stake along the Indian Reserve boundary.

It appears that a stake had been knocked out in re-grading the public road along the Indian Reserve, and one of the Indians had thought that the Kaleden line was infringing on the Reserve, which proved to be abdolutely without foundation.

P.S. I am returning Mr. Latimer's sketch and note.

Trusting this will be satisfactory.

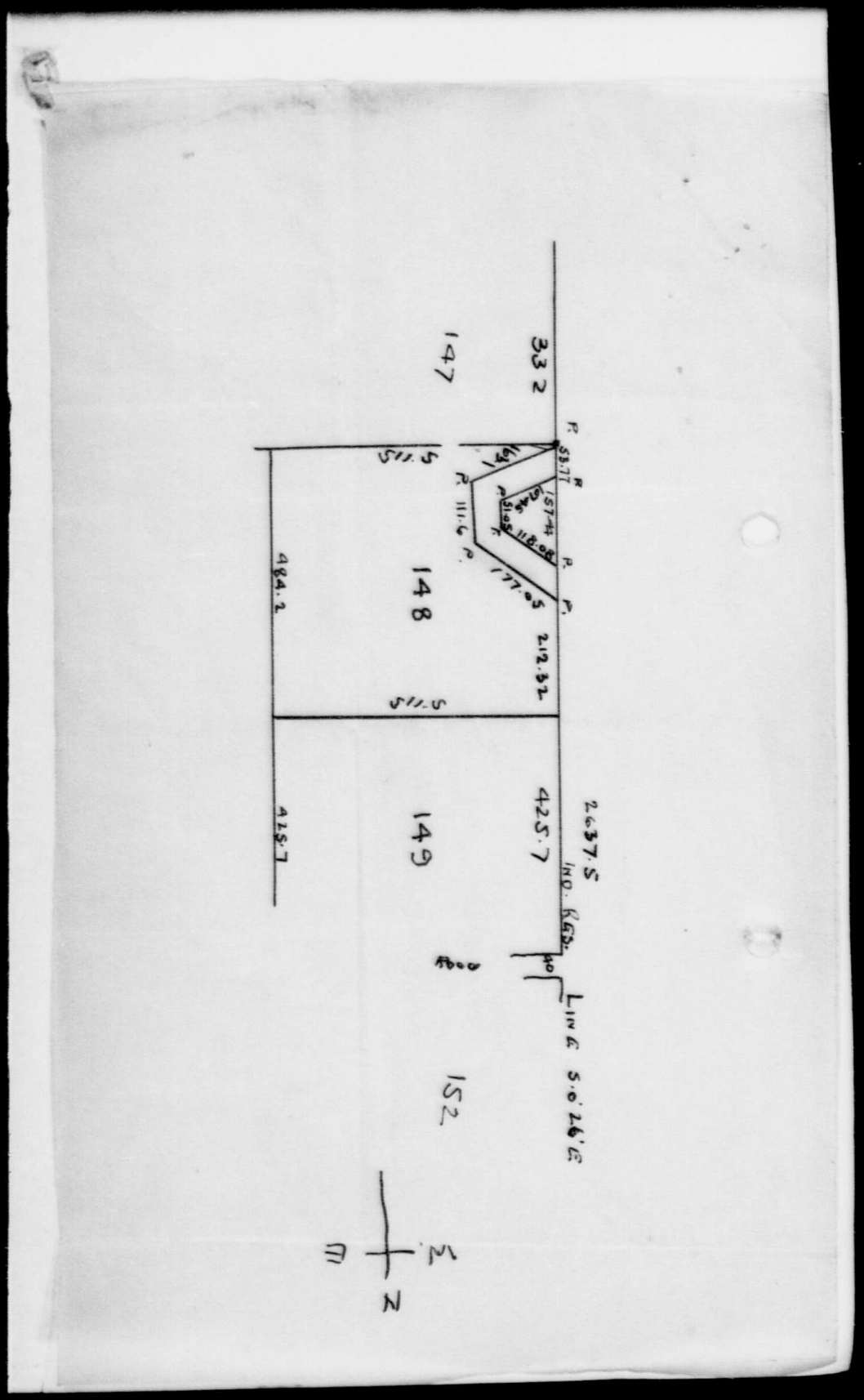
I remain, Your obedient servant,

J. Robert Brown

Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Victoria, B.C.

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Penticton, B.C., July 14th 1917

I ran the east boundary of Indian Reserve
on 16 May 1908 for Kabdens subdivision and found the
Indian Reserve original post to point where the Indian Reserve
boundary turns west. ~~from~~ on which line I set the
subdivision posts for Kabdens.

J. H. Latimer

B.C.L.S. & D. L. S.

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2nd August, 7.

635/G.

Sir:-

With reference to the complaint of the Penticton Indians about the line of the reserve being changed on which you furnished me with a sketch and note from Mr. Latimer, I may say that the note is rather indefinite so I wish you would give me full information as to what Mr. Latimer told you about the change recently made in the road, whether it is on or off the reserve.

Please give me this information by return mail and return the sketch.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

J. R. Brown, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA June 15th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

I am sending you herewith Hansard of the 14th. instant in which on page 2440 et sec, you will find the remarks made by Hon. Mr. Oliver with reference to the affairs on the Okanagan reserves. At this writing I do not know whether you have been there and returned home or not, but you must read Hansard carefully. As you are aware the Minister must be able to make a thorough reply ~~if necessary~~ in the House to these charges, and they must be answered categorically, not in any general way. As we know Christie so well, we discount these reports, but to a critical outsider his charges are as good as anyone else's, and they must be disproved and, if possible, his character exhibited in its true light.

I am sending copies of the speech to Inspector Megraw and Agent Brown, as certain charges therein contained, reflect upon them personally.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

~~Deputy~~ Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector
of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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August 24, 1917.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for a report as to how Indian Agent Brown has been conducting the affairs of his Agency, I beg to say that from what little I have seen of him and his work during the course of my recent tour through part of the Okanagan Agency it appeared to me that he has had a poor conception of what the duties of an Indian Agent are. In only two of the charges contained in the long list made by Mr. Christie that had any foundation in fact, viz:- the eleventh, wherein it was alleged that Alexander Chillihetsa had been prostituting a young girl, and the twelfth, that money had been paid to Chillihetsa for the Canadian Northern Railway Company's right-of-way, he not being entitled to the same, there is no doubt that if these matters had been attended to at the time, the complaints would not have arisen. In connection with the eleventh charge it certainly was the duty of the Agent to have the matter promptly investigated at the time it was brought forward and if there was sufficient evidence to show that the girl was as young as was claimed, Chillihetsa should have been prosecuted. With regards to the twelfth charge, I think Brown was grievously at fault for not notifying the Department at the time as to what status Chillihetsa had on the reserve before he paid him the money for the Canadian Northern right-of-way. There was ample time to do this, for the reason that Chillihetsa did not at first accept the cheque when it was tendered and considerable time elapsed before it was finally taken

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taken. These two cases are glaring instances of inefficiency.

Agent Brown appears to be willing and energetic enough but in the past has lacked the initiative to put in operation many much needed reforms. The Agency evidently was badly run down when he was appointed, for Agent Irwin could have paid but little attention to it when it formed part of the Kamloops-Okanagan Agency, the result being that to-day there is a general complaint that the Indians are not nearly as progressive as they were over twenty years ago. It is also claimed by the white people that the Indians have gone back many degrees morally.

Agent Brown's ignorance on a great many matters may be the result from lack of definite instructions, he not having been able to get in touch with some one who could put him on the right track. During the seven years of his holding office he has had no less than three Inspectors over him, none of whom were long enough in the work to thoroughly understand the Department's policy in order that they might be in a position to give him advice on various subjects.

While at Enderby I met some of the white residents of that section of the country and in talking over the Indian situation the suggestion was made that the work of the agency be divided up and another Agent be appointed to look after the Okanagan and Spellumcheen Indians, leaving Agent Brown in charge of those from Penticton south. It was thought that if this could be done and a good man appointed who had a fair agricultural knowledge, as Agent Brown has, it would allow of each man spending a considerable part of his time in instructing the Indians on their farms and would result in a much greater production from the Indian lands.

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While this is true to a great extent the Okanagan Agency is not, in my opinion, large enough to warrant two Agents at present though the reserves are extensive and capable of producing much more than is the case to-day. I am of the opinion, however, that the Agent should devote practically all of the spring and summer months visiting the different reserves and instructing the Indians in order that more progress can be made. To accomplish this it will be necessary to afford him proper facilities to get over his territory in the least possible time. To hire automobiles is too expensive, and to use the old time horse and rig is too slow. I do not know what the average monthly expenses of the Agent are, though Mr. Brown informed me that they were extremely heavy. I am, therefore, inclined to offer a suggestion which I believe will not only result in reducing the expenditure but much more effective work will be accomplished.

Agent Brown offers to purchase his own automobile providing the Department will allow him a reasonable mileage rate and I feel sure that if this is approved of things will go on much more satisfactorily in the Agency than they have done in the past. Practically all the travel to-day is done by automobiles when generally the rate is $15.00 per day. You can, of course, travel from Penticton to Vernon by boat and from Vernon to Enderby by train, where the rate is ordinarily about four cents per mile, but where the greater part of the expense comes in is going from the cities to the reserves themselves. For instance, No. 1 reserve is over nine miles from Vernon and when trips are made to that place the automobile hire is either $10.00 or $15.00 per day. From Enderby to Salmon River it is about ten miles where more automobile

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expense is incurred. From Summerland to Westbank is ten miles, from Summerland to Penticton another ten miles and so on. To go from Summerland to Penticton on the boat it is necessary to stop at a hotel over night. Had the Agent his automobile the hotel expenses would be cut out and the same would occur in a great many other instances. A considerable saving would also be made when the Inspector or any other official travelled with the Agent in his car.

I therefore would recommend that the Agent should be notified that the Department would have no objection to him purchasing his own car at his own expense and that he would be allowed a rate of six cents per mile and that when it is necessary for the Inspector or any other official of the Department to travel with him they can do so without extra charge. A rate of six cents per mile while it is higher than the rate on steamboats or trains still I think it is a fair one. The wear and tear on tires of a Ford car is two cents per mile, gasoline is another two cents and oil is about half a cent, leaving one-and-a-half cents for the general upkeep of the car, for which the Agent himself would have to be responsible.

While on the question of the Agent and the manner in which he has carried out his duty it may be just as well to state that Brown himself feels that he has, to a certain degree, been discriminated against in not allowing him an office in which to do his work. The removal of the office from Vernon to Summerland was a move in the proper direction, for it certainly must have cut down his expenses to quite an extent, as he was not a resident of Vernon and when he was there doing his office work of course his board and lodgings

were

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were charged up to the Department. I think, however, that he should have been allowed to obtain an office at Summerland at a reasonable rental for the work of an Agent cannot be carried on in his residence any more than can that of the Inspector. It is not done in any other Agency that I am aware of. Where we build a residence for the Agent there is also an office in connection with it and I consider it is not fair to ask Agent Brown to do his work at his own residence. As a matter of fact he has not been doing it there but has his office on the main street in Summerland which, I believe, he owns himself, and I think he should be allowed $10.00 per month for the same.

If I was certain that a good strong man could be obtained for the position of Indian Agent for that Agency I would be inclined to recommend a change, but if such a man could not be had it would be just as well to continue Brown in office for otherwise the last condition might be worse than the first. If you desire to let Mr. Brown remain, he should be written a good strong letter informing him that greater effort and a keener appreciation of his duties will be required of him in the future.

Yours respectfully,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, August 29th.,1917.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose you a voucher received from Mr. Agent Brown of Summerland for an explanation in regard thereto and approval, as it is not evident why this Department should pay such charges.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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September 5, 1917.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, File 362,466, enclosing Voucher No. 554 sent in by Mr. Indian Agent Brown of the Okanagan Agency, for $10.00 in favor of Mr. E. D. Cooper, of Summerland, for a charge of valuing land on the Penticton Indian Reserve.

In explanation of this charge I may say that when holding the recent investigation at Penticton I suggested to both Mr. Indian Agent Brown and Mr. Inspector Megraw that it might be advisable for them to have independent valuations made of the land expropriated by the Department of Agriculture for experimental farm purposes to support the valuations made by themselves in 1915. Mr. Inspector Megraw had W. A. Mc Kenzie, reeve of the Penticton Municipality, go over the ground and give his opinion as to the land value, for which he made no charge. Indian Agent Brown had Mr. Cooper, of Summerland, do the work and he put in a charge of $10.00. These independent valuations are referred to on pages 16 and 17 of my report and both go to show that the valuations made by the officials of the land were very favorable for the Indians.

I would recommend that this account should be paid.

I am herewith returning the voucher.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE

VERNON, B. C.

File

November 3, 1917

Sir,-

Jack Bonneau was in to-day from the Head of the Lake and asked me when and by whom he would be paid for a hard day's work he had in rounding up horses by your orders, in connection with settlement of the case between Annie Logan and Josephine Edwards, and I enclose bill herewith for payment of same. When he stated the charge to be $3.00, I do not know whether he had in mind the fact that he had ridden his own horse all day or not, but apparently he had overlooked it. Neither did he make any mention of any of the trips he made in subpoenaing witnesses during the Inquiry, and I take it for granted that he has already received payment for same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. McGraw

Inspector of Indian Agencies

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector,
Victoria, B. C.

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111/172/H.

November 5, 1917.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing an account for $3.00 in favor of Jack Bonneau, constable of Okanagan Reserve No. 1, for services in rounding up the horses of Annie Logan and Josephine Edwards, and I am herewith enclosing $3.00 in payment of this account which you will please pay to Bonneau taking his receipt for the same and return the receipted account to me.

On the matter of his serving the subpoenas at the time of the enquiry I beg to inform you that he was paid for the services rendered on 21st of July.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:- $3.00

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

A. Megraw, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Post Office Building,
Vernon, B. C.

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OFFICE OF
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SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE.

VERNON, B. C.

File 111

November 8, 1917

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing $3.00 in payment of Jack Bonneau's bill which I return herewith duly receipted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A McGraw
Inspector

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector,
Victoria, B. C.

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Head of the Lake, Nov. 3, 1917

To one day's work in August, rounding up horses of
Mrs. Annie Logan and Josephine Edwards, on
order of Chief Inspector, W. E. Ditchburn - - -$3.00

Received payment

Jack Donnean his X Mark

Witness

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Head of the Lake, Nov. 3, 1917

To one day's work in August, rounding up horses of
Mrs. Annie Logan and Josephine Edwards, on
order of W. E. Ditchburn, Chief Inspector - - -$3.00

Recommend payment.

Jack Bonneau his X mark

Witness A. McGrane

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14/700/G.

August 24, 1917.

Sir:-

I observed in reading over the files dealing with the expropriation of land on the Penticton reserve for the Experimental Farm (362,466),and the purchase of the Canadian Northern Railway's right-of-way through the Okanagan Reserve No. 1 (454,820), that in the first instance Antoine Pierre and in the latter Hermoin Gregoire, Jimmy Joseph and Alexander Chillihetsa were paid 90 percent, of the land value and only 10 percent. went to the credit of the Bands' funds. In the case of payment for the right-of-way through the Duck Lake Reserve (File 418,256), only 50 percent of the land value was paid to the Indians, the remaining 50 percent. being credited to the funds of that band. I have no criticism to make with regard to the Duck Lake matter as the Indians who received the money constituted the whole of the band.

It appears to me, however, that in paying 90 percent of the proceeds of the sale of land to individual Indians the Department has gone further than is provided for by the Indian Act, for Section 89 clearly states that no more than 50 percent. of such money can be paid to the Indians. I should, therefore, like to be informed why this excessive percentage was paid in the instances above cited.

In any cases of the kind which have been dealt with within my Inspectorate in the past it has been the practise to divide 50 percent. of the land value among the whole of the tribe on a pro rata basis, any Indian having improvements on the land taken, of course being paid for these

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in excess of his pro rata share of the land value. This has never appeared to me as being exactly fair for an Indian, whose holding has been decreased by virtue of a right-of-way, has received no more compensation than the one whose land has not been cut down at all.

I would, therefore, recommend that a regulation be drafted to govern all future cases of the kind to the effect that where land is taken for right-of-way or other such purposes 25 percent. of the purchase price should be divided among the Indians who are the recognized owners of the land taken over and above the pro rata share of the remaining 25 percent, which should be distributed amongst the whole of the band, and 50 percent placed to the credit of their funds.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY, DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Ottawa, September 20, 1917.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 24th August, No.14/700/G, I beg to say that the money paid individual Indians for their interest in land expropriated for right of way has nothing to do with Section 89 of the Indian Act which deals with the sum which may be paid the individual members of a band by arrangement at the time of surrender.

In order to arrive at a fair value to be paid the individual Indians for their improved interest in the land taken for right of way purposes, the Department fixes an arbitrary sum, say 10%, which may be placed to the credit of the band, this being intended to represent the naked value of the land and the band's interest therein, the 90% being the individual Indian's interest in the land taken for right of way purposes.

Your obedient servant,

D. M. Lean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Ottawa, 27th November 1917.

Sir,-

Referring to your report of the 22nd August last regarding the complaint of the Okanagan Indians I have to say that you may inform them at a convenient opportunity that it is considered that the valuation of $400.00 per acre for the meadow land and $10.00 per acre for the bench land in the right of way of the Kettle Valley Railway was fair and liberal and that the Department will not again open the question.

Your obedient servant,

F. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Ottawa, 13th December 1917.

Sir,-

With regard to the fifth and last complaint mentipned in your report of the 22nd August regarding a trespass on the Penticton Indian reserve No.2,I have to say that in 1906 Mr.A.W.Vowell,then Superintendent at Victoria, was instructed that the Southern Okanagan Land Company might build their dam and construct the flumes in this reserve,in accordance with the plan the Company submitted, and operate them during the pleasure of the Superintendent General,on condition that such rights may be secured for the Indians as may be justly and reasonably theirs. Mr.Vowell instructed the Indian Agent to grant permission provided the Company consented to allow 150 inches of water for agricultural purposes and 50 inches for domestic purposes from the Company's flume whenever required by the Indians for their use and benefit. As nothing further has been heard on the subject it is presumed that the Company accepted the terms and forthwith constructed their dam and flumes. Will you be good enough to see that the Indians be informed accordingly?

It is to be noted that this reserve,together with reserve No.2-A adjoining the said reserve,were ordered "cut-off" by the Royal Commission.

Your obedient servant,

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December 24, 1917.

Sir:-

Among the complaints made by the Penticton Indians, forming the subject of an enquiry held by me in July last, one of these was in connection with the valuation of the railway right-of-way through Penticton Reserve No. 1. The evidence adduced went to show that the Company paid $400.00 per acre for the meadow land and $10.00 per acre for the bench land. On this matter I beg to inform you that the Department considers that this valuation was both fair and liberal and they will not again open the question.

With regard to the complaint of trespass on and deflection of all water from the reserve adjoining the town-site(Timber Reserve No. 2), upon which it was impossible to obtain any definite information at the time of the enquiry, I beg to now inform you that in 1906 Mr. A. W. Vowell, then Superintendent at Victoria, was instructed that the Southern Okanagan Land Company might build their dam and construct the flumes in this reserve, in accordance with the plan the Company submitted, and operate them during the pleasure of the Superintendent-General, on condition that such rights may be secured for the Indians as may be justly and reasonably theirs. Mr. Vowell instructed the Indian Agent to grant permission provided the Company consented to allow 150 inches of water for agricultural purposes and 50 inches for domestic purposes from the Company's flume whenever required by the Indians for their use and benefit. As nothing further has been heard on the subject it is presumed that the company accepted the terms and forthwith

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You will therefore be good enough to notify the Indians of this agreement.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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February 13th, 1918.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of 18th August last, dealing with the matter of the irrigation flumes and diversion dam constructed by the Southern Okanagan Land Company on the Penticton Reserve No. 2 which system is now owned by the Corporation of Penticton, I beg to inform you that in 1906 Mr. A. W. Vowell, the Superintendent at Victoria, was instructed that the Southern Okanagan Land Company might build their dam and construct their flume in accordance with the plan submitted and operate them during the pleasure of the Superintendent General, on condition that such rights might be secured for the Indians as would be justly and reasonably theirs, and accordingly Mr. Vowell instructed the Indian Agent to grant permission provided the Company consented to allow 150 inches of water for agricultural purposes and 50 inches for domestic purposes from their flume whenever required by the Indians for their use and benefit.

As the Corporation of Penticton purchased the irrigation system of the Southern Okanagan Land Company any undertaking entered into by the Company for the privilege of occupying a portion of the above mentioned reserve must be carried out by the Corporation of Penticton in the event of a request being made by the Indians for the amount of water

for

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Corporation of Penticton,
Penticton, B. C.

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for irrigation or domestic purposes which they are entitled to under the agreement.

I have written the foregoing in order that the Council of the Corporation of Penticton may be in a position to understand just what the agreement was, as apparently the Southern Okanagan Land Company have not given you any information on the matter.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Speaker: Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes.

Thursday, June 14, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

PRIVATE BILLS.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

Bill No. 79, respecting a patent of Ernest Mead Baker.—Mr. Robb.

Bill No. 80, respecting a certain patent of The Sharp Rotary Ash Receiver Company, Incorporated.—Mr. Currie.

Bill No. 81, respecting a patent of James B. King and others.—Mr. Macdonell.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—PENIAC BRIDGE.

Mr. COPP:

1. What was the total cost of the renewal of Peniac bridge on the Fredericton division of the Intercolonial Railway?
2. How many concrete piles were used in the construction of same, and what was the total length of said piles?
3. What was the cost per lineal foot for said piles?
4. What was the cost of labour in the renewal of this bridge?
5. How many days was the track pile driver used on this work, and at what cost per day, including the cost of fuel?
6. What is the length of said bridge?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. Total cost, $9,009.28, which includes $2,011.53 for improving grade by raising track..
2. Thirty concrete piles were used, with a total length of 904 feet.
3. $1.40 per lineal foot, f.o.b. Peniac.
4. $5,339.80.
5. Twenty-one days at a cost of $31.42 per day, which includes fuel and labour.
6. Eighty-one feet.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—MILFORD BALLAST PIT.

Mr. COPP:

1. When was the property known as the Milford ballast pit purchased by the Government, and at what price?
2. How many acres were purchased in this property, and from whom?
3. What was the cost of the right of way to said ballast pit?
4. How far is said ballast pit from the main line of the Intercolonial Railway?
5. What engineers or other officials examined the material in said ballast pit and recommended the purchase of same?
6. What was the total cost of constructing line from main line to said pit?
7. How much material has been taken from said pit?
8. What is the estimated quantity remaining in said pit?
9. Has said ballast pit been abandoned?
10. If so, why?
11. Where was the material used that was taken from said pit?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. The property was expropriated—final plans and descriptions filed in the registry office, August 16, 1916; price paid, $1,497.96.
2. Total, 74.898 acres. From David I. Blackburn, 52.218 acres; from Mrs. Mary A. Wood, 22.68 acres.

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3. Cost of right of way to date, $958.60. The claim of Mrs. Mary Hunter for one small parcel of land has not been settled.

4. 3.58 miles.

5. It was tested under the supervision of the roadmaster and resident engineer. Samples of material from test pits were submitted to and examined by division engineer, general superintendent, chief engineer and general manager. The roadmaster brought the pit to the attention of railway officials, and all the officers concerned recommended purchase.

6. $38,061.01.

7. 28,000 cubic yards.

8. Approximately 1,700,000 cubic yards.

9. No. The rails were taken up temporarily to lay in sidings, to release National Transcontinental railway rails for shipment to France.

10. Answered by No. 9.

11. On the Halifax Oceans Terminals railway, main line and yard tracks, and on the spur leading from the main line to the pit.

BAY STATE FISH COMPANY.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. Is the Bay State Fish Company permitted to land fish fares at Digby, N.S., to the Maritime Fish Corporation without payment of customs duties?

2. If customs duties are paid, are the same remitted?

Mr. HAZEN:

1 and 2. No. This company is given no exceptional privileges in Canadian ports.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—GRAND NARROWS BRIDGE.

Mr. COPP:

1. What is the height of the stone piers in the Grand Narrows bridge on the Intercolonial Railway?

2. How far are said piers below high water mark and how far above low water mark?

3. How long since the said stone piers were built?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. The only information the department has in this regard is from the as-built plans of the Cape Breton railway, which is as follows:—

Top of pier to bottom:

Pier (from west end).	Of Crib Under Pier.
No. 1	74′ 6″
" 2	77′ 10″
" 3	81′ 8″
" 4	80′ 8″
" 5	72′ 10″
" 6	71′ 4″
" 7	35′ 0″

2. This question is not clear, but from the records the relationship of average high water level to top of piers is as follows:—

Top of Pier.	Above High Water Level.
No. 1	5′ 3″
" 2	5′ 3″
" 3	5′ 3″
" 4	5′ 3″
" 5	5′ 0″
" 6	5′ 3″ (High part.)
" 6	4′ 0″ (Low part.)
" 7	0′ 3″

The department has no record of the distance from the tops of piers to low water level, but according to tide tables of 1917 the range between high water level and low water level in the Bras d'Or lakes is about one foot.

3. According to the as-constructed plans of the Cape Breton railway, these piers were completed in 1890.

GOVERNMENT LANDS AT DIGBY.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

Who is the holder of the lease of Government lands at Digby whereon troops of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces were located in 1915 and 1916, and what rental was paid for the same?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: Mr. G. E. Torrie. Mr. Torrie was allowed a rebate of $10 on the rental for the year 1916, on account of the occupation of the ground by troops. The rent is $20 per annum.

PROHIBITION OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KYTE: I have received a number of petitions and memorials from churches and temperance organizations asking that legislation be introduced at the present session to provide for Dominion-wide prohibition. Is it the intention of the Government to introduce such legislation during the present session?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have already explained that the subject is under consideration of the Minister of Justice as to certain legislation. Any further announcement that may be necessary will be made in due course.

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917.

SUGGESTION AS TO VOTE ON SECOND READING.

Mr. W. E. KNOWLES (Moosejaw): I desire to make a suggestion with regard to the so-called Conscription Bill, the second reading of which, I understand, is to be moved early next week. It is almost certain that the debate will occuy at least a week, that is, there is little possibility of reaching a division next week. I am sure there are many members who would

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like to visit their ridings and speak to some of their electors on the point. I know I would. If the Prime Minister could see his way clear to have an understanding on the part of the House that a vote would not be permitted within a week from the day the second reading is proposed, I do not think it would do any harm. Of course, it is almost certain that the debate will take that long, but at the same time one does not like to take the chance of absenting himself when a vote of such importance is in prospect. The right hon. gentleman may not wish to answer at once, but I would suggest that he should take the matter into consideration, and tell us later if such an arrangement as I propose could be made.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Of course, as I stated yesterday, I would like to proceed with the measure at the earliest possible moment. On the other hand, I desire to meet as far as reasonable the wishes of hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House. I will take what my hon. friend has said into consideration.

LAKE OF THE WOODS WATER LEVEL.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I see it stated in the press that the International Joint Commission have made a very important report fixing the level of the waters of the Lake of the Woods. If this report has been made can it be laid on the Table?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: If any such report has been made it has not yet come to my attention. As soon as the matter comes before me I will give it consideration, and will inform my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) or will lay the report on the Table.

HON. ROBERT ROGERS.

SITTING OF ROYAL COMMISSION.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: It is reported that the Commission appointed to make an investigation in the case of the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Rogers) is sitting in Montreal?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I understand that it is sitting.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Are the sessions private or public?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have no official information on the subject. The Minister of Justice (Mr. Doherty) if he were here, could probably give more information on this subject than I can give. I have heard nothing about the matter at all since the Order in Council was passed, except that I understood incidentally from other information that the Commission had the evidence before them and were looking over it.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I will renew my question to-morrow.

REMOVAL OF RAILS FOR USE IN FRANCE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. OLIVER: The Minister of Railways (Mr. Cochrane) has laid on the Table a report, with blue print, regarding the lifting of rails on the Grand Trunk west of Edmonton. When I spoke on this subject some days ago, I think the hon. gentleman said that he would lay on the Table a similar report in regard to the lifting of rails on the Transcontinental.

Mr. COCHRANE: I have not got that ready, but expect to have it to-morrow or Monday at latest.

STRIKE OF BRANTFORD MOULDERS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. NESBITT: Is the Minister of Labour (Mr. Crothers) aware that a strike of moulders in Brantford has been on for some days? And has he taken any action in the matter?

Mr. CROTHERS: I heard some days ago that the moulders in Brantford were on strike. The difference between the moulders and the employers arose as to the length of the working day, the question being as to an eight-hour or a ten-hour day. I am not aware whether the matter has been adjusted yet or not.

Mr. NESBITT: Does the hon. minister know that one of his officials had gone to Brantford, or had been spoken to by men in Brantford, and that these men were told by him that the Department of Labour had nothing to do with that kind of matter?

Mr. CROTHERS: I have not heard anything of the sort. No official of my department, so far as I am aware, went to Brantford.

LABOUR STRIKE IN WESTERN COAL MINES.

Mr. OLIVER: I think the Minister of Labour said yesterday that he would prob-

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ably have some definite information today in regard to the labour strike in the Alberta coal mines.

Mr. CROTHERS: I have received a message from that district, which contains no definite information, but merely states that the prospects for adjustment are brighter.

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Steam service between St. John and ports in Cumberland Basin, $3,000.

Mr. MACDONALD: Yesterday the Minister of Finance made a statement in regard to the land service, which appears on page 2394 of Hansard, as follows:

A slight adjustment was made in this case, and the matter for the last year has been settled, and a contract entered into for the ensuing year.

And he is reported to have said "about $45,000." I understood him to say $5,000.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: $5,000 is the right amount.

Mr. BOULAY: An item was voted last night for the service between Quebec and Gaspé basin. Will the minister give us the ports of call in the counties of Rimouski and Matane, where the company is bound to make calls, acording to the terms of the contract with the Dominion Government.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The ports of call are Matane, Cape Chatte, Ste. Anne des Monts, Mont Louis, Grande Vallée, Chlorydomes, Fox River, Griffin Cove, L'Anse à Louise, Grande Gréve, Douglastown, Gaspé Basin, and, at the contractor's option, to extend the route as far as Paspebiac, calling both way at Malbay, Percé, Cape Cove, Grand River, Newport, and Port Daniel; and at the following places once each round trip, either on the up or down voyage, viz., Ste. Félicité, Mechins, Martin River, Claude River, St. Antoine, Magdalen, Petite Vallée, pointe Frigate, pointe Secher, Grand Etang, Anse à Valeau, Pte. Jaune, Little Fox River, Cape Rosier, as well as such other port or ports, place or places, en route, as the minister may from time to time direct. I think these are the same as last year.

Mr. BOULAY: I understand, they do not stop at Matane or Ste. Félicité, and very seldom at Mechins. They should stop at Matane and Ste. Félicité, because there is no railroad at those points. I do not think the company is fulfilling the conditions on which they received their subsidy, and I ask that the minister, before renewing the subsidy another year, should compel them to fulfil their obligation. I should like to know, also, if the Government has control over the freight rates on those steamers, because we had complaints from the people along the coast that they charge very high rates, which complaints, I think, are well founded. The subsidy is granted to those companies to enable them to carry freight at a moderate rate, to points where there is no railroad service. If the Government has control of the rates, they can redress the grievance.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Every steamship company which is subsidized is under contract to perform certain services; otherwise they are subject to a reduction of the amount paid them. Generally, we hear from places which are not visited and we take the matter up. If there be any reason why steamers have not called at these places the steamship company is given an opportunity to explain. The weather might not permit of their calling, or there might be some other reason. The freight rates are controlled. The company must file its schedule of rates, and is obliged to follow that schedule, and rates cannot be increased without the permission of the department. The subsidy is given for the encouragement of the service, and is not simply to take the place of freight rates, which have to be paid in any event. During the last two years costs and charges have gone up, as my hon. friend knows, so that, in most of these cases, demands have been made for a certain rise in the rates of freight. The demand was taken up by the officers of the department, and reported upon; the department fixes what it considers to be a fair rate, and refuses to sanction any rate that is considered unfair. In some cases a partial increase is granted.

Mr. MARCIL: Between Gaspe bay and Paspebiac the service is optional with the company?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes.

Mr. MARCIL: Could not the minister make it more binding on the company in this respect in view of the very poor service on that coast? I have received a petition from Anse aux Gascons, thirty miles east of Paspebiac, asking that the boat call there. I forwarded the petition on to the proprietor of the boat in Montreal, but have had no answer yet. If an arrangement could be made by the department to give better

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service on that part of the coast it would be greatly appreciated.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That port is beyond Gaspe?

Mr. MARCIL: Between Gaspe and Paspebiac.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: We have another service between Campbellton and Dalhousie and we pay them for the service to Gaspe. We do not wish to pay a double subsidy on the portion of the coast between Gaspe and Paspebiac, but if the company wishes to go beyond Gaspe to Paspebiac we do not put any bar in their way, so long as they perform the service between Quebec and Gaspe for which we pay them.

Mr. MARCIL: The minister understands why they should go to Paspebiac. They may have through freight from Montreal and Paspebiac, and that being the chief station of the largest firm in the district, anything the minister could do in improving the service would be of benefit.

Mr. COPP: Referring to the services between St. John and ports on the Cumberland basin, what boat is engaged in the service and what trips does she make?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is the same steamer that has been on for some years, the Harbinger, run by the Harbinger Steamship Company. The ports of call are St. John, Albert, Riverside, Harvey, Joggins Mines, Minudie, Riviere Hebert, and a call is required at Amherst Point wharf when there is freight offering for that port.

Mr. KYTE: How frequent are the trips?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The contract is for a trip once a week.

Mr. COPP: Last evening an item was passed providing for the service on the Peticodiac river. I saw an item to the effect that this boat would not be in service this year.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think I was told in the department the other day that there was a doubt as to whether this boat would go on or not. I will inquire.

Steam service between Sydney and Bay St. Lawrence, calling at way ports, $6,000.

Mr. McKENZIE: This is a very important service. While we may criticise a good many of these services, this is one that I wish to bring in the most serious way to the notice of the minister. He has received petitions, I know, from that part of the country asking for a better service. I am not complaining of the present service, but it is impossible for one boat to satisfactorily perform that service.

The route covers a distress of nearly 120 miles from Sydney along the coast of Cape Breton and Victoria counties, extending as far back as place called Meat Cove at the extreme southern part of the island of Cape Breton. The ports along this part of the coast are good fishing places—Bay St. Lawrence, Meat Cove, White Point Dingwall, Neil's Harbour, North Ingonish, South Ingonish, Breton, Cove, Barrachois Plaster, North Shore, English Town, Jersey Cove, Murray, South Gut, North Sydney and Sydney. As was brought out in the discussion the other day with regard to the fishing business, it is necessary that fishermen should be enabled to get their products to the markets. One boat a day cannot do justice to the business done at the places which I have mentioned. The present boat was specially built for this route, and the company would probably secure another boat if they received some encouragement in the way of subsidy. I voice the sentiments of the people along the northern part of Nova Scotia when I ask that they be given better accommodation than they are now receiving. Representations along these lines have been made to the minister by friends of his own party. I mention these facts not in any spirit of carping criticism, but in the hope that the minister will give the matter consideration, in view of the fact that it is absolutely necessary that this part of the province should have better accommodation.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My hon. friend knows the difficulty of getting either more money or more ships. However, there is always hope for the future.

Steam service from Sydney, N.S. around the east coast of Cape Breton to Hastings and return to Sydney via the Bras d'Or Lakes, $5,500.

Mr. CARROLL: Will the minister tell the committee what amount of traffic was carried in this service last year, the number of trips made and the number of passengers carried?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Thirty-four round trips were made, 1,045 tons of freight were carried, and 35 passengers.

Mr. McKENZIE: At what points is the vessel supposed to touch?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Sydney, North Sydney, Port Morien, Main-a-dieu, Louisburg, Gabarus, L,Ardoise, Petit de Grat,

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Arichat, West Arichat, Mulgrave, Hawkesbury. On the return: Grandique, Poulamond, St. Peters, Johnston's Harbour, Irish Cove, Big Pond, North Side East Bay, South Side East Bay, Castle Bay, Grand Narrows and North Sydney.

Mr. KYTE: I wish to call the attention of the minister to a matter concerning which representations have been made to his department from time to time, that of the necessity for a steamship service at the port of Fourchu on the south coast line of Cape Breton. Fourchu is one of the most important and prosperous fishing communities on that coast, but it has no communication with any of the ports of Nova Scotia. It has no railway accommodation, the nearest railway being about 25 miles distant. Up to a few years ago a sailing vessel carried to Fourchu purchases made by the merchants at various ports in Nova Scotia and carried away the products of the fisheries, but this service has not been in operation during the last three or four years. It is desirable that the steamship company enjoying the subsidy which is under consideration should be requested to call at the port of Fourchu.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: What steamship is that?

Mr. KYTE: The Weymouth. Some years ago a considerable sum of money was spent by the Department of Public Works for the purpose of dredging out a bar across the mouth of the harbour at Fourchu. Owing to the removal of that bar there is now a considerable depth of water in the channel. Some years ago the Government made provision for the construction of a public wharf at that port. The public conveniences, therefore, required at such a port as Fourchu are fairly well provided, with the exception of the most important of all, a steamship service. If the depth of water should be found inadequate to enable the steamers to approach the Government wharf, a small expenditure for dredging would provide the necessary depth of water. I am not exaggerating the importance of Fourchu when I say that it is one of the most important fishing communities in the island of Cape Breton and that the individual catch is larger than that of any other fishermen in the island of Cape Breton.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The hon. gentlemen thinks that the service might be performed by the Weymouth?

Mr. KYTE: Yes.

[Sir George Foster.]

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I will look into it.

Expenses in connection with the supervision of subsidised steamship services, $3,000.

Mr. MARCIL: The member for Rouville and the minister made certain statements yesterday regarding the Gaspé-Campbellton service which were warranted by the facts, but in justice to the Quebec and Oriental Railway Company, operating between Matapedia and New Carlisle, I think that I should set forth certain facts showing that, under the circumstances, they are doing the best that can be done to operate that railway.

If that were not so, the people of that part of the country would be very much worse off than they really are, because, besides the steamer service, which is not altogether what it should be, the people have nothing but the railway. I want the minister to become familiar with the position the railway occupies. These are the facts to which I wish to direct his attention: For the six months ending December 31, 1916, the Quebec Oriental railway spent on special repairs and renewals of way and structures $18,064.41, or roughly $3,000 per month. They also spent $5,000 additional on ordinary maintenance more than for the corresponding period in 1915, making a total additional expenditure on this account of over $23,000. That the line is being considerably improved is amply demonstrated by the fact that they are handling without delay an increased volume of traffic including many heavy 60 ton cars of coal. They are doing a better business at present than at any time in the history of the line, and if it had not been for the inflated prices of material and the scarcity and cost of certain classes of labour, caused by the war, they would be making considerable profit, which would have enabled them for the current year to carry out repairs on a more extensive scale than they are doing. There is one fact that should be mentioned, namely, in the operation of a daily service on the line during the winter under very adverse conditions along a coast line exposed to storms. They have managed to operate the 200 miles of railway from Matapedia to Gaspé during the whole winter without a single day's interruption, carrying the mails and proving a great advantage to the people, despite the severe weather. This has cost a good deal of money, and full credit should be given to the company for what they did. The general manager of the railway who has given me these facts says that other lines similarly situ-

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ated had to resort to a tri-weekly or bi-weekly service in the winter. It is only fair to the company that I should make these facts known. The minister was a member of the Government when this railway was chartered, and it was proposed to be a branch of the Intercolonial. It fell into the hands of a private company and has had a very precarious existence since. The people hope that, after the war, this railway will be merged into the Intercolonial and will become one of the best features of that system, giving access to a splendid territory for fisheries and lumber. The line is fairly well operated from Matapedia to Paspebiac, and is in splendid condition from Paspebiac to Gaspé.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I am glad to know the company are improving it.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES: After recess yesterday, when I was not present, the minister stated that this was the first time that complaints had been made to him in regard to the service between the mainland and the Magdalen islands. During the earlier part of this session, I consulted the deputy minister in regard to all the details of the service, and I thought the minister had been informed. The minister stated yesterday that he found it hard to believe that any company receiving a public subsidy would act in such a manner, and I do not find any fault with his remarks, because it is hard to believe that a company would act in the way I have described. The minister said that he would look into the matter. If he does, he will find that every statement I have made is absolutely correct. I received from clergymen and reputable business men in the Magdalen islands numerous complaints to the effect that the management of the company was discriminating in their own favour and against every one else. The manager, Dr. Starrat, would hardly give a courteous or civil answer to any one doing business. The firm with which I am associated, a few years ago, had a fairly large business with several people in the Magdalen islands, but that business has been completely wiped out because those people know there is no use in giving orders for goods to companies which are not in favour with the owners of this steamer service, for the reason that the goods will not be transported, or they will be delayed so long in transit that the importers will give up hope of receiving them altogether. The conditions are simply intolerable, and I hope, if the minister looks into the matter during this session, he will give me an opportunity of proving my statements.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I will certainly look into the matter. Of course, with the multiplicity of work, it is impossible for the minister to have knowledge of all the details. What I said last night namely, that the matter had not been brought to my attention was true.

Trade commissioners and commercial agents, including expenses in connection with negotiation of treaties or in extension of commercial relations; miscellaneous advertising and printing, or other expenditure connected with the extension of Canadian trade, $160,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: The minister might give us some inkling of what was accomplished at the various international trade conferences of the Allies.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This vote is for the trade commissioners. Of course, they have nothing to do with international negotiations.

Mr. GRAHAM: I know that, but I thought I might ask on this item for a statement from the minister regarding the trade conference of the Allies, one at least of which he attended.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I intend on one item of the Estimates to make a general statement with reference to the work of the department, and I think it would be better to embody the information that my hon. friend asks for in that statement. It will cover a good many points, for there are many matters that I think should be placed before the House. For instance, there is the Dominions Royal Commission, which has finished its work and published its final report, copies of which, together with the evidence, I intend to have printed for the use of members. The report is a voluminous one, but to those members of the House who take an interest in Dominion-wide trade, the report and the statistical volumes which accompany it are documents of very great importance. In my general statement I shall also refer to the work of the Advisory Council on Industrial and Scientific Research, and to the work of our trade commissioners in the different countries. I shall also make a short statement in reference to the Economic Conference, which is what I think my hon. friend refers to. I will give notice beforehand of the item on which I shall make this general statement.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Have any new trade agencies been opened since last year?

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Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not know whether the two Russian agencies were opened last year or not, but at least preparations were then being made for them. One has now been opened at Petrograd, in the East, and another at Omsk, in the West. Mr. Just, our agent at Petrograd, is one of our best trade commissioners. Mr. Wilgress has been appointed to Omsk. He is a graduate of McGill University, where he had a distinguished career, and was highly recommended on economics and other subjects. Mr. Wilgress has passed through the course of training which all our new trade commissioners undergo in our offices in Canada for a year or a year and a half.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Where in Omsk?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: In Siberia; it is the central point in Western Russia. We have also opened a branch at Milan, in Italy, and recently sent there one of our sub-commissioners, a graduate of Toronto University, who had undergone a course of training in this country for over a year and a half. Not much, perhaps, can be done during the period of the war either in Russia or Italy, but it is very important that these men should be at their seat of future work before peace comes, so that they may make themselves thoroughly acquainted with local conditions. I have made a point lately of insisting on these trade commissioners understanding the language of the country where they are going to work; that applies to our commissioners in Russia and Italy. The young man who has gone to Milan studied Italian while he was here, and had a fair colloquial knowledge of the language before he left, and probably will be able to perfect himself in the language before peace comes. There is also a sub-commissioner being trained in our offices who is destined, if everything goes well, to take up this work in Japan; he is studying Japanese. His father was living in Japan at the time of his birth; the young man has passed a few years of his childhood there, and has something of the Japanese atmosphere. It is a great advantage for a man to be able to enter into conversation with business men in the language of their country. It makes communication easier, and enables the commissioner to get at their habits of thought better than if everything had to be done through an interpreter.

Mr. GRAHAM: I think it is a good idea to have these commissioners trained in the language of the country to which they are sent, although it might be considered an intrusion on bi-lingualism. I get the bulletins regularly, and read them very carefully. They contain a lot of useful information for the public, particularly for the manufacturers and business men interested. I have made a point during the past few years of having these bulletins reproduced in the newspapers, in order that they may reach as many people as possible. I have met several of these trade commissioners, and I believe they are doing a good work. Of course, their viewpoint will have to change, and their methods also, on account of the war. I suppose that the war will disarrange a lot of business, and it will rearrange a lot of business also, some to our advantage and some to our disadvantage. It ought to be impressed upon our manufacturers that it will be necessary for them to be ready to grapple with conditions that may exist after the war. A great many of our industries, small as well as large, have been devoting almost their entire attention to the manufacture of munitions, at the request of the Munitions Board. Consequently, they have allowed their staple trade to slip away from them—and, of course, the demand for their staples has decreased. But when the war is over—and we hope it will be over very soon—these manufacturers ought to be in a position, not only to look after the staple trade they had before, but also to secure trade that they have never had up to this time. The trade commissioners, I assume, are and will be very useful in this connection in keeping the department informed as to the new conditions and the requirements of markets which our manufacturers can reach. It is absolutely necessary not only that this information should be given to the department, but that it should be made known to the industrial centres and captains of industry all over the Dominion. I presume that this is done. If I have a word of advice to the minister, it would be to increase efficiency in this respect and to see to it that all such information is placed before the manufacturers. The majority of the trade commissioners with whom I have discussed affairs, are hopeful of a constantly increasing trade—of course, war has unhinged business for the present. But they have found this difficulty, that our manufacturers have not been ready to adapt their output to the requirements of the market. In Australia, let us suppose, the people are in the habit of purchasing certain patterns of goods in certain lines,

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these goods being made elsewhere than in Canada. Some years ago, at any rate, our trade commissioners found it difficult to induce the Canadian manufacturers to change the style of their output to meet the demand of the market in such a case. If our industries are to meet the new situation and to secure trade that they have not yet had our producers must accommodate themselves even to the whims of their customers. I have found that in some countries—and I suppose the minister is aware of this condition—goods of Canadian manufacture are used but those who use them are not aware where they are produced. For one order, I suppose it does not make much difference so long as the manufacturer sells the goods; but for future trade and the development of our industries I think the trade commissioners do good work by keeping as nearly as possible a straight line between the Canadian manufacturer and the foreign consumer. I found, in travelling in Europe, that Canadian goods were becoming better known as such than in former years, largely, I suppose, through the work of the trade commissioners. People there were beginning to learn that these goods were from Canada and were not the product of the distributors from whom they were bought. I approve of this vote for the trade commissioners and would not object to putting on more steam in this service, if it were shown to be desirable. We do not know what is ahead of us; we can conjecture, but we do not know. It may seem discouraging at this time to put on more steam; but we do not know how soon the circumstances may change, and we ought to be reday to take advantage of conditions, whatever they may be, so as to regain any trade we may have lost, to retain what we have, and to secure the trade that will develop under the new conditions. The remarks I wish to make on the other points I reserve until the minister (Sir George Foster) has made his statement.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The remarks of the hon. member (Mr. Graham) are very pertinent to the subject in hand and to the circumstances of the time. In the present dearth of ships and all the confusion resulting from a state of war, it may seem of little use to have trade commissioners in some of the countries in which our commissioners now carry on their work. But I find that there is a very fruitful field to which I am directing their attention and to which they are giving a large part of their time. In other countries, as in our own, great changes are taking place. It is gratifying to know that our manufacturers, large and small, are more and more getting the idea that more things can be made in Canada, and made profitably, and marketed outside of the country as well as within our own borders. There are numerous new industries springing up in Canada to make things which we have not made before. The pressure and discipline of war work have given an impetus to the making of things along new lines. The organization of plant, the extreme nicety of the work that is to be done, has been a drilling and disciplining of our mechanics and our employers as well, and has taught them that they need not despair of being able to produce alongside the manufacturers of any other country. When the workman has a piece of work which he has to get down to the thousandth part of an inch, or perhaps the two-thousandth part of an inch, the completing of that work is an invaluable training.

There are two things that it is of great importance for the manufacturers and artisans of the country to realize: One is that time is always of the essence of the contract, that when a contract is made it should be filled on time; and the other is the necessity of accuracy of make. Many people think: Oh, if this will do the job, no matter whether it is accurately fashioned or not, it will serve. It is an invaluable training and an invaluable aid to our workmen to have instilled into their minds every day the idea of accuracy and of finish, of making an article absolutely according to specification. In this respect changes are taking place in our own country and in other countries, and an important part of the work of our trade commissioners to-day is to watch and follow up these changes and to bring information of them to our own people, with warnings and advice as to changes and means of taking advantage of them. I would not have my hon. friend forget that in addition to our trade commissioners appointed from Canada we also have, under a system recently adopted, the benefit of the services of the Intelligence Department and the Commercial Department of the British embassies in all countries where it is of advantage to us to secure information of this kind. It has been peculiarly satisfactory to see the hearty and enthusiastic way in which these branches of the British Embassies in different parts of the world have taken up this work with regard to Canada. They have given the most valuable information, and have given it with a freedom and a fullness that are all that could be desired. Thus

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we must always add a plus to our Canadian trade commissioners when we think of the extension of foreign trade—we must add to our own service the Intelligence Department and the Commercial Department of each British Embassy.

Trade Commissioners, bounties on lead and crude petroleum, to cover expenses in administration of the Act, $5,000.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This is the usual vote. Under the provisions of the Lead Bounties Act no bounties are now being paid on this product as the price of lead is far above the figure at which bounties are to be paid. There is, however, some expense of administration, I think about $500. The other part of the vote is for the supervision of the petroleum bounties, which work still goes no and is confined chiefly to Ontario, under the provisions of the Act.

Mr. OLIVER: The minister will, perhaps, recall representations that were made to him in regard to a bounty on oil produced in Alberta. In the interview that I had with the minister, he explained why a bounty is paid on oil produced in Ontario, but not on oil produced in Alberta. It would be desirable for the minister to explain to the committee the reasons for that distinction, because I feel that, however sound the explanation may be as justifying a method of administration, the policy under which different courses are followed in relation to the two provinces is not susceptible of the same measure of justification. I shall compare the conditions surrounding the production of oil in Ontario and in Alberta. I do not desire to discuss the question of oil bounties on its merits; I am discussing merely the right of the production of one part of the country to share in the same considerations as the production of another part of the country. The idea of the bounty was, I assume, to put the producer of oil in Canada on an equality in supplying the home market with his competitor in the United States, who may be supposed to have some advantages in the matter of cheap production. The production of oil in Alberta, on behalf of which the claim for bounty is made, occurs under circumstances and conditions stupendously more expensive than in Ontario, and if there is any warrant or justification for the payment of a bounty upon oil produced in Ontario, that justification is tremendously stronger in the case of oil produced in Alberta. I understand that in Ontario oil is produced from wells of a depth of about a thousand feet. In Alberta the wells are three thousand feet deep and cost about three times as much to bore. In addition to that, owing to the broken nature of the formation in which the oil is found, at the foot of the Rocky mountains, there is much greater uncertainty as to striking oil in any particular location, and the rock through which the well must be drilled is of a very difficult character. In the locality southeast of Calgary, where oil is produced, there is no such certainty of striking oil in any given spot as I understand there is in the oil fields in Ontario.

There is, on the contrary, the very greatest uncertainty, so that the production of oil in this locality involves vastly greater expenditure and greater risk of no return, and, therefore, I maintain that, where oil is struck, it is entitled to share on an equality with the oil produced in Ontario, and that, if the law as it stands does not provide for that equality of treatment, it is for Parliament to amend the law so as to give equality of treatment to the production in the two different parts of the country. All the more so because in Alberta the production is in an experimental stage, whereas in Ontario it has been demonstrated for a period of thirty or forty years. I do not wish to make any special plea, or any plea at all, for the Alberta production except for equality of treatment under equal conditions. The fact that the conditions are so greatly to the disadvantage of Alberta substantially strengthens their claim on the ground of justice and desirability of further promoting the exploitation of the possibilities of oil production in that country. It is, as no doubt the minister will be good enough to explain, a mere matter of difference in the quality of the oil produced. It is true the quality of the oil produced in Alberta is higher than that produced in Ontario, but the fact that the law excludes from bounty that quality which is produced in Alberta is merely an incident, and was not, I submit, any part of the original intent of the law. It simply occurs by reason of the phrasing of the provision, and not by reason of any intent to cut out the enterprise of any section of the country from sharing in the same consideration as that which the produtcion of Ontario shares.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The Act under which bounties are paid on crude petroleum was passed in 1910, under the regime of my hon. friends who now sit opposite, and I suppose it really was an adjustment as between duties and bounties, that when the duty on imported oil was lowered, the bounty was

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given as a recompense to the producer of oil in Canada. I do not think the bounty was put on to stimulate the search for oil, and to develop the industry in Ontario, but rather to offset this reduced protection. If the intention is to carry out a policy designed to stimulate the production of oil, there is no reason why the bounty should be limited to any locality. If, however, the legislation was designed to recompense the producer in Canada for the loss of a protection in the matter of duty on import, and, if at the time the Act was passed, all of our production of oil was in a certain section, there is a basis upon which the present Act rests, which does not necessarily call for equality, as between different sections of Canada. Representations have been made to the departmeent on several occasions upon the subject, and at my last interview with some gentlemen connected with the development in Alberta, I asked them to send me as complete and accurate returns as possible of the wells which were being developed, and of those which were producing, and, generally, information which would enable us to deal with the whole subject. I think it is perfectly fair that, in the case of another development in another part of the Dominion, a difference in specific gravity should not be the determining factor in the payment of a bounty. Some other and better principle should be adopted.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Will the minister give me the information as to bounties paid on zinc at the present time?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That is by a special Act passed last year. I am not administering that provision, and have not the information with me, but I shall be pleased to obtain the information.

Mr. MACDONALD: Do I understand the zinc bounties are now in force?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There was an arrangement which was made to stimulate the production of zinc, I think, in British Columbia, and that is a special arrangement. I think there was an enactment passed last year or the year before which carries that out. From my general knowledge, all I can say is that that operation has been very successful, and that the foundation of an industry has been laid, which is developing, and which promises to be permanent, and the price at which the spelter is now provided, under that arrangement, is very much lower than the price for which it could be obtained from other sources.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I have information in connection with the zinc industry which would lead me to believe that, if the bounty on zinc were continued after the war, a very large plant might be established for concentrating, under the retort process, in the province of Alberta, at the gas fields which are being developed in that province at the present time. The statement has been made that the price of spelter is so high that a bounty is not required to stimulate the industry, but that, after the war, with the large number of smelters established in the United States to take advantage of the demand for zinc at the present time, the competition will be so keen that, unless some stimulus is given to the zinc industry in Canada, the Canadian industry may suffer very materially, and that if a guarantee could be given that the industry would receive some protection for a number of years after the war, a large retort smelter might be established in the province of Alberta, but that, unless such guarantee be given, the large expenditure which would be necessary would cause promoters to be very chary about going into it. The writer of this letter informs me that, at the present moment, he has a large operating company in the United States, ready at any time to build a plant, provided the Dominion Government will give some assurance that, after 1918, which I believe is the time at which the zinc bounty ceases, under the enactment which the hon. minister refers to the guarantee will be continued for two or three years, it would be possible to have an industry of this kind established. The claim is made that, on account of the excessive rate of freight, it is absolutely essential that a very cheap fuel should be used in the smelting operation, and that gas appears to be the only fuel employed that would make it a profitable industry. Without a guarantee from the Government that a bounty would be enjoyed for a number of years after the war, the advisability of establishing a large industry of this kind would be very doubtful.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I imagine that my hon. friend has reference to the bounty upon lead ores. Zinc and lead are intimately connected in many of the British Columbia mines, because zinc is recoverable from the lead ores. There is no general bounty on zinc of itself. The Act under which the bounty is paid upon lead ores will come to an end on June 30, 1918. What I was speaking about was the special arrangement made for the refining of zinc and the manufacture of spelter at the Can-

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adian Pacific works at Trail. The bounty was given there for a special purpose—largely for a war purpose—the idea being that it was necessary to make a special arrangement in order to get practicl results and to get them speedily. Although a certain bounty was given, the consideration was a minimum price for the product to the manufacture of which the bounty was applied. That product has been utilized in the munition work of Canada. The matter does not come under my department; I am merely giving my impression with regard to it.

Mr. MACDONALD: Are the zinc bounties not administered by my hon. friend's department?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No; I think they are under the Militia Department. The lead bounties are under my department.

Mr. MACDONALD: Does the legislation not provide for a bounty on zinc?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No. Where the two are combined, I suppose the bounty is upon lead-bering ores.

Mr. MACDONALD: I assume that any one producing merchantable zinc from lead bearing ores would be entitled to receive the bounty. The answer the hon. minister has given to the member for Strathcona would, I assume, apply also to an inquiry which I received the other day from a gentleman in Toronto who is interested in zinc bounties in Nova Scotia. I understand that special arrangements have been made by the Department of Militia with a concern in British Columbia for production at their smelter, and that unless some new legislation is introduced or the bounty extended, the aid now given to the production from lea-bearing ores will expire next year.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes.

Mr. MACDONALD: What smelters in Canada handle lead bearing ores?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think they are all in British Columbia.

Mr. MACDONALD: Has the minister considered the desirability and importance of doing anything in the way of extending trade with South America? When the manufacturing nations which are now embroiled in the war shall have set their houses in order, they will proceed to deal with their own trade arrangements on the same basis as before the war. On this continent no effort has been made—not even by United States until very recently—for reaching the tremendous trade of South America. We have not attempted to extend our steam communication on the Atlantic coast south of British Guiana. The great industrial countries of Brazil and the Argentine Republic have maintained their trade conditions, largely on account of their exports to Great Britain and other nations across the Atlantic. After their entry into the war, United States put forth special efforts to capture South American trade. As we are capable of sending our products south from Vancouver on one side of the Dominion, and from the Maritime Provinces on the other, special efforts ought now to be exerted with a view to extending our trade with South America, and, if possible, creating conditions under which after the war we shall have the advantage of the people on the other side of the ocean. However we may be associated in sympathy and sentiment with them, I am quite sure that the Allied nations will, after the war, strain every nerve, without the slightest regard to Canada, with a view to extending their trade. There is no reason why we should not anticipate that. The peaceful war of trade will go on, and if the fates decree that the older continent shall suffer the penalty of being the actual theatre of war, those nations which are more fortunate in that respect should take advantage of existing conditions. I do not criticise the minister for maintaining trade agencies on the other side of the ocean, although they must of necessity mark time until the war is over. But I think the people would support any effort made by the minister—and would consider any money devoted to that end as being well invested—to extend our trade with South America and the West Indies.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: One great difficulty I have always found with regard to trade with South America is the lack of direct communication. You are always at a disadvantage where your trade has to filter through a foreign port, and it tends to get into the hands of a commission business in the foreign port through which the trade filters. Before the war I had taken up especially the possibility of steamship communication between South America and Canada, and had carried on negotiations to a certain extent. Had the war not broken out, I believe they would have been successful, but on the outbreak of war negotiations ceased, and during war time it has been absolutely impossible to have anything like a steamship service between Can-

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ada and South America. The war completely disorganized the finances of South American countries for a long time; in fact they have not yet recovered. The system of carrying on trade with South American countries involves a good deal of difficulty and long credits. The United States or any other country that undertakes to do a large export business with South America must have banking arrangements; they are as important as steamship communication. Last night I spoke of the extension of our Canadian banks to the West Indies, and the effect of that on our trade has been very marked. The German policy was to push their banks ahead of their trade, and their banks were their commercial travellers, so to speak. We need in Canada some adaptation of banking facilities which will project that auxiliary to Canadian export trade which is needed everywhere, especially in South America. The necessity for banking facilities of that description is being brought home strongly to the British people to-day, and the result of their cogitations in the matter has been the formation of a very large and influential corporation, which is not assisted financially by Government, but with which the Government is sympathetic. This corporation is given an opportunity of acting in conjunction with the Government in the different countries in which it may establish itself, and to that extent is given the sympathy and the active backing of the Government. It is called a trade corporation, but according to the articles of incorporation, it might just as well be called a banking corporation, because banking is the foundation of the trade and is intermixed with it as a factor or agent. I think a similar organization should be formed in Canada, so that along with the efforts of middlemen, producers and carriers, there would be this most important agent of banking and financial assistance. This matter is now being canvassed by business men throughout the country, and I hope that before the reorganization period we shall make some progress. South America has not been neglected. One of the best and most experienced trade commissioners that we had, Mr. Poussette, was our trade commissioner at Buenos Aires. The year before the war started he made a tour of all the different states of South America, and made a very thorough examination into trade conditions and possibilities. His reports which are excellent, have been distributed everywhere, and they are being studied by our Canadian people. The war intervened, and the work was not brought to the point to which it otherwise would have attained. After Mr. Poussette had finished that tour and published his report, I had him brought to Canada through which he made a tour, and he met the producers and manufacturers face to face and canvassed with them. A year and a half ago Mr. Poussette felt the call of the war and left his post, and he is now engaged in military work in England or at the front. In his place we have a Mr. Webb, a very excellent man who understands the language of the Argentine Republic. Our men occasionally go to South America, and whenever they go they speak very highly about the commissioner there, of the assistance he gives to them and of the reputation he seems to have with the commercial people there. This field is therefore not by any means neglected, and when the war is over I hope we shall be able to get steamship service to South America, and with an organization of the kind I have described, and the co-ordination of trade ,there is a great field in South America for certain branches of Canadian products. The people there do not manufacture largely; the countries are rich in possibilities; the better class of the people not only are rich, but indulge their propensities, and are good, generous, heavy traders.

Mr. MACDONALD: I am glad the minister agrees with me as to the wisdom and advantage of looking to South America for trade development, and I quite appreciate the difficulties to be encountered. One of the difficulties would be removed if it were possible, by the Government taking certain exceptional powers with our Canadian banks or in some other way, to provide for an extension of banking facilities in South America. Our brethren in Great Britain, while the war is on, appreciate the necessity of maintaining their trade connection, and by the corporation which has been formed and of which the minister has spoken, they are preparing for the maintenance of the trade which has always existed between the Atlantic states of South America and Great Britain. We ought not to be behind, and I would urge upon the Government the duty of taking up this financial problem and endeavouring to do what is being done in Great Britain.

With regard to the question of shipping, I am sorry the minister is talking about waiting until after the war. I have grown weary of urging on the Government the duty of providing for a Canadian Mercantile marine. If we wait until after the war, we shall

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have the greatest difficulty in getting ships for our needs, because the ships of Great Britain, France and our other Allies will be used in maintaining their own trade. Here is this great continent to the south of us with marvellous possibilities. The possibilities of trade are quite as great on the western coast as on the east. The minister has outlined the difficulties; those are the only difficulties, and I would sincerely urge upon the Government the bounden necessity and duty of providing for the conditions I have described. Unless we provide a market on this continent for our natural resources and manufactured products I believe that the expenditure of money for trade expansion in these older countries will not produce any considerable results. The whole world requires our grain and our farm products, and will continue to require them for a great number of years. It will not be necessary to have commissioners to look after that trade; the trade will be there, and it will simply be a question of getting the products to the market. The competition that will arise as soon as the war is over will prevent to a very great degree any expansion of our trade with these older countries. But this great continent to the south of us is the Mecca to which the eyes of the business men of this country should turn. We should bend every possible energy in that direction, by the immediate construction of ships, by the creation of banking facilities, and of trade routes both on the Atlantic and the Pacific, because the people of the United States are our natural buyers, and have a great many commodities to exchange for ours.

Salaries and contingencies under the Inspection and Sale Act, $3,000.

Mr. OLIVER: A few days ago I brought to the attention of the minister a communication which I received from a point in my constituency, in which the secretary of the local branch of the United Farmers of Alberta complained that they were unable to place any orders for binder twine either with the Grain Growers' Grain Company or the T. Eaton Company. The correspondence they had received was to the effect that binder twine was scarce because it had not been possible to secure transportation of the raw material from the seaboard to the point of manufacture. The minister was good enough to send me a memorandum on the subject which, I am sorry to say, bore out the statement made by my correspondent. It would be a very serious condition if there was to be a shortage of binder twine, and I should be glad if the minister would tell us what the situation is.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The general situation has, I think, improved. It has been very difficult, if not impossible, to import the raw material for the binder twine. Hitherto we have received a good deal of binder twine from the United States, but there has lately been some difficulty in having orders placed and filled. I think most of the manufacturers of binder twine in Canada are filling orders. The International Harvester Company, of Hamilton, in a communication in the month of May which I sent to my hon. friend, do not anticipate any shortage of binder twine; I think they provide more than 50 per cent of the output in Canada. Since that time we have had no complaints. We presume that the orders are being filled. A pretty large order for binder twine was placed in the United States by British people, but the twine was under length and was not accepted. We brought it into this country, although it did not comply with the conditions of the Act, and we guarded against its being sold under our own Marking Act by giving it a special mark showing that it was under length. By Order in Council 300 or 400 tons of this twine was allowed to come in to help make up the shortage.

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Mr. OLIVER: Has it been distributed?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes. Since the middle of May we have had no further representations in the matter. Of course, my department simply lends its good offices towards facilitating the supply.

Mr. NESBITT: The only thing wrong with the twine was its short length?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes.

Mr. OLIVER: My correspondent stated that the raw material for binder twine was being held up at ocean ports.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The trouble arose at Seattle. Supplies came in there, but a railway embargo consequent upon the congestion of freight and the lack of cars prevented its quick transport to the factory. I have made inquiries to find where the trouble was but have not yet received definite information. My impression is that the embargo was put on in the United States rather than on our side, and also that the embargo militated against the reception of that material in the binder twine factories

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in the United States, and the lack of supply of raw material caused a lack of output.

Mr. OLIVER: Is there a probability of that embargo being lifted?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think it has been lifted. These embargoes are matters which each railway manages for itself, and, of course, we have no jurisdiction over them. Such embargoes are of limited length and are designed to facilitate the movement of some special goods, or to prevent congestion. With our own railways we communicate with them and ask them to facilitate the transport in urgent cases, and this they always try to do.

Mr. OLIVER: Seattle is a common point for our railways, as it is for the railways of the United States. I hope the minister will take measures to find out if the material is still there—

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My impression is that the embargo has been lifted.

Mr. OLIVER: —and if it is still there I think some suggestion should be made to the railways to bring it forward. For, while we may not have an over-abundant crop, yet it is early in the season, and we may have a crop so large as to call for a large quantity of binder twine, and in that case it would be a calamity if the raw material were not brought forward so that it could be worked up.

Salaries and contingencies ,under the Cullers Act, including an amount of $1,800 for superannuated cullers, $8,500.

Mr. MACDONALD: What does that mean?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is the remnant of an old service in Quebec, which is constantly diminishing and, in the course of a few years, will pass away. A large part of the amount is for the superannuation of the officers.

To provide for the construction, acquisition, leasing or expropriation of terminal elevators, (revote), $810,000.

Mr. NESBITT: None of this was used last year?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It would not be quite right to say that none of it was used, but very little comparatively. The chief item under this vote was to provide for an elevator to be erected at Hudson Bay. It was not gone on with last year, and is not being gone on with this year, further than to complete the foundation.

Mr. NESBITT: Better do without the foundation; just let the thing stop.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The foundation of the levator is part of the dock which is being built. It is, of course, economical and wise to prepare this foundation while the work of construction is going on.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the capacity of the proposed elevator?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: About 1,300,000 or 1,400,000 bushels, divided between warehouse and storage, the large part storage. The other expenditures were for the completion of other elevators in such matters as trackage, additional machinery for cleaning, and other items which are counted part of the expenditures on the original construction. We have now five of these elevators, which in cost and capacity are as follows—giving round numbers:

Place.	Capital Cost.	Capacity, Bus.
Port Arthur..	$1,407,000	3,250,000
Saskatoon..	1,129,000	3,500,000
Moosejaw..	1,314,000	3,500,000
Calgary..	872,000	2,500,000
Vancouver	752,000	1,250,000

Mr. NESBITT: I quite agree that, if the Government is going to build an elevator at Hudson Bay, the minister is very wise in preparing the foundation in connection with the construction of the dock, but I appeal to him to do without both the dock and the elevator.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Talk to your neighbour on the left (Mr. Oliver) and find out what he says.

Mr. NESBITT: We will never want it, and it will only be a waste of money like the rest of this enterprise. I appeal to him, as he generally shows common sense in these matters, to stop the expenditure for this year at any rate.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I am going this far, that I am spending nothing on the elevator this year except what is necessary for the foundation.

Mr. OLIVER: Would the minister give us information as to the present and prospective use of the elevator at Vancouver?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I have left over a vote for the operation of the grain system, and when that is taken up I will be prepared to give the hon. gentleman full information on this point. Generally I may say at this time that the elevator at Vancouver is finished and thoroughly equipped, and waiting for business. Very little business is offering, of course. The elevator was built in prospect of the trans-

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fer of grain from the western part of the plains to the Old Country by way of the Panama canal. But the war has stopped all that. If I had had the preternatural wisdom which seems to be predicated as necessary to a minister of the Crown, had I known five years ago just what would happen in the five years then coming, the Vancouver elevator probably would have been postponed for some time. But I did not know it; we went ahead, and we have that structure ready and waiting.

Mr. OLIVER: No person will find fault with the minister or with the Government for the building of the elevator at Vancouver, although things have turned out unfortunately for the enterprise. I understand that last evening the minister made a statement with reference to the feasibility of shipping grain in bulk through the tropics, a question which will have a very important bearing upon the success of this Vancouver elevator under normal conditions. I would suggest to the minister that, as the climate on the coast is very moist and the moisture is very penetrating, the elevator there should be equipped with the necessary means to ensure the absolute dryness of any grain going out from it for shipment.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It must be remembered that the elevator at Vancouver is a transfer elevator, not a storage elevator. The elevators out of which the grain will go, at Calgary or Moosejaw, are equipped with driers, and the probabilities are that the grain will leave them in good condition. The suggestion of my hon. friend is a good one, and I shall ascertain if the elevator there is equipped with a drier. The installation of a drier is a simple matter.

Mr. KNOWLES: Has the minister yet given consideration to my proposed Bill in connection with the employees of these Government elevators, providing that they should be put on the same footing as employees of ordinary commercial elevators?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The Bill is now before the legal advisors of the department.

Mr. KNOWLES: Is the minister's heart sympathetic towards the employees in this regard?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Always towards the employees, but as to the method I should not like to say.

Mr. KNOWLES: Do these elevators make a profit for the Government?

[Sir George Foster.]

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes, a good profit.

Mr. KNOWLES: Including interest on the capital?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I should not like to say that. The elevators have been in operation for three or four years, that at Port Arthur a little longer, and the profits now total about $600,000.

Mr. KNOWLES: I presume that the report of the Grain Commission will give a statement of the balance of grain left on hand after the season's operations. When will that report be out?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is now in the printer's hands, giving the figures for the last crop year.

Mr. KNOWLES: Is the surplus left on hand every year substantial, and if so why is it so large?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Unfortunately it is not always on the right side.

Mr. OLIVER: In connection with the interior storage elevators, my hon. friend asked if they had made a profit. They were not built for profit. But owing to the combination system between the Grain Commission and the railway companies, these interior storage elevators should make a profit. They are in the same happy position as the Emperor of Japan when he started a newspaper and issued an order that every subject who did not subscribe would have his head cut off—and his paper was, of course, a tremendous financial success. So with these interior storage elevators. The railroads from time to time put an embargo on grain, will not accept grain for any place except the interior storage elevators. If under these circumstances, they cannot produce a profit, they must be very badly conceived or badly managed.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think that story must be no better founded than the story of the Emperor of Japan. Is it an historical fact that the Emperor of Japan did that?

Mr. OLIVER: I cannot vouch for that, but I will vouch for the statement that last winter the railway companies did put an embargo on the carriage of grain elsewhere than to these interior storage elevators.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think there is a very good reason for it in some cases.

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Mr. MACDONALD: Is the minister going to spend any money constructing elevators other than the Hudson Bay elevator?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No.

Mr. MACDONALD: Does he intend to spend all of the $800,000 on that elevator?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not expect to spend very much of it—probably not a dollar this year.

Mr. MACDONALD: I hope the minister will persevere along that well-intentioned line, although I do not see why we should vote this money in war time.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I am not going strong on elevators during war time.

Mr. MACDONALD: Why do you take the money?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: We do not know what might happen, but it is perfectly safe.

Mr. MACDONALD: The minister thinks we can trust him. We will be very canny.

Census and statistics, $100,000.

Mr. OLIVER: In what position are the returns of the census taken last summer, for the three western provinces?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Not altogether completed but very nearly so. The schedules of the population have been published and are all complete, with the exception of the returns for Saskatchewan, which are now undergoing some revision.

Mr. OLIVER: Are the returns from Manitoba and Alberta printed yet?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes. The acreage report of principal field crops of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1906, 1911 and 1916 is complete. The preliminary bulletin of cities and towns of 1,500 and over has been published. The bulletin of Manitoba has been prepared, giving the population, male and female, and the number of dwellings and families by electoral districts, cities, towns, and incorporated villages, for the last four census years, 1916, 1911, 1906 and 1901, and the principal agricultural statistics of the province, giving area and production for 1915, and the number of animals on farms in 1916 have been published. The bulletin of Alberta, giving the population by electoral districts, cities, towns and incorporated villages for the last four census years, has been published. We have, in course of preparation, the classification of the population in the three provinces, according to origins, religions, nationality, education and occupation; the number of animals purchased and sold alive during 1915, animals slaughtered on farms, dairy products and egg products, fruit and orchard crops and forest production on farms, 1915. This return will soon be ready. Then the postal census of manufactures, 1915, has been published in a bulletin issued December 30, 1916, and the volume is now in press, showing the final results of investigation.

Mr. OLIVER: Was this census as complete as the decennial census?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Not as complete because it did not take in the same range of subjects.

Mr. MACDONALD: Have the expenses of the 1911 census been paid?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Not all.

Mr. MACDONALD: Is there any work yet to be done?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No.

Mr. MACDONALD: Under whose authority is the census taken every five years in certain provinces?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Under the authority of the Act. The subsidies are adjusted for the provinces every five years, and we have to get a census of the population, and we add to it essential information, which is much to be desired.

Mr. OLIVER: What was the length of time occupied in the taking of this census? Its accuracy depends somewhat on the length of time over which the work was spread.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The actual census was taken as of June 1st.

Mr. OLIVER: How long a period was occupied in collecting information?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think about four weeks in the work on the ground.

Mr. KNOWLES: Is it against the rules for persons to make a duplicate list, and hand it to a political organization?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I never heard of it being done.

Mr. KNOWLES: Is it against the rules, or is it being done?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No enumerator, or person connected with the taking of the census, has any right—in fact he is absolutely forbidden—to give any information

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to any person, except the department. His oath requires him to obey instructions.

Mr. KNOWLES: It would be a violation of the oath if the enumerator were to make a carbon copy and hand it to a political organization?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: He is bound by his oath to give no information, except according to his instructions.

Mr. KNOWLES: Would such an act as I refer to be a violation of his oath?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I would like to look into the matter. My impression is that it would be absolutely against the instructions.

Mr. MACDONALD: What does the minister say in answer to that question?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: When it is proved to have been done, I will give an answer.

Canada Year Book, $13,500.

Mr. OLIVER: The Canada Year Book is a very complete statistical statement, in regard to very many interesting subjects, but I have never seen one that was printed within the year. I do not think I have seen one published within two years of its date. The information contained is not available until, approximately, two years after the information had been collected. Is there a possibility of bringing that useful book approximately up to date?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is very difficult to bring it closely to date, for several reasons. Delays in the printing have, sometimes, prevented early publication. We have tried to have the book issued as soon as possible after the compiling of the information. It is somewhat difficult, however, to have it issued immediately upon the conclusion of the year to which it relates. That is so with all year books. I am glad that my hon. friend believes it to be a good book. The information that I get from those who receive it, in other countries as well as in Canada, is that it takes a high place amongst the various year books that are published. Of course, a year book is designed not so much to give current information as to illustrate sources of information; to give actual information that is current at a certain time, and to put it in permanent form. We did make an improvement last year in the way of getting the book out earlier; whatever can be done this year will be done.

Mr. OLIVER: Admitting that the book is a matter of record, I think there is no doubt that the longer its publication is delayed the less its value becomes. I know of somewhat similar publications that are quite up to date. For instance, that standard work, the Canadian Almanac, which contains a great deal of information, is brought almost absolutely up to date. There is, no doubt, a difference in the character of the two publications, but what has been done by the Canadian Almanac in that regard shows what is possible. If the minister appreciates the immediate value of the Year Book, I am sure that he can, by giving attention to the matter, make such arrangements as will bring it out within a very few months of the year to which it relates. As to the printing, surely that is not a matter of delay. There is a magnificent printing establishment across the canal, and there are 10,000 capable and well-equipped printing offices throughout the country, all anxious to do the work at fair prices, a large proportion of them entitled to such patronage as the Government is able to give them.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I did take a personal interest in the year-book, because it is a child of my fancy. I have done my best to improve it and to bring it out in better time. I am now discussing with my officers the advisability of combining two years' information in the next year's publication, bringing it up to date, and keeping it up to date ever afterwards. This may have a little to recommend it in the way of economy, besides putting us in a position to do more prompt work.

Mr. C. A. WILSON: How many copies are printed?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: 9,000 in English, 2,000 in French.

Mr. MACDONALD: Who is the editor?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Mr. Godfrey.

Mr. MACDONALD: How long has he been connected with it?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: He was formerly with the Agriculture Department, but when Census and Statistics came to my department, he came with them. He is a very efficient officer. He is also editor of the Monthly Statistics Bulletin.

Mr. C. A. WILSON: How many copies of the Year-book are distributed outside of Canada?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I have not a list with me. We send them to libraries and we exchange, pretty generally and quite generously, with other Governments.

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Dominions Royal Commission, $10,000.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This is to provide for Canada's share of the expense of printing and for looking after what little odd things may yet remain. The Dominions Royal Commission has finished its work and made its final report. Later I shall ask the House to listen to an explanation as to what its work has been.

Mr. MACDONALD: When will the minister make that statement?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: When we take up the item that is left, with regard to grain.

Mr. MACDONALD: When the minister was putting through his Estimates last winter, he made a similar assurance with regard to grain; but during the whole session we heard nothing more about grain. I think that the minister should before this have made a statement as to the work of the Dominions Royal Commission. The minister's services in that connection carried him all over the world. The report of the Commission is contained in a large number of volumes which it is difficult for members of the House to study in detail. The statement that only the minister could give with regard to the work that the Commission has accomplished would have been of very great benefit to members of the House in considering many of the problems that came before them. I hope that the minister will not do as he did last year; I hope that he will come back to us in regard to this matter.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I will not leave you this year.

Mr. MACDONALD: When will my hon. friend make the statement? He ought to fix a time. Why not to-morrow?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not think I can do it to-morrow. I will do it at no very distant date, and I will give the House information as to the time. It struck me that the better time to give an exposition of the work of the Dominions Royal Commission would be when the report of that body had been laid upon the Table, so that I could impress upon the minds of such facile members as my hon. friend the lesson that I wanted to teach, and so that I could point him to the document itself.

Mr. MACDONALD: A good many of those documents are around now—I have seen half a dozen of them—and we have been waiting for my hon. friend to tell us something about the work of the Commission. We read in the English papers what the commissioners there have said about it; but although my right hon. friend in the Budget debate and on other occasions discussed the trade conditions of the country, he has not yet given the House and the country the benefit of his experience as to that commission. We are always glad to facilitate the passage of the minister's Estimates, but last year, although we were told we would have an account of the commandeering of grain this session, came to an end and we never heard anything about it. I hope the minister is not going to treat in the same way this wonderful Royal Commission on which he worked so hard. Perhaps hon. gentlemen on his side voted wrongly on tariff matters and other things of that kind because my hon. friend did not give us the benefit of his wonderful experiences. I beg my hon. friend not to postpone his statement too long. We all know we are going into a contentious debate next week. The House is in a congenial mood to-day, and if the members heard that the minister was to speak on the subject of the Royal Commission to-morrow, we would have a large audience.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I do not think I can give my statement to-morrow, but I will not keep my hon. friend away long from that fountain of inspiration.

Mr. KNOWLES: No minister can instruct and entertain this House so ably and successfully as the Minister of Trade and Commerce, both because of his natural endowments and because of the travels which, as a matter of strict duty, have fallen to his lot during former years. The minister has covered the greater part of the globe in the performance of his duties, and we, who stay at home, would be delighted to have an account of the interesting things he has seen and heard during his travels. He has travelled not altogether in his personal capacity, but as the representative of the Government and Parliament of Canada. Last year after he had taken part in the Paris Conference, on his return to Canada he toured this country and gave the people the advantage of his very interesting addresses. He came very near my own city, giving the people of Regina an account of his travels. In this House, we discuss matters that are hum-drum and matters that are grave, and next week we shall enter upon a debate that will be extremely serious. I think, therefore, it would be

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informing and refreshing if we could have from the minister at a very early date an account of all the sight-seeings he must have had.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I certainly cannot withstand that appeal; I will make my statement at the earliest possible opportunity.

Gold and Silver Marking Act, $4,000.

Mr. OLIVER: In some of the papers I have seen complaints in regard to the working out of this Act. Have any such complaints come to the attention of the minister?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No, the Act is working very well. It is under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Ryan, a very faithful and competent officer.

Mr. KNOWLES: Is there any officer in the West?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No.

Mr. KNOWLES: The trouble seems to be in the West where travelling pedlars sell their goods, and the legitimate dealers, in order to have the Act invoked, must take steps through Ottawa, and that takes up so much time that the purpose of the Act is rendered ineffective. It would be better if some officer were established at Winnipeg to whom legitimate dealers in the western towns might apply.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Representations to that effect have been made, but the Act seems to be working pretty successfully as it is.

Mr. OLIVER: In the instance I mentioned the complaint was that in actual operation the Act had worked in favour of articles not of sterling character.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: That complaint was fairly well founded at first, but an amendment made to the Act two years ago remedied that.

West India cable, $38,933.33.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This is the yearly subsidy that we pay, Great Britain paying an equal amount, and the people of the West Indian islands paying £10,000 a year. It resulted from the arrangement we made, which has as its effect the cheapening of cable rates between Great Britain and the West Indies and Canada and the West Indies.

Mr. MACDONALD: Is the cable state-owned or privately owned?

[Mr. Knowles.]

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The cable is owned by a company. There were two or three companies originally, one owning a cable from Halifax to Bermuda and one amongst the islands themselves. We got these companies together in London and put them under certain conditions which they have fulfilled, and as they fulfilled those conditions and made the reductions, a certain subsidy was paid. The full subsidy is paid for four years. If after that period the profits are large, a portion of them come back until the subsidies which have been paid are paid off. There have been very considerable reductions in the rates.

Mr. MACDONALD: The time for re-payment has not yet arrived.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There is one year more to run.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the southern terminus of this cable?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The cable runs through all the islands.

Mr. OLIVER: Does it go to Guiana?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It runs from Halifax to Bermuda by the Halifax-Bermuda Cable Company; thence to Jamaica by the Direct West Indies Company; thence to the several islands and British Guiana by the West Indies and Panama Company.

Mr. C. A. WILSON: What is the total amount to be paid next year?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: $38,000 is the amount of the subsidy.

Mr. C. A. WILSON: I understood there is only one more year to run.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: After that it was supposed that the company's lines would be more profitable, under the new arrangement and with the betterment of the cables, and all profits over and above a certain amount were to be shared equally and the moiety to be paid back to Great Britain and Canada.

Supervision Lake and Ocean Freight Rates, $6,000.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There has been no appointment and no expenditure under this item up to the present time. Things have been so absolutely confused during the last three years that I have made no appointment.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

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After Recess.

The Committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Indians—British Columbia, $166,050.

Mr. GRAHAM: Difficulty seems to have existed for some time with regard to the Indians of British Columbia. A deputation of the Indians waited on the Government about a week ago, and I am not sure that they did not go so far as to carry their case to the foot of the Throne, at least they sent a delegation to the Mother Country. Can the minister tell us what steps have been taken to settle the difficulty, and what is the position of the matter at the present time?

Hon. W. J. ROCHE (Superintendent General of Indian Affairs): The question involved is really that of the title to Indian lands in British Columbia. There has been a dispute for many years between the British Columbia Government and the Indians as to the Indian title; in fact, I understand, some of the Indians go so far as to claim the whole of the land of British Columbia—that is, they say that their title has never been extinguished. It was because of these difficulties that my predecessor in the Superintendent Generalship appointed a commission to investigate the reserves in British Columbia. In 1913, an Order in Council was passed providing that if the Indians would abide by the decision of an impartial tribunal as to reserves, the full question of the Indian title would be submitted to the Privy Council, through the ordinary course. This impartial tribunal was to ascertain, with regard to each band of Indians in the province, whether the area of its reserve was large enough for the band or not. In case the reserve was found to be too small, the British Columbia Government promised to increase its area by the addition of provincial lands; and if the reserve was found to be larger than necessary for the band, the area was to be cut down accordingly. For many years the Indians have been trying to get an appeal to the Privy Council, but the British Columbia Government did not approve of having the case submitted in that way. Neither our predecessors in Government nor ourselves were able, for a time, to bring the British Columbia Government to agree to submit the case. We pledged ourselves, if the terms of the Order in Council were carried out, to have a reference to the Privy Council, and the British Columbia Government consented to the same. The findings in regard to the reserves have been made, and are to be approved by the British Columbia Government and the Dominion Government. Of course, Mr. O'Meara, counsel for some of the Indians, takes the position that these findings should be submitted to the Indians for their consideration before they are submitted to either Government. I think that is a fair statement of the dispute with the Indians whom Mr. O'Meara is representing. There are many Indians in British Columbia who are willing to adhere to the terms of the Order in Council and to abide by the findings of the commission, and to have the appeal as to the title of the land carried through the ordinary course.

Mr. GRAHAM: Is it very near a settlement?

Mr. ROCHE: Not so far as the Privy Council is concerned.

M. BOULAY (Rimouski) (texte): Monsieur le Président, je voudrais avoir de l'honorable ministre de l'Intérieur, certaines informations au sujet du personnel des employés supérieurs de son département. J'ai fait une liste des noms des principaux officiers qui reçoivent un salaire de $2,400 à $6,000 par année et dans cette liste, qui comprend vingt-sept noms, je ne relève que les noms de trois Canadiens français.

Je désirerais savoir de l'honorable ministre si, lorsqu'il a pris la charge de son département, cet état de choses existait.

Comme il ne semble y avoir personne pour me répondre en français, je répéterai mes observations en anglais.

I will now repeat in English the effect of my remarks. I would like to have from the minister certain information. I find from a list I have made up of the superior officers of his department, that out of twenty-seven officers who receive high salaries—from $2,400 to $6,000—there are only three bearing French-Canadian names. I would like to know if that condition existed when he took charge of the department, or whether it is a condition that he has made since taking charge. I made some remarks on the same line when the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture were before the committee, showing that out of nineteen highly-paid officers in that department, only one bore a French-Canadian name. The hon. member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux) took it upon himself to say that this was a fair proportion for us. It is a real disgrace that a mem-

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ber from the province of Quebec, representing a French county, should come here and say, in the face of such evidence as that, that we have our share of the public positions. This state of affairs should not be, in view of the number of French-Canadians in this country, for it indicates the belief that we have not French-Canadians qualified to occupy good positions in the Civil Service.

It is not because I covet those positions for my fellow-countrymen, not at all; but it seems to be a discrimination that should not exist, and a knowledge of that discrimination amongst our countrymen predisposes them to anger, and puts them into such a spirit that sometimes they are more than mad, and with reason. Hereafter, when inquiry is made why the French-Canadians of the province of Quebec are not always pleased with what is done, we may find the explanation of their attitude by looking a little more sharply into the way in which they are used and have been used. I do not blame this Administration more than its predecessors, because I think that if we have lost ground we lost more ground during the previous Administration than during this one. In fact, when the Laurier Government came into power in 1896, we had four deputy ministers in different departments of the Government at Ottawa, and when we came into power in 1911 we found only one. That shows that the Government preceding this is largely guilty of the conditions that we found when we came into power, and that may be the reason why the hon. member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux) the other day so strongly defended the Minister of Agriculture, saying that he was giving us almost real fair play. I do not want to insist any longer on this question.

Mr. MACDONALD: Are you not given fair play?

Mr. BOULAY: I am getting fair play in saying what I say because nobody can say it is not true; I have the figures here before me; they are taken from the Auditor General's report, and cannot be contradicted. Every one in this House has a right to state the facts and I have stated them in order to show that I am right when I claim and when we claim that we do not receive entire justice, as we should. I should like to know from the minister if this condition existed in his department when he took charge of it.

Mr. ROCHE: Of course, we do not make appointments to the Inside Service; they have to come through the Civil Service Commission. Those positions are open to French-Canadians just as to English-speaking persons, and if they do not come up and pass the examinations the Government cannot be blamed for their not doing so. In the Indian Department there has been no change, and certainly there has been no intended discrimination against any nationality. As a matter of fact, there are only six more employees in the Indian Department, both Inside and Outside Service, than in 1911. There is no more relative disproportion to-day in the Inside Service of the Indian Department than when this Government came into power.

Mr. OLIVER: I desire to bring to the attention of the minister certain allegations which have been forwarded to me for the purpose of being brought to his attention, in relation to the Okanagan Indian reserve. I presume that these matters have some relation to the commission which was under discussion a few minutes ago. At any rate, my information is that certain complaints were made by the Indians in December, 1916, and were forwarded by them to the commissioner, J. A. J. McKenna, but up to the present time my information is that no satisfactory action has been taken in regard to these many matters. The complaints as set out are very long. They include:

1. That Chief Baptiste Logan was deposed without cause. 2. That no complaint or charge was ever brought to the attention of the band against him. 3. That Inspector Cumminskie's sole reason for opposition to the chief was that Baptiste had opposed the illegal deal for the surrender of the Long Lake Indian Reserve, Inspector Cumminskie having been one of the interested parties to this deal. 4. That the election of Pierre Michell, conducted by Inspector Cumminskie and Agent Smith, from Kamloops, was a strictly unlawful election in which every right of the band was set aside, and by right of authority a disreputable chief was thrust on the band. 5. That reports sent to the department by the officials who engineered this election were deliberately false reports. 6. That Pierre Michell (the chief who was elected in the place of Logan) did not secure a majority vote. 7. That he was not elected by acclamation as reported by Inspector Cumminskie or the agent from Kamloops, if he made a report on the proceedings.

Another complaint is:

1. That members of the band have been unjustly deprived of their rights to election for the position of chief without just cause. 2. That members of the band have been forcibly expelled from public business meetings of the band without just cause, by order of Inspector Megraw.

Another complaint is:

1. That the matter of the Henderson lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights

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of the band. 2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and illegal. 3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the band.

Another complaint is:

That Inspector Megraw exceeded his authority in forcing the man Henderson's presence on the reserve under the provision of a strictly illegal agreement between a Nichola Indian, a non-member of the band, and a white man.

Another complaint is:

1. Inspector Megraw's reports regarding the incompetence of Chief Gaston, immediately following the chief's refusal to countenance the fraudulent lease to Henderson, calls for the strictest investigation. 2. That Inspector Megraw has acted in an underhand manner with the chief; has animated his personal spleen against chief. That no charge has been brought against the chief at any meeting. 3. That Inspector desires the removal of the chief solely on personal grounds and to secure the election of a chief amenable to officials. 4. That inspector has encouraged and favoured men on the reserve known to be openly hostile to the chief.

Another complaint is:

That railway rights of way have been granted through various reserves of the band and the band kept in ignorance of these transactions.

That band funds from the proceeds of right-of-way of these railways have been unlawfully distributed to non-members of the Okanagan band, to the amount of several thousand dollars.

The sixth charge is:

That officials have permitted for years the fencing of large areas of our reserve for range purposes, said ranges being exploited for individual profit.

The seventh charge is:

1. That promiscuous cutting of timber has been permitted. 2. That individual half-breeds have been granted permission to remove hundreds of thousands of feet, for personal profit. 3. That no adequate return has been made. 4. That a complete return of all timbers sold, and money paid, amounts to whom paid, for the past five years, shall be procured on commission to band.

The eighth charge is:

1. That for years against the repeated protests of the band, undesirable characters, American half-breeds, American Indians, Indians from local reserves, have been permitted to intrude upon our reserve. 2. That no action has ever been taken on the many complaints made that they have received every comfort and consideration from officials. 3. That the intruding element has almost exclusive control of all our business. 4. That they openly boast of our helplessness to have them removed. 5. That they openly defy the authority of the chief. 6. That Inspector Megraw and J. R. Brown are fully aware of the criminal characters. 7. That Inspector Megraw has approved of threatened criminal violence expressed by this element. 8. That 90 per cent of all troubles on reserve is caused by this intruding element, trespassing on our reserve. 9. That the band demands a thorough investigation, and the expulsion of all undesirable characters from our reserve. All reports regarding any claim of half-breeds having been approved as members of the band, with dates of such, if any.

The ninth charge is:

That inspector and agent persist in continual employment of Isaac Harris, charged as false interpreter. Cummiskie's principal agent in attempt of sale and illegal surrender of Long Lake Reserve. That favours are granted this man at expense of band, knowing that the band holds this man guilty of the most serious crimes. That a special grant for competition was made for his benefit, and his employment is detrimental to the band's interest. That Inspector Megraw has persistently employed men as special policemen, whom he knew to be openly hostile to the chief and the Okanagan Indians.

The tenth charge is:

1. That Inspector Cummiskie allowed encroachment on our reserve at Priest's valley, surveying portions of reserve to adjoining property. 2. That reserve at Swan Lake has been encroached on by adjoining owners.

The eleventh charge is:

1. That the local officials have overlooked the procuring of young girls for immoral purposes. 2. That Pierre Michel procured the young daughter of Lena Helleen for the use of Alexander. 3. That nothing was done in the matter beyond Inspector Megraw informing Alexander he should be in jail.

The twelfth charge is:

That Alexander, a Nichola Indian, unlawfully secured and was paid $2,700 of the Okanagan band funds which was squandered by Alexander in automobiles and young girls.

The thirteenth charge is:

1. That Inspector Megraw has had cognizance of open threats to personal violence and murder of our present secretary, Mr. J. H. Christie, by one Frank Godfpresen, an American intruder on the reserve with criminal record. 2. That when Inspector Megraw's attention was called to this matter he fully approved of the crime. Mrs. Josephine Edwards, of Coyote Creek, Indian Reserve. That Jimmy Logan, an Indian on Head of the Lake Reserve, stole two horses from the open range on the reserve, the property of the complainant. That Inspector Megraw refused to allow Agent Brown to investigate. That he refused to assist her to secure the horses; that he protected Logan for this theft.

The fifteenth charge is:

That Mary Nicholas of Head of Lake Indian Reserve charges Johnny Ophheimer, an American half-breed and professional gambler, with the abduction of her daughter from her husband, Patrick Johny, of Enderby. That he took her to the States for two years, that he returned here two years ago and lives openly on reserve with my daughter as his wife. That he threatens to take my girl away and I will

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never see her again, if I make any trouble for him.

The sixteenth charge is:

That since the retirement of Mr. McKay, as Indian agent, who was held in the highest regard by every Indian on our reserve, and whose memory we all respect, we have received no consideration, instruction or assistance in any manner whatsoever, from any official in connection with the Indian Department.

These charges were formulated at a meeting at Black Town, on December 23, 1916. In the same action complaint was made that certain payments were made, as follows:

Moneys paid to Hermoin Gregoire, $752.50; moneys paid to Joseph Jimy, $703.19, both men are intruders on reserve Shuswap Indians; to Alexander Chilahista, $2,763.50, a Necklo Indian (all non-members of the Okanagan Band. Information at hand regarding Duck Lake Reserve, Mrs. Christina McDougal, to whom $570 was paid, is a white woman by marriage, no right on reserve. The distribution of the 50 per cent of the sum of $2,043.90 is not credited by the band—have no knowledge of this. On this distribution by agent, they wish the questions asked for information, the individuals' names and amounts paid.

They ask for information in regard to this distribution, and wish to know the amounts paid, and the individuals to whom they were paid. I am simply placing before the minister the statement which has been forwarded to me.

Mr. ROCHE: By whom is it signed?

Mr. OLIVER: A gentleman who signs as secretary of the Indian meeting, J. H. Christie. The allegations are of a serious character, and were made long ago, and apparently they have not been acted upon by the department; and the only thing for me to do is to place them before the minister in the most public manner, in order that there shall be a show-down and a conclusion of this affair, and that these charges shall be absolutely proven or disproven. If disproven, the parties to such terrible accusations should be punished. If they are proven, it will indicate a terrible condition of affairs in the administration in my hon. friend's department. It is certainly desirable that no condition should exist which would in any way justify such statements as I have felt compelled to place before the House.

Mr. ROCHE: Unfortunately, I have been given to understand that there are at least two factions among the Indians, and this man Christie, who prefers these charges, is not an angel. If my information about him is correct, he is a most unreliable individual, and no credence can be placed upon any charges he sends to any member of this House. In fact, he has written a number of very impertinent communications, threatening that if we did not take action he would have the matter aired on the floor of Parliament. Some of the charges which he has forwarded here are, on their face, so absurd that their falsehood is patent to anybody. A number of these charges have been brought to the attention of the department before, and others have never been placed before the department. It is true they were referred to Mr. MacKelcan for investigation, but about that time Mr. MacKelcan was superannuated which stopped the investigation. He is not now an official of the department. Inspector Brown is not an appointee of this Government. If any such conditions as have been mentioned prevailed under his agency, I admit that it would be most discreditable. No agent should be allowed to hold his agency if he permitted that condition of affairs to exist. But I have too much confidence in Mr. Brown's uprightness and in his ability as an Indian agent to believe that he would allow these things to happen without bringing them to the attention of the department. There have been certain abuses on that reserve. Our Chief Inspector for the province, Mr. Ditchburn, is there for the purpose, among other things, of investigating charges that were referred to the department. Mr. Ditchburn is a good inspector who has had long experience and he has full authority to investigate the conditions in this reserve. I should be pleased to place in his hands any charges that he is not in possession of, in order that he may investigate them. But I fancy that a great many of these apparently serious charges will, when investigated, be shown to be figments of the imagination, if not of Mr. Christie, at least of some others on that reserve.

Mr. OLIVER: I shall be very glad if it turns out that these charges are unfounded. But I have to make the reflection on my friend's administration that these charges were made in the fall of 1916, and the minister should surely be informed by this time as to what foundation there was for them. As to Mr. Brown, if he was appointed by the previous Government and if this condition prevails upon the reserve, undoubtedly he should cease to be in the employ of the department—he could not cease soon enough to please me. It will be noticed that the complaints seem to be directed rather against his superior Mr.

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Megraw. I do not know who Mr. Megraw is, but the blame seems to be laid upon him. I hope that Mr. Ditchburn has authority not only to inspect, but also to adjust these matters, to prevent trespass upon the reserve, and to decide who is entitled to be a member of the band and to share in the benefits of that membership. This is a matter that should be settled on the ground by a man of sufficient judgment and responsibility. These very serious assertions, if there is any foundation for them, constitute a grave scandal against the Indian Department, and the minister did not do himself or the country justice in not taking more prompt means to clear them up. I do not know Mr. Christie; he may be good or he may be bad, that is not the question. The question is, do these things exist or do they not? The welfare of the Indians and the good faith and good name of Canada are in my hon. friend's hands. I hope that he will not treat the matter lightly simply because Mr. Christie may be, in some degree, an undesirable person. I hope that he will recognize the importance of the proper discharge of the country's responsibilities to its wards, through the medium of his department.

Mr. ROCHE: There will be a thorough investigation and our inspector will have power to remedy anything that is wrong.

Mr. OLIVER: I may as well place before the department some other matters contained in this correspondence which relates to other reserves. There is a charge in regard to the West Bank reserve. I am not aware of what reserve that is, or whether it is part of the Okanagan reserve. The first charge is:

That one Galfeately has with the apparent approval of our agent, Mr. Brown, and Inspector Megraw, diverted, taken from our reserve, by flume, all the water which we have used for the purpose of irrigation on the reserve from Cedar Creek. That flume was built over and part in the ditch, constructed by us 45 odd years since.

The second charge is:

That white men's fences have been allowed to encroach upon the reserve at West Bank. That similar encroachment has been permitted on upper reserve. Repeated requests to agent to have fences removed. Nothing done to date.

The removal of a number of men from the Kkanagan reserve is requested. They are referred to as Indians from the United States and local British Columbia half-breeds and Indians, their names being as follows:

Frank Godfresson, Jimmy Marchell, Willie Ashton, Louise Brasere, Frank Marchand, Pere Louie, Alex Sen, Johny Martins, Narcisse Baptist, Luke, Pere Like, John Ophenheirmer, Joe Parker, Ernest Brewer, Bono, Alexander, Alex Edward, Billy Brewer, Billy Lixard, Francois Gregoir, Paul Nelson, Basil Smithins, Isaac Harris, Jimmy Logan, Scottie, Louie Chacko, Pere Michell, Billie Swallwall.

These are claimed to be intruders in the Okanagan reserve. There is also a complaint here of irregularities in the surrender or expropriation of the Trout Creek experimental farms, in respect of the method of valuation and the amount paid. It is asserted that the matter was not placed fairly before the band and that Inspector Megraw threatened the displeasure of the Government upon those opposing the surrender. With regard to the railway right of way, they want to know the area, the valuation, the amount paid and to whom it was paid. There is also a query in regard to water deflected from Snake Creek and a complaint of trespass on and deflection of all water from the reserve adjoining the townsite. This complaint is signed by Mitchell Jack and Cosmos Sam. The Indians of the Salmon River reserve also complain that there has never been any effort on the reserve to prevent crimes and to secure order. They claim that the impracticability of meeting the agent at Enderby has not been considered by the officials of the department; that the Chief maintains an American Indian on the reserve and that they desire his removal as an undesirable trouble-maker. They complain that moneys for furnishing church or for sale of logs is not accounted for; that Enderby men receive permission to cut their timber; that their timber is not conserved; that a resident of Enderby has by permission fenced a great portion of remaining timber on reserve and claims personal ownership. The Indians at Salmon River Indian Reserve signing this complaint are: William Nonish, Jim Haskit, Jimmy Felix, George Potice, Andrew Morris , François Thom, Alex Nahaskit, Mc Phillips, Dan Phillips, Dennis Jim, Harry Bill, Billie Felix, Andrew George. I am aware of the impossibility of satisfying all the varying demands and aspirations of the Indians on the different reserves, but apparently in connection with the latter matters that I have mentioned, there is no question of encroachment of outsiders upon the reserves and of intruders in the ranks. These are matters of administration and claim the careful consideration of the department.

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Indian education, $734,115.

Mr. OLIVER: Is any capital expenditure included in this item?

Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. OLIVER: This is simply to carry on the schools for another year?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes.

Mr. OLIVER: Would the minister make some statement in regard to Indian education?

Mr. ROCHE: The appropriation for this year is divided as follows:

	Residential schools.	Per capita grant.	
Ontario,	Boarding schools	$35,200	
	Industrial schools	51,000	
			$ 86,200
Manitoba,	Boarding schools	68,805	
	Industrial schools	27,950	
			96,755
Sasktchewan,	Boarding schools,	67,425	
	Industrial schools	29,250	
			96,675
Alberta and N. W. T.	Boarding schools	104,725	
	Industrial schools	23,400	
			128,125
British Columbia	Boarding schools	50,600	
	Industrial schools	73,320	
			123,920
Yukon	Boarding schools	7,000	
			7,000
Total per capita grant, residential schools			$538,675

Day Schools.	Teachers' salaries	
Ontario	$22,425	
Quebec	14,515	
Nova Scotia	5,400	
New Brunswick	5,000	
Prince Edward Island	600	
Manitoba	22,000	
Saskatchewan	16,620	
Alberta and N. W. T.	3,400	
British Columbia	35,590	
Yukon	3,700	
Total salaries teachers, day schools		129,250
Inspector British Colombia schools:		
Salary and Expenses		2,500
Assistance to ex-pupils		8,000
Buildings and repairs		55,690
Total appropriation, 1917-1918		$734,115

In the year 1910 a new arrangement was entered into by this Government with the various denominations which have charge of these schools. The schools were divided into three classes. A certain standard as to accommodation, equipment, etc., was decided on at a conference between the Government and the different denominations, and the denominational schools which complied with this standard received the highest per capita grant. Then there were departmental schools on which the department had stood the original outlay and which were to be brought up to this standard. Then there were the class 2 church schools, somewhat inferior in character and quality, which did not draw as large a per capita allowance as the other two classes. This has increased the grant for education considerably by materially increasing the per capita grant, and by raising the standard of the schools and giving more room, better equipment, and more sanitary methods. Any schools that are under that system are most creditable indeed. The pupils are attending the schools in increasing numbers. We have put a check on capital expenditure during war time, and are simply keeping the schools in repair, although we have been strongly pressed to make capital expenditures by denominational schools at various points where they are really in want of better accommodation.

Mr. OLIVER: I am in sympathy with the minister in his decision not to invest

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in any capital expenditure during war time. The Anglican bishop of Athabaska, however, has brought to my attention the fact that the increased cost of the necessaries of life is pressing very heavily upon the resources of he church having charge of the schools in his diocese. I understand that he has applied to the department for some recognition of the more difficult conditions. Has any such application been made, and if so, has any recognition been granted?

Mr. ROCHE: Requests of that description have come from that bishop and from several other bishops. They say that the present high cost of living is such that the existing per capita grant is not sufficient to prevent them from going behind. In some instances we have been asked to make up the deficit. We have not done so as yet, and we have not promised just at present to increase the grant.

A delegation of representatives of almost all the schools was to have interviewed the department some time ago about this matter, but they did not turn up according to programme. So far we have not passed favourably on any requests for increased assistance.

Mr. OLIVER: I do not know that I would suggest to the minister either the assumption of deficits or any very large increase in the grants, but it is a fact that in the north country especially, where the cost of living is at a maximum and transportation very expensive in proportion to the amount of actual supplies consumed, the present conditions bear very heavily upon the schools, and I would respectfully suggest that temporary assistance in the way of a grant be given to them to meet the increased cost of the actual food consumed. It could be a special grant during this period of stress.

Mr. ROCHE: Per capita?

Mr. OLIVER: It would, of course, be per capita. I think the department would not be doing substantial injustice to the country at large if it specially recognized the schools in that part of the country where the difficulties of carrying on the work are so great. If the minister saw fit to consider this suggestion favourably in respect of the schools in the Anglican and Roman Catholic dioceses of Athabasca and Mackenzie, assistance would have to be given as soon as possible because supplies for the winter are now going forward. The other schools which are accessible by rail could be dealt with at any time, but the schools in the more remote outposts of civilization, where the work is particularly arduous and expensive, have to make their arrangements very far in advance, and it would really be deplorable if, the department having decided to assist them, the assistance came too late to benefit the schools this year.

Mr. ROCHE: I will consider my hon. friend's suggestion.

Mr. KYTE: Has a teacher been engaged for the Indian school at Salmon River in the place of Ernest McNeil, who resigned a few months ago?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes, Miss Maud E. Brennan. I think she is there now.

Mr. McKENZIE: What is the curriculum at these Indian schools? What standard of education are the pupils supposed to reach?

Mr. ROCHE: I understand that the Indian schools are conducted on much the same lines as the public schools of the province. The teachers have to be qualified under the provincial laws, and it is sometimes rather difficult to get them for isolated places, but we do the very best we can. The same subjects are taught as in the public schools, and the same text books are used. The schools are inspected by the public school inspectors, and the pupils are supposed to come up to the standard required by the provincial educational authorities.

9 p.m.

Mr. McKENZIE: Have the pupils any aptitude for arithmetic, reading and writing? How long do they continue their studies, and what are the results obtained in these schools? I do not for a moment suggest that we should drop them, but I wish to know whether the Indians appreciate the educational advantages placed at their disposal. There are small Indian schools in my part of the country, but they are not up to the high school standard. Is it the same in other provinces? Do any of the pupils take up teaching themselves?

Mr. ROCHE: It varies with the different provinces. I believe the Indian schools in Ontario have been very successful, the pupils attending school about as long as the pupils at the public schools, and sometimes competing with the white children in the entrance examinations for the high schools. I do not think the Indian schools in Nova Scotia have been quite as successful, but on the whole we cannot complain very much about the results. In the Maritime Prov-

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inces the attendance has not been so good as in some of the other provinces.

Mr. MARCIL: What about the Indian schools in Quebec? Are their studies confined to one language?

Mr. ROCHE: In the province of Quebec there are twenty-eight day schools. There are 609 boys on the roll, and 647 girls, total 1,256. The average attendance is 802. There are no boarding or industrial schools in that province. In the French districts the Indians are taught in French, and in the essentially English districts in English.

Mr. MARCIL: To what districts does the minister refer as English districts?

Mr. ROCHE: Such as Caughnawaga and Oka.

Mr. MARCIL: What about the schools in Bonaventure county?

Mr. ROCHE: I have not that information before me.

Mr. MARCIL: Will the minister give me information on that point later?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the position of the school at Hay River on Great Slave lake?

Mr. ROCHE: They have put up a new school quite recently at their own expense. There are 25 pupils, and they get the usual per capita grant of $125, and have drawn, on that account, $3,125.

Mr. MARCIL: Is there any special reason why there should not be industrial schools in the East as well as in the West?

Mr. ROCHE: I do not know of any reason.

Mr. MARCIL: Industrial education is coming to be recognized as a necessity.

Mr. ROCHE: They have not sent in requests for these schools.

Mr. MARCIL: Does not the minister think that the department should take the lead in this matter, the Indians being the wards of the Government? If the Indians made a success of the industrial life as a result of proper training of the young in their schools, it would be a great credit to the departmeent.

Mr. ROCHE: Perhaps the Indians are getting more civilized——

Mr. MARCIL: But civilization goes hand in hand with industrial efficiency.

[Mr. Roche.]

The trained man is more useful to society than the untrained. I think this matter is well worthy of consideration.

Mr. OLIVER: Is there an industrial school at Fort Simpson carried on by the Roman Catholic church?

Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. OLIVER: Then, Fort Providence is the furthest north school?

Mr. ROCHE: There are schools at Hay River, Fort Resolution, and Fort Providence.

Mr. OLIVER: Nothing below Fort Providence?

Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the standing of the Fort Providence school?

Mr. ROCHE: There are sixty-five pupils, and they get the usual grant.

Mr. OLIVER: There is a school at Fort Resolution?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes—sixty pupils.

Mr. OLIVER: And there is a day school at Fort Smith?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes. The day schools do not get a per capita grant, but this school is given a grant of $500.

Mr. OLIVER: Are there both Protestant and Roman Catholic schools at Fort Vermilion?

Mr. ROCHE: At Fort Vermilion there is a day school with twenty pupils. It is a Roman Catholic school.

Mr. OLIVER: There is no boarding school there and no school carried on by the Anglicans?

Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. OLIVER: And at Wabiskaw?

Mr. ROCHE: There is a Roman Catholic school with 25 pupils and a Church of England school as well. Both are boarding schools.

Mr. OLIVER: And at Lesser Slave Lake and Grouard?

Mr. ROCHE: There is a trade school and a boarding school of Roman Catholics, the latter with 25 pupils; and an Anglican school as well.

Mr. OLIVER: And at Fort Chipewyan?

Mr. ROCHE: There is a Roman Catholic boarding school.

Mr. OLIVER: No Anglican school there?

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Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. OLIVER: There was formerly an Anglican day school there.

Mr. ROCHE: I do not think there is any day school at Fort Chipewyan.

Mr. MARCIL: Are there any Indian schools in the Ungava district in the province of Quebec?

Mr. ROCHE: No.

Mr. MARCIL: Are there no Indians there?

Mr. ROCHE: There are scattered nomadic tribes, but no treaty Indians.

Mr. MARCIL: Are they not under the charge of the department?

Mr. ROCHE: We have to care for them sometimes—give them provisions, and so on.

Mr. OLIVER: Is there an Indian boarding school in operation in the Yukon?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes, there is a Church of England boarding school at Carcross with 35 pupils.

Dr. NESBITT: Do they attempt to teach agriculture in the various Indian schools in addition to the ordinary English education?

Mr. ROCHE: At some of the schools, yes. In several of these places they have farms attached to the schools and teach them agriculture.

Mr. MACDONALD: How many Indians are there in the Yukon?

Mr. ROCHE: 1,528.

Mr. McKENZIE: In connection with industrial education the teacher in the Indian district of Eskasoni, I understand, has made application for assistance in building a barn. He has a small barn some 15 feet by 20 feet, but is anxious to have a larger one, as by working the land he is enabled to eke out his small salary.

Mr. ROCHE: The matter has been brought to our attention and is now being considered.

Indians generally. Advances to Indians surrendering their lands under provisions of section 89 of the Indian Act, which will afterwards be repaid from the avails of the land $25,000.

Mr. OLIVER: Are there any surrenders in progress or in prospect?

Mr. ROCHE: We have been trying quite recently to get a surrender of a portion of the Blood Reserve which, as my hon. friend knows is a very fine agricultural district, and at least a preliminary meeting has been held, so that there is a chance of a surrender being secured.

Indians generaly to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, $10,000.

Mr. NESBITT: Has the minister any statistics to show whether tuberculosis is increasing or decreasing among the Indian tribes of Canada?

Mr. ROCHE: I cannot say it is on the increase but, as the hon. member knows, it has been very prevalent. We have been trying to educate them to better sanitary conditions and have endeavoured, by a system of education, to get them to take better care of themselves. I cannot say that so far the diseases has diminished to any great extent, but it certainly has not increased.

Mr. NESBITT: The minister sends a doctor among the tribes, treating the Indians for various diseases, and would it not be well to have some one spend some time among them educating them to improve their living conditions and so check the spread of tuberculosis among them? I think that at the present rate it will ultimately destroy them in most places.

Mr. ROCHE: We are doing all we can to educate them along sanitary lines.

General.—Surveys, Ontario, Quebec and Maritime provinces, $3,000.

Mr. MACDONALD: What is the purpose of that general item for surveys?

Mr. ROCHE: It is generally to subdivide surveys into farm lots.

General.—Relief to destitute Indians in remote districts, $60,000.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the method of distribution of relief to destitute Indians in the country north of Edmonton?

Mr. ROCHE: The department sends in supplies to the various posts. In some instances the Hudson's Bay Company supplies goods on request of an Indian agent or a missionary, and in some cases the mounted police are utilized for the purpose of distribution.

Mr. OLIVER: There are rival trading posts and trading companies. Does the department recognize the existence of these rival traders, or does it deal with only one trading firm?

Mr. ROCHE: They divide up the order. Sometimes it goes to the Hudson's Bay Company and sometimes to Revillon Freres.

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They do not go to one firm only for supplies, each firm gets its share.

Mr. OLIVER: Is it divided up in this way, that at one post the Hudson's Bay Company and at another some other trader?

Mr. ROCHE: Not always, no.

Mr. OLIVER: The facts are that, in the north country the Indians trade just as people in other parts of the country trade, some with one firm and some with another. If there are two rival traders at a certain point, some Indians will trade with one and some with another. It is not usual for the Indians to trade promiscuously. They have their ideas in that regard, and, generally, an Indian family will trade with one firm or with the other, and it is recognized that there is that division of the trade. If one of these trading firms is given a monopoly of the distribution of the Government supplies in that locality, they have a huge advantage over their rivals, and, while I suppose the Government is not bound to take cognizance of that condition of affairs, I take the liberty of pointing it out. Of course, I speak only of those who are unquestionably responsible, but if there is any desire to act fairly as between the rival traders, I think it would be fair to make some arrangement whereby each of those rival traders would be responsible for some part of the distribution; otherwise it would be hardly just. Trade rivalry is just as keen as in the far north country as it is in the east, perhaps a little keener. I do not know how far the Government is cognizant of that condition and recognizes it.

Mr. ROCHE: We recognize where the Indian trades, and allow him to purchase from the firm he has been accustomed to deal with.

Mr. MACDONALD: The Micmacs, in my county, live near the mouth of the harbour, and, although, at one time, they went from their summer homes to various camps in the winter, they have now abandoned their old habits in many ways, and live in one settlement contiguous to the mouth of the harbour. There is a large tract of land reserved there. I should like the minister to state whether this land is held in the same manner as the western lands which belong to the Indians, or whether it is Dominion Government property, on which the Indians are living, and whether the Government are able to deal with it the same as with other property.

Mr. ROCHE: Those reserves are held in the same manner as reserves are held in other parts of the Dominion, namely, in trust, and before we can sell the lands, we have to obtain a surrender.

Mr. MACDONALD: We have not a regular band and chief—just an isolated group of Indians who happen to be living at this particular point. The Government has purchased land in the vicinity of the coal piers where the Indians reside, and the Indians have completely deserted all their old habits and have been engaged largely as freight handlers. Where the Government purchase lands which the Indians are permitted to use, is the purchase made out of a trust fund belonging to the band, or how does the Government make the purchase? Some reservations in the West have been set aside for the benefit of the Indians, but I do not think that is the case in this particular instance.

Mr. ROCHE: Some reserves in Nova Scotia have become the property of the Indians.

Mr. MACDONALD: Will the minister take a note of this particular case, and I will take occasion to communicate with my correspondent later on, with regard to the changed conditions.

Mr. OLIVER: What is the rule of the minister's department in regard to interference by agents in politics, or is there any rule?

Mr. ROCHE: There is no different rule in the Indian Department from any other department. The hon. gentleman is aware of the rule laid down by Parliament that officials of the Government, whether they are Indian agents or others, in the employ or on the pay list, are not to engage actively in politics. No different rule is applied to Indian agents than to other officials. Of course, there may be some agents who regard their agency work as a side line, drawing very little salary from the Government, and I presume they consider themselves free citizens, but our agents who devote their whole time to the work of the agency are expected simply to perform their duties as agents.

Mr. OLIVER: I am somewhat surprised to hear the minister say that there is a rule that there shall be no interference, and that the rule which applies in other departments, applies to this department, because, in the elections held recently in Alberta, one of the homestead inspec-

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tors, Ambrose Grey, was a candidate, and ranch inspector. George Cloakey, was candidate in another constituency. It is true that Mr. Grey had resigned a few days before the election. Mr. Cloakey resigned, but I am not sure whether it was before nomination. They held their positions so close to nomination day that they certainly must have been using their positions for the purpose of advantaging themselves in the political contest which took place on the 7th June. It is true they were both defeated by rather large majorities, but certainly it was a very plain instance of officials of the Department of the Interior using their position, while under salary, to advantage themselves, at any rate, they hoped to advantage them politically, and, if I am not too far out of order, I may say that another appointee of the Government, Dan Minchen. timber inspector in the Grande Prairie country, is now official candidate of the Conservative party in the constituency of Peace River at the deferred election to be held shortly. Here are three instances in which officers of the Land Department have certainly been taking a very active part in provincial politics. Evidently the rule that my hon. friend says applies to all the departments does not apply to the Indian Department as, apparently, it does to the Department of the Interior.

Mr. ROCHE: There has been no rule in the past that would prevent a Government official from accepting nomination at the hands of a political party, as long as he resigned his Government position. If it was wrong for these gentlemen to have accepted nominations, it is to be noted that they resigned their positions in all cases. To my knowledge, no person occupied a Government position and was at the same time a candidate for election. But, if that is wrong, it is a practice that has been in existence for many years. While the member for Edmonton was Minister of the Interior, two homestead inspectors were candidates in elections in my former constituency, one of whom ran against myself and the other against Mr. Glen Campbell. One of these gentlemen occupied his position right up to the time of nomination, but I did not hear any adverse cricism from any hon. gentlemen opposite. If the gentlemen to whom reference has been made are doing wrong, certainly the same thing was done under the administration of the late Government, and without any protest from hon. gentlemen opposite.

Mr. OLIVER: It may be just as well to say that one of the gentlemen to whom I refer, who had been a homestead inspector, resigned to become a candidate in the provincial election, was defeated, and was promptly reappointed by my hon. friend as soon as the election was over. After having used his position during the intervening period of over four years for the purpose of political canvassing, he again becomes a candidate and is again defeated—and I suppose, will again be reappointed. I submit that such a case is simply scandal. If my hon. friend thinks that what took place in former years will justify what is taking place now. I can only say that I do not think the public will accept it as justification. Certainly I do not intend to abate my criticism of an action that is absolutely unjustifiable, simply because of previous acts on the part of anybody else. Two wrongs do not make a right. I do not admit it, as a matter of fact, but admitting for the sake of argument that wrong was committed on a previous occasion, I still say that that does not cure the evil, which is that public money is being used for the purpose of maintaining in the field a band of active political agents and canvassers, who, after having suffered defeat at the polls, may be reappointed to their positions, as they, no doubt, expect to be reappointed.

Mr. KNOWLES: I should think that there is a distinction between the case mentioned by the minister and the case referred to by the member for Edmonton. In this case evidently the political aspirant in Alberta was acting in conjunction with the minister. The minister was probably aware of the purpose of the man's resignation, but he does not say that he will not continue to play the game by reappointing that man. Unless the minister assures us that he is not going to reappoint him he will have to stand convicted of acting in harmony with this manipulator and of being a confederate —I say it not offensively—with him in what we consider to be very improper procedure. The case in question, therefore, is very different from the case the minister has mentioned.

Mr. ROCHE: Can you answer for the case that I quoted.

Mr. KNOWLES: I would have to be convinced that in the other case the then Minister of the Interior had knowledge as to the reason for the resignation before I would consider the cases analogous. Anyway, if any minister has an understanding with an employee that the employee may

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resign the day before nomination, and that if at the election seven days afterwards he is defeated, the minister will re-appoint him, that minister is not using good judgment and should be criticised. If the minister says that he disapproves of that procedure, then we shall know where he stands in the matter. It is of no use to say that such and such a thing was done previously. If I understand the minister aright, his statement is that he has full knowledge of all the circumstances connected with these cases which the member for Edmonton—to our surprise, but not to the surprise of the minister—has brought to the attention of the committee. The minister is well informed in the matter, explains the circumstances and attempts to justify them, and, so far as we know, proposes to re-appoint these men. I think that the minister should be in a position to tell us that he had not knowledge that the men were resigning for the purpose in question, that he was not co-operating with them, and that he will not under any circumstances re-appoint them to their positions.

Mr. ROCHE: The hon. gentleman has recently taken a very virtuous turn. I did not know anything about these gentlemen having accepted nominations until their resignations came in, except in one instance. When in that case it was brought to my attention that one of my homestead inspectors had accepted a nomination and had not sent in his resignation. I wired him to send it in. I had no knowledge whatever of these candidates being in the field until their resignations came to the department. As to whether these gentlemen intend to apply for reappointment, I know nothing whatever. They may not have any such intention, but when the application comes in, that will be the time for me to say what I shall do. But it is strange that in a parallel case which occurred under the Administration of hon. gentlemen opposite, where a homestead inspector who remained on the field canvassing up to the date of nomination, resigned his position, suffered defeat and was promptly reappointed to his position, no fault was found by hon. gentlemen on the other side. I am not saying that it was so very wrong. At any rate, the hon. gentleman has not pointed out any gross abuse that has arisen out of the candidature of any of these men who resigned their positions, who have been defeated, and concerning whose future intentions I know nothing whatever.

Mr. KNOWLES: The minister says that I have suddenly become virtuous; he is quite unwarranted in making that assertion. The minister has given us information which he withheld in the first instance, and for which I now give him credit. He did not tell us that he disapproved of a homestead inspector being a candidate and at the same time retaining his position. The member for Edmonton raised that question, but the minister did not say what he was afterwards good enough to tell me—that as soon as he learned that one of the men had been nominated by a political party and had not resigned, he wired him for his resignation. It was in the absence of that information that I made the remark that I did. I have no apology to make for doing so, but in fairness to the minister I say frankly that that eliminates the first part of my criticism. The minister cannot be said to be co-operating with these men at any stage of the game if he had no knowledge as to the purpose of their resignations. But I do say that the minister should assure us that he will not co-operate in the matter by reappointing these men. It is a brazen thing that a man should become a political candidate, remain in the public employ as long as he possibly can, and then be reappointed when he is defeated. I say that this should not happen, I care not what any other minister ever did. Other ministers stand on their own reputations and their own records. To reappoint men under such circumstances as these would certainly be against public policy. But the Lands Department is administered so viciously and violently along partisan lines that it is scarcely worth our while going into the many things that we might have occasion to refer to.

In the by-election that occurred in Moosejaw county when the Hon. J. A. Sheppard was appealing to that riding after he had resigned his seat because his name was connected with some of the disclosures in the Saskatchewan commission, that district was alive with his employees; in fact, in some of the small villages you could not get a bed at night, because of the number of men pretending to be collecting for seed grain and relief in those places, but really collecting votes. If you put a question on the Order Paper, you do not get an answer and you become discouraged. I should like to have the diaries of those seed grain and relief collectors who were in that county during that election. I could take the minister to a small place called Spring Valley and other stations on

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the Canadian Northern railway between Avonlea and Gravelbourg where there were four or five of his collectors frightening the people out of their lives by stating that if they voted against the Conservative candidate everything would be taken away from them and their liens collected, and promising them everything in their favour if they would vote for the Conservative candidate. If their diaries contain a true account of their doings, the minister will find that my statements are correct. Do those collectors keep diaries of what they do?

Mr. ROCHE: The hon. gentleman is speaking of men working in connection with the seed grain accounts?

Mr. KNOWLES: And relief.

Mr. ROCHE: When did this by-election take place?

Mr. KNOWLES: Last fall.

Mr. ROCHE: Just at the time the collectors were out on the road?

Mr. KNOWLES: Yes.

Mr. ROCHE: And because a collector showed his nose in a constituency where there was a by-election, the hon. gentleman jumps on the department for allowing a homestead inspector to go into that county during a by-election to collect seed grain accounts.

Mr. KNOWLES: What a statesmanlike answer to what I have said.

Mr. ROCHE: The system that we had adopted a year ago last winter by means of which we were to collect through the elevator companies was not a success, and therefore last summer we opened an office in Moosejaw and established a chief inspector of land agencies there who engaged a staff, largely utilizing the existing staff of homestead inspectors, in order to keep down expense. These men were alloted certain districts, and before there was any thought of a by-election in Moosejaw, they were instructed to collect seed grain personally from the farmers who had got seed grain relief and had failed to pay within the time promised, and no doubt these men were doing certain collections in Moosejaw county, because there was a very large amount put out in Moosejaw during 1915. I am not in a position to say whether those men kept diaries that they sent into the department as to what they did from day to day; in fact I would not be surprised if they did not keep diaries, although in their ordinary work as homestead inspectors they do keep diaries. I will make inquiries in regard to that.

Mr. KNOWLES: The minister has surely misunderstood what I said. I told him what I thought about the men who had camped in Moosejaw county in order to intimidate the farmers, and the minister says that the Government has lent so much money there and tries to put me in the position of saying that the money should not be collected. I did not say that at all. The money is lent and is repayable and will be repaid. I did not object to any one representing the Government putting his nose into the Moosejaw district; I objected to these men interfering in the by-election. I was speaking about the introduction of petty politics under the guise of those men doing their work in their capacity of collectors. I am not criticising the system of collection at present; I may have something to say about that at the proper time. It is necessary to collect that money, and the minister is making a defence out of the fact that the money should be collected. My point was that the men who should have been busy collecting that money in the proper way were all centralized at one pivotal point, namely, the Moosejaw county seat, whence they could intimidate the farmers of the district into voting for the Conservative candidate.

Mr. DOHERTY: We will take up the Post Office Estimates.

Mr. MACDONALD: As the Post Office Estimates have not been brought up before, the minister cannot take them up on a Thursday. Where is the regular Postmaster General? I understand he is in Ottawa, and if so, why should he not be here?

Mr. DOHERTY: The Postmaster General is at present on active military service. I am the acting Postmaster General, and I do not know that the hon. member is in order to question my right to introduce these Estimates.

Mr. MACDONALD: It is not in order to take up any Estimates on Thursdays or Fridays unless they have been begun on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. DOHERTY: The Estimates of the Post Office Department have been taken up and, as regards the Inside Service, have been passed, so that I am quite within the rule. I am only proceeding to continue to deal with Estimates already begun.

Mr. GRAHAM: It was distinctly understood that, when the Estimates were allowed

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to be taken up, it was not to be held that they had been taken up under the rule. Before the long adjournment we allowed certain Estimates to go through on the understanding that no minister would claim that his Estimates had been taken up under the rule.

Mr. DOHERTY: My information from the deputy minister is not that merely one-fourth of the Estimates which were passed, as I understand it, under the arrangement, have been passed, but that the entirety of the Estimates for the Inside Service of the Department have already been passed. If what the hon. member says is correct, I, of course, do not want to break any understanding that has been arrived at, but my information is that with the exception of this one Estimate, the Post Office Estimates have all been passed.

Mr. MACDONALD: If the minister will look at Hansard of February 1 at page 353, he will find that the statement of my hon. friend from South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) is verified. The report reads:

Supply—Interim Vote.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Rainville in the chair.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: We will not go into any particular estimates, but we will give you what you want; we will give you a quarter of the total amount in these estimates.

Sir George Foster: They are just the same as the usual estimates.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: Yes.

Sir George Foster: We have usually put through the vote for civil government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: I have no objection to your putting through the estimates that you want to put through, but you know there is a rule that on Thursday and Friday the Speaker leaves the chair without any motion, and the House can only take up such Supply as is to be taken into consideration. If we were to pass all the estimates to-day, when we begin after the adjournment we could not take up any of the estimates upon any day, and therefore we cannot consent to that. But if it is understood that the rule will not apply, then we will pass the estimates.

Sir George Foster: I think that can easily be understood on both sides of the House.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: All right; go on.

Mr. DOHERTY: If that is all that was done, I do not claim that these Estimates were begun, but my information—and I have sent to make quite sure—is that all that the Post Office Estimates for the Inside Service have already been passed, and that there remains but the Outside Service. If that be correct, it means that these Estimates have been proceeded with otherwise than under that arrangement. Of course, if any information is shown to be mistaken, I do not want to insist upon going on with these Estimates.

Mr. GRAHAM: If no Post Office Estimates have been put through since the two months' adjournment the minister would not be in order in going on with these Estimates, and my recollection is that no Post Office Estimates have been put through since the adjournment. Certain Estimates were put through before the adjournment to enable the Prime Minister to go to England, on the distinct understanding that no advantage would be taken of that technical violation of the rule.

Mr. DOHERTY: All I can say is that the officer tells me he understands that the whole of the Inside Service Estimates were put through one evening by the Minister of Finance. I cannot undertake myself to say positively whether that was so or not, and if objection is taken I suppose I shall have to yield to it.

Mr. GRAHAM: The members of the House have certain rights in regard to moving resolutions on going into Committee of Supply, and we shall be deprived of one opportunity of moving a resolution on the motion to go into Supply if the minister goes on with these Estimates to-night. The whole object of the new rule was to give members an opportunity to move a resolution on the motion for Supply. My recollection is that the Post Office Estimates have not been before the committee, technically speaking, and consequently they cannot be taken automatically on a Thursday or Friday.

Mr. DOHERTY: In the Votes and Proceedings of the 20th of April it appears that Post Office Estimates were passed as follows: Salaries $842,820, Contingencies $125,000. That seems to confirm what the officer told me. I am not invoking the fact that before the two months' adjournment one-quarter of the Estimates were passed.

10 p.m.

Mr. GRAHAM: The estimates the minister has quoted were for civil government.

Mr. DOHERTY: Yes, but not on the occasion to which my hon. friend has referred.

Mr. MACDONALD: The 20th of April was on a Friday.

Mr. DOHERTY: The question is, have these Estimates been taken up? I understand that if they were taken up we have a right to go on, and they must have been

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taken up because on that day the committee consented to go on with them.

Mr. MACDONALD: On the motion of Sir Thomas White for Committee of Supply on April 20, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

I do not object to the House going into Committee of Supply. I understand that we are to take up the Civil Government Estimates, but this will not interfere with rule 17 (c) which requires that the Estimates of any department shall be first taken up on a day other than Friday.

Mr. GRAHAM: That was the very day. It has been admitted, I think, by both sides of the House that civil government form one Estimate and the regular Estimates another, for the purpose of this rule in regard to going into Supply. The taking up of Civil Government Estimates does not mean, technically speaking, that we are going into Supply on the General Estimates. I think the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition have agreed as to that on several occasions.

Mr. DOHERTY: If there is any objection to our proceeding with these Estimates to-night I have no desire to go on with them. I have no desire to violate any understanding.

Mr. GRAHAM: It is a little more than an understanding. The leader of the Opposition called attention to the rule on that occasion.

Mr. DOHERTY: Well, then, I have no desire to break any rule. Unless, however, there is some objection other than the formal one I shall be glad to go on.

Mr. GRAHAM: The objection I have is this: Members of Parliament not on this side alone, but on the other side also, were protected by the new rule in their privilege of presenting a resolution on going into Supply. If we go on with these Estimates we shall be depriving ourselves of one opportunity of making such a resolution, and we have not many opportunities left.

Mr. DOHERTY: If the hon. member does not see his way to withdraw his objection I shall have to acquiesce.

Mr. MARCIL: In justice to the Postmaster General, would the minister inform the House as to his exact position at the present time? Those who read the Montreal papers have seen that the Postmaster General offered his resignation to the Prime Minister, but it was not accepted. Then the Hon. Mr. Blondin undertook, with General Lessard, to raise a regiment in Quebec, and met with substantial success all through the province. When conscription was adopted by the Cabinet we were told that Hon. Mr. Blondin would discontinue his recruiting efforts. The papers now announce that he is coming back to Ottawa to take over his former department and to be Acting Secretary of State. I think it is in the public interest, and only doing justice to the Postmaster General that the House should know exactly what is his position.

Mr. DOHERTY: I do not know that I should be in order in answering my hon. friend. If I am not entitled to proceed with my Estimates there is nothing before the committee. If it is not in order for me to answer questions, I do not see how it is in order for hon. gentlemen to ask me questions. However, I have no objection to stating that the Hon. Mr. Blondin is still on service, and the fact of my being here as Acting Postmaster General indicates that the newspaper report that he had returned to resume his duties as Postmaster General is incorrect.

Progress reported.

On the motion of Mr. Doherty for the adjournment of the House:

Mr. GRAHAM: What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. DOHERTY: There are three Bills on the Order Paper ready to be proceeded with.

Mr. GRAHAM: We will not be able to take up these Estimates to-morrow?

Mr. DOHERTY: But we will go on with any Estimates that we may be permitted to take up.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

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Letters re Christie, Program & Brown with Copy of Complaints

June 27th, 7.

111/548/G.

Sir:-

On 15th December, 1916, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna wrote you to the effect that he had been instructed to make an enquiry into certain charges and complaints made by and through you as to the conduct and management of Indian Affairs in the Okanagan Agency.

Early in the present year Mr. McKenna was superannuated and this matter was later placed in my hands for investigation, but owing to pressure of Departmental business it was impossible for me to deal with the subject until the present time.

I, therefore, beg to inform you that I propose leaving Victoria on the 4th of July and will arrive at Penticton on the 5th and will hold meetings for the purpose of hearing any evidence you may produce in support of the charges and complaints you made, copies of which are herewith enclosed.

As the complaints are in connection with the Penticton, Westbank, Okanagan, Enderby and Salmon River Reserves I purpose holding meetings at all of the above places in order that those wishing to give evidence either in support of or against the charges may not have to bear any expense.

In view of the power conferred upon me by His Excellency The Governor-General-in-Council the enquiry will be held under oath; and, if necessary, persons required as witnesses

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
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witnesses may be summoned by subpoena and the production of papers and writings compelled.

The enquiry will open at the hall on the Penticton Reserve at 1 P.M., Thursday, the 5th day of July, and at the other reserves mentioned above at as early a date following the 5th as is possible.

Having given you the foregoing information I beg to request that you will appear at Penticton on the above date with any witnesses you may wish to bring in support of the charges you have made.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of to-day's date No. 111/548/G kindly find enclosed herewith charges of the Penticton, Salmon River and Westbank Indians which were inadvertently omitted.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
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PENTICTON CHARGES.

Delegates Michell Jack and Cosmos Sam at Clenthill, Dec.28/16.

1. That the Band requires an investigation regarding the irregulation of the surrender or expropriations, of the Trout Creek Experimental Farms.
2. The method of valuation and amount paid.
3. That this matter was not placed fairly before the Band.
4. That Inspector Megraw threatened the displeasure of the Government on those opposing surrender.

2. Railway right of way; area of, valuation; amount paid, to whom paid.
3. Water deflected from Snake Creek.
4. Lines of Reserve change, and reserve encroached upon Ritchie line; no redress for complaints to officials.
5. Trespass on and deflection of all water from Reserve adjoining townsite.

MEMBERS OF BAND WHO ENDORSE DELEGATES:- Michell Jack, Cosmos Sam, Manuel Bazill, Lowl Quartel, Edward Jack, Baptist Joe, Toudshet, Tommy Puckles Peach, Eaneas Saul, Francois Kalmalka, Joe Kalmalka, George Lijard, David Sam, William Sam, Eaneas Joseph, Thomas Jack, Peter Jack, Bazill Jack, Baptist Seymore, Chas. Turmurkiano, Comino Jack, Casmir Perrie, Jack Perrie, Jamie Jack, Joseph Jack, Alex. Eaneos, Willie Eaneos.

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WESTBANK.

1. That one, Galletly, has with the apparent approval of our Agent Mr. Brown, and Inspector Megraw diverted, taken from our Reserve, by flume all the water which we have used for the purpose of irrigation on the reserve from Cedar Creek. That flume was built over and part in the ditch, constructed by us some 45 odd years since. That our Agent was on the ground and designated point for head of flume. That Inspector Megaw with Constable visited the ground later and threatened any one with jail who interfered with the water.
2. That white men's fences have been allowed to encroach upon the reserve at Westbank.
3. That similar encroachment has been permitted on Upper Reserve repeated requests to Agent to have fences removed. Nothing done to date.

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At a Meeting at Black Town, December 23rd, 1916, charges were made in connection with donduct of Indian Affairs on Okanagan Indian Reserve, B. C.; a meeting called for this purpose by instructions of the Secretary of I.R.D. League, who fully explained communications received from Deputy Superintendent General Duncan C. Scott and the Commissioner Dr. J. A. J. McKenna. After discussions of the communications Resolutions were passed to make the following charges by the Chief and Members present.

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1. That Chief Baptist Logan was deposed without cause.
2. That no charge or complaint was every brought to the attention of the Band against him.
3. That Inspector Cummiskey's sole reason for opposition to the Chief was that Baptist had opposed the illegal deal for the surrender of the Long Lake Indian Reserve, Inspector Cummiskey having been one of the interested parties to this deal, which deal was repudiated by Ramsdean McDougal Commission.
4. That the election of Pierre Michell as conducted by Inspector Cummiskey, the Agent Smith from Kamloops was a strictly unlawful election, in which every right of the the Band was set aside and by might of authority a disreputable Chief was thrust on the Band.
5. That reports sent to the Department by the officials who engineered this election were deliberately false reports.
6. That Piere Michell did not secure a majority vote.
7. That he was not elected by acclamation as reported to Department by Inspector Cummiskey or the Agent from Kamloops if he made report on the proceedings.

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2ND. CHARGE.

1. That the matter of the Henderson Lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights of the Band.
2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and illegal.
3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties, as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the Band.

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2ND. "A" CHARGE.

1. That members of the Band have been unjustly deprived of their rights to elections for the position of Chief without just cause.
2. That members of Band have been forcibly expelled from the public meetings of the Band by orders of Inspector Megraw without just cause.

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3RD. CHARGE.

1. That Inspector Megraw exceeded his authority in forcing the man Henderson's presence on their Reserve, under the provisions of a strictly illegal agreement between a Nicola Indian, a non-member of the Band, and a whiteman fully aware of the grossly unfair conditions of the fraudulent agreement against the authority of the Chief and the expressed opposition of the Band. The language and threats employed and the authority bearing towards the Chief was strictly uncalled for.

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4TH. CHARGE.

1. Inspector Megraw's reports regarding the imcompetence of Chief Gaston immediately following the Chief's refusal to countenance the fraudulent lease to Henderson calls for the strictest investigation.
2. That Inspector Megraw has acted in an underhand manner against the Chief is animated by Peresenol Spleen against Chief. That no charge has been brought against the Chief at any meeting.
3. That Inspector desires the removal of the Chief solely on personal grounds and to secure the election of a Chief amenable to officials. That Inspector has encouraged and favored men on Reserve known to be openly hostile to Chief.

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5TH. CHARGE.

1. That Railway right-of-ways have been granted through various Reserves of the Band and the Band kept in ignorance of these transactions.
2. That Band funds from the proceeds of right-of-ways of these Railways have been unlawfully distributed to non-members of the Okanagan Band to the amount of several thousand dollars.

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6TH. CHARGE.

1. That officials have permitted for years the fencing of large areas of our Reserve for range purposes, said ranges being exploited for individual profit.

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7TH. CHARGE.

1. That promiscuous cutting of timber has been permitted.
2. That individual half-breeds have been granted permission to remove hundreds of thousands of feet for personal profit.
3. That no adequate return has been made.
4. That a complete return of all timbers sold and money paid, amounts to whom paid, for the past five years shall be presented on commission to Band.

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8TH. CHARGE.

1. That for years against the repeated protests of the Band undesirable characters, American half-breeds, American Indians, Indians from local reserves have been permitted to intrude upon our reserve.
2. That no action has ever been taken on the many complaints made that they have received every comfort and consideration from officials.
3. That the intruding element has almost exclusive control of all our business.
4. That they openly boast of our helplessness to have them removed.
5. That they openly defy the authority of the Chief.
6. That Inspector Megraw and Agent Brown are fully aware of the criminal characters.
7. That Inspector Megraw has approved of threatened criminal violence expressed by this element.
8. That 90% of all troubles on reserve is caused by this intruding element trespassing on our reserve.
9. That the Band demands a thorough investigation and the expulsion of all undesirable characters from our Reserve.

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9TH. CHARGE.

That Inspector and Agent persist in continual employment of Isaac Harris, charged as false interpreter, Cummiskey's principal agent in attempt of sale and illegal surrender of Long Lake Reserve.

That favors are granted this man at expense of Band knowing that the bands holds this man guilty of the most serious crimes.

That a special grant for competition was made for his benefit and his employment is detrimental to the Band's interest.

That Inspector Megraw has persistently employed men as special policemen who he knew to be openly hostile to the Chief and the Okanagan Indians.

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10TH. CHARGE.

1. That Inspector Cummiskey allowed encroachment on our Reserve at Priest's Valley, surveying portions of Reserve to adjoining property.
2. That Reserve at Swan Lake has been encroached on by adjoining owners.

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11TH. CHARGE.

1. That the local authorities have overlooked the procuring of young girls for immoral purposes.
2. That Pierre Michell prpcured the young daughter of Lena Helleen for the use of Alexander.
3. That nothing was done in the matter beyond Inspector Megraw informing Alexander that he should be in jail.

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12TH. CHARGE.

That Alexander, a Nicola Indian, unlawfully secured and was paid money of the Okanagan Band Funds, which was squandered by Alexander in automobiles and young girls.

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13TH. CHARGE.

1. That Inspector Megraw has had cognizance of open threats to personal violence and murder of our present secretary Mr. J. H. Christie by one Frank Godfresson, an American intruder on the Reserve with criminal record.
2. That when Inspector Megraw's attention was called to this matter he fully approved of the threatened crime.

Sworn statement in possession of the Secretary J. H. Christie.

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14TH. CHARGE.

HORSE STEALING.

Mrs. Josephine Edwards of Coyotte Creek Indian Reserve.

1. That Jimmy Logan, an Indian of head of Lake Reserve, stole two horses from the open range on the reserve, the property of complainant.
2. That Inspector Megraw refused to allow Agent Brown to investigate. That he refused to assist her to secure the horses, and that he protected Logan for his theft.

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15TH. CHARGE.

That Mary Nichols of Head of the Lake Indian Reserve charges Johnny Opheimmer, an American half-breed, and professional gambler, with the abduction of her daughter from her husband Patrick Johnny of Enderby. That he took her to the American side for 2 years. That he returned here 2 years since and lies openly on Reserve with my daughter as his wife. That he threatens to take my girl away and I will never see her again if I make any trouble for him.

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16TH. CHARGE.

That since the retirement of Mr. McKay, as Indian Agent, who was held in the highest regard by every Indian on our Reserve and whose memory we all respect, we have received no consideration, instruction or assistance in any manner whatsoever from any official in connection with the Indian Department.

Since then our Agents or Inspectors have paid flying visits to our reserves between meals. No Agent or Inspector has remained for one day on our Reserve for our instruction, advice or assistance to our betterment.

That No Agent has made himself familiar with conditions of life on our reserve.

That all business is carried through on rush time, that a question for settlement is almost invariably put off until the next time.

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Moneys paid to Hermoin Gregoire, $752.50; moneys paid to Joseph Jimy, $703.19, both men are intruders on reserve Shuswap Indians; to Alexander Chilahista, $2,763.50, a Necklo Indian (all non-members of the Okanagan Band). Information at hand regarding Duck Lake Reserve, Mrs. Christina McDougal, to whom $570 was paid, is a white woman by marriage, no right on reserve. The distribution of the 50 percent of the sum of $2,043.90 is not credited by the band, have no knowledge of this. On this distribution by Agent, they wish the questions asked for information, the individuals' names and amounts paid.

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18th Chgs

The removal of a number of men from the Okanagan Reserve is requested. They are referred to as Indians from the United States and local British Columbia half-breeds and Indians, their names being as follows:- Frank Godfresson, Jimmy Marchell, Willie Ashton, Louise Brasere, Frank Marchand, Pere Louie, Alex. Sen, Johnny Martins, Narcisse Baptist, Luke, Pere Like, John Ophenheirmer, Joe Parker, Ernest Brewer, Bono, Alexander, Alex. Edward, Billy Brewer, Billy Lixard, Francois Gregoir, Paul Nelson, Basil Smithins, Issac Harris, Jimmy Logan, Scottie, Louie Chacko, Pere Michell, Bille Swallwall.

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SPELLUMCHEEN.

SALMON RIVER INDIAN RESERVE.

1. That they receive no attention from officials; that they have failed to secure us some one in authority on our reserve to prevent crime and secure order; that complaints of the impracticability to meet Agent at Enderby has not been considered by officials of Dept.
2. That Chief maintains an American Indian on our Reserve, that we desire his removal as undersirable, trouble maker, and asserts authority over Reserve, a criminal refugee.
3. That monies for finishing church is not accounted for or sale of logs.
4. That Enderby men receive permission to cut our timber; that our timber is not conserved.
5. That a resident of Enderby has by permission fenced a great portion of remaining timber on reserve; claims personal ownership.

Members of Salmon River Indian Reserve:- William Ronish, Jim Haskit, Jimmy Felix, George Potice, Andrew Morris, Francois, Thom, Alex. Nahaskit, McPhillips, Dan Phillips, Dennis Jim, Harry Bill, Billie Felix, Andrew George.

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June 27th, 7.

111/552/G.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Mr. J. H. Christie, of Clinthill, Armstrong, B. C., has laid certain charges and complaints as to the conduct and management of Indian Affairs in the Okanagan Agency and I have been instructed to make a thorough investigation of the same. Copies of these are herewith enclosed for your information.

As the charges and complaints are in connection with the Penticton, Westbank, Okanagan, Enderby and Salmon River Reserves I purpose holding meetings at each of the above mentioned places in order that any witnesses either for or against the charges may not have to bear any unnecessary expense.

The first meeting will take place at the hall on the Penticton Indian Reserve at 1 P.M. on Thursday, the 5th day of July.

In virtue of the power conferred upon me by His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council the enquiry will be held under oath; and if necessary persons required as witnesses may be summoned by pubpoena, and the production of papers and writings compelled. I therefore beg to request that you will be at Penticton at the above mentioned time and place with any evidence which you may have against the charges and complaints as set forth in the enclosed.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

A. Megraw, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vernon, B. C.

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June 27th, 7.

111/575/G.

Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of to-day's date No. 111/552/G kindly find enclosed herewith charges of the Penticton, Salmon River and Westbank Indians which were inadvertently omitted.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

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Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

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27th June, 7.

111/578/C.

Sir:-

With further reference to the enquiry which I propose holding in the Okanagan Agency early in the coming month I am of the opinion that you should have with you plans of your Agency and the census of each tribe of Indians in the same and anything else that you may think of that will asist in clearing up the matter of complaints. You should endeavor to have a full membership of each band present at the meetings to be held.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Analysis of Files

Charges against Pierre Mitchell presented by also the Indians. Mr Graves instructed to investigate

~~Mr Graves Report Charges~~

1st- Chief Thomassia Louis Charles, Robin Bussard & Sam Pierre as Councillors

2nd That- members of the band prohibited to Chief against the appointment of these new Councillors

3 That- Chief Pierre Mitchell has collected in fines & Commutation sums of money of which he kept no account and has not accounted for

4 That Chief purchased of ~~Joseph~~ personal property belonging to the band contrary to the band and has not accounted for the same

5- That- the Lits Indian Police Boyd McLeod & Jack Bono are frequently absent with the knowledge of the Chief.

6 That- Sam Barnes was dismissed as Policeman contrary to the wishes of the band

7 That Chief Pierre Mitchell is immoral & unscrupulous

8. That 8 of the fifty members of the band Thirty four are desirous with Chief Pierre Mitchell be removed from the Chieftainship

9. That at meeting held by Brown he compelled the known wishes of Mitchell against the evidence of Witnesses,

10 That Brown was prejudiced in favour of Mitchell and stated at the outset that he would endorse Mitchell so long as he was Chief.

Mr Graves Report in re. April 4/14

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2 } Despoyen. Dismissed for Cause and Indian entitled to full
Value of the bond

3 Despoyen. Chg Sheet more money than he collected / He really
Should have kept a proper account in writing with

4 Despoyen. This is in conflict with charge 3. (By right the chg
Should have had a full meeting of the band with)

5. Presumably true but evidence not conclusive.

6 Not Sustained by Evidence. Meeting of chiefs & Councillors and 18
others present rendered decision as entitled

7. Not proved. All hearsay evidence given by those opposed to chief.
One learns he died and that the chg would be guilty of the Offence

8 Several of the Signers of petition withdrew their names.

9 } Unfair charge against Brown. He denies that he would endorse
10 } the Chief's Solicitor at Ottawa he died right

Councillors not appointed but elected See Sec 93 —

Some Person might object having a meeting between hours of Nine

Prime Minister elected July 1911 — Lyon now eligible for election.

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Mr Graw complains Brown did not pay his chart
debt & a chg. this was not necessary as Brown
did not pay the Dept at the time & the debt

Mr Graw claims Church of the Mercy & the
chg d perfect and wrote Dept & this effect. Brown
proves this was not so. Appl 7/17 d Vernon Agent
Mc.

Mr Graw appears to take the bond & retains for Plaintiff.

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Dept instructions to Brown July 28/10. Deal with them and Sufflein; vote all but those who are entitled to live on the Reserve. Ruby.

Spallumcheen Indians at Salmon River object to Subdy Survey at Enderby. See reports of Brown and the Grave why the Island should not be divided. Sept 24/16

(Probably Salmon River Matters ought to be dealt with by them on their own reserve)

See Christie letter to Dr. Roche of Feb 17/17, wherein he says he has nothing personal against Peters etc, but object (Sept) a majority of the Commission with him when he Can Sedmond his views, which if accepted will be acceptable to the Indians.

Mr Graves asks information re minority report.

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In Statement of Mrs Slade (Cherokee woman whose
Keeper) of October 22, 1912 She admits that She had two
white men and another Indian woman in the house at the time,
as She says in her Statement that Cherokee "was angry with me
for having two white men and Madelin in the house."

Paul Ellerin Says they took both Frozen
her Legged Cherokee up right. for he has known
Cherokee Several years

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B.C. Armstrong, J.P. on Feb 21 1912 says Indians want to elect chief. Agent promised to attend but never did. Chief & Agent (~~Dunn~~ Cameron) playing politics. Agent Smith asks authority to go to Thurmon & Straighten out things. Dept refuses to allow him to be absent April 17 1912

Pelketon from Head of Lake Indian May 15 1912 says Chief Brown was reliable but Cranmer full of whiskey when he came on reserve to see them. Full confidence in Brown. Cranmer should have Baptiste Lapan alone as chief

Johnny Chillahaza of Inverlake writes Commissioner Aug 11 1912 says the Chief must be a descendant of Nicola, and the Indians had no right to elect a chief. — Wrong assumption.

Commissioner Report of May 1912 shows why he deposed Baptiste Lapan and had Pierre Michell elected. (He exceeded his authority see Sec 96 of the Acts Lapan finally deposed by O.C. June 14/12, for three years. Pierre Michell elected July 15.

Complaint from Enderby Indians in re Water & Sawmill flooding booms to trees on land of own reserve.

Dept writes Cranmer on Sept 24/12 that complaint received at the election of Michell. Indians took members of B.C. band here voted, and he refused to allow members who were opposed to his action to vote;

Commissioner reports Oct 11/12 — giving this the lie

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Exhibit "A"

Baptiste Logan

Dec 1st 1910, 2 months,

Lytton in Jerusalem

Jan 16th 1908

1 Drum, $10 on Buy months

Paid him

Aug- 20th 1906, Bro. $10 on 30 days

Paid him

Oct 10th 1902, Bro, $15 on 30 days,

Paid him

Apr 16th 1902 - Bro. 3 months N.C.

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Vernon, B. C., Sept. 18th, 1912.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy and Secy.,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

I am sending to you to-day a pair of handcuffs with a broken key attached. Will you please have new key supplied and return handcuffs and key to me. Those keys are so light that Indians in using them often break them. It would be well to send two keys always with each pair of handcuffs if possible. I wish to say that I am getting good work out of some of the Indian police. This week the Indian police entered a squaw-whiteman's house named J. H. Christie at Salmon River and handcuffed two white men who had two Indian women there with two bottles of whiskey. Christie was away at the time. The Indian woman with whom Christie lives started the game. The Indian police brought the two white men to the Provincial Constable at Enderby. The Indian Police George Bodie whom I have asked to be put on a pay roll of ten dollars per month conducted the arrest.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

T. J. Cummiskey,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Vernon, B. C., May 30th, 1912.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy and Secy.
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

The government which I have formed on the large reserve at the Head of Okanagan Lake consisting of Chief Piere Michelle and six councillors have appointed their own Indian police. They have appointed Frank Godfriedson and Sam Barnes their police. I wish the Department to allow Godfriedson the usual salary given to Indian police. I have used him to good effect since his appointment. On Thurdsay the 23rd inst. the night police of this town picked up a young Indian woman aged 18 and a baby 14 months old. She had been made drunk by a low white man debauched and thrown into her buggy- her baby was under her feet and the horse tied to a tree in the bush. I got another Indian woman to take charge of the baby and put the mother in the city lockup. I took an auto and went after this Indian Godfriedson and had him bring his horse to assist the city police and the provincial police to get this white man. We could get no clue from the woman all she could say was bring the man before me and I will know him. I used the Indian police nearly night and day for three days. Finally I decided that we would make a trap for the white man. I arranged with all the white police to let this Indian woman out of jail and I arranged for the Indian policeman to shadow her. I took the Indian woman and instructed her what she was to do and she agreed. She went to the same place. Three white policemen had their positions in the woods and I used the Indian police to give a signal

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if a white man appeared with whiskey and not to do so until the Indian woman got possession of it and she was to hold the whiskey as evidence. The scheme worked well. The same white man saw her on the street and arranged to meet her at the same place. The scheme matured at 11.30 P.M. at a signal from the Indian police the white police closed in and the Chief of the city arrested the white man. He is now doing four months in the chain gang in this city. It cost me thirty dollars to get him. $15.00 for auto hire and I paid the Indian police $15.00 for the time I had his service. I am determined to strike fear into suppliers of whiskey to Indians. Chief Justice Hunter in this circuit of Spring Assizes holds exactly the same views as I do. If we can stop the supplying of liquor to Indians we will reduce our criminal calender and its expense to the province over fifty per cent.

I hope the Department will support me in every effort I will make.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant.

T. J. Cummiskey,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Vernon, B. C.,

July 14th, 1917.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I arrived here last night at 11 P.M. and propose starting the enquiry on the Okanagan charges on Monday, the 16th, at 1 P. M. Several days were spent at Penticton in waiting for our mutual friend Christie, who eventually showed up for the enquiry on Tuesday, the 10th. The reason he gave for not being on hand for the 5th was that he had only received on the 4th my registered letter of June 27th, notifying him that I intended to start the enquiry on the 5th. As you already know I wired him him that I would them start the enquiry on the 9th in order that he might have no reasonable excuse for not being present. On that day, however, I received another wire from him stating that he was ready to leave Armstrong for Penticton on receipt of funds and on meeting the Indians that afternoon they assured me that he would be on hand the next day, Tuesday the 10th, as they had sent him the money. The enquiry on the experimental farm and other matters pertaining to the Penticton Indians lasted three full days.

At the outset I made Mr. Christie give a statement as to whether he stood responsible for the charges or was he merely acting as a mouthpiece for the Indians. He made a fairly long speech and disclaimed any responsibility in the matter at all saying he merely laid the charges before the Government for the Indians and had not the slightest knowledge as to whether there was an atom of truth in them or not; he then put it up to the poor Indians to prove their case. In the meantime he had been getting the money and I learned from some of the Indians that it had cost $200.00 alone to bring him down from Armstrong to Penticton. He might, however, just as well have stayed away for all the good he was to the Indians for after allowing everyone who wished to talk to get their supposed troubles off their chest and permitting them to explain what had taken place when Inspector Megraw put the experimental farm expropriation matter before them in summing up I showed them that they had told me out of their own mouths that both the Inspector and the Indian Agent had gone very fully into the matter even to the amount of money to be paid for the property and that no blame could be attached to either the Inspector or the Indian Agent and I told them that I was very sorry to learn that it had cost them a great deal of money for them to lay their charges before the Government and for me to come there and that they could have got all this information at any time from the Indian Agent or the Inspector when they were giving money to somebody who did not know the first thing about it (meaning Christie).

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The whole thing turned out most unsatisfactorily for Christie and I understand that the Indians gave him a dressing down after the meeting was over or as one of the Indians expressed it "They're raising hell with Christie for not giving them the proper dope".

At one time Christie tried to explain to me that "while he was perfectly conversant with the Indian Act" the copy which he had prior to the time you furnished him with a new one did not contain Section 46 as it now reads but I showed him that he was wrong in this matter and it took away the ammunition he might have had to use on this point.

I could see that it would serve no useful purpose to antagonize Christie, and I therefore killed him with kindness and at the end of the taking of the evidence he told the Indians that I had dealt with the case in a very fair and unbiased manner. Wait until you see his eulogy of myself as contained in his evidence.

Of course there was nothing in the Westbank charges as the matter has been in process of settlement for some time. I explained this to Christie at Penticton and he stated that he would not appear at Westbank. However, it had cost the Indians some nineteen dollars to put this petty charge on the list.

The meetings here may occupy some time as they are numerous but as they are all formulated by Christie (at so much per) I will put it up to him or them to prove what they claim as irregularities.

If everything runs as satisfactorily here as at Penticton and Westbank I will not need to consult a lawyer for I think I can manager Mr. Christie quite easily.

He is a smooth skater but I also know how to avoid the bumps. I will write you again as things proceed here.

Yours sincerely,

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SECOND CHARGE.

(There is no No. 1 charge).
2. Railway right-of-way; area of, valuation, amount paid, to whom paid.
3. Water deflected from Snake Creek.
4. Lines of Reserve change and reserve encroached upon Ritchie line; no redress for complaints to officials.
5. Trespass on and deflection of all water from reserve adjoining townsite.

Johnnie Pierre:- Would you be willing to wait for Mr. Christie?
Mr. Ditchburn:- Mr. Christie made these charges for the Indians and should be here.
Johnnie Pierre:- The chief would like to know what is your authority to hold this investigation.
Mr. Ditchburn:- My authority came from the Department to hold the investigation under oath. I have by Order-in-Council been given special power to hold these investigations.
Isaac Harris:- Mr. Ditchburn this man (Francois Puckley Peach) wants t ask me some questions, can I answer him?
(Isaac Harris and Francois Puckley Peach then had a talk in their own language).
Mr. Ditchburn:- The Government wants the investigation to be made clear to the Indians and for them to be perfectly satisfied.
Isaac Harris for Francois Puckley Peach:- It was not Christie himself who started writing letters to Ottawa. He was asked by the Indians of this band and he worked for some of the Indians at the head of Okanagan Lake for some seven years past. We started to employ Christie about one year ago on this reserve and we paid him for it. We paid him to investigate about the matter of the Experimental Farm and also the ditch and railway right-of-way boundary line.
Mr. Ditchburn:- Do they want to go ahead with this meeting and get the explanation here now?
Johnnie Pierre:- We might as well wait for Christie.
Mr. Ditchburn:- Mr. Christie should be here. When will they have him here?
Johnnie Pierre:- They just wait on him.
Mr. Ditchburn:- Mr. Christie has had word now and the investigation cannot be waiting for him. I am willing to wait for Mr. Christie providing it is a reasonable time. Ask them if they can get Mr. Christie here by Saturday. I am the same as a judge of a court, and you cannot ask a judge to keep waiting for a certain man when he is in the country. If Christie will be here by Saturday I will hold the meeting over. I want to be fair to the Indians and I want them to be fair with me. Christie is in Armstrong now.
Johnnie Pierre:- Cosmos Sam says we will wait on him.
Mr. Ditchburn:- Did Cosmos Sam get a telegram from Christie to-day?
(Cosmos Sam did not answer this question).
Isaac Harris for the Chief:- The chief absolutely refuses to have this meeting.
Mr. Ditchburn:- I have come from Victoria and I have to go on to Enderby and Vernon and I do not want to come back this way.
Isaac Harrisfor the Band:- the Indians would not be satisfied to have this investigation on Saturday. It is impossible for them to get Mr. Christie here by then. It would be far more satisfactory to have Mr. Christie here.
Mr. Ditchburn:- There is no good reason why Mr. Christie should not be here. I couls s

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Vernon, B. C., July 17th, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Up to the present our mutual friend has failed to make good. His witnesses have gone back on him, they all giving evidence contrary to his expectations. He is in the air, a pure nut. The work here is slow, as I am giving him lots of rope.

W. E. Ditchburn.

Collect.

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Vernon, B.C., July 16th, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

To-day Christie withdrew, claiming his witnesses would not give testimony of same nature as they had given him verbally. I will continue enquiry to the end. Please wire me one hundred and fifty dollars per Bank of Montreal here. Expect finish here by end of week.

W. E. Ditchburn.

Collect.

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Private.

Vernon, B. C.,
July 21st, 1917.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I concluded the enquiry of the Okanagan charges at 6.30 last evening, Saturday, and am leaving to-day for Enderby and Salmon River. It has taken since Monday to clear up matters in the Okanagan charges. As I informed you by wire Mr. Christie withdrew on Tuesday but I considered it my duty to look into any of the complaints and am pleased to say that with the exception of one or two cases where irregularities had crept in the charges as laid by Christie have proved groundless.

The fat was in the fire when I took up the membership of the band and read over the names of the Indians whom Christie wanted to have removed from the reserve. It turned out in evidence that Mr. Christie was doing this off his own bat and had no authority from the Indians for making this complaint, in fact as ex-chief Gaston Louie said in his evidence he told Christie he did not want anything done in this matter at all. With the exception of two names all of these Indians have lived on the reserve from twenty to thirty years with the consent of the chiefs and councillors at different times. After that Christie was in worse than ever and one of his previous adherents stated that they realized now that he had been talking with a forked tongue. By this you will see that I have fairly well succeeded in destroying any influence that he may have had.

The Salmon River charges do not appear to be very serious and I do not anticipate any trouble there.

I expect to leave Salmon River Tuesday night and after spending a day at New Westminster and Vancouver on my arrival at the cost will reach Victoria on Friday.

Yours respectfully,

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent G
General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA

June 19, 1917.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

I am sending you herewith certain papers forwarded by Mr. J. H. Christie to His Excellency the Governor General, with reference to Indian affairs in the Okanagan agency; the papers are as follows : -

1st: Letter from Mr. Christie to His Excellency the Governor General,

2nd: Statutory declaration from Gaston Louis,

3rd: Statutory declaration from Tonasket and other Indians,

4th: Printed copy of pamphlet containing correspondence between J. H. Christie and the Department of Indian Affairs for the past 12 months.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
JUN 25 1917
VICTORIA, B. C.

I am also inclosing you File 418256 and File 454,820 of this Department.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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August 29, 1917.

Sir:-

I am returning to you to-day by Dominion Express certain papers and files furnished me for my information in connection with the charges laid by James H. Christie, of Armstrong, B. C., as hereunder:

Letters from J. A. J. McKenna to myself dated 13th and 15th January, 1917, with enclosures A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

Letter from myself to J. A. J. McKenna acknowledging receipt of same.

Letter from myself to The Secretary of 25th January, 1917, when forwarding the above to Ottawa.

Files:-362,466--Application for land on Penticton Reserve for site of Government Experimental Farm.

454,820--C.N.R. right-of-way across Okanagan Reserve No. 1.

418,256--C.N.R. right-of-way across Duck Lake Reserve No. 7.

427,051--Okanagan, Agent's appointment.

121,698-64--Elections.

427,011-64--Elections.

493,808--Horse Stealing.

493,802--Okanagan Indian Rights Defence League.

Also papers which Mr. Scott forwarded me on 19th June, 1917:-

1st: Letter from Mr. Christie to His Excellency the Governor General.

2nd: Statutory Declaration from Gaston Louis.

3rd: Statutory Declaration from Tonasket and other Indians.

4th: Printed copy of pamphlet containing correspondence between J. H. Christie and the Department of Indian Affairs for the past 12 months.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the above.

Your obedient servant,

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

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Armstrong, B. C.,

June 4th, 1917.

To His Excellency,

The Governor General in Council,

Ottawa, Can.

The Governor & Counsel,

Sirs:-

By request of the Chief Gastan Louie,and members of the Band of Okanagan Indians, B.C., to forward for your information and the consideration of your Excellency's council the accompanying declarations, the sworn statements of the chief and members of this band. In connection with the affairs of their band, and the unjust, uncalled for, removal of their elected chief, without charge, hearing or just trial, contrary to every right or rule of fair play or British Justice, condemned on the unsupported report of discredited official of the Department of Indian Affairs, the accompanying declarations clearly and emphatically brand the charges made against the chief, as false unwarranted and contrary to truth and fact.

The chief and members of the Band respectfully request that the Governor and council hold the order of the deposition of the chief Gaston Louie in abeyance until a thorough rigid enquiry may be made to the truth of all or any charges, made against the chief or his conduct. British Justice and fair play demands an open trial before judgment.

We would respectfully call the attention of the Governor and Council to pages 24 to 26 inclusive of the accompanying Printed correspondence between the Department of Indian Affairs and Mr. Christie, regarding the conduct of the

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affairs of this Band, charges here laid, will be found to be
and
the only true reasons for the unwarranted charges made against
Chief Gaston, presumed by the Inspector of Reserves, Mr. Megraw,
as their Agent, Mr. Brown, has no complaint against the Chief.

Forwarded by request of Chief and members of the
Band.

J.H.Christie
Sec. of Indian Defence League,
Armstrong, B. C.

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STATUTORY DECLARATION.

DOMINION OF CANADA
PROVINCE OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

) IN THE MATTER OF the deposition of
)
) the chief Gaston Louie, Okanagan
)
) Band, B. C.
)

TO WIT:-

I, GASTON LOUIE, chief of the Okanagan Band of Indians,
B. C. DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that,
I find in the House of Commons Debates official report of May 14th, 1917, Pages 1443--1444 the Honourable Mr. Roche in reply to question by the Honourable Mr. Oliver, was Gaston Louie removed from his position as chief of the Okanagan Band of Indians; if so, why? The Honorable Mr. Roche replied, Yes, for his tendency to permit disorders on the Reserve; unfairness in his dealings with other Indians;
3. Having without the consent of the Band and the Department, taken upon himself to allot land in the reserve to outsiders;
4. Obstructing constables in the discharge of their duties on the reserve; 5. And for insubordination. Question 22, reply by the Governor-in-Council for the reason given:
I, GASTON LOUIE, chief in reply to each and all of the charges; here given as reasons for my removal from my position as chief, are but the unwarranted report of a discredited official, contrary to the truth, false in all particulars.
Tthat the appearance in the debates of May 14th are the just information I have received of such charges having been made against my conduct as chief; that the falseness of all charges will be proven under oath at any fair hearing, held for this purpose before my Band and people.
And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it

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to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act, 1893.

DECLARED BEFORE ME, at the City of Armstrong in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of June, A.D.1917.

(Signed) J. W. Wright, J.P.

(Signed) GASTON LOUIE his X mark

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STATUTORY DECLARATION.

DOMINION OF CANADA,)
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.)

IN THE MATTER OF THE deposition of our chief GASTON LOUIE, of the Okanagan Band of Indians, B. C.

WE solemnly declare that all and each of the charges made as appearing in the House of Commons in Debates of May 14, 1917, given herein as reasons for the deposition of our chief Gaston Louie by order of the Governor-in-Council, are without foundation in fact and false in all particulars.

That the only ground upon which the deposition of our chief is desired is that he opposed the Inspector in his unlawfully having forced the presence of outsiders upon our Reserve in one Henderson, and the Department's decision to remove this man, is proof that our chief was right in his opposition to the Inspector's acts.

That Inspector Megraw is not fair, just or capable for the position he occupies.

The government of the Dominion is refusing justice to this band, in their disregard of our demands for a thorough enquiry regarding the many serious charges as laid, appearing in pages 24 to 26 of Printed matter enclosed herewith, and we make this solemn declaration believing it to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canadan Evidence Act.

Declared before me at the City of Armstrong in the Province of B. C. this 4th day of June, A.D. 1917.
(Signed) J. W. Wright, J.P.

Tonasket his X mark
Pa Pa Chin " X "
Pte. Bazett " X "
Stead Powers " X "
Geo. Bazett " X "
(Signed) Geo. Wilson.

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Correspondence Between

J. H. Christie, Armstrong, B.C.

and

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, In past twelve months.



Okanagan Indian Affairs.

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Armstrong, B. C.,

April 20th, 1917

To the

Honorable Members of the House of Commons

and

Senate of the Dominion of Canada.

Honorable Sirs,

The accompanying correspondence, and charges, made regarding conditions on our Reserves, here in B. C., is placed before you for your consideration, "our last" possible plea for fair play and justice, from the acts of the officials of the Department of Indian affairs, the men responsible for the conduct of affairs, under your authority. These charges, with the correspondence, with the Department of Indian affairs for the past twelve months, will, we are sure, fully explain our reason for the unusual action, in placing them before the House of Commons and Senate for their consideration, and our hope that a strict enquiry shall be ordered into all charges as here laid, by a Commission or Judge apart from the jurisdiction of the Department of Indian affairs.

Presented on behalf of and by request of these people by their Secretary.

J. H. CHRISTIE,

Armstrong, B. C.

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Okanagan I.R.
Head of Lake, B.C.
5th May, 1916.

Hon. W. J. Roche,
Supt. General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir,

I fear that serious trouble will result in the Band here should Inspector Megraw persist in his present course of action regarding the renting a portion of our reserve here known as Alexander Ranch. The Inspector insists that the Band has rented this ranch to one Dr. Henderson and the Band insists that they have no knowledge of this beyond the statement of the Inspector and this Henderson, with a general knowledge that this Henderson and Alexander had some trouble in connection with some deal Henderson claimed to have made with Alexander in connection with the Ranch. Alexander being a Nicola Indians not Okanagan and having no rights in this Band. The later part of April it was reported to me that Whitemen Germans were plowing on this place. I instructed the reserve policeman to stop any whitemen at work there and to place a notice to that effect on the place. This was done and later this notice was torn down and work was resumed. I went to the ranch accompanied by four members of the band and ordered the men found there at work to stop work and leave the reserve.

On the 4th of May Inspector Megraw, Dr. Henderson, with Jamie Antone as interpreter motored to my place. Major Megraw told me to come with him to show Henderson a post that he might know where the line was. I told Megraw that I had stopped Henderson from taking that place and would not go with him. Megraw told me to suit myself if I wanted to go or not. I told Megraw I had sent my policeman to notify my people to come and talk over the Alexander place. Then the Inspector told me he would give me five minutes to decide, if I went with them or not; if I didn't go with them he would bring a constable from town and arrest me. I told him I did not think they could arrest me if I was doing what was right on my reserve. I told him, "You yourself, Major Megraw, told me not to take anybody's word for anything; if Mr. Brown tells you anything that is not right, don't listen to him or anybody else, to suit myself for anything that was right on my reserve."

Then he told me that Henderson and some of the Indians had agreed to rent the place to Mr. Henderson, that they had written to the Government about it, and the government had given consent.

I told him that I knew nothing about it; that I had asked our Agent, Mr. Brown, and many of the Indians, who know nothing about it. Then our Inspector told me that I did not know as much as a block of wood, that a block of wood would make a better chief than myself. I told him that if a block of wood was chief then you white people could suit yourselves about everything that was wrong, but when I am chief I will not allow you to do anything that isn't right on this reserve. He then told me that Henderson was going to work on the Alexander place and for me not to interfere with him again. I told him not to send this man Henderson to the place again. "If he goes to work again I will stop him. We don't want him to rent the place." They said no more and went away. Later they returned to my place when Megraw asked me where Seymore was. I told him he went to inform the people that we were to have a meeting. He asked me what business I had to send for Pere Machelle. I told him he could find out if he was present at our meeting. He again told me that Henderson was going to work the Alexander place again. I told him if he did that he would lose all the tools that he would take on the place.

Then he told me that I had a rope

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around my neck lots of times. There were lots of things that I did not do right. I told him that I always tried to do what was right.

This is the facts of the trouble regarding the question of renting this land to this man Henderson, as far as we know by Inspector Megraw, and I am remaining in my house waiting the arrival of the constable to arrest me for doing what I and my people believe to be my duty.

Any enquiries by the Supt. General will establish my rights in this matter, asking your assistance for right and justice in this case and protection from an injustice from accredited agents of the Dominion.

Yours very respectfully,
Chief Okanagan Band,
Casto Louie.

Please address reply
c-o J. H. Christie,
R. R. No. 1,
Armstrong, F.C.

(Night Lettergram)

Hon. W. J. Roche,
Supt. Gen'l Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Trouble over renting Alexander Ranch, Okanagan I.R. Band refuses to acknowledge right of Inspector Megraw to rent to one Henderson. Inspector insists and threatens imprisonment of Chief for having stopped work by Germans ploughing. employed by Henderson. Stay: action by Inspector until receipt of letter mailed today.

Chief Casto Louie.

Vernon, B. C., July 5, 1916.

Casto Louie, Esq.,
Head of the Lake Reserve.

Sir,

It is my duty to inform you that you are no longer Chief of the Okanagan Band of Indians, because you have been deposed.

I therefore warn you that you are not to attempt to exercise any of the powers or duties of Chief from this date. I am awaiting further instructions from Ottawa before calling a meeting of the Band. Meanwhile I shall appoint one or more constables on the Reserve who will take their orders from me and from no one else, until such time as a new Chief will have been elected and confirmed in his office by the Department of Indian affairs.

Your obedient servant,
R. Megraw,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

Vernon, B.C., July 12, 1916

To Casto Louis, Esq.,
Head of the Lake Reserve.

Dear Sir,-

This is to notify you to deliver over to Jimmy Antoine or Jack Bonneau, the key of the Jail and any other property of the Band that may have come into your possession or care during the time that you were chief of the Okanagan Band.

Your obedient servant,
A. Megraw,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24, 1916

The Deputy,
Minister Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

Re Horse-Stealing Case of Josephine Edwards and Jimmy Logan and Wife.

This matter was brought before Mr. Brown, Indian Agent here, at a meeting in Vernon on Aug. 16th., when I was informed by the agent that he had received instructions for Inspector Megraw not to interfere in this case, as it had already been referred to Ottawa.

Mrs. Edwards desires me to forward to the Department her statement of the case to date, to await a reasonable time for any decision of your department, before taking legal action to recover her horses stolen from the range here on the Indian Reserve. The facts are as follows:

Horses stolen are colts raised from stock willed to her by her husband at his death, some twelve years since. Her husband had worked and received several colts in payment for handling and branding herd of

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horses, property of Aunt, the woman now dead, who they say, claimed colts. Johony Isaac, alive here, did receive a like number of colts, for assisting Edward to handle and brand same herd of horses. The Aunt never claimed interest in any colts. On death of Edward, one, Johny Martin, grandson of the Aunt took charge of the herd of horses, some 6 to 100 head estimates) or a lot of horses, that this Johny got away with, or stole, the last hoof of the Band. That this Johny with a woman, Big Annie, wife of Jimmie Logan, claimed that the aunt when dying claimed these horses. These parties asked the chief Lame Pere, to take these horses for them, that a majority of the Council was against taking the horses, that one Bono, a Nicholo Indian, intruder urged the chief to take the horses; Chief then agreed they could take two colts. Mrs. Edwards was given Edwards refused to any such deal, appealed to agent and Inspector to protect her stock, at a later meeting on the Reserve, the Inspector endorsed this strictly illegal proproceeding, and announced the case settled. At this meeting there was no pretence of trial, inspector simply asked chief, and chief said he had settled by giving Annie ard Johny two colts. Mrs. Edwards was giveo no opportunity to defend her rights or was asked a question, but absolutely refused to give up the horses. After this meeting Jimmy Logan, by order of his wife Annie, stole two colts from the open range. Mrs. Edwards called upon J. H. Christie for advice, and he, from her statement and his personal knowledge of circumstances, informed her that her horses had been stolen, and arranged to accompany her to the Inspector's office. Mr. Christie laid all facts before the Inspector, and asked that the matter should be brought before the Band at a public meeting of the Band, with their agent present to preside at enquiry. This request the Inspector emphatically refused on the ground that he had told the chief if he had settled it, "it was settled." No plea, that the whole matter was illegal, that he, the inspector was deliberately encouraging horse stealing, had effect. Mr. Christie informed Mrs. Edwards in the presence of the Inspector, that her horses had been stolen, and the Inspector refused to interfere, hence her only remedy was to lay charge of horse stealing against the parties concerned. Mrs. Edwards informed the Provincial police; understand, referred to Inspector and nothing done.

Comments of the Band

Almost unanimous opinion of the Band, horses stolen. Logan's own brother, horses stolen.

The conduct of Mrs. Edwards at the demise of Aunt, was generous to a fault. That Mrs. Edwards has taken possession of one of the animals and will hold it to a test of law.

In this matter your Inspector's course of action is strictly against a fair deal between these parties.

The prominent persons in this case:

Jack Bono, an intruding Indian from Nichlo, a continuous source of trouble on the reserve, in open revolt with chief; Inspector's protege and confidant.

Big Annie, an amorous character from Summerland, was married to a good man at Summerland, deserts husband and family, to follow inclinations on Okanagan Reserve. Defies agent, and Provincial police to remove her from Reserve to return to her family. Husband as a result, commits suicide, and family disperses, marries Jimmy Logan, aggressant, blatant, threatens to kill if opposed, and tries to dominate reserve. Boastfully declares in open meeting, that officials of Department must comply with her wishes. Inspector quotes this character as an example to women of the reserve.

Mrs. Josephine Edwards is prepared to support and prove each state-

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ment made, and confidently awaits reply.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient servant,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24.

Dr. Roche,
Minister of Indian Affairs.

Sir,

Permit me to call your attention to the letter head, to read, the Okanagan Indian Rights' Defence League. I presume, that as the responsible head of the Dept. of Indian Affairs, the fact that any necessity for the formation of any league should exist, will come to you somewhat in the manner of a shock. To the Honorable Minister, who, to quote a member of the opposition, is endeavoring to conduct his department in a fairly conscientious manner, the need for any such league on the part of our native population ,whose destiny places them under the fostering care of your department, shall come with some measure of surprise to the general public. If the necessity exists for such a league, does it not reflect somewhat on the method, conscientious or otherwise, of your conduct of the affairs of your department? Pardon me, if I remind you of the fact that from your seat in the House of Commons, in reply to questions asked by Mr. F. Oliver, regarding the deposition of one, Chief Baptiste Logan, the appointment of his successor, one, Lame Pierre, with the accompanying questions. You may recall the occasion and your replies, if not, you have the evidence of the records within reach

Would the statement publicly expressed, cause you any surprise, that each and every answer to the question asked you on that occasion, were in letter, word and senterce, one continuous tissue of untruths?

The Hon. Senator, Jas. Lougheed, in reply to Senator Bostock's questions of same date, did by the same replies, place himself in the same position as yourself. A creditable performance indeed, for the two Hon. Ministers of the Government of the Dominion. I am fully aware of the fact that you but repeated statements compiled for you by the officials of your Department. This by no means negatives the fact that statements, the antithesis of facts should be uttered by any public man controlling the working methods of an important public department.

That you can ,personally assume responsibility for the language you used on that occasion, or that you can possibly allow the matter to pass without the strictest investigation, is unthinkable to any honest man or that any individual concerned, should escape your wrath.

Let me assure you that the deposition of Chief Baptiste, with the reputed election of his successor, was as villainous an act of injustice as was ever perpetrated upon a defenceless people by the unprincipled petty officials of any department. One, unfortunately still enjoys the privilege of receiving a salary from your department. "The other" has passed beyond your jurisdiction.

The reason for calling your attention to this matter of ancient history, may be gathered from the following statements of fact: That apparently a repetition of the unwholesome tactics employed by the predecessor of the present inspector for the removal of Chief Baptiste Logan has apparently been commenced for the purpose of removing the present Chief, Gaston Louis, for the sole apparent cause, that the chief is the only stumbling block between your accredited official's dominant will, and the right of these people for protection from spoilation and every criminal intent against their peace property and personal liberty. You will be advised through the correspondence with your Dept. that your Inspector has peremptorily deposed Chief Gaston. This excess of authority by your Inspector, the Chief quietly and properly ignored, as your agent, Mr. Brown, has had no complaint to make against the Chief.

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The cause of the Inspector's action has to be looked for elsewhere, possibly the Chief's criminal action consisted in his "having dared" to address to you a protest against the Inspector's conduct in connection with the Henderson lease matter, the last paragraph of which may account for his offending, which reads:

"Any inquiries by the Supt. General will establish my right in the matter, asking your assistance for right and justice in this case, and protection from the injustice of an accredited agent from the Dominion.

May I remind you that this plea for protection was as per usual course of your Dept., quietly ignored until a peremptory demand for a reply was wired for, some three months after your receipt of the same. Your Department's negligence in this case, in combination with your Inspector's utter lack of knowledge of the Indian mind may lead you to conclude that the same combination is to be held responsible for the calling into being of the Okanagan Indian Rights Defence League.

The object of the League is to maintain their right to a fair and just treatment of themselves as individuals or community, the right to live in peace, a life free from external trouble, bickering interference from intrusive half-breeds, criminal influence, and foreign Indian intruders on their reserve, and to maintain the right to determine who are lawful members of the Band.

The Hon. Minister will note that the Defence League is simply a declaration thatthe time has passed for petitions, prayers and protests to a Department which persistently ignores. They look back on ten years' of trouble, bickerings and absolute control of their affairs by intruders on their reserves, who are the individuals favored and consulted by your accredited agents, "that the Okanagans, the owners of the Reserves, now clearly and definitely place the matter before you and demand that you do your duty, clean up this state of affairs, or they in the name of their league, shall take the necessary legal steps to maintain the right to live, the protection of law, and to improve their condition."

The League awaits your every consideration, and a prompt reply, I am

Your obedient servant,

Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24.

The Deputy,

Supt. General Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

The Chief, Gaston Louis, of the Okanagan Band of Indians, Okanagan, B.C., requests a thorough inquiry into the matter of the Henderson lease, the authority for the Department's action in granting lease.

The conduct of Inspector Megraw in connection with lease.

That the Department shall terminate, cancel and refute any claims to such lease.

That the Department shall secure from Henderson adequate compensation for such time as he has been in possession of these lands.

Comment

That a rental of $150 per annum, for some 300 acres of agricultural land, with several thousand acres of range land, is legalized theft.

The Band will not tolerate Henderson's presence on the Reserve.

Awaiting your reply, I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant.

Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24.

The Deputy,

Supt. General Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

We are informed that the C.N.R. Railway Company claim they have purchased a Right-of-Way for construction of a Railway through our Reserve.

We, the Chief and Band, desire that your Department furnish our Secretary with full particulars re-

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garding any deals with this company for such Right-of-Way authority for granting same, monies received, amount and how distributed, individual names and amounts paid, any reason for concealing this transaction from the Band, copy of any report from Inspector or Agent in connection with this Railway Right-of-Way.

Awaiting your reply, I am,
Your obedient servant,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24.

The Deputy,
Supt. General Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

Chief Gaston Louis, and the Band, requests from the Department an explanation of the conduct of the Inspector Megraw, and the authority under which he presumed to act, when he undertook to notify Chief Gaston Louis, in peremptory manner, that he, had deposed him from his position as Chief of the Okanagan Band.

The Chief, on receipt of the Inspector's communication, laid the matter before a meeting of the Band. The Chief informed the Band, that if they had any complaints against him he was ready to resign at any time the Band desired. The Band informed the Chief that there was no complaints against him, that they would support him in ignoring the Inspector's assumption of authority to depose him.

The Band resents Inspector Megaw's action, in assuming that he has authority to remove their elected chief, without assigning any cause for his action.

The Band have "branded" on their memories, the villainous conduct of the present Inspector's predecessor, who with the aid of an amenable Indian agent, borrowed for the occasion, and the work on hand, secured with the aid of every intruder, alien half-breeds and Indians, the deposition of their then Chief Baptiste Logan, and by sheer force of authority, lying, fraud and forged reports to your department, thrust upon them as their legally appointed chief, the excredible Lame Pierre but amendable to every wish of the political appointee, whose principle claim to the position he filled as their Inspector was, that he had been proved guilty of 'having attempted the spoilation of the people" whom he then was grantch the privilege of guarding, by a commission authorized by your department.

The Band has a well-founded fear that the Inspector desires the removal of their Chief, to foist on them the man Harris, as their chief, a person whom every member of the Band openly accused of the murder of one, Johny Nicholas.

That the manner or methods adopted by Inspector Megraw does not meet with the approval of the Band, that the Band distrusts and seriously questions the good intentions or the interest of Inspector Megraw in their welfare, that should Inspector Megraw insist on the deposition of their Chief without good cause, or attempt to secure the election of any one not the free choice of the Band, or permit any intruding Indian or half-breed, or other than an Okanagan Indian to cast any vote in connection with the bdsiness of the Band, the members of the Defence League are prepared to carry their resistance to any such act, to the highest court in the Dominion, for judgment.

Respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Department.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

(Night Lettergram)

Armstrong, B.C., Sept. 5, 1916.

Deputy Supt. General,
Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Resolution, Chief and Band Okanagan Indians will not meet Inspector Megraw or Agent Brown at any of any business in connection with affairs of Band until Dept. fully investigate affairs of Band, and the

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conduct of agent and inspector. Agent ignores promise to meet Band for important resolutions. Inspector discredited. Reply any communications J. H. Christie, O.I.R.D.L.

Chief Gaston Louis and Band.
per J. H. Christie.

(Night Lettergram)
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 9th, 1916.

J. H. Christie,
Sec. Indian Defence League,
Armstrong, B.C.

Replying to your telegram of 7th asking reply to letter of May fifth in Henderson lease matter. Would refer you to inspector Megraw who has instructions.

J. D. McLean.

Armstrong, B.C.
Indian Department wont pay msg from J. H. Christie or Indians he represents. Accept no further collect messages.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 6th.
Armstrong, B.C., Sept. 12.

The Honorable,
Sir Wilfred Laurier,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir and Honored Leader,

You will pardon the liberty of addressing you on behalf of a much troubled, officially bedeviled band of untortured natives, to wit, the Okanagan Band of Indians, Okanagan, B.C. These people, but a remnant of a large tribe, have committed the heinous crime of being in possession of some 30,000 odd acres of land, situated for the most part in the vicinity of Vernon, B.C. This land, known as the Head of the Lake Reserve, has for years past, been infested with all manner of stray human drift, from the U.S., other reserves of B.C. Indians, half-breeds from the U. S. with records that should have called for their deportation from the country.

These intruders, battering upon the rightful owners of these lands, aggressively asserting their presence, are assuming to dictate and control the general affairs of the Band, with the open aid and consent of the officials, entrusted with their affairs.

These worries, caused from the presence of human drift among the Okanagans, has been for years, an ever present source of irritation, hard to bear, and kick or complain as they might, there has been no redress. The limit of their endurance in the last straw as laid upon these people, when their inspector undertook to force upon their reserve, one Dr. Henderson, Veterinary Surgeon, the gentleman mentioned in connection with the Vancouver Horse Purchasing Enquiry.

This gentleman professed to have leased a portion of the Okanagan Reserve, some one to two thousand acres from one, Alexander, a Nicholo Indian, for a period of five years with an annual rental of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150). This arbitrary action, forcing this man and this lease, was stubbornly objected to by the Chief and Band. (as per correspondence Dept.)

Quite a number of German, alien enemy, were employed in cultivation on this land, and other portions of the reserve. A number of these people were ordered from the Reserve by the Chief. These people have returned to resume work by order of the Inspector and policemen sent there to see that they were not interfered with. Germans, alien enemy, protected by law, trespassing on Indian property, despite their earnest protest.

At thisstage, these people asked that I should lay the matter before the Dept. at Ottawa. I complied and forwarded same on May 5. This communication was, as per usual, ignored, until three months later, I forwarded by wire, a peremptory demand for a reply. A reply was received by wire, the Inspector had his instructions.

On July 5th, the Chief received a notification from the Inspector that he was no longer chief of the band, "as he had been deposed." No cause was assigned, and no com-

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plaint made, presumedly for his opposing this "Heinous Lease" and the presence of these alien enemy of our Dominion, on the reserve. The Chief ignores the Inspector's authority, and the Band supports him.

A Right-of-Way for the C.N.R. has been bought and paid for, through the Reserve. The whole deal has been kept secret from the Band and some four thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars is said to have been distributed to the Indians from this money "Right-of-Way Purchases."

Now, dear sir, can you credit the statement that not one dollar of this money is known to have been paid to an Okanagan Indian, a legal member of the Band, while it is common knowledge that large sums have been paid to two or three men, Nicholo and Shuswap Indians, who have no right to same. Now this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The Chief and Okanagan Band have through me, notified the Department that they will not receive or meet either their agent or Inspector. And they demand a full and thorough investigation into the affairs of the Band. The Department, so far, has ignored their request. Circum. stances considered, there is nothing unreasonable in their request.

And we believe, Sir Wilfred, that you should interest yourself so far as to ask the Department for a copy of all correspondence, wires and charges in connection with these people, their pleas for fair play, simply justice, their right to live, the protection of the law from assaults against their liberties and peace, you will see why they ask their legal guardians for that which the Department is denying them. The honor of the Dominion demands that no Department of our Government shall deny the right for appeal for fair treatment against the unjust acts of any official, resulting either through ignorance or intent.

We are assured that such a request from the Department would guarantee an end to all strife and a thorough cleaning-up of their affairs and their Reserve.

With good wishes for your Life, Health and Happiness, I am,

Your obedient servant,
J. H. Christie.

(Telegram)

Armstrong, B.C., Sept. 19, 1916

Auditor General,
Ottawa,

Your report 1915 shows Okanagan Band account, as Long Lake, Duck Lake, Westbank, all Okanagan Band Reserves. Why four accounts? Explain. Mail copy Part H. Last Report.

J. H. Christie,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

(Telegram)

Armstrong, B.C., Sept. 19, 1916

Deputy Minister,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Auditor General's report shows Okanagan Band account, Long Lake, Westbank, Duck Lake. Why four accounts for one Band? Please explain by return mail.

J. H. Christie,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Summerland, B.C., Oct. 5, 1916.

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram asking the reason why the account of the Okanagan Band was divided into four accounts. I may say that it was only when payments were made which affected the different small reserves that such action was taken. And I am instructed to advise you that if the Indians interested so desire, on my recommendation the accounts can be consolidated into one.

Your obedient servant
J. Robert Brown,

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 10, 1916.

The Hon. Premier,
Sir Robert L. Borden,

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The House, Ottawa, Can.
Dear Sir,

The subject matter of this letter may appear to you to be out of place, but as all the short comings of petty officials in all Departments of your Government evidently fall upon your shoulders, you have considerable personal interest in same.

I take the liberty of forwarding you, under separate cover, a copy of Sketch on Indian Affairs in B.C., that refers to present conditions, also, copy of letter to Deputy General Indian Affairs, which explains itself.

These people but ask the Department to investigate affairs on the Reserve, the removal of all criminal half-breeds, and alien Indians intruding on the Reserve with other trespassers, the conduct of officials in relation to the affairs, and relief from intolerable conditions. A perfectly legitimate and reasonable request.

Personally, I am sorry to trespass on your valuable time, and to further add to your burden of work, but the question is a serious matter, to this band of ignorant Indians.

Again I am sorry that I have not written you before on this subject, as I am aware that a suggestion from you might have prevented the Department from making a mountain out of a mole-hill."

Dear Sir, not for a moment do I wish to appear under false colors, and recognizing Sir Wilfreid as my political chief, I had asked him to assist me in securing a hearing for these people from the Department.

It has been intimated that I am actuated only by political animus. This charge, I absolutely deny and assure you that my only aim and desire is to secure, if possible, for these people, who trust me, but fair play and a fair hearing, only what they are entitled to and what simple justice demands.

Your department of Indian affairs may have taken into consideration the fact that I am reported a most disagreeable character, actuated only by the lowest motives. Personally I do not blame them, they have had cause to hate me, and this you may judge from the following fact:

It has taken me thirty-seven days to COMPEL the arrest of a brute, who abducted and outraged an Indian child of eleven years of age. So that from their point of view, and of the petty official, I am a tough character indeed. To suggest to the Dept. that the sooner they grant these people their reasonable request, and assure them of fair play, just as soon will I be in a position, honorably, to resign my position as Secretary of their Defence League, thus enabling me to again offer my services as an experienced soldier, to serve my country and its present need.

I remain, dear Sir,
Sincerely yours,
J. H. Christie,

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 10, 1916.

The Hon Sir Wilfred Laurier,
The House,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir Wilfred,
Dear Sir Willred,

I have the honor of forwarding you a copy of a sketch on Indian affairs in B.C. This was published, as you will see, some years since. There is still the same injustice which is complained of, and still the same indifference shown regarding communications to the Department.

To date, no answer has been received from the Department, as a promise of action on their part.

I would much appreciate a copy of the Royal Commission Report on Indian affairs in B.C.

I have just mailed Dr. Roche a copy of Sketch, with request for answer to our request for investigation. Also, I am writing Sir Robert Borden on this matter.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. Christie,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

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Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 10, 1916.
The Hon. W. J. Roche,
Supt. General Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

I forward by same mail, a short sketch of Indian affairs, written in the interest of the Okanagan Indians, shortly after the disgraceful action of your accredited officials here, in connection with the so-called election of the notorious "Lame Pierre Michell," and the deposition of the then Chief Baptiste Logan.

Should you compare the statements made here with your replies made to questions in the House, you will be in a better position to realize just why these people await your answer to their request for an investigation into the various complaints forwarded for your consideration.

Just why the delay is a matter for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,
J. H. Christie,

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 10, 1916.
Duncan C. Scott,
Dept. Supt. General Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the fact that your Department, to date, has failed to reply to the various communications forwarded for your consideration regarding investigation of affairs on the Okanagan Indian Reserve.

Should your Department fail to recognize its duty in this matter, the League shall seek redress for their many complaint s ignored, through the public press, the Attorney General's office of the Province, and on the floor of the House of Commons at Ottawa.

I hereby request that your Department acknowledges receipt of communications.

Respectfully yours,
J. H. Christie,

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 23, 1916.
Mr. J. R. Brown,
Summerland, B.C.

Sir,

On receipt of yours of 5th inst., re Band Funds accounts, Duck Lake, and Long Lake Indian Reserves, I fully explained to Chief and members for their consideration, and I am now instructed to advise the Department and yourself.

The Chief and Band were absolutely ignorant of any sale surrender or transaction in any way disposing of any portion of the Reserves for any Railroad Right-of-Way or other purposes.

That any money had been received or paid to their account for this purpose or any other deal on their reserves at Long Lake or Duck Lake.

That if any such transaction has taken place, it has been done without the knowledge or consent of the Band and as far as the Band is aware, they have no right or desire to have this money placed to the Band's credit.

The Band desires the Department to furnish them with a full statement of all circumstances in connection with each of these reputed Railway Right-of-Way deals through the Reserves, the authority for granting same, officials reports in connection, the acreage in each said Right-of-Way, the price paid, by whom was valuation of lands made, a sketch map showing railroad route tnrough the reserves. Has the Department any report from any official in contradiction of this statement by Chief of the Band, of their having no knowledge of these Railroad deals? Is there any reason known to the Department why the Band should have been kept in ignorance of any Railway grants or for any purpose in necessitating the surrender of a portion of their reserves?

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie,

Summerland, B.C., Oct. 25, 1916.
J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 23rd inst. I beg to say that I have for-

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warded copy of your letter to the Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa,

Your obedient servant,
J. Robert Brown,
Indian Agent.

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 28, 1916.
The Reverend Father.
Principal in Charge of Kamloops District, Kamloops, B.C.

Sir,

I am writing you in behalf of an Indian woman of the Salmon River Indian reservation, one Amelia Bazell. Recently her daughter Lizzie, a child of eleven years, was abducted by a young Indian, one Peres Luke, having criminal connections with this child. Complaint was made to me, and after a great deal of trouble I had the fellow arrested. He was tried before Judge Swanson at Vernon, and an arrangement was made, so the prosecuting lawyer informed me, for a future marriage.

The Indians understand that this marriage will take place as soon as the priest comes to Enderby.

The mother of the child, Amelia, called upon me today, requesting me to write to you and inform you that she will not allow her child to marry this man, that it is the man Edwards who wishes the marriage to save this fellow from prison.

Will you kindly advise the visiting priest, I believe Father Le Juene, that I am advising the agent, Mr. J. R. Brown, concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. Christie.

Armstrong, B.C., Oct. 28, 1916.
Mr. C. R. Brown,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B.C.

I have yours in reply re Duck Lake accounts, and I wish to now advise you that I have just written the principal Priest in charge at Kamloops regarding the principals in the last trial for abduction and outrage, Pierre Luke, and the child, Lizzie Bazell.

The mother of Lizzie called on me today, requesting me to write to the priest, saying that she would not allow her child to marry this fellow, that the marriage is simply desired by this man Edwards to cover up his own criminal connection with the case. I might say that the principle reason for pressing this case by the people on the reserve here, was for the purpose of having this brute, William Andrew, an American Indian, punished for having kept this child a prisoner for three weeks, and punishment he thoroughly deserves, as well as the Chief Edwards for his repetition of Andrew's crime in again keeping this child for another two week's imprisonment at Enderby. Just why this was overlooked is a matter of some surprise.

Just why the Department officials take so much trouble to protect criminals, is also a matter of some mystery. You are aware, no doubt, that I had to compel the arrest of Sambo Barns, in the outrage on Annie Cameron. He was protected and got clear through the influence of the then Inspector, discharged, again arrested and given a month for assault. I had to compel the arrest of Billy Swawell for stealing. He got off on suspended sentence, when there should have been several such charges against him.

Again the Department rushed to the rescue with legal talent to protect this young ruffian who outrages a child of 11 years, who succeeds in an arrangement that a ward of the Department of Indian Affairs of this Dominion, a child of 11 years, has to be sacrificed to maintain the legion "that all smells well in Denmark," for the purpose, as far as I can see, to cover the shortcomings of the Chief, and this outlaw American Indian, who presumes to imprison a native born Canadian, a subject and ward of the King.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie,

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Armstrong, B.C., Nov. 3. 1916.
Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General,
Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

Sir,

I beg to enclose for your consideration, a declaration made by me in connection with a recent criminal case concerning the person of an Indian child of eleven years of age. You will have a fair idea, from the enclosures, of the diligence with which crimes against the wards of your department are prosecuted in B.C. The letter to Mr. J. R. Brown Indian Agent, and to the Rev. Principal in charge of the Kamloops Diocese, regarding the arrangement for the marriage of the child of eleven years of age, as I opine, and opinion of the Indian Department of how future generations of battalions for the service of the king, can be provided.

Is it possible that your department can quietly acquire in any such damnable outrage as the sacrifice of this child, purely for the purpose of covering the short comings of the officials responsible for the child's protection?

If such is the case the whole filthy tale should be head-lined in every paper published in the Dominion, I shall await your reply to this particular case with some, I hope pardonable, curiosity.

The declaration, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, was sworn to by me before Mr. Graham Rosoman, Stipendiary Magistrate, of Enderby, B.C., declared and sworn to by myself for the purpose of forwarding same to the incoming Attorney General of B.C. for his consideration.

I am forwarding in my own handwriting, the original statement of the child, given me, and which your department will kindly return, retaining such copies as you may desire.

You will note that it requires very strenuous measures to compel the protection of wards of your Department in B.C., this being by no means my first experience.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie,

Armstrong, B.C., Nov. 3, 1916.
Duncan C. Scott,
Dept. Supt. General Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

I am requested to lay before your Department, by Chief Tomat and the resident members of the Westbank Indian Reserve, the following facts:

That the grandfather of the present chief Tomat had constructed a ditch for the purpose of carrying water to the lands they then were in the habit of cultivating. They had continuously used this water for some 60 years past or 30 years before the present reserve was surveyed for their sole use.

That the right to use this water was assured them at different times and the late agent, Mr. Irwin, had posted notices of water records on this spring some seven or eight years ago.

That one, Gallatly, a whiteman and resident on lands adjoining their reserve, has constructed a flume and with the knowledge of the Agent, Mr. Brown, and the then Inspector Megraw, and has deflected all the water from the reserve, and claims the right for the sole use of this water, thus rendering the land previously irrigated by this stream comparatively worthless.

That the Agent, Mr. Brown, was present when Gallatly commenced construction of this flume. That the Inspector was on the ground later and warned the Indians not to interfere with the flume under pain of imprisonment.

That thea ction of the agent and the Inspector in connection with this matter indicates that your department has approved of the deflection of the water from the reserve, and that your department has failed to protect the rights of the people in their absolute right to the use of this water for the irrigation of their

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lands.

I have to request that your Department will supply me with what particulars they may have regarding this matter, and what action, if any has been taken by the Department or intention to recover this water for the use of these people, or if any arrangement has been made in connection with Gallatly. A rough sketch of present canditions of the flume is enclosed.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie.

Armstrong, B.C., Nov. 3, 1916.

Mr. J. R. Brown,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B.C.

Sir,

I am requested to bring the attention of the Department and yourself to the question of the rights of the Indians to the use of the water which has for the past three years been deflected from the reserve at Westbank by one, Gallatly.

You are personally familiar with the conditions, as you were present with Gallatly when he put the flume in, and I understand you designated the point at which the intake of the flume was to be placed, some 30 feet from the Chief's stable and some 75 yards from the Chief's dwelling.

The flume, as you are aware, has the intake or head of flume, at the point where the Indians had their ditch head, this ditch having been constructed by the Indians some 60 years since or some 30 years before the location of the reserve.

While Inspector Megraw is reported to have visited the reserve in connection with this matter, and while on the ground warned Chief Tomat that he was on no account to interfere with this flume, that shou'd he do so, he would have him put in jail this would imply that the Department has approved of the deflection of this water from the Indian lands to that of this man, Gallatly.

As the Chief, and members of the Band, residents on the reserve are determined to recover the right to use this water, which they maintain has been stolen from them, they desire that you should give me all the particulars in connection with Gallatly's claim to take this water from the reserve, his presumed right for same, and what action has been taken to protect the rights of the Indian in this case by you, as their agent for the Dept. of Indian Affairs

They wish to be advised if the facts in the case have been laid before the Department or Inspector Megraw, if the Department has so far taken any steps to restore the Indians right to the use of water in question. Kindly forward any information you may have concerning this matter, and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie.

(Telegram)

Armstrong, B.C., Nov. 8, 1916.

Deputy Supt. General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

What are intentions of Dept. regarding investigation Okanagan Indian Band affairs? If investigation, when, where? Dept. provides League all expenses for Band. Wire reply.

J. H. Christie.
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Ottawa, November 6, 1916.

Sir,

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of several communications from you, with reference to Indian affairs in the Okanagan district, and to say that these matters are being given attention.

Yours truly
S. Stewart, ass't sec.

Vernon, B.C., Nov. 25, 1916.

Pierre Jack.
Head of the Lake Reserve.

Sir,

I have been informed that you claim to be a constable on appointment from ex-chief Gaston Louis. Take notice that Gasto Louis has

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not been chief of the Okanagan Band sioce he was deposed lor incompetence on June 6th, 1916, and no appointment made by him is of any effect.

If you attempt to lay hands upon or arrest any Indian you will be liable for action for assault. No appointment is to be recognized while the Band is without a chief unless confirmed by the Indian agent or myself.

Your obedient servant
A. Megraw,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

Vernon, B.C., Nov. 25, 1916.

Gasto Louis,
Head of the Lake Reserve.

Sir,

I am informed that you still regard yourself as Chief of the Okanagan Band of Indians, although you have been duly notified by me that you ceased to be Chief of the band when the Superintendent General deposed you for incompetence on June 6th, 1916.

I again notify you that you are no longer chief and have no power to make any appointments or convene any meetings or interfere with any of the other Indians of the band in any business they may transact among themselves. If either you or any other Indian who may claim to have been appointed by you as constable should attempt to lay hands on any Indian you are liable to action for assault. Take notice of this and govern yourself accordingly.

Your obedient servant,
A. Megraw,
Inspector of Indian Agencies

(Night Lettergram)
Penticton, Nov. 24, 1916.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Brown phones Band Penticton yesterday no election chief until instructions from Ottawa. Band convinced influence inimical Band welfare only reason for delay. Requests Department notify agent and Band definite date for election. Strict secrecy votes cast. End suspicion, intrigue, unrest. Wire reply prepaid if necessary.

J. H. Christie.
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Canada, Province of British Columbia.

In the matter of the Penticton Indian Reserve, and in the matter of the sale of a portion thereof at Trout Creek.

We, Puckley Peach and Cosmos Sam, of Penticton Indian Reserve, Penticton, B.C., do solemnly declare:

1. That we are members of the Penticton Reserve Band of Indians.
2. That Inspector Megraw held a meeting on the Penticton Indian Reserve for the purpose of taking a vote on the surrender of land for Experimental farm at Trout Creek.
3. That the vote was fourteen (14) for surrender and thirty (30) against surrender.
4. Megraw then told the Band that the vote against the surrender was lost; that the Government would take the land; that the Government would like the people who voted to sell: that the Government would not like the peop'e that voted against the sale; that there would be no more meetings about the land; that it was closed.
5. That since that meeting there have been no meetings held for any business of the Reserve, between the Band and their agent, Mr. Brown.
6. That the Agent's visits are confined to the late Chief and one Joe Cawston, a halfbreed, not a member of the Band.
7. That the Band are kept in ignorance of all the affairs of the Reserve by their agent.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Puckley Peach (x) his mark.
Cosmos Sam (x) his mark.

Alph Louis, witness to signatures of Puckley Peach and Cosmos Sam.

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Declared before me at Penticton, B.C., this 25th day of November, 1916. W. Clayton, Notary Public.

(Telegram)

Armstrong, B.C., Dec. 6, 1916.

Duncan Scott,
Indian Department,
Ottawa, Canada.

Accept thanks Chief Band appreciates, asks McKenna ample notification secretary arrival here. Secretary meet McKenna arrival Vernon, arrange procedure stenographer report proceedings.

J. H. Christie.

December 6, 1916.

Major Megraw,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vernon, B.C.

Sir,

I am instructed to reply to your letter of the 25th November to Chief Gaston Louis of the Okanagan Band of Indians, received during my absence. The Chief Gaston impelled by innate courtesy of the native gentleman felt under obligation to acknowledge receipt overlooking the fact that the communication was addressed to one Gaston Louis, Head of the Lake Reserve. Also overlooking the fact that he the Chief, had notified you as Inspector of Reserves as well as the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, that he is Chief of the Band of Okanagan. "You will note that the Chief speaks for the Okanagans alone." and does not include the conglomerate herd of intruders who infest the reserve known as the Okanagan Indian Reserves, that they would hold no further business relations with you as Department official until the Department had thoroughly investigated the many complaints they had placed before the Department.

To date the Department of Indian Affairs has taken no steps to remedy the many serious charges that have been made against your conduct of the affairs of this Band.

The Chief will advise you that until these charges are openly investigated by the Department or in an open court no communication from you as an official shall be received or acknowledged.

The subject matter of your letter of the 25th ult., re the deposition of Chief Gaston elaborated somewhat on your previous letter on the same subject. In your first letter you personally imply that you had pronounced the decree of his deposition; in your letter of the 25th ult., you make the statement that the Chief had been deposed by the Supt. General on the 6th day of June 1916, reason given "incompetent."

The discovery of Chief Gaston's incompetence about this date, I presume was discovered by some astute official from the report forwarded to the Department by yourself, you having personally discovered the rank incompetency of the chief some three weeks previously, to be correct, you awoke to this fact that day you so grandiosly and peremptorily demanded that the Chief Gaston Louie and the Okanagan Band should submit to your demands that political graft should be engrafted upon their reserves when you in the fullness of your inspectorate's authority and with the threat that you would employ the whole power of the provincial police to enforce your authority, did the chief fail you in placing Dr. Henderson in full possession of some odd thousand acres of their reserves. On the strength of a lease authorized by your Department and drawn between the said Henderson and one Alexander, an outlander from the Nicola Indian Reserve. You are familiar with the comic opera terms of the Lease as approved that portion of the Reserve known as the Alexander Ranch at the exceedingly outrageous rental of one hundred and fifty dollars, ($150) per annum. Was it the doctor's personal charm or his party affiliations that secured him these particularl- advantageous terms, or was it as the Indians opine, attributal to the lack of common business sense on the part of the local offici-

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als? This can hardly be the case as you are fully aware that other odments of this reserve in this vicinity are rented to others at five to seven dollars and fifty cents per acre. With the knowledge of these facts on whose shoulders should fall the charge of incompetence, you as the official who enforced this outrage or the chief who so stoutly resisted the imposition of the man, Henderson, holding this land?

Had the Supt. General been actuated by any desires to do his duty in safe-guarding the rights of the Indians, for which duty he receives his salary, he had exer ised his authority in deposing officials that exercised their authority in acts inimical to the welfare of the people for whom they are paid to protect, in this he would have been well within his powers of office. If your statement in your letter to the Chief is not from the same weave as the Department reports are made from, that the Supt. General had deposed the Chief shows an astonishing ignorance on the part of the Honourable Gentleman and an equally astonishing ignorance on the part of an Inspector of Agencies.

Were you at all familiar with the law made and provided for such cases you should be aware and the Honourable Supt. General should be aware "that the Supt. General has not the power to depose an Indian Chief." If this is the only grounds that the Chief Gaston is no longer Chief, you are wrong; he Gaston Louie is Chief of the Okanagan Band He will exercise his authority as chief of this band, that he will appoint policemen for the maintenance of the peace, law and order on the reserve, that he will recognize no policeman appointed by you, that he will welcome any clash of authority that will lead to an open court before any Judge and jury for the trial of any plaint you may feel called upon to make, that the Band will hold you strictly responsible for any disorder, lawlessness or crime, you may encourage on the reserve.

In closing it is reiterated that the Chief and Band repudiate you as an official having any authority in their affairs or to have any power to interfere in any manner with the business of the Band, that is until such time as all matters in dispute have been satisfactorily settled by the Department of Indian Affairs, remaining,

Respectfully, sir,
Gaston Louie, Chief Okanagan Band, Per J. H. Christie.
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Ottawa, Nov. 28, 1916.
J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

I have your night-lettergram of the 23rd and 26th of November.

I explained the matter of the purchase of an Experimental Farm to the Penticton Indians through Mr. J. A. Tait, of Spence's Bridge, on the 22nd of April 1915; the Department of Agriculture expropriated this property under the 46th clause of the Act; in case you should not have by you a copy of the Indian Act, I am enclosing one here with.

I have instructed Dr. J. A. J. McKenna to make a thorough investigation of the Okanagan Agency and any matters you might bring to his attention; the investigation will be under oath. I am not sure when it will be possible for Dr. McKenna to undertake this work, as he is at present engaged in some important duties in Victoria but I do not think it will be long before he can take it up. I wired Mr. Brown, Indian Agent at Summerland, with reference to the election.

Yours very truly,
Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General.

Armstrong, B.C., Dec. 14, 1916.
Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General Indian Aff'r
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

Would you please have copies of all reports from J. R. Brown, agent,

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and also all reports of Inspector Megraw, in connection with the various Railway Rights-of-Way through the Okanagan If R.; the Henderson lease the Josephine Edwards Horse-Case; the deposition of Chief Gaston Louie, the deposition of Chief Paptiste Logan and election Pierre Michell; reports local officials, the report regarding meetings in connection with Experimental Farm at Trout Creek, Penticton Band; the deflection of water from Westbank I. R., by one Gallatly; all reports regarding personal character, moral or otherwise by any local official of the present secretary R. D. League, requested on the ground that any misrepresentation can best be refuted in presence accused. Reports to be used at investigation on the ground.

Respectfully,
J. H. Christie.

Armstrong, B.C., Dec. 22, 1916.
J. J. McKenna,
Victoria, B.C.
Sir,

I have yours of the 15th inst. re Indian affairs Okanagan agency, and note contents. I have notified all Indians interested who have formulated the various complaints mentioned to meet me for the purpose of complying with your request to formulate as specific charges as they may individually or collectively as a band with all such names as the matters may call for when fully advised of their wishes.

Re Okanagan agency affairs, in connection with your letter of instructions I will forward same to you at as early a date as possible, with outline of what data may be required, with names of witnesses if any, that may require to be subpoenaed.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 15th, 1916.
J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.
Sir,

There have been referred to me from the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa certain files of papers on which are charges and complaints made by and through you as to the conduct and management of Indian affairs in the Okanagan agency. I have been instructed to make an examination into the affairs of the Agency, and to hold an inquiry into such charges as are laid.

In virtue of the power conferred on me by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the inquiry will be under oath; and, if necessary, persons required as witnesses may be summoned by subpoena, and the production of papers and writings compelled.

I have looked over the files referred to me, and find that, in accordance with directions to me, it is essential to a proper inquiry that the charges, such as you are taking the responsibility of making should be formulated and transmitted to me here; and I have therefore, to request you to do so.

By formulating the charges I mean that each charge should be specifically and succinctly set out. At the same time you should give me the names of the witnesses you will call in support of each charge, indicating whether or not they will voluntarily appear, and specify what papers, if any, you require to be produced.

The date for the enquiry cannot be definitely fixed until I have an opportunity of studying the formulated charges and taking such preliminary action as may be necessary.

I should like, however, to begin the enquiry early next year, and to give notice so well in advance as to afford the Indians who wish to appear ample time to arrange to do so.

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKenna,
Special Commissioner.

P. S. This letter was dictated before your wire of the 12th instant reached me, but I think it answers your inquiry. J. A. J. McK.

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In the Dominion of Sanada,
Province of British Columbia,
County of Yale.

I, Mrs. Christina Ashton, of the Okanagan Indian Reserve, do solemnly declare that on many occasions I have heard Frank Godfrozen, say that he would kill, or do away with one, James H. Christie, known to me. That about a month ago I was in Inspector Megraw's office in Vernon, and I told Megraw that Frank Godfrozen threatened to kill and do away with Christie any time he found him on the reserve, and that there would be no trouble about it. I asked Megraw if he could do that, and Megraw said that it wauld be alright. "Anybody can do that. Christie is always making trouble with the Indians and he has no business on the Reserve."

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it has the same force and effect, as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canadian Evidence Act.

Mrs. C. Ashton.

Declared before me at the town af Armstrong, in the Province of British Columbia, this 14th day of November, A.D. 1916.

T. K. Smith, J.P.

In the Dominion of Canada,
The Province of British Columbia.
In the County of Yale,

I, James Harbold Christie, Prospector of Clinthill, in the Municipality of Spallumcheen, County of Yale do solemnly declare that

1. On or about the end of August, William Madelin, of Salmon River, Indian Reserve, B.C., came to me for advice regarding the abduction of girl, child of 11 years, advised him to notify his Indian Agent, J. R. Brown, he requested me to phone.

2. That I notified J. R. Brown at Summerland, on September 1st.

3. That I phoned J. R. Brown at Summerland on September 5th.

4. That I met Provincial Constable on road on the 8th of September, and gave him all information of case as far as I was in possession and agreed to see William and send him to Enderby.

5. That on the 11th of September I wrote J. R. Brown on the matter with fuller information, and mailed copy of same to Constable at Enderby.

6. That I called and gave Mr. Rosoman, Police Magistrate, particulars of case on September 25th, and at his request I sent William and mother of the Child, to lay information before him on Sept. 27th.

7. That on October 2nd I was present when the mother of child and William, with their witness, were examined in the presence of Provincial Constable, information was given that accused had confessed to crime charged, as one witness stated, we all know it, that the child was then held prisoner on the Indian Reserve, near Enderby, by one, Edward.

8. That this information was not sufficient to induce Provincial Police to act, as stated to Mr. Rosoman, that he could not lay information, asked if I were willing to lay information, I agreed to lay information on the understanding that I had no personal knowledge other than the information that they had in their possession. Agreed to return for this purpose on October 4th.

9. Child was restored to mother by order of Mr. Rosoman.

10. On October 3rd I received information that officials of the Indian department had been fully aware of the child's detention by Edward, had visited Reserve, and saw child there, had informed people on reserve that they were not there to settle this matter, the visit wrs in connection with the road. and that any further action by William the Complainant, and myself, in the matter, during present conditions, in the administration of Justice in B.C., is useless.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made un-

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der oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

J. H. Christie.

Declared before me at the City of Enderby, in the Province of British Columbia, this fourth day of October, A.D. 1916.

Graham Rosoman, Stipendiary Magistrate.

Armstrong, B.C., Jan. 6, 1917.

Dr. J. A. J. McKenna,
Commissioner Indian Affairs.
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,

I wish to advise you that all papers in connection with Okanagan affairs, will be forwarded in a day or two. Am awaiting presence of Indians to verify prepared charges.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 18,1917.

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 16th inst and in reply I would state that I investigated the Henderson lease, and made a report thereon. I have no authority to furnish you with a copy of that report; it can only be obtained from the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa. In justice to myself, however, add that my report in no way assured Henderson possession of the land for another year. My finding was: that the lease is not "for the benefit of the Indians," as the law requires, and should be, therefore, terminated. I have no objection at all to my report being communicated to interested parties or made public.

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKenna.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 15, 1917.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,

Re Okanagan Investigation.

Adverting to my communication to you of the 13th instant in this matter, I hand you herewith a note of the 12th, received by me to-day, from Mr. J. H. Christie, and marked "F" by me, together with the memorandum attached thereto of papers and witnesses required, which I have marked "G".

Have the goodness to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKenna.

Victoria, Jan. 15, 1917.

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

Re Okanagan Investigation.

I have to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your note of the 12th instant and of the memorandum attached thereto of papers and witnesses required and I have handen the same to Mr. Inspector Ditchburn For your information I enclose copy of my communication of today with him.

You will quite understand, in the light of the advice conveyed in my letter to you of the 13th inst., that I am not in a position to answer the questions put in your note.

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKenna.

Victoria, Jan 13th, 1917

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Sir,

Re Okanagan Investigation.

In ackonwledging your note of the 10th instant and the documents that reached me by the same mail, I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter I have today addressed to Mr. Inspector Ditchburn in the matter. The cause of the action indicated therein is my retirement from the service of the Government of Canada.

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKerna.

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Victoria, B.C., January 13.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,

Desiring advice as to what course I was to pursue in the matter of the Okanagan Enquiry, I telegraphed on the 11th inst., the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, inter alia., as follows:

"Have just received from Christie formulated charges. Who shall I advise Christie is to act so that he may know with whom to further communicate?"

This morning I received the following lettergram of the 12th from the Secretary of the Department:

"Kindly hand the Okanagan papers to Ditchburn. It will be decided later who is to investigate."

I therefore hand you the following documents:

A. A letter of the 9th September 1916, from Mr. D. C. Scott, the Deputy Superintendent General, referring to "various complaints respecting the conduct of Mr. Megraw and Agent Brown" and having attached thereto (1) a communication of the 30th August last to the Deputy Superintendent General purporting to be from "Chief and Band."

B. A letter of the 20th November last from Deputy Supt. General, to me advising that there was being transmitted to me "under, separate cover, files Nos. 427046-64, 493802, 493808, 480901, which deal with matters relating to the Okanagan Agency," but in which separate cover there was also enclosed, as is herewith also handed you, files Nos. 427011 Ty., and 427051 Ty., as well as (1) a copy of a letter from the late Mr. Inspector Cumiskey, of the 18th September, 1912, to the secretary of the Department, and (2) letter to the secretary from the late Inspector Cumiskey of the 30th May 1912.

C. Copy of my letter of the 15th ult. to Mr. J. H. Christie, advising him of my being commissioned to hold an examination into the affairs of the Okanagan Agency on account of the charges and complaints made by and through him together with (1) letter of the 12th ult., from Mr. Christie to me, (2) letter of the 22nd ult., from Mr. Christie to me, (3) letter of the 6th instant from Mr. Christie to me, (4) copy of my notification of the 15th ult. to Mr. Inspector Megraw and Mr. Agent Brown of the action taken in re by me till then, (5) Inspector Megraw' acknowledgment thereof, and (6) a copy of my letter of the 27th ult. to Mr. Brown advising him of my further communication with Mr. Christie.

D. Letter of the 10th inst. from Mr. J. H. Christie to me advising of the transmission to me "by same mail under covers (2) charges as outlined in correspondence with the Department as now laid by the different complainants," and intimating that he would at an early date forward "a correct list of all members of the Okanagan Band" and "including list of intruding half-breeds and Indians."

E. Documents received by same post and apparently those referred to in the letter aforesaid (D) of Mr. Christie, being (1) Charges in re "Okanagan I R." consisting of eleven pages initialled by me, (2) "Penticton charges," consisting of two pages initialed by me; (3) "Salmon River Indian Reserver," consisting of two pages initialed by me; (4) statement of papers required for investigation and names of witnesses to be gation and names of witnesses to be summoned, three pages initialed by me, and (5) brochure entitled Indian Affairs in Britith Columbia, signed on title page by J. H. Christie and having on the back a note to the effect that the brochure is presented to us "for the purpose of the investigation."

I shall be obliged if you will acknowledge the receipt hereof with a detailed statement of the documents received by you herewith.

For your information I may add that I am transmitting a copy of

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this communication to the Deputy Superintendent General for his information and copies each to Mr. Christie, Mr. Agent Brown and Mr. Inspector Megraw,

Your obedient servant,
J. A. J. McKenna.

Armstrong, B.C., Can. 16, 1917.

J A. J. McKenna,
Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir,

I have just received information from a reliable source, that, during the past season, you have visited Vernon, made a report to the Department on the Henderson lease matter, the cause of so much complaint from the Okanagan Band. That on receipt of your report, the Dept. had assured the possession of the land in question eo the man Henderson for another year. And my informant assures me that he has seen the papers from the Department to this effect.

Would you kindly advise me if this is correct? If such it the case, and as the investigating commissioner regarding this same matter, you will be called upon to investigate and pass upon some of your own acts. Would this not raise some doubts regarding the sincerity of the whole enquiry. To have any doubts regarding the strict impartiality of the investigation and the reports resultant from these, would be ser. ious mistake indeed. This is the matter I would call your serious atteotion to, as well as that of the department.

This promised investigation is looked forward to with the keenest interest by a large number of the Indians, by a great many of leading men from other reserves, who desire to be present. And the impression upon the minds of these people shall determine their conduct towards the officials of the Department for years to come.

This enquiry has been worked for for years, in the hope that the Department would some day clean up these reserves, and give them some chance to live clear of the burden of the invading hordes ofcriminal parasites, preying upon their reserve.

For an official to hold the opinion that these people are but so many conjentual idiots, is far from a fact, and to believe that these people will not press their claims for redress would be a serious mistake for the Department to make.

However, this subject is a matter of consideration for the Department

I have to request that copy of report from Dr. J.A.J. McKenna, dealing with this matter, be supplied me for investigation.

Respectully,
J. H. Christie,

Ottawa, Jan. 22nd, 1917.

Sir,

Dr. McKenna has been placed upon the retired list and it will be necessary to apoint another officer to hold the proposed investigation into affairs at the Okanagan agency. You will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,
Duncan E. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General.

Duncan C. Scott,
Dept. Supt. General Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

Delay investigation Okanagan affairs, not to interest of Department or Indians. Should finish th's month. All interests demand settlement, prevents my acceptance of service overseas.

J. H. Christie,

(Night Lettergram)
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 6th, 1917.

J. H. Christie,
Sec. Indian Defence League,

As interest of empire paramount and all available men needed, you had better accept overseas service and we will hold investigation when you come back.

Duncan Scott.

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Duncan Scott,
Indian Dept.

Your suggestion incompatible with self respect. An early date for investigation from you or different course of action will be taken.

J. H. Christie,

(Night Lettergram)

Duncan Scott,
Indian Dept., Ottawa,

See by press report intention to recruit Indian Battalion overseas. Letter mailed. Personal views and suggestions. Best interest to all parties.

J. H. Christie,

Armstrong, B.C., Feb. 17, 1917

The Deputy,
Supt. General Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Returning from the lower country on the 14th, where I had been to consult league members regarding future action. I find in the public press, notices, that it was the intention of the authorities to recruit a battalion of Indians for overseas service, and that a certain Indian agent had been authorized to proceed with the work of enrollment, etc.

You will pardon me for calling your attention to the fact that the matters in dispute, or the various complaints aaiting settlement in the Okanagan district, are awaited with a very deep interest by many of the Indian Bands far beyound the district, or points mentioned in my correspondence with your Dept. It is the intention of a great many of these bands to have the leading men present at the sittings of any Commission, that may meet at any point for the settlement of these matters. You are aware that these people have awaited the convenience of the Department for many months.

Since my return or during the last three days, I have received visits from two Chiefs with four letters of enquiry regarding the move to enlist Indians for service, asking for my opinion and advice. They all demand the reason why the Government will not send a Commissioner, but they want their men to go and fight and the Indians killed so that the whites may have their reserves.

By Government, you will understand, means to these people, the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, They have no other idea of what government means.

This explanation is given, that you may have some idea of my present position to clearly explain why the Government, that is you, wants recruits for overseas, and will not give them any protection on their reserrves, looks to them suspicious and news and views travel far and fast among the Indians.

Hence the followwing suggestions from me for your consideration:

1. Please understand that I have no personal aim, other than a fair deal for these people.
2. I have promised them to see this through.
3. I have no desire to press any charge against any official in your employ, or to give further publicity to any charges made, than is consistant with securing a remedy for the complaint made.
4. That I have no personal feeling against Inspector Megraw or your agent Brown, notwithstanding views to the contrary.
5. That should you desire that these matters be amiably settled in a great measure, without the dragging of officials through days of incrimination before an Indian audience, I am prepared to meet the commissioner for this purpose, and submit my views of a satisfactory settlement, which if accepted, I will guarantee will be acceptable to the Indians.
6. This means that a day or two should complete enquiries.
7. That Indians would have a clear understanding that their rights would be protected.

This would give the enrollment of Indians through the district a fair

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chance for success, would place me personally in a position where I could offer my service among those people, unreservingly, to further the cause, and quoting your wire, "imperial necessity imperative."

It has been determined by the League, to have no further communications with your Dept., but that I should forward all charges and correspondence for the consideration of the House of Commons and Senate.

This matter is strictly up to you, a straight forward honest proposition on my part, a way out for your department, and a clear cut proposition to set me at liberty, to offer my service to take a hand in the greater game of assisting to strap the damned Huns. Kindly wire reply.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Christie,

(Telegram)

Ottawa, Feb. 24th, 1917.

J. H. Christie, Esq.,
Armstrong, B.C.

Your letter 17th instant received. This department will not be dragooned into making any investigation owing to threats made by you but will take such action as to complaints of Indians as it may consider advisable at the proper time and place.

D. C. Scott.

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Charges Laid by Band.

At a meeting at Black Town, on Dec. 23, 1916, charges were made in connection with conduct of Indian Affairs on Okanagan Indian Reserve, B.C., a meeting was called for this purpose by instructions of the Sec. of I. D. League, who fully explained communications received from Deputy Supt. General, Duncan Scott, and the Commissioner, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna. After discussions of the communications, resolutions were passed to make the following changes by the Chief and members present.

First Charge.

1. That Chief Baptiste Logan was deposed without cause.

2. That no complaint or charge was ever brought to the attention of the Band against him.

3. That Inspector Cummiskie's sole reason for opposition to the Chief, was that Baptiste had opposed the illegal deal for the surrender of the Long Lake I.R., Inspector Cummiskie having been one of the interested parties to this deal, which deal was reputed by Ramsdean McDougal, Commissioner.

4. That the election of Pierre Mienell, conducted by Inspector Cummiski, the Agent Smith, from Kamloops, was a strictly unlawful election in which every right of the Band was set aside, and by right of authority a disreputable chief was thrust on the Band.

51 That reports sent to the Department by the officials who engineered this election, were deliberately false reports.

6. That Pierre Michell did not secure a majority vote.

7. That he was not elected by acclamation, as reported by Inspector Cummiskie, or the agent from Kamloops, if he made report on the proceedings.

Chief and Band.

Witnesses, Alex Duteau.
Summons,

Second "A" Charge.

1. That members of the Band been unjustly deprived of their rights to election for the position of chief without just cause.

Tonasket last election.

2. That members of Band have been forcibly expelled from public business meetings of Band, without just cause by order of Inspector Megraw.

Witnesses, Band, Harry Isaac.

Second Charge.

1. That the matter of the Henderson lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights of the Band.

2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and illegal.

3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties, as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the Band.

Witnesses,Chief and Band
Copies, all papers in connection, Inspector's report, Agent's report.

Third Charge.

That Inspector Megraw exceeded his authority in forcing the man Henderson's presenre on their Reserve, under the provisions of a strictly illegal agreement between a Nichola Indian, a non-member of the Band, and a whiteman, fully aware of the grossly unfair conditions of the fraudulent agreement against the authority of the Chief and the expressed opposition of the Band. The language and threats employed and the authority bearing towards the Chief and strictly uncalled for.

Witnesses, Chief and Band.
Report of Inspector.

Fourth Charge

1. Inspector Megraw's reports regarding the incompetence of Chief Gaston, immediately following the Chief's refusal to countenance the fraudulent lease to Henderson, calls for the strictest investigation.

2. That Inspector Megraw has acted in an underhand manner with the Chief; is animated by personal spleen against Chief. That no charge has been brought against the Chief at any meeting.

3. That Inspector desires the removal of the Chief solely on person-

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al grounds and to secure the election of a Chief amenable to officials. That Inspector has encouraged and favored men on Reserve, known to be openly hostile to Chief.

Chief and Band.

Reports Inspector Megraw.

Witnesses, Band.

Fifth Charge

1. That Railway Rights-of-way have been granted through various Reserves of the Band, and the Band kept in ignorance of these transactions.

2. That Band funds from the proceeds of Right-of-way of these railways have been unlawfully distributed to non-members of the Okanagan Band, to the amount of several thousand dollars.

Chief and Band.

Witnesses, Band.

All reports in connection. Inspector or agent.

Sixth Charge

That officials have permitted for years the fencing of large areas of our Reserve for range purposes, said ranges being exploited for individual profit. ...

Wittness, Band

Seventh Charge

1. That promiscuous cutting of timber has been permitted.

2. That individual half-breeds have been granted permission to remove hundreds of thousands of feet, for personal profit.

3. That no adequate return has been made.

4. That a complete return of all timbers sold, and money paid, amounts to wham paid, for the past five years, shall be procured on commission to Band.

Eighth Charge

1. That for years, against the repeated protests of the Band, undesirable characters, American Half-breeds, American Indians, Indians from local Reserves, have been permitted to intrude upon our Reserve.

2 That no action has ever been taken on the many complaints made that they have received every comfort and consideration from officials.

3. That the intruding element has almost exclusive control of all our business.

4. That they openly boast of our helplessness to have them removed.

5. That they openly defy the authority of the Chief.

6. That Inspector Megraw and J. R. Brown are fully aware of the criminal characters.

7. That Inspector Megraw has approved of threatened criminal violence expressed by this element.

8. That 90 per cent.of all troubles on Reserve is caused by this intruding element, tresspassing on our Reserve.

9. That the Band demands a thorough investigation, and the expulsion of all undesirable characters from our reserve.

Chief and Band.

Witnesses, Band.

All reports regarding any claim af half-breeds having been approved as members of the Band, with dates of such, if any.

Ninth Charge.

That Inspector and Agent persists in continual employment of Isaac Harris, charged as false interpreter, Cummiskie's principal agent in attempt of sale and illegal surrender of Long Lake Reserve.

That favors are granted this man at expense of Band, knowing that the Band holds this man guilty of the most serious crimes.

That a special grant for competition was made for his benefit and his employment is detrimental to the Band's interest.

Witnesses, Band.

That Inspector Megraw has persistently employed men as special policemen, whom he knew to be openly hostile to the Chief and the Okanagan Indians.

Tenth Charge.

1. That Inspector Cummiskie allowed encroachment on our Reserve at Priest's valley, surveying portions of Reserve to adjoining property.

2. That Reserve at Swan Lake

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has been encroached on by adjoining owners.

Chief and Band.

Original surveys.

Eleventh Sharge.

1. That the local officials have overlooked the procuring of young girls for immoral purposes.

2. That Pierre Michel procured the young daughter of Lena, Helkeen for the use of Alexander.

3. That nothing was done in the matter beyond Inspector Megraw informing Alexander he should be in jail.

Witness, W. Ashton.

Twelfth Charge.

That Alexander, a Nichola Indian, unlawfully secured and was paid $2700 of the Okanagan Band Funds which was squandered by Alexander in automobiles and young girls.

Chief and Band.

Witness, Band.

Thirteenth Charge.

1. That Inspector Megraw has had cognizance of open threats to personal violence and murder of our present secretary, Mr. J. H. Christie by one Frank Godfpresen, an American intruder on the reserve with criminal record.

2. That when Inspector Megraw's attention was called to this matter, he fully approved of the crime.

Sworn statement in possession of the Sec. J. H. Christie.

Chief and Band.

Horse Stealing.

Mrs. Josephine Edwards, of Coyote Creek, Indian Reserve.

That Jimmy Logan, an Indian on Head of the Lake Reserve, stole two horses from the open range on the Reserve, the property of the complainant.

That Inspector Megraw refused to allow Agent Brown to investigate. That he refused to assist her to secure the horses; that he protected Logan for this theft.

Mrs. Josephine Edwards.

Fifteenth Sharge.

That Mary Nicholas of Head of the Lake I.R., charges Johny Opheimer, an American half-breed and professional gambler, with the abduction of her daugheer from her husband, Patrick Johny of Enderby. That he took her to the States for 2 years, that he returned here two years ago and lives openly on Reserve with my daughter as his wife. That he threatens to take my girl away and I will never see her again, if I make any trouble for him.

Mary Nichols.

Witnesses, the Band.

Sixteenth Charge.

That since the retirement of Mr. McKay, as Indian agent, who was held in the highest regard by every Indian on our reserve, and whose memory we all respect, we have received no consideration, instruction, or assistance in any manner whatsoever, from any official in connection with the Indian Dept.

Since then our agents or inspectors have paid flying visits to our Reserves, between meals. No agent or inspector has remained for one day on Reserve for our instruction, advise or assistance to our betterment.

That no agent has made himself familiar with conditions of life on our reserves.

That all business is carried through on rush time, that a question for settlement is almost invariably put off until next time.

Chief and Band.

That the above charges were formulated, passed upon, and approved at a meeting at Black Town, Dec. 28th, 1916.

The Secretary, J. H. Christie, was instructed to prepare same and forward to Commissioner J. A. McKenna, at Victoria, for investigation.

J. H. Christie,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

Interpreter,
Signed, George Wilson.

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WEST BANK

Charge

1. That one, Galleately, has with the apparent approval of our agent Mr. Brown, and Inspector Megraw, deverted, taken from our Reserve, by flume, all the water which we have used for the purpose of irrigation on the Reserve, from Cedar Creek. That flume was built over and part in the ditch, conttructed by us 45 odd years since. That our agent was on the ground and designated point from head of flume. That Inspector Megraw, with Constable, visited the ground later, and threatened anyone with jail who interfered with the water.

2. That white men's fences have been allowed to encroach upon the Reserve at West Bank.

That similar encroachment has been permited on upper Reserve. Repeated requests to agent to have fences removed. Nothing done to date.

Witness, the Band.

All paper and reports regarding water.

Papers required for Purpose of Investigation:

1. Inspector's Reports. Deposition Chief Baptiest Logan.

Alection of Pere Michell.

2. Inspector's reports. Josephine Edward's Horse Stealing.

3. Inspector's reports. Henderson Lease Case.

4. Inspector's reports. Incompetency of Chief Gaston Louie.

5. Reports and authority for distribution of Band Funds to non-members of Band. (Okanagan).

6. Accounts for all timber purchased from Head of Lake, I. R. Okanagan, by Kelowna Saw Mill accounts, to whom paid.

7. All reports or information of deflection of water from West Bank, I. R., by Galleatly.

8. Reports Inspector Megraw's meetings regarding the surrender, or expropreation of Trout Creek, Experimental Farm.

9. Ramsdean McDougal, Commissioner, Okanagan I. R. Report and findings]

Papers required for Purpose of Investigation.

Sketch maps showing R. R. Routes through Reserves, Okanagan.

Sketch maps showing streams with water records, Penticton I. R.

Okanagan Indians

Members of the Okanagan Band of Indians, B. C.:

Gaston Louis,
Tomasket,
Pete Bayyett,
Geo. Bayyett,
Wm. Gaston,
Seymore Paul,
Papa Chin Mechell,
Baptist Logan,
Jimmy Logan,
Chas. Edwards,
Pere Williams,
Pere Quama Kim,
Marcis Quama Kim, Sr.,
Pere Jack,
Narciss Jack,
T. Armstrong,
Geo. Wilson,
Tomat,
Alexander,
Joe Lizzard,
Jimmie Steward,
Anton Ellie,
Louie Michell,
Narcisa Tasket,
Joe Felise,
J. Bono,
Victor,
Jimmy Antwine,
Harry Parker,
Bazell McLeod,
Seymore Swail,
Fancois Quanakiss,
Joseph Nichols,
Donald Able,
Johny Andrews,
Johny Lawrence,
Alex. Simlaw,
Johny Issac,
Edward Manuell,
Joeph Perrie,
Chas. Williams,
Narcisse,
William Manuell,
Pere Manuell,
Michel Lizard.

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Pere Coe.

Intruding Indians and half-breeds, principally Americans from U.S., with Local B. C. half-breeds, and Indians.

Intruders on Okanagan Indian Reserve—Removal requested:

Frank Godfresson,
Jimmy Marchell,
Willie Ashton,
Louise Brasere,
Frank Marchand,
Pere Louie,
Alex Sen.
Johny Martins,
Narcisse Baptist,
Luke,
Pere Luke,
John Ophenheirmer,
Joe Parker,
Ernest Brewer,
Bono,
Alexander,
Alex Edward,
Billy Brewer,
Billy Lixard,
Francois Gregior,
Paul Nelson,
Basil Smithins,
Issac Harris,
Jimmy Logan,
Scottie,
Louie Chacko,
Pere Michell,
Billie Swallwall.

Penticton Charges

Delegates: Mickel Jack, and Cosmos at Clinthil, Dec. 28th, 1916.

1. That the Band, requires an investigation regarding the irregulation of the surrender or exproperiations of the Trout Creek Experimenal Farms.
2. The method of valuation, and amount paid.
3. That this matter was not placed fairly before the Band.
4. That Inspector Megraw threatened the displeasure of the Government on those opposing surrender.
2. Railway Right-of-way.
   Area of, valuation.
   Amount paid; to whom paid.
3. Water deflected from Snake Creek.
4. Lines of Reserve change, and Reserve encroached upon Ritchie Line. No redress for complaints to officials.
5. Tresspass on and deflection of all water from Reserve adjoining townsite.

Michell Jack,
Cosmos Sam.
Witnesses, Band.

Penticton

Members of Band who endorse delegates:

Merhell Jack
Cosmos Sam,
Manuel Bazill,
Lowl Quartel,
Edward Jack,
Bapt. Joe Toudshet,
Tomy Puckles, Peach,
Eaneas Saul,
Francois Kalmalka,
Joe Kalmalka,
Geo. Lijard,
David Sam,
William Sam,
Eaneas Joseph,
Thomas Jack,
Peter Jack,
Bazill Jack,
Baptist Seymore,
Chas. Turmurkiano,
Comino Jack,
Casmir Perrie,
Jack Perrie,
Jamie Jack,
Joseph Jack,
Alex. Eaneos,
Willie.

SPALLUMCHEEN

Salmon River Indian Reserve

1. That they receive no attention from officials, that they have failed to secure us some one in suthority on our Reserve to prevent crime, and secure order, that complaints of the impractibiality to meet agent at Enderby has not been considered by officials of Dept.
2. Tnat Chief maintains an American Indian on our Reserve, that we desire his removal as undesirable, trouble maker, and asserts authority over Reserve. A criminal

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refugee.

3. That moneys for furnishing church is not accounted for or sale of logs.

4. That Enderby men receive permission to cut our timber, that our timber is not conserved.

5. That a resident of Enderby has by permission, fenced a great portion of remaining timber on Reserve. Claims personal ownership.

Sketches, maps.

The Band.

Salmon River I. R.
William Nonish,
Jim Haskit,
Jimmy Felix,
George Potice,
Andrew Morris,
Francois Thom,
Alex Nahaskit,
Mc Phillips,
Dan Phillips,
Dennis Jim,
Harry Bill,
Billie Felix,
Andrew George.

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W E Ditchburn

Chief Inspr Indian Agencies; Victoria B.C.

Have you completed your investigation in Okanagan agency if so hold your report until you hear from me.

1838k Duncan C Scott

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Victoria,B.C., June 16th, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re Okanagan investigation, Was leaving for Penticton to-day but will wait wire from you as to whether I shall proceed there or not.

W. E. Ditchburn.

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Victoria, B. C., June 16th, 1917.

J. Robert Brown,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

Unable to go to Penticton at present. Will advise you further.

W. E. Ditchburn.

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W E Ditchburn

Chief Inspr of Indian Agencies; Victoria B.C.

Kindly await arrival of letter and copy of hansard containing charges re Okanagan brought forward by Mr Oliver. The minister directs that a formal investigation under oath be held with respect to each charge and [illegible] you to remedy at once if possible any irregularity or wrongs disclosed by the investigation.

Duncan C Scott

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Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re Okanagan investigation. Files supplied me do not deal with Long Lake matter, expropriation of portion Penticton Reserve for Experimental Farm, and railway right-of-ways through reserves. These should be sent me, or a letter giving full details, values paid etc. Also cheque for one hundred and fifty dollars, as investigation may now take up considerable time and expense.

W. E. Ditchburn.

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Chief inspector indian affairs Victoria BC.

It has occurred to us that you might desire to have legal counsel to assist you in investigation he would not represent any party but would assist in bringing out truth fairly and impartially do you think this advisable wire reply

Duncan C. Scott

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Victoria, B.C., July 4, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
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Ottawa, Ontario.

Your wire received. Leaving for Penticton to-day. Propose holding meetings at Penticton, Westbank, Vernon, Enderby and Salmon River. First meeting Thursday afternoon. Taking stenographer. Hardly think counsel necessary at present, but would like to have name of one if required. Wire me at Incola Hotel, Penticton.

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W. E. Ditchburn.

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Wm E Ditchburn

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Duncan C Scott

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Vernon B.C.July 5,1917.
Inspector Ditchburn,

~~Penticton~~ Penticton.

Your notification recieved yesterday ~~impossible.~~ Impossible no meeting for enquiry until reasonable notice for same wiring Ottawa information and date.

Christie

Armstrong.

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Wrote by Portland Steamer Charlie left on 23rd & July

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Penticton, B. C., July 5th, 1917.

Mr. H. J. Christie,
Clinthill,
Armstrong, B. C.

I have adjourned the enquiry here until Monday, the ninth, at one o'clock in the hope that you will be on hand. The enquiry will be continued on that date whether you appear or not. Armstrong Postmaster informs me you received my letter on the third.

W. E. Ditchburn.

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Vernon,B.C uJuly 6th-17

W E Ditchburn

Penticton,B.C

Your wire received copy forwarded for consideration ottawa .

Christie

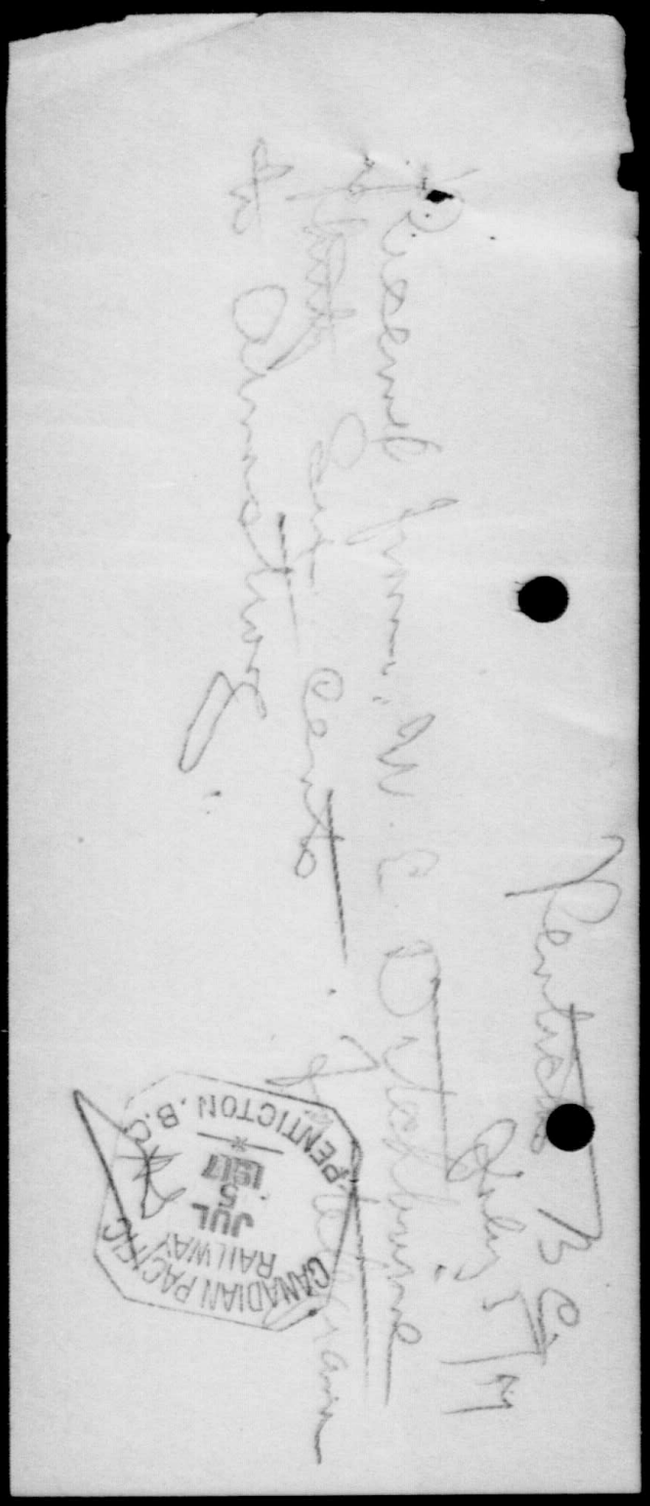
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Penticton, B. C., July 6th, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

On the twenty-seventh June I notified Christie by registered mail that I proposed opening investigation here on July fifth. Received a wire from him yesterday saying he only got my letter on the fourth and not sufficient notice. Armstrong Postmaster informs me he got letter on the third. I held a meeting and explained nature of business but adjourned until Monday the ninth to give Christie opportunity of presenting himself. I wired him to this effect last night, also notifying him that I intended to proceed with enquiry on Monday whether he appeared or not. He wires me to-day he received my telegram but referring to Ottawa for information. What does he mean?

W. E. Ditchburn.

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Ottawa?B.C July 7th-17

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W E Ditchburn

Penticton,B.C

Have just wired christie as folows inspector ditchburn has all papers and will give indian full necessary information have instructions to remedy at once if possible any irregularity or wrongs disclosed by the investigation and will give you stenographic report of evidence investigation will proceed on monday you may expect every assistance frm mr ditchburn

Duncan C Scott

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Armstrong, B.C July 9th-17

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W E Ditchburn

Indian Commisiioner Penticton, B.C

Wire from scott if acceptable wire from Bankd received this am will leave for Penticton i mediately on receipt of funds

J H Christie

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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

Pn t 25 Collect 5 Extra Collect 40 cts only

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Ottawa Ont July 13th 1917

Via Penticton BC July 14th 1917

W E Ditchburn,

Vernon, BC.

When at enderby call on frank hassard and H G Davies who may be able to give you information.

Duncan C.Scott.

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria, B.C., June 15th, 1917.

J. Robert Brown,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

I expect to arrive in Penticton Sunday morning and would like to meet you there on that day if possible to suggest itinerary. Make no announcement of my intended visit at present.

W. E. Ditchburn.

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J. McMILLAN,
Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Ottawaont Jany 24th 1917

W E Ditchburn

Inspector of Indian Agencies 142

VictoriaBC

Send department copies of charges preferred for investigation Okanagan agency.

J C McLean

14:45K

SOUTH WESTERN IND. AGENCY
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25th January, 7.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 24th instant, reading as follows:-

"Ottawa, Ont., January 24,1917.

"W. E. Ditchburn,

Inspector of Indian Agencies,

Victoria, B. C.

"Send department copies of charges preferred for investigation "Okanagan Agency."

(Signed) J. D. McLean."

In compliance with your request I am sending you all the papers in connection with the investigation of the affairs of the Okanagan Agency.

I am attaching to this letter correspondence which has passed between Dr. McKenna and myself in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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

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Charges & Notes
Letter by Commission

PENTICTON CHARGES.

1ST. CHARGE.

~~Delegates Michell Jack and Cosmos Sam at Clenthill, Dec.28/16.~~

1. That the Band requires an investigation regarding the irregulation of the surrender or expropriations of the Trout Creek Experimental Farms.
2. The method of valuation and amount paid.
3. That this matter was not placed fairly before the Band.
4. That Inspector Megraw threatened the displeasure of the Government on those opposing surrender.

Michell Jack.

Cosmos Sam.

WITNESS:- The Band.

Second Charge
(no number)

2. Railway right of way; area of, valuation; amount paid, to whom paid.
3. Water deflected from Snake Creek.
4. Lines of Reserve change, and Reserve encroached upon Ritchie line; no redress for complaints to officials.
5. Trespass on and deflection of all water from Reserve adjoining townsite.

MEMBERS OF BAND WHO ENDORSE DELEGATES:- Michell Jack, Cosmos Sam, Manuel Bazill, Lowl Quartel, Edward Jack, Bapt. Joe Toudshet, Tommy Puckles Peach, Eaneas Saul, Francois Kalmalka, Joe Kalmalka, George Lijard, David Sam, William Sam, Eaneas Joseph, Thomas Jack, Peter Jack, Bazill Jack, Baptist Seymore, Chas. Turmurkiano, Comino Jack, Casmir Perrie, Jack Perrie, Jamie Jack, Joseph Jack, Alex. Eaneos, Willie Eaneos.

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At Penticton Reserve 1
Tuesday July 10/1917

Session taken up with appointment of interpreter: Isaac Harris appointed
Geo Wilson for the Indians & Charles
Charles address to Indians. Read int. Wilson appointed

Mr Graham on Sworn & Indians about him. Christie Counsel.

Michel Jacks Sworn: Said he saw the Survey going on and he asked the Brown & Step. who told him the Contractor had trouble with Indians.

Buckley Isaac: Sworn: Substantiated the Chief in his statement: Mr. Mr Graham held a meeting. Says Mr Graham explained that the Government had bought the land and paid about 7000 dollars for it.

By Mr. Christie: Did you hear from Brown or Mr Graham about what the Surveyors were on the land for. At first the land was wanted for rental for 99 years. This was fixed by Mr Harris the former Agent. This is not the Kinchach present under discussion but was a former arrangement.. At a meeting held by Mr Mr Graham he told them they were going & be paid about Seven Thousand dollars. and a Some of the Indians signed a paper for the assistance of the Agent in the matter of Sale of the land. Does not know how many Signed it. Though he Sent a declaration to Ottawa stating the number of people at the meeting. voting for and against the Sale and that he Says a Commt himself.

Counsel Sam: Said 18 for against 34. Jarvis from the Unopposed affidavits.

Buckley Isaac again: Said there were most Hands against. He does he remember Mr Mr Graham Say anything about the Surrender: Does not remember much about it. Mr Hall or anything about. Mr Graham asked what he Said in favor or placed the matter before any. what nothing to show that he did. Does not know what the papers resolution was that Mr Graham read to the Indians. He Said Chief Edward was in favor of the Surrender, but the Majority was against it. Cannot remember who voted for & or against.

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Cos Mrs Sam: Recalled: Mr J. said Low any yeas knows
would the names of those yeas & Surrender. There was 24 yeas and
13 for it. Mr Graw Said. Those who voted against it Their
names would be looked upon as bad by the Government Mr Graw
then took the names of those who were in favor and the against. Mr
Graw of Hamel that the yeomen had bought the land yeu
Can now take it back. They took the Govmt. and they
told that the people of Semmelund, had the land. all the Indians
were favorable to it. (adjourned to allow of Cuthly Peace Selby
Alter,) 1.45 pm

Selby Stated in efect at 3.40 pm. Cosmos Sam Continues.
Rev Peachey preached Good Said he Counsel from Rev Selby from
Ottawa.

By M. Chrestien to Cosmos Sam: Said Mr Graw said
when the vote was taken was it for the sake of the land? What
man Mr Mc Graw said the people had taken the Lands.
Q. what was the vote for? A. Because he wanted to find
out how many were in favor or against it.

By Mr. Mc Graw. Cosmos Sam. Do you stand by your previous
Statements that Mr Graw said the Chief has Surrendered the lands
and I wanted to take a vote on it. Admitted this was
Correct.

Mr G. Says Can prove our hands were raised.
C.S. How is it that we are here today? It is Correct that you
same previously that I said that the people would think back of
those who voted in favor of it.

Mr G. did you Hear or announce the Count of the
vote? A. Yes. Q. what was it. A We all heard there was
13 for and 24 against Q. What did Mr. Mc Graw
announce the Count as. A. He declared announce the number, he
put closed his books, and all went out. (Contradicts his evidence)
Q. would you be Surprised to learn there was not the number
of Indians present to make the number you state, 37.

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Crosses Sam by Christie which she gave mean of a vote. A Sometimes we hold up Our hands in voting. In Some other cases we dont put up Our hands.

Mr Graw. objects to Christie's question.

We were counted after we held up our hands and then it was put down on paper.

Francois Tsamoyaken put up as a witness refused to take the Oath and therefore could not be accepted.

Paul Nahwahmakeen: I knew the land I Agreed to the Reserve. He went to Mr Graws office at Vernon. and he said he would go to Penticton to hold a meeting of the Indians. I took a book & read it and Said it was for Indians on reserve and he would take it down to Penticton which is the Law of the Indians. He was the first to Speak of the Upper Farms. He told me any time we needed any thing we could Sell a piece of the reserve and it could be turned into money. I only Sold a piece of the reserve to the fort. Mr G. Came that first. I stood up & told him what he had the me before he came here. Said they could Sell some land not on the big reserve but on one of the reserves Joining the white people. Mr Graw Showed the three pieces of the land, and Mr G. Got mad at him because he was against the Surrender. Mr. Mc Graw Said if all the people in the room you love Said the words of all. Mr Graw Said when a Man had a lot of land and it proved it Such was the way the land was going to be dealt with. Mr Graw told the meeting about the land and then as a lot of talk and then he got mad and did not Come back any more. Told the Indians how they bought the land, and he could not help it. By Christie - and then he spoke. His first names taken down were those who were in favor and then those who were against it. The vote was for the white men to take the land or not. Mr Mc Graw knows the Souls of the Indians some of them were outside. He did not know whether any names were put down after they went outside. Would like the Chief Inspector to tell them what right the

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the Government had taken the land. . Wanted to know whether the Ground Council had any power for the whole year.

The Indians wanted to take the land back.

after the meeting of the Treaty all heard how Mr Graw[?] was with the Govt had taken the land, and he would not come here any more.

Dominie Prickly Peach. He was at the meeting at which Mr. Mc Graw put the resolution. The whole Main took the land and I Say no. Mr Mc Graw told them that the Indians Could not the govt taking the land, but he told Mr Graw he would not give the land. Mr Graw said the government had taken the land and you consent to it or not. He said it was to be planted with all kinds of crops. He said the Indians would copy from what was done there from anything which would be good x | Mr Mc Gran said they Could put the names down who are against also those who are in favor. We voted twice: raising our hands first and then by signing our name. There were 24 against and 13 in favor of the sale. The meetings were not Conducted in a proper Manner Brown walking around and laughing. Like in a Mud hole. The late Chief said the Government wanted the land and they had better take it. No one has told them they Could get the land back. They who are against it think they Could. All he heard Mr Mc Graw say was that not to sign it. and that he could not get the land back. He said that those who voted against it would Carry a bad name.

Mr. Megraw to Dominie P. P.— Did they hold up their hands. yes they did. Brown was Counting and he was pretty Tight. The Chief told us that as the Govt had taken the land there was no use in going against it after Mr. Mc Graw told him x. Didn't I tell you

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that when the Govt had taken the land and it Could be prevented, it was better for all to agree with it. and that Edward was right, and the Government would like to know all were in favor with it. He did not see how the farm had done them any good, but had never had been there to see the farm. Mr Graw then told the Indians about the farm on the Lady field.

By Mr Christie. What was your impression when you were asked to take a Vote.

Louis Beaulieu: In the first place Mr McDonald who was then inspector asked the Indians to divert the land for 99 years, but some said yes & some said no. Then the Railroad. When Mr Graw came he seemed to be explained about the Experimental farm and encouraged them to give them Consents. Then Paul got up and said the Govt made the agreement. Then Dominic spoke. and he spoke the same as the other two & Hoshel Mr G what Govt had taken the land but he got no answer. wants to know why Mr G didn't tell him which Govt it was that took the land. After that he said the Department. but does not know which dept. He said Mr G told them the land was taken for experimental farm and he Could not take it back. He also said Mr G said they would be paid for the land. He said it was over Seven thousand. That is all. To Mr Christie. he said that after Mr. Mc Graw had explained anything in a very nice way about the land. He asked the Indians to vote on the question. To take it He thought Mr Graw was asking the vote to have the land could be sold, He said Mr Graw told all those who were against the matter would have to put their names down too. and send to the Government and they would look upon the Experimental farm as Indians with bad names. He threatened them in that way. he were not afraid of that and signed their names against the Exp. farm.

By Mr Graw, were you talking with your friends about

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since giving evidence here last night. He intimated that he had sent. He took his hose and went home. He says Statement that Pauly present asked him that Indian Grant was taking the land.
"Yes he was sure Mr Graw said the names of those who were against it would go to Ottawa. He admits that Mr G said that Govmt would not like it see the Indian Grant if taken when they were trying the land for the Indians benefit. He said Dave Log came up and you wouldn't take it from. him. Mr G. Bonny Pauly Roach and Paul. In reply Mr Graw's question whether they had paid any money for the Gf perm. farm. Yes. he had paid the Chief some Money. He said it was to be given to a man who would. Write to the Govmt. It was Mr. Christie & He gave the money on the understanding they would get the land back. The band they will today about today the Gf perm. farm.

Answer Sam Roche by Mr Graw — who was asked whether he gave any money in connection with the Gf farm. he said Yes he did give money. by Collection. to pay for the papers on Charles table. The main paying is get his land back. the Gf perm. farm. I heard Mr Graw say he could not get the land back. but I didn't think you were telling us Govmt. told me we could get the land back. I thought you were against the Indians. We thought you were trying cheat us and against us you have nothing and been back since. I got a telegram from Mr. Christie last week. It was to the effect, that Christie was waiting in Ottawa. Sold Wilson 1 6th for C. asking for money to come down. I put up $300. I do not know how was part of but we are going to continue to put up money to get our rights.

Alex Paul said Mr Graw explained the matter very fully to the meeting. The Chief told us if we did not accept the offer. They would be poor all the time. Mr Graw told them with the signed or not the Sale would go ahead. The Chief said that as the Govmt had taken our land we might as well sign up. But if it was for

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understood we would work both sides. We were told we could get work there with our Treaty, but we never yet saw any work there. We signed our names because we thought the Govt would be against us if we did not sign the Adhesion.

By Mr Chrysler: After Big Eagle told them the land was gone Big Eagle then talked a while as he like as that if we signed the Govt would be good to us but if we did not sign we would always die and the Govt would not like us. We knew that the Govt had taken the land and we could not get it back. It was in fear of many the displeasure of the Government that made me sign. When I asked if I signed for my name I did so in the hall.

Johnny Peirce: I was the interpreter at McDonalds meeting at Edwards House. When the Indians were asked if they were willing to rent the land for 99 years. But the Indians said the time was too long. McDonald then resigned. and Ben Comaby came and said they the Govt were going to buy it: he came home and always told them that the Govt was going to buy it. Mr Mr Graw Ben Came after Comaby and told them the same, the people were at work on the farm when Mr G. came. The Chief Edward said All right we will accept the Govt, and that the Govt had taken the land and we must be good towards the Govt. I was not present at the last meeting when the people voted. Mr Graw told them about the Govt taking the land and paying at first it was about 7000 and then the price of seed fell along the creek which brought it up to 8000 at all the meeting Mr Graw told McDonald to the Indians plain. I fully understood myself. Mr Mr Graw did not threaten the displeasure of the Govt on the Indians who did not sign. I Signed the paper at the table in the hall. I now remember I was at the meeting.

By Mr. McGraw, — He has heard Edward blamed for giving the land. You I have heard it

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explains dark story

Said that Edward was in hell for selling the land. to the govmt. and left the land those who were opposed to the sale say that. I do not think Edward got any money. and I do not know of any other Indian than Antoine Piere who did get any money on the Expenses bill fee.

Antoine Piere:- I was at the meeting at the time the Mr Graw explained about the farm and that it would be better both to whites & Indians I thought he was straight and not intending to fool us. because he looks after us how we live. the govt buies up the land, and it is the same as paying money but this children. I dont think any white man has disturbed any thing outside the reserve. The R R. has gone right the reserve and is to be paid for but the Indians have not to take the money. the R R has put a debt right the reserve but paid for it. I do not know how much. the took the debt right the reserve and allowed the Indians to use the water for the land. I think we have been dealt fairly by both the govt and the agent. We are to go to the Exhibition fair to see how it is being worked I think the Indians will be able to alter themselves on their farms by the first that the Exhibition has been established

Mr Graw. after Cumming and then Mr G. them Came and I met him just at the meeting.

Ahmeah: I was at the meeting when the Mr Graw came about the Exhibition fair. He said we were to sell the land and I said no, some said yes we will sell it. Mr Graw explained to the Indians to sell the land in order that the reserve at I said no. He said the govt was going to buy it, and said he could not buy them. He said it would benefit the Indians. At I say it was out by us, he told us the govt was going to do and some more. He said for us to vote on the question and our names would be good to the govt. I think the figures were 13 for and 24 against.

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I think the reason the Indian was later because he thought his work would be fair but it was not fair Mr Bragg did not say anything about Mr Graw. I heard him say that the money was over paid.

To Mr Christie: I heard Mr McGraw that the Indians Could get work all the time on the farm, and how he told the Indians they Could get work with the teams all the time. He told the Indians they would work three and they would have time to work the land. None of the Indians ever worked there yet. I know I had to go to get the farm. I have been there to learn. I know how to work the land better now than before.

To Mr. Mc Graw. I never asked for work there because I dont want it. I dont know any other Indian who went there for work and was refused. I dont know of Indians wanting there. I didnt know Antoine wanted there, but it is close to his place.

Domineds facts — Mr Graw came & told the Indian that the frost was going to take the farm. He said what you object to is the frost will take it. but they protested. Mr Graw said the land was to the railway but got thought it. the Indians said it was good for stock. the white people are already on it and you Cant get it back. the explained fully that the frost was likely and to keep on and he Could not stop it, though I think he could. I heard Mr Mc Graw say any of those who oppose to sale will have a lot taken from the ground. He explained the Indians from getting a lot taken from the ground, that is why they opposed. If he had not made those statements would not have opposed.

To Mr. Mc Graw. Remained long in Ottawa and seeing Mr Ings at his office and getting money from the train.

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Billy Thyer: I was not at the meeting and do not know what took Place. He sat down

Francis Seymour: I was at the Meeting when Mr G. spoke about the farm. He told all about it. that the Govt had taken the land and Francis Govt it. and that Mr Caldwell had title to both. He frightened the Indians by telling them I Signed.

Joe Cawston – Knows all about it Mr Graw Planed the matter fairly before the Band. He was Chief Edward asked us to Sign our names as it would look better. Mr McG did not mention the displeasure of the Govt on those opposing it. Mr Graw fully explained the reason the Govt took away the land. and that the Indians would learn a lot by keeping up their ways.
To Mr Church – He was a Chief Edward who asked them to Sign up.
~~To Mr. Mr Graw.~~

Baptiste Chu Cheashit – Mr Graw spoke all upon the necessity and a full explanation. He told the Indians that it didnt Matter how the notice it was bound to go. He said those whose names are on Farm enforced and those who do agree are bad. ~~We don't know~~ The Govt said that when the four posts were put in they would never be pulled down again.

Francois Tinaystein: I was at the meeting when Mr Mc Graw Came and told about the experimental farm. He explained fully all the Indians and so they were not able to be here present. When I Came Mr Mc Graw & Brown here. He said wanted the Indians to understand the terms he brought. Chief Edward is here, and he said the Govt. it was to be a kind of a School for the Indians & children, this is happening all over the Country and there will be one here too. There is no one can refuse. Mr Mr Crawford then they may mark your names on the paper anyone who wished to type their names could do so – If you said no

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no. You must sign now because this Lapwai
country where Pinkby Peach Pen asked Mr G a
question. It was what Growmark was tho.? and Mr G
said he look at Ottawa. After being asked that times
he said it was the Ind. dept Ottawa. Pinkby Peach Pen
went away Mr G. then upon both feet again and then upstanned
about the stand. any new kind of seeds and all kinds
of fruit to be raised there. He told the Indians they would
get great benefit from the farm and the Indians could
get provisions and feed & stock from the farm. He upholded
their friend and told the Indians they must come & settle
and the Chief stood up and said he was willing
to join the land & the government in good faith and
there are some others with me too. The Chief signed
his name first and then the others. There were only a
few who refused their names. He then said to
the Indians of our you people that dont sign
will be against the government and you names will
be considered bad. Each of the Indians made short
remarks & some others refused their names.
I do not know how many signed and after I got
home I just sit down on a rock. It was Feb 4/1905
I am sure I take anybodys side. I dont know if
Jno Mac Grain & Bown is against me pretty strong
in fact so strong that he told me if I cut one
stick down he would go to Lambert & file
$25. I guess he he has come back dont see
on account of this. Mr Grave said he could
get work with the Indians on the farm.

Kala Mattie Paul — I was at the meeting. Mr.
Q. Tolen us all about it and he was fair & (See Note)
the Indian agents did the right thing. We told the
Indian Agent that we wanted to get the money - but
could not get it x

x It takes about 2 months

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~~Chief Jacob Michel Jack.~~ Said through Interpreter

Thomas Isaac: Plaintiff's Counsel Heard from Agent Brown what the law on Reserves was. about the Expended Land. Sec. 46 of the Act was read to him. Also the difference between Land Sold when a Surrender is necessary.

Chief Michel Jack: Said It was the first day he had called on his people to give evidence, and he would like to say Something now himself. He said he thought the Whites (Govt.) had no right to take or take away from his land. He would not break up the Reserve. Complained that Antoine Jeune has broken the Reserve on two occasions. Case Closed for Indians

Mr Ivor Grant: Defends the Chaps. Said he would explain, appointed Michelle July 1914, ordered on Oath March 1 1914, Declaration made March 3/14. Mr Grant Pleased that the Survey was proved and he recommended the Survey was proved once She should take on the Enoch land on that basis. Second Order Jany 21/1915 - Interview with Mr Grant on Jany 26. Second on Feb 4th, Re the Order. Explanation. Given by Mr Grant. 15 for Signing. 10 asked Him to be recorded as against it 2 ~~and not~~ would not do it with all,

Brown Explained about Meeting in July 1910 By McDonald. & Chief Edward Francis, and the Oath at that time was 14 in favour 22 Chiefs. This may explain discrepancy on the Affidavit.

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Second Charge

2- R.R.— 98[20] Acres Brown values the Cemetery land at $20.00 but the Company refused to accept valuation. 400 feet are for bottom land.. The Cemetery changed Browns Valuation to 400 acres at $10 ea. They received the Money, and now they say it was stated that they would like valuations. to adjust the Matter. Brown says that it was never brought up at any Meeting (See Rec.) positively about attribution

3. Water deflected, from Snake Creek Reserve. ~~the Indian Girls~~ ~~complaint from Brown~~, Chief given a petition showing that they have first deed to the water.

4. was a deflection of the words of Brown on

Reserve

5- nothing in it the water passed ~~good~~ for the reserve, no one living on the Timber, Could not get one if they wanted it.

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Penticton
Secret chgd Ind 362464

1-4. See sec. 46 Act and get papers from Genl.
Secret chgd
~~2— 3— Get papers & Hyde copy~~

Land sp purported under Sec 46 g Indian Act. Order in Council g 18 March 1915 authg g Sch. g 564.33 acres for the benefit of Penticton Indians 45-88.43 Band 3409.82

Auth. paid 4998.25 (See Mrs Grave's letter dated Jany 21/1915 average price 14.68.8 per acre

See minutes & Mrs Grave & obtain consent g Council & the diversion of the money. 7 Jany 1915

How many are in the Council

Did Mrs Grave and Brown speak out from other g the Valuation was reasonable.

Secret chgd Ind file and Genl & papers from the Genl & Inspector

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June 27, 1910 Inspector McDonald instructed to hold a meeting of Peshekee & Eagle River & obtain their consent. to a lease of the land for 99 years for exclusively farm purposes

July 12. McDonald, Brown and Mr Anderson reported the Indians had Could not get a majority of Consent. Meeting held again on the 29th with the same result. McDonald reported to Dept on Aug 1 1910

Nov 19, 1913. Inspector A Best instructed by despatch to agree the land.

~~Decmb 2, 1913 Royal Comm~~ passed ~~in favour of~~

Feb 12 1914 Royal Comm by Interim Report 20 25- recommended that upon due compliance being made the provisions of Sec 46 of Dept of Ag. to enfranchise the land and to dispose of same for exclusively farm purposes. (400 acres) O.C. 20 Feb 1914. R. Coy J. Rept 25-A of 2nd Nov 1914. 10 Geo 25-B.20 Aug 1915 154.55; O.C. 18 March 1915.

Valuation made & accepted Aug 21 1915- by McGee

Meeting held by Mr Keen Aug 21 & Feby 16 1915-

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1. That one, Galletly, has with the apparent approval of our Agent, Mr. Brown, and Inspector Megraw, diverted taken from our Reserve, by flume all the water which we have used for the purpose of irrigation on the Reserve from Cedar Creek. That flume was built over and part in the ditch, constructed by us some 45 odd years since. That our Agent was on the ground and designated point for head of flume. That Inspector Megraw with Constable visited the ground later and threatened any one with jail who interfered with the water.
2. That white men's fences have been allowed to encroach upon the reserve at WestBank.
3. That similar encroachment has been permitted on Upper Reserve, repeated requests to Agent to have fences removed. Nothing done to date.

Chief Tomat.

WITNESSES:- The Band.

All papers and reports regarding water.

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Westbank July 13 1917

Sat chez Lomah: answer (1). when reserves were first made we were to have sufficient water for their use. I was with Chas Charlo at the time and went over the land. Cedar Creek and McDougall Creek are the same. the Commissioner told them they would always have the land: Now them is trouble about the water and they begin to holler. they were always told the whole creek would not interfere with him \ and thought they would not be disturbed. I did say to Mrs Brown & Mrs Gram why did they not get the water when the Commissioner gave it to us. we have been so hard pushed that we have fought with the white man. Heaven I was sorry I fought as it was years ago. What are you going to do about it. I did blame the girls hope. He told me the ground was helping matters on the reserve ~~agent~~ that he was going to write to the Governor dept. Brown advised to make a ditch from the Springs away from the Creek. He also told us the Govt would realize that the Spring was separate from the Creek. My crops have been damaged for three years through Gallatly taking the water. I think both Mrs Brown and Mrs Gram are trying to help up all they can and are going in that direction. I have lived here all my life. I am now about seventy years of age and always used the water in the streams. I remember Mr Allison who used to have the Canal for Gallatly. He used to take the whole water to irrigate below the reserve line. And at the time of year he used to use all the water, He knew that this water came from the reserve, at that time our Cultivated land was not so big and he used to ask me if I could let him have some water for his Crops and I used to do so. Later on ~~his sons bought~~ Messrs Dunsdon & Phillips bought the place, and used to get the water, and I took him to the Court and they have realized to take water outside the reserve, and he was instructed by the Govt & Commissioners that if the water was taken he would go to Court Buchanan then bought the land, and he continued along the same lines it he was high the overflow. Gallatly came next and he Continued the same agreement until three years ago, when he began to Come inside the reserve and get the water

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The reason I gave Gallatly permission to put a flume in was that he agreed to put in two gates and the water would be shared between us, before the flume the water used to go away. So in one my water is taken by the flume I have work by done by Gallatly and up to my dam to take water on his own account. He has built flume over ~~my land~~ The Indian has control this year up to the new dam. Since then he has been closing him out. (This was since Gallatly drowned Burbee & Wood) Brown told him that the putting in of the dam would not affect his rights.

Michell Spapmuchen—. I should know how old I am but I was married & had children before Allain and Lulo had lived down on this ground and always used the water from Mr Boyd Creek. I was here when Jacko Billy made the ditch. We always used the water for our gardens.

Charley Dillain. I am 67. Always lived here. Lay ground near Mr Boyd Creek water. Yes I was in the water.

2 & 3. Surveys needed.

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At a Meeting at Black Town, December 23rd, 1916, charges were made in connection with conduct of Indian Affairs on Okanagan Indian Reserve, B. C.; a meeting called for this purpose by instructions of the Secretary of I.R.D. League, who fully explained communications received from Deputy Superintendent General Duncan C. Scott and the Commissioner, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna. After discussions of the communications Resolutions were passed to make the following charges by the Chief and Members present.

Okanagan

1ST. CHARGE.

1. That Chief Baptist Logan was deposed without cause.
2. That no charge or complaint was ever brought to the attention of the Band against him.
3. That Inspector Cummiskey's sole reason for opposition to the Chief was that Baptist had opposed the illegal deal for the surrender of the Long Lake Indian Reserve, Inspector Cummiskey having been one of the interested parties to this deal, which deal was repudiated by Ramsdean McDougal Commission.
4. That the election of Pierre Michell, as conducted by Inspector Cummiskey, the Agent Smith from Kamloops was a strictly unlawful election, in which every right of the Band was set aside and by might of authority a disreputable Chief was thrust on the Band.
5. That reports sent to the Department by the officials who engineered this election were deliberately false reports.
6. That Pierre Michell did not secure a majority vote.
7. That he was not elected by acclamation as reported to Department by Inspector Cummiskey or the Agent from Kamloops, if he made report on the proceedings.

WITNESSES. Alex. Duteau. Chief and Band.

~~SUMMONS. Adelphia, P.O. Grand Prairie.~~

Such person any objects

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see also 3rd charge

2ND. CHARGE.

1. That the matter of the Henderson Lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights of the Band.
2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and illegal.
3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties, as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the Band.

WITNESSES: Chief and Band.

see also 3rd charge

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2ND "A" CHARGE.

1. That members of the Band have been unjustly deprived of their rights to elections for the position of Chief without just cause.
2. That members of Band have been forcibly expelled from the public meetings of the Band by orders of Inspector Megraw without just cause.

(1) Inspector or agent was knowledge of this unlawful & Romanet— Track put up by other Candidates to have ~~him~~ withdraw.

(2) Sergeant pardee (was evicted) as he is of Westbank knows as pulled for disturbing the meeting

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3RD. CHARGE.

That Inspector Megraw exceeded his authority in forcing the man Henderson's presence on their Reserve, under the provisions of a strictly illegal agreement between a Nicola Indian, a non-member of the Band, and a whiteman, fully aware of the grossly unfair conditions of the fradulent agreement, against the authority of the Chief and the expressed opposition of the Band. The language and threats employed and the authority bearing towards the Chief was strictly uncalled for .

WITNESSES: Chief and Band.

Report of Inspector.

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4TH. CHARGE.

1. Inspector Megraw's reports regarding the incompetence of Chief Gaston, immediately following the Chief's refusal to countenance the fraudulent lease to Henderson, calls for the strictest investigation.
2. That Inspector Megraw has acted in an underhand manner against the Chief is animated by Peresenol Spleen against Chief. That no charge has been brought against the Chief at any meeting.
3. That Inspector desires the removal of the Chief solely on personal grounds and to secure the election of a Chief amenable to officials. That Inspector has encouraged and favored men on Reserve known to be openly hostile to Chief.

Reports of Inspector Megraw.

WITNESSES: Chief and Band.

first person, Prospective appointment
sent by endorsee. Ans Exhibit to Student 8
Constable Hughes. Question from Stenographer
not the best idea of the duties required by an
Chief and was deposed

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5TH CHARGE.

1. That Railway right-of-ways have been granted through various Reserves of the Band and the Band kept in ignorance of these transactions.
2. That Band funds from the proceeds of right-of-ways of these Railways have been unlawfully distributed to non-members of the Okanagan Band to the amount of several thousand dollars.

WITNESSES: Band.

All Reports in Connection, Inspector or Agent.

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6TH. CHARGE.

That Officials have permitted for years the fencing of large areas of our Reserve for range purposes, said ranges being exploited for individual profit.

WITNESSES: Band.

See Mr Graham DAC 6/13 - on file 452700

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fourth charge.

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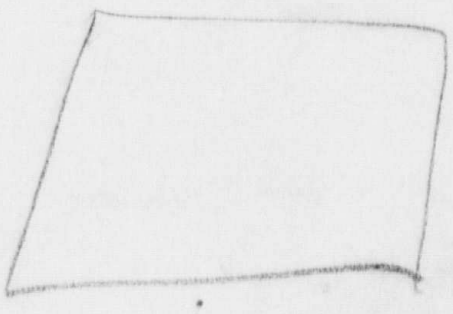
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7TH CHARGE.

1. That promiscuous cutting of timber has been permitted.
2. That individual half-breeds have been granted permission to remove hundreds of thousands of feet for personal u profit.
3. That no adequate return has been made.
4. That a complete return of all timbers sold and money paid, amounts to whom paid, for the past five years shall be presented on commission to band.



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8TH. CHARGE.

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1. That for years against the repeated protests of the Band undesirable characters, American half-breeds, American Indians, Indians from local reserves have been permitted to intrude upon our Reserve.
2. That no action has ever been taken on the many complaints made that they have received every comfort and consideration from officials.
3. That the intruding element has almost exclusive control of all our business.
4. That they openly boast of our helplessness to have them removed.
5. That they openly defy the authority of the Chief.
6. That Inspector Megraw and Agent Brown are fully aware of the criminal characters.

Dec 13

7. That Inspector Megraw has approved of threatened criminal violence expressed by this element.
8. That 90% of all troubles on Reserve is caused by this intruding element trespassing on our Reserve.
9. That the Band demands a thorough investigation and the expulsion of all undersirable characters from our Reserve.

WITNESSES: Band.

All reports regarding any claim of half-breeds having been approved as members of Band with dates of such if any.

See pleadings also Dec 21, 25 bills, 33 subpoenas

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9TH. CHARGE. by Harris

That Inspector and Agent persist in continual employment of Isaac Harris, charged as false interpreter, Cummiskey's principal agent in attempt of sale and illegal surrender of Long Lake Reserve.
That favors are granted this man at expense of Band knowing that the bands holds this man guilty of the most serious crimes.
That a special grant for competition was made for his benefit and his employment is detrimental to the Band's interest.

~~WITNESSES:~~/ Band.

That Inspector Megraw has persistently employed men as special policemen who he knew to be openly hostile to the Chief and the Okanagan Indians.

WITNESSES:- Band.

Referred to Harris.
Inspector has right and authority to say whom he deems will see that law and order are carried out or reasons, whether he is liable to dismissal

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10TH. CHARGE.

1. That Inspector Cummiskey allowed encroachment on our Reserve at Priest's Valley, surveying portions of Reserve to adjoining property.
2. That Reserve at Swan Lake has been encroached on by adjoining owners.

1 Komoaks band

X only agrees Surveyor.

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11TH. CHARGE.

1. That the girls local officials have overlooked the procuring of young for immoral purposes.
2. That Pierre Micheal procured the young daughter of Lena Helleen for the use of Alexander.
3. That nothing was done in the matter beyond Inspector Megraw informing Alexander that he should be in jail.

This case should have been brought some
date of the time and Alexander prosecuted.

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12TH. CHARGE.

That Alexander, a Nicola Indian, unlawfully secured and was paid money of the Okanagan Band Funds, which was squandered by Alwxander in automobiles and young girls.

Death within 5 yrs

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13TH. CHARGE.

See also 5th Charge

1. That Inspector Megraw has had cognizance of open threats to personal violence and murder of our present secretary Mr. J. H. Christie by one Frank Godpresen, an American intruder on the Reserve with criminal record.
2. That when Inspector Megraw's attention was called to this matter he fully approved of the threatened crime.

Sworn statement in possession of the Secretary J.H.Christie.

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14TH. CHARGE.

HORSE STEALING.

Mrs. Josephine Edwards of Coyotte Creek Indian Reserve.

1. That Jimmy Logan, an Indian on head of Lake Reserve, stole two horses from the open range on the Reserve, the property of complainant.
2. That Inspector Megraw refused to allow Agent Brown to investigate. That he refused to assist her to secure the horses, and that he protected Logan for his theft.

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15TH. CHARGE.

That Mary Nichols of Head of the Lake Indian Reserve charges Johnny Apheimmer, an American half-breed, and professional gambler, with the abduction of her daughter from her husband Patrick Johnny of Pnderby. That he took her to the American side for 2 years. That he returned here 2 years since and lies openly on Reserve with my daughter as his wife. That he threatens to take my girl away and I will never see her again if I make any trouble for him.

WITNESSES: The Band.

Mary Nicols.

Patrick Johnny.

Mr Power & Rep Thos. but offenders Should be dismissed for reasons as he is an undesirable character

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16TH. CHARGE.

That since the retirement of Mr. McKay, as Indian Agent, who was held in the highest regard by every Indian on our Reserve, and whose memory we all respect, we have received no consideration, instruction or assistance in any manner whatsoever from any official in connection with the Indian Department.

Since then our agents or Inspectors have paid flying visits to our reserves between meals. No Agent or Inspector has remained for one day on our Reserve for our instruction, advice or assistance to our betterment.

That no Agent has made himself familiar with conditions of life on our reserve.

That all business is carried through on rush time, that a question for settlement is almost invariably put off until the next time.

Chief and Band.

See also Jim Hansard 17 & 18

Ans also 5th in other charges about Aliens enemies using lands.

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1a Did Inspector find Baptiste Lafon guilty of charges as laid down in Section 96

2. It was not necessary to lay any complaint to the attention of the band. If the inspector was satisfied he was either dishonest, incompetent, unread or incompetent he had the power to demand his dismissal

3. Suppositions. As Inspector Comaby is now dead it is impossible to ascertain whether he held any enmity against the Chief on account of the Long Lake matter.

4. Find out whether the agents official Census was used at the election of ~~Jame~~ Pierre Mechell. If any one voted who should not do so, and whether any were refused to vote who were entitled to.

5. Make them prove in what respects the Appeals of the Inspector were "deliberately false".

6 Which was the proportion of the vote — who voted or how many for each side?

7. Inspector Bernerkeys report does not show that the vote for Pierre Mechell was unanimous at first, at the first vote there were 9 for Baptiste Lafon, 21 Segenow Cheniak, and 23 for Pierre Mechell. The Inspector said that Lafon could not be voted on and a second ballot was asked for and then he says the second vote was unanimous for Pierre Mechell (Hlakay).

(2)

1 and 2 — This is very indefensible — but the charges but must be investigated

(3)

1 & 2-3. — Henderson Lease. The base is to be Cancelled. but what Connection had Mr Shaw to do with it?

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This is also the Henderson matter. Does Chelthlyn belong to the band. If not he has no right there at all and he has no legal grievance.

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Black Chain

5th charge —

1. Cause shown by Commissioner.
2- Not necessary. but should have be done so that all might know
3. . No person sworn in trying into the Commissioner absent

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5- Jute shows offences. Commissioner absent. Indian eligible for chiefs
6 ~~Gordon Lewis~~ Black chiefs absence, more depraved, has charge to present.
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2nd charge

1 ongoing should be made - no particulars given

2 . Not should be ingrained in:

2nd A charge

1-3 Settled, Henderson here Canadian

3rd charge

Settled already.

4th charge

1-B Gordon Lewis removed for Cause. Father & Uncle.

5th charge

1-2- Ingram

6th charge

Inquire. a report by McLean. Nov 6/15
File 427011

7th

1-4 See Jack Brown

8th charge

Make full inquiry see that the list of members is kept short

9th charge

Harris has been convicted four times, but Indians
of appointing one of themselves.

Inspector Cain employ as constables persons in whom the Indians
at first out what is the complaint

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10th Chief

1–2. Inquire which Chief is

11th Chief

Refers to Alexander Chilkhedge — Inquire and make Report

12th Chief

Alexander Chilkhedge — Which right has he to these cayuses.

13th Chief

1— 2 Inquire into matter that the Chief complains of

14th — Have Chief see file and get matter settled.

15th Chief

Enquiry the girl Married from Lower Village. as the relations with him and Lives as his wife. How old. Such matters that known ought to be found out as there is no Law against a man living with another woman not his wife

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16th

See how this Act affects this case by the Queries Sec 17+18 re Hansard

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West Bank.

Gabriel has Eight Rights & Land between my Farm His right goes back to 1875 — Allison see O'Reilly's Report. Matter is now among others of Depts.

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That the above charges were formulated, passed upon, and approved at meeting at Black Town, December 28, 1916.
The Secretary, J. H. Christie was instructed to prepare same and forward to Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna at Victoria for investigation.

J. H. Christie.

Secretary I. R. D. League.

INTERPRETER:-

(Signed) George Wilson.

Not on file

That Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna has a copy of sworn declaration made and declared at Enderby, Province of British Columbia, the 4th day of October, 1916; Declared before Graham Rossman, Enderby B. C., Stipendiary Magistrate.
That the original shall be produced for the purpose of investigation, at investigation as evidence, by

J. H. Christie.

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11 Sept.

Peter Baptiste Peter Basset. — Said the Indian did ~~not~~ not know what is right. And we asked the Agent Christie has not helped us any for what we have paid for the paper. Batesh Logan was sick and the Indian Agent died. and we were told that we were going to elect a Council, and after the election the Agent asked who was going to give evidence against Logan; after Councillors were elected we were told to go out and have a talk about Logan but we did not split the Ring. He then asked Kemosky before the was both the Councillors, and he came in as chairman. I believe he was on account of the long table matter.

Baptiste Logan ~~used to get drunk~~ was charged with getting drunk and in jail I heard he had been in jail once. I thinks he was a good Chief. I never heard there was any threat to break him. He also discharged as too the Same as Baptiste Logan

Kemosket — I know Baptiste Logan was Chief and had been elected by a big majority. Kemosky told them that Logan would be discharged. I know when Baptiste Logan went to jail. I don't know what he had done. I was the keeper Logan stole his Cheese and Mrs Nelson forked him. He was still Chief after he had been in jail. and the charge was that he had stood into a tent; that he dont to see Indian dance. I only know he was in jail and he was discharged for that. and I that myself, heard Logan beat his Wife, and I heard my self, and for that reason the two Magistrates were against me. Just as soon as we before it took the letter about the Jail. He also throws the Indians out. I don't know about the man to whom they paid their money to Christie. . after the Councillors were elected he had a meeting about B.I. to go and to punish him

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I think he was a good Chief. I don't know of any reason why Comaby should want him buried. Why they did not want him is they all the time, because I think Indians should appoint their own Chiefs. Baptiste Logan said he was foreman when he came back from Kamloops. I know Tom Lemly was not living with his wife, but with another woman. I don't know whether Tom Lemly was living with Josephine before Baptiste was made Chief.

By Mr. Graves: Question and Ans.

Seymour Paul. — I know B I was drunk when he was deposed. I heard he had been in jail for drunk. He used to drink, but I don't know of his being drunk twice. I do not think it is good for the land that the Chief should drink and put in jail. (See Seymour Paul's Evidence.) I did not object when he was broke. I went to Inspector Cartwright in the Selkirk and wanted to get him out, and he promised to get him out but he didn't.

Pierre Jack — Baptiste Logan used to get drunk, but not very often to my knowledge. I know he was in jail for being drunk. Yes I think drunk was right. I do not know. of drunk for Baptiste being Chief — by Comaby and Baptiste. (By Chester) At first he was a good chief but he turned out a bad chief. I had no fuss with him after he was deposed.

Charley Williams —. Baptiste was a good Chief and always went to Mass. He was drinking and he went to jail. I do not know how often. I only saw him go to jail once. I think Comaby or Baptiste died both. It is not right for a Chief to get drunk and go to jail. I do not think a Chief who drinks can have a good influence on a band. I did not like it at the

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time he was deposed. I think he was a good enough Chief. Only in jail once.

Pierre Jack. Called but deposed to Stewart.

Inspector McGraw is deputy Commissioner called by Mr Graw.

Billy Asthin. - I work to the Chiefs house one night. and found the Chief was drunk. he was beat Christie. Christie was fighting Frank about some work. The Chief had a bottle of gin in his pocket. I don't know where he got it. I did not arrest him arrest him at the time, but I found out afterwards that I should have arrested him and got the bottle. Baptiste was arrested and taken to Kamloops. He pled guilty to the charge. Being asked what gave him the liquor he said a half breed, Wm McDonald, and he was sentenced to jail for three months. That is the only case I proceeded against Baptiste Lyon. I think it, ~~~~ as far as I can remember It was about five years ago.

By Christie - I seen Lucy a person buy paid to Jos Baptiste drunk. I did not hear that you subpoenaed the liquor. he swore that Christie gave him the liquor.

By Mr Graw - recalled. Did Chief Routt subpoena Christie & Graw bring to Indian and instruct me to keep an eye on Christie. Yes.

By Christie. Did you seen found any evidence. No.

Election of Prince Michel, 4-5-6-7

of Charley Williams. - I don't know who were the Candidates when Prince Michell was elected as I wasn't here both drown at Kelowna at the time.

Peter Bissett. - I don't know how many

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Canadolas' Pierre Some of the electors who Pierre Mitchell. I don't know who they were, Some said that Chewalk should be chief but some said he dont do much, Does not know anything about it,

Ross asked — I was at the Meeting when Pierre Mitchell was elected. There was Pierre Mitchell & Surgeons Chewalak. I don't know how the vote went. There was his votes Peter and and I voted for Baptiste Logan I said that Pierre Should not be Chief on account of his dam Smithy business. Some put their thumb up I also asking the Indians who were fit to be chief. Cumashay asked who they would be put up. I don't know how the vote went. but I heard Surgeon that had the majority. I don't know who told me. There was only half who voted for Pierre Mitchell. I think Cumashay is among Pierre Mitchell to be a Candidate and Surgeon was elected;

Pierre Logan — Didn't say anything wrong. There was a meeting of the Indians and they elected their chief. I did not see anything wrong. The Indians put their men up themselves (Unmuzzled). I don't know the result of the vote but I understood that Pierre Mitchell received the greatest number of votes. I did not think that there was anything wrong. Logan was defeated and Pierre Logan Mitchell was elected. I knew that as a white man took down the votes. Some of the Indians said that they didn't think Pierre should be chief because that was the work of the — Scotch Agent. I was interpreter. I recognized him as Chief. He was a smart man and fit to be Chief. I never said he was an English Indian, and was the Americanus Indian on the Reserve.

I have heard the Indians say he packed both by the Indians at the last field.

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Donald Abel— Commissioner Baptiste Logan is sick and Benjamin will be discharged. The Interpreter you must appoint a Chief for yourselves. Pierre Michell & Seymour Chenoweth were elected as Chiefs for Baptiste Logan. Also Napier for Baptiste, the next Petty up on Seymour & Pierre At time I voted for Seymour, but my name was put down for Pierre Michell. The Interpreter told me this.

Pierre Louis:— was at the Council as Interpreter. At the first vote I Voted for Baptiste Logan, one of the other Chiefs was taken. On the Second vote Pierre Michell got a majority. I Can remember the Indians, but the majority was less than ten. I did not see anything Counted at the time. The Inspector did not tell us we would have to vote for Pierre Michell. After the vote they Counted the Names & read them to the Indians. Commissioner then gave a little Speech and said they should Council together and be as one, and they all raised their hands and said they would be as one. I did not tell Donald Abel that his Name had been Counted for Pierre. I Could not know as I did not see the list, as I was too far away. I do not think there anything in that Charge.

By Chrestien:

Michell Approachen— Pierre Michell & Seymour Chenoweth were Nominated. All the old people were against both of these because they both were in the habit of drinking and Pierre had been in Jail. I heard the Agent say the one who gets the most votes shall be the Chief, and the older people laugh Smile. The Young for Seymour and some of the Young said for Pierre Michell, the Older people were never Satisfied, and Saw Young Indians who Come from the States from this Agency. Nothing

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reason why they dont like the U. S. better than the reason that the reason why the old Indians dont like to see the young Indians with Wops I did say it just that the agent was not right to have the check that boy, but said afterwards said that it was all right. I heard the Council of the whole and Pierre Michell told the Interpreter and I think all right. Comstock told Pierre Michell he would make up a Council to help you. Michell did tell the Majority but these Came from the U. S. That is why we say that Comstock did not deal with that check right. I do not mean to say that we dont the Indians from across the line here but we dont want them already as their names are on the papers in Washington. After that check Comstock asked us to Come together as one.

~~That is the end~~

By Mr Grant. Did anyone ask you for doing for the affairs of the reserve

Pierre Michette — Comstock said Baptiste Lewis and they had talked about it before, and the Boy chose on that day. At the meeting Comstock was there and some of the Indians, told what they wanted and the Chief of Indians Armed — two one, Seymour and Lonsdale. Some voted Seymour & Some for Lonsdale. Some also voted for Baptiste Lewis. I dont count the whole but I was the 32 for me and 24 for Seymour Comstock told them, they should all come together as one and once they all held up their hands, as many in him as the one Chief.

By Chrisdale. I dont remember of going to Round the North Shellebeyer.

By Wm Grant. — I heard it said that I was was deposed here for drunkenness. It was three years before I was elected. I used to get whisky from different people. and I used to get it from Jim Christie. and Francois Lonsdale

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I answers N. I think the one who gives the Whiskey to Indians is worse than the Indians who get drunk. it.
I heard that Christie was making a profession of
Selling Liquor to the Indians

Louis Chaco, was drunk, threw an
Joseph Jim Seymour & Pierre. Pierre has asked Joseph
for a fine, Seymour. Pierre hunted for the Rest of
Augs. Louis asked Joseph for Baptiste. Answer
told that Pierre has elected because he had a
Majority. I don't know whether he asked it
to be answered. I don't know whether Pierre
got drunk the same day of polling his ballot. I don't
know whether he got drunk or not. I did not
see Pierre & Alexander together the night of
~~I don't know of anything~~ the Statement that it
has ~~last~~ said was told to me

2 A Change

(1) ~~Honorable~~ Not proven
(2) Seymour Paul. — Claimed he was put out of
the Meeting when the Vote was being taken;
Mr Dean shows that Seymour & Christie (both
of whom were present) were not Members of the Band
were interfering and were put out.

Marcine Jack. Said that after Pierre read
the letter Mr Joseph Seymour objected
was asked. The Statement made by Mr Dean Correct
Marcine Jack is an unreliable witness as he has been
in trouble. Seymour & Christie disliked the Meeting,
Mary Ann Jane. — See his evidence

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Rev. Chester: He felt he could not say tonight the
whole story. The Charges laid by him, relying on the charges
given to him, and explained, in good faith, the evidence
which has been given has not borne out the charges
as made out by him, & Gabriel Sioui, Komoktak.
Norman Jacob. Pierre Jacob. Seymour Paul. Edward
Brown.

Did you go to find out what the three complaints were, read or misgiving,

2nd Charge. Hendrason leaves, — At the first when I heard Mr
Hendrason made ready to move on the reserve and we didn't know anything
about it and couldn't find anything about. Brown said to the reserve
and he told me that Mr McGraw had rented it to the white man.
I asked Mr Brown what money was the death with and he
said he didn't know. He was told Brown that he should
pay the whole years twice, he said that was right. It was his
duty but Mr Graw had gone in partnership and spoiled it.
Asked Brown if he was resigning as yet but he
refused to answer. He said as he was not, but he gave
was going beyond me at the time. We had quite a
few meeting after then because that Mr Graw had rented the
land to the white man. and we continued to hold meetings
and saw the Germans on the land plowing. I twice
went over and stopped the Germans. The third time we had
a meeting. and the following morning we heard that there were
two Constables to put the pair by one who interfered.
A few days after Dr. Henderson, Mrs D. & Jimmy Antoine came
to my house, the latter is a policeman appointed by Mr Graw.
Jimmy came from my field & met Mr Graw and he asked
me if I had my dinner. and I said no, he said you
go and get your dinner and then show Henderson the
place as he was going to work the land. I did

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him that I would go and not have that to ask him
twice about. Mr Graw said he wanted me to go
along with me, but I told him I wouldn't go. He took
out his watch and said he would give me five
minutes to go with him or put the hand cuffs. But that
I wouldn't do. as long as I thought I was right. He said I
was just like a Sheets and guilty had to obey and that a
Sheets would be a little Chief Bear grew. I told him that if
a Sheets was a chief Ireland could be taken, but as he was not
a Sheets he would not do. Then to tell the band. [See all this]

4 - Gaston Louis deposed - x See Gaston Evidence
also. Inspector Mc Graw sworn. Says
his evidence (See Mr Graws Letter dated 5/7/6
File 427011)
gestion continues in re Jack Bunnes evidence.
on a Sunday when I came along I seen Bunnes
Boy down and Shake one of I told Constable for Pierre
Michel in a kind of angry way I told him in
reply that I shd send Constables after them but it was
Billy Swalwell that I wanted, Jack told me that if
he was ready I could take him, and I said if
he was all right I would take a ride to send for
you but if you had done wrong then I would take
him the right to send the Police.

Peter Beggett. — Gaston was along at the time
and Billy Swalwell was then taken to the shooting
that same morning after he was shot they Gaston Jack Boy
to come and also Seymour & Jos Swalwell to give the
Chief for a trial. They came here and chief see
him, but got no reply from Mrs Pierre Michell
that Swalwell had gone with Pierre & his whole, and
they searched the house and the Chief told
them they had killed & ate them. Don't know
how far they went before they came back, they
Couldn't catch up to him.

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Opie Powers

Says he did sign the petition (Declaration of 4th June). ~~other~~
what he says about this. Evidently I cannot write what it means.
Evidently festival most of time,
(Mrs Jones on procession of Indians).
See which he says - about Christianity.
And about Mrs McDougall getting land

5th
Rest 2 days -
7th on Thursday

July 20 -
6th Charlotte up. Pierre Mitchell, Jane Anderson
Mary with Mrs Evans Report. And all the Indians glad
And Sch was the Convert Wednesday.

8th - Esplanchin and Edmund given by me.
~~Peter Bercette~~, Tomasket speaking for the Bands
as agreed to Christie. I dident say I knew any
Children only 7 reserve, about twelve on which I
spoke yesterday. I did not tell Christie to take
the names of the Sch

Mitchell Pa Pa Chemus - from Christie - called down
Indian to his house. I find his tongue is like two it is
split. I wait to see what he has to say, and he
seems glad as I spoke up the money. Found I was
owing Jane Victor to clean Potatoes up. and I
want you to pick up $10 but I told him I had
not money to pick my Potatoes out of the ground
I told Christie first I must have Field cut pick
up my money pay to pick out Potatoes of the Indians,
then he told up I would not pick the money
to clean up Potatoes and pick the half Potatoes
we wanted those the Indians. We shewn
told him to pick their Potatoes N. Shuan

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which you said and I think you are right-

Robert Bossette. - I have signed as papers light
as any of the rest and did I give Charlie any
authority to get these papers &c.

Gaston Louis? I saw him while he and
he told me that if I left the room they would have
the reserve, I told him not make a complaint about
them, as he did not want to put them out.
I think which you said was right: Charlie said
to make as a lot of charges and some of them I
told him to discharge. I saw him put up the book
and I told him to take it away. I do not know
these were removed-

Pierre Jack: I did not give Charlie any authority
to have the name taken off. I would not sell
them have the reserve, & I don't know of any body giving
C. de Neuf. I never saw Charlie with a list.
Never heard any complaint of the name about
half breed being removed

Marcel Jack. - My best felt bad when I knew
the names were, I never gave him any authority.

Charley Williams - . I saw him do as above,
I do not think it would be right to put them
off.

W. H.

(7), Gaston Louis, I don't know, I just saw a witness
was asking Spurley about it, I don't think a paper should
would by his pile. Wild Cherry says.

Gs. of plaintiff
10. of plaintiff.
11. W. Ashton, see evidence also Ben Bull's, who
said he drew the charges. Mr Grant.
14. of plaintiff

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18 McCheyne (13)

13 – Gustin Lowie – I do not know anything about this charge. I heard Mrs Ashton say [illegible] say the Inspector told him to tell Christie. That is all I heard her say.

Peter Bissett, – I don't know anything about except what I heard. I heard Mrs Ashton say that Frank told her he was going to hit Christie on the head with a stick and that would be the end of him; Mrs Ashton said how Grow and told him and he just laughed at it. We were at Blacktown Christie does not steal. I think it is nothing but a lie.

Thomas Cook. – I think it is time because I have it in writing. I don't know that Frank Edgerton threatened to kill Christie.

Mr McGraw, Mrs Pierre Michell – Stephen told her if Christie came to her place to kick him off and if he didn't go to ask Charles Pierre Logan. – Mr Grow told me that if Christie came to my house and caused trouble to drive him off. Jack Bisson – You said if Christie comes to your place and bothers you to kick him off.

Charge 13 laid over to get Christina Ashton.

Christina Ashton called by Mr. McGraw, said she made an affidavit written by Christie and signed by J. E. Smith J.P. Here stated a whole lot of drunken lies, between McGraw & Mrs Ashton.

J. Edgerton asked any one was present. Yes Billy & Bruce & Johny Bruce & Maria.

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14th Chief — Horse Stealing — Mrs. Josephine Edwards.

Yes they have taken my horses. and the Chief Sallosh sent a Constable to buy the bad hat Annie before refused. When Chief Sallosh I went to the Indian Inspector and showed him my papers and he said no one had any right to take the horses. I don't know why the Chief Sallosh took the horses. and I would like to get them horses. The horses belonged to my husband Edward and he signed them to me when he died. that is why I think it is not right to take the horses.

In the first place the were stole and then they claim it to them is now why the horse in dispute. I bought the horses. This case was settled by Justice Marshall. decided but I didn't agree with it. I & Marshall Annie, he helped Annie. I did give one horse to the old woman, but Annie picked out a different horse, my husband wanted for this horse which he got from old Sallosh, for he knew him. Johnny Isaac knows all about it. Before the Chief Settled the case Boss and Johnny Martin. were talking to Sallosh about the horses in front of police before, Husband wanted for one mare & a colt-and 2. yr old, he wanted for old Sallosh. She had lots of horses, he was manager for Sallosh. The horses were sold by Johnny Martin to Annie before Sallosh Grandson, Johnny Martin there took Sallosh to live with his family. Sallosh died two years with Johnny Martin after the death of my husband. The horses in question belonged to my husband and are stated in the will.

Brown spoke that the case came up Chief two or and he was said it should be settled by the Chief & Council. Josephine was told that it should be settled in this way, and it was accordingly settled by the Chief & the Council

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they stood for one year & best and then was
refused to dispute by Captain Clark.
Statement by Mrs Grant, —
Pierre Legan — I heard the statement by the Chief in Council
because I thought the horses belonged to Sallett. I am not
the only one to know that the lady had the horses, they
all work, frozen to Slater, Edward got on horse for
work for D. The old lady stayed there. Sallett was
in the hotel & Long Lance Legan with whom the dispute
once the fore had big words. I did not divorce it right
then but my Counsil were at the meeting, when I spoke
of divorce and separation to let Sallett put the mark
be satisfied with the ruling. My decision was
that Josephine was to get the mare and the 3 year old
and Sallett was to get the 2 year old and the yearling,
I made this decision because Josephine had an claim
to the horses. I have a witness to prove that Edward sold the
horses that he got from Sallett. His Council Said. All Said
there was all right there was three Councellors, Papa Chief
Long Joseph Louise Jacky also two Police men, Jerry
Cardinal. Pierre Legan made the affair & paid the
Ground expenses but it was after the decision.
Papa Chief — I know all about it, I heard both
Said about the decision. and it is correct, I thought it was
good enough at the time but it is not good. We favored the
old lady and Johny Maikin, Edward gave us any to get horses. &
Mr Carroll and it was from three years that the four years
they were Sallett's horses, ~~Sergeant Mr Knight~~ Edward
wanted them gave it was though his fault that the
horses came up to us, after Josephine husband died
she had to travel around. X Josephine was angry about
about the decision and when I called her they the Bank
to see him about it and Jacky said it was Sallett
by power and we don't want it — right up my way

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Jimmy Joseph:- We Saied ot first the horses
would be divided. Pierre Michell Tremble one to
Get the horses. and Jack Stem in a corrall. I desird
to. I told him I was hungry Stem, It wors by by gete
Rich I heard it again, I heard Pierre Logan had picked
out two horses out of the bush. So I desird to go out to
Get the horses. Josephine was to Get the Brown mare and no
brown horse, Dallch the 3 yearly & two 4 year old. They had another
trial and Josephine Said She would give the Brown mare
$20 for the Funeral. They Should have drawed all the all the
horses & he put in Pierre Connolly and Settled by the
Same people as Settled here.

Josephine	Dallch
1 - Mare.	3 - 2 year old.
2 - 3 year olds	4 - Yearly

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SPELLUMCHEEN.

SALMON RIVER INDIAN RESERVE.

1. That they receive no attention from Officials. that they have failed to secure us some one in authority on our reserve to prevent crime, and secure order, that complaints of the impracticability to meet Agent at Enderby has not been considered by officials of Dept.
2. That Chief maintains an American Indian on our Reserve, that we desire his removal as undesirable, trouble maker, and asserts authority over Reserve, a criminal refugee.
3. That monies for finishing church is not accounted for or sale of logs.,
4. That Enderby men receive permission to cut our timber, that our timber is not conserved.
5. That a resident of ~~Enderby~~ has by permission fenced a great portion of remaining timber on Reserve; claims personal ownership.

Salmon River

The Band.

Members of Salmon River Indian Reserve:- William Ronish, Jim Haskit, Jimmy Felix, George Potice, Andrew Morris, Francois Thom, Alex. Nahaskit, McPhillips, Dan Phillips, Dennis Jim, Harry Bill, Billie Felix, Andrew George. - 13

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Billy Andrews
Andrew Williams
Alexander Abolas

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Ballenden - Salmon River P[illegible]

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1 – Ingram. Re making of Endsly. See file 427057 64, Purchase Salmon River Mission reserve
2 Ingram. This should not be attended. See file extract file 427057
3 Ingram.
4 ..
5 ..

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Exhibit C

FORT STEELE, B. C.

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SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE
NOV 27 1916
Vernon, B. C.

To Whom it may Concern,

This is to certify that I have known Billy Isadore an Indian, since he was a little boy. He came to East Kootenay with his father and mother from Fort Shepherd B.C. and West Kootenay, where he has relatives amongst the Indians at Creston.

He worked for the firm of John J. Galbraith & Bro., as a packer, and was always found to be honest, trustful and steady.

He left this section of the District some years ago and settled (so I understood) near Enderby or in that neighbourhood.

W. L. Galbraith
Indian Agent for the Kootenays

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Salmon River
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① Mrs Magraw, - the Chief is wrong, dont believe the S.R. Indians made the Charge themselves but Christie made them for the purpose of getting Miss Slack into the band. See Mrs Graw's statement - also this block dealing with this on file. 427057 and 05th appeal of this.

Brown substantiates the statement made by Magraw, Christie Chief Edward; said it was right what Christie has done to us. I begin to feel about what Christie has done and my heart ached. Ramsdell is kind and Christie took advantage of him, Christie came home and then took upon the reserve, the Indians got always towards the old people, but I think Christie is trying to get things now to them to suit himself, I didnt see any Indians join him wrong but I think he has got it.

William Madelin - I am sick and hope out shortly, & the Indian agent help me in anything it will be all right. He always is in a mess. The Indians have a few troubles about Ramsdell and before they are settled the agent goes away. The present agent comes & stops one or two hours. and then goes away. Mrs Percy used to stop two or three days. Now you have come I hope you will stop as good so that we will not have troubles anymore. He said the Indians asked me to be Chief three times. but the Agent has been kicking about. All the Indians did not Chief me to pay Christie. Christie woman is an Indian woman and.

Gunga Pontiac - I am well Sales pens with Mr Graw and he owe to me thing and is wrong. How asked that the bounty dues he signed but Arthur Brown & Simon signed them. There is a white man who has his house on the reserve, and called on Mr Brown! but he never signed it. I am sure that white man is inside the reserve, Mrs Graw & Brown both agree is all right.

To Mr Brown - yes I owe some, to pay the time

To Mr Mr Graw! - Yes I was at the meeting, they pay boys and young Josephs are two.

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The Chief – Jos Brown Come Two acres sheppard Ho
him out. There was nothing known.

Brown by flames about Pepe & wife + Suzy Ann.
(See this).

(2) about from Andrews Maddin, Says Polson
takes people when arrested, to this house. Left from the Chief arrested and
Now I would

Wm Andrews – I have lived Two Chief on
6 Reserve Years. I Come from Kootenay. and am married
in Portland.

Wm Maddin To Mr Graw. I was at Charlie
Brown house before the trial of the boy. Charlie told me
God he told what had been done, & this told me just the same
as he told Christie.

Mr Graw. said he wished to know why
Charlie was afraid Andrew. – Andrews said. he got the
Couple of Children on the reserve.

(3) Wm Maddin. I told Jos Pierre the was $95. told Brown
to take the money and destroy the Receipt from

Jimmy Felix. – He is not the Church that told Wm
Says; He was Brown Got the Key and Jos Pelon—and
myself Got the Key and We hired a man to fix the Church,
the Man that built the Church charged $150.00 and Pelon
Said if I would be Cash to pay him out of the Mng.
and we told Wm Harrywood to pay the Carpenter,
we paid all the I was due Ind Affairs of 17.40 and
put this Amt towards the Windows. I used 8.00 for
nails which left 14.40 at the Sask and Drug for
the Windows, I told the man who is fixing the Windows that
when he got a little more Money we would pay for the Windows
which were in Stock 88, Pay 3.6.0 following on the Church.
Wm Maddin Says because Brown [illegible] the Church
Trustees, as the Council

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(4) — Wm Madeline — Phelps from Enoch come here and cut logs. Index

~~Phelps Jackson~~ Jerry Narcisse.

(5) Wm Madeline — says it would be Salmon River and not Enderby. Says it is Jerry Phelps who has fenced in the birch.

Jerry Fibbs — said he had fenced it in but there is not much timber on the land and I should not have gone clear out & made trouble & understood that if he worked all the land he might get Crown Grant & that the reason why I wanted a piece to farm in the spring. It is for pasture land, that I fenced it and I don't pretend to own the timber or the land.

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Brown on Sunny.
Brown on pipes.

In some Indians to be made by Surgeons in outsides.
No Chief can take in people in the band without the consent
Brown for pipes & Wild Game. Indians can elect their
work x. Survey will be made as soon as possible
Madden already active in Signing Cases.
Andrew Arnsdorf a great Labourer.
4 putting feathers on in pairs Madden
Tents, Each with 2 poles in band but Returns must
be Answered and Cannot be Cut & off for further
Work from Agent

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Okanagan Indian Rights Degence League.

Clinthill, Armstrong, B. C.,

August 30th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Presented to
Indian Agent Brown
at Meeting, Head of Lake,
August 31st, 1916.

The Band desires to place before their Agent their wishes regarding the following matters:-

1. The employment by the Agent or other officials of the man Isaac Harris, as interpreter or in any way in connection with their affairs will not longer be tolerated.

2. That none but recognized members of the Okanagan Band shall be permitted to vote or in any way be permitted to interfere in connection with their affairs; this prohibition includes all half-breed trespassers and intruding Indians, foreign or from other Reserves.
3. That the Agent shall not interfere with the right of any recognized Okanagan Indian to vote; that all Okanagan Indians resident at our Reserve at Westbank are members of this Band.
4. That the appointment of men, intruding Indians, in open opposition to the Chief is not conducive to harmony on the Reserve.
5. That the Agent enquire into the presence of a number of "German Alien Enemies" renting portions of Reserve, acreage rented, by whom rented, amount of rent and to whom paid. That the Agent enquire into all parties renting
6. land on Reserve; the amounts paid for rents, to whom paid authority for same for the information of the Band.
6. That certain parties having removed Schout (Timber) and timber from Reserve without authority, The Agent shall recover value for same and prosecute.
That our Agent shall notify Inspector Megraw that his threatening and discourteous language applied to our Chief is resented by the Band; that the customery and continuous threat and arrest, policeman and goal, if persisted in shall be met with an injunction from a Judge or an action of Law.
That our Agent shall notify the Provincial Police that any repitition of their disgraceful conduct in dragging our Chief from his home, and their struggle with women who resented their conduct, they acted without cause, reason or warrant, should call for sharp action on the part of the Department.
That the Chief and Band has reason to distrust Inspector Megraw's intentions in relation to the interests and welfare of the Band, that they resent his invasion of their rights, his unreasonable interference with our Chief.
That the Band has every reason to fear that he desires a repitition of the disgraceful acts of the officials in

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connection with the removal of the then Chief Baptist Logan when forged and false reports were returned to the Department in connection with that affair.

That a request has been forwarded to the Department for a thorough enquiry into the Inspector's conduct in connection with the Henderson lease and other matters. The band considers the Henderson lease but an attempt to legalize theft.

The Band desires that their Agent will preside at all meetings, that no meetings shall be called of the Band otherwise than by notification through their Chief.

That a much longer time for discussion and fuller information be allowed at their meetings.

Respectfully submitted by

Chief and Band.

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Grievances presented by Brown at the head of the Deputy
August 31, 1916

1 – Indian Selection should be respected unless substantial reasons why such

2 – agreed. This is the law.

3 – agreed. Agent has right to interfere with Members & make, and any irregularity in the Acts should be corrected

4. Get explanation of the charge Complained

5. Inquire into the matter

6. Inquire received from Indian Dept

7. Such permissible

8. Depends on the necessity –

9 .. If Indians act within the Law, Provincial Police and District Rep

10. Inspector represents Dept & see that the Indians Carry out law and order

11. Such based on evidence

12 Already dealt with –

13 Agent only for Voting. But Inspector can also call meetings.

14. Only right there should be Suffered but for the moment. Shows when this has not been Carried out

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

Ok-O-1248

ENCLOSURE

February 6th, 1935.

Dear Mr. Perry:

With reference to your coming up to Vernon in connection with the membership question in Okanagan I. R. #1, I have to inform you that I wrote Indian Agent Coleman the other day to find out what he thought about your coming up. Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Mr. Coleman to me in answer, which is self explanatory, and I think that his suggestion is a good one. In connection with this matter, I am waiting for the result of the murder trial. I presume you have seen in the papers that the Supreme Court has ordered that the Appeal Court ruling for another trial stands.

Yours very truly,

G. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/BC

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Commissioner,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

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File Ok.1-18-2.

Vernon, B. C.
February 5th 1935.

Dear Colonel:

re: Your File No.Ok.O-1245.

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant regarding whether Mr.Perry should come up in connection with the membership question on Okanagan I.R.No.1, I would advise that I gave out the lists sent from the Department a few days ago, with instructions that one copy be posted in the Council House. It was impossible to get in there on account of snowdrifts, and I am now awaiting, the re-action of the agitators. So far there has not been the slightest evidence of dissension, and it seems to me that, as the result must be an agreeable surprise to the large majority who knew better than ourselves the weakness of their claim to membership if it became necessary for them to prove it beyond any doubt, it is more than likely that further agitations in this direction will not be encouraged by the Band itself, thinking it is better to retain confirmation of their own doubtful status than risk another enquiry for the satisfaction of the Antoine element who, in any event, have lost much of their influence by reason of Antoine's more recent betrayal of his own friends.

Another important factor is that the R.C.M.P. Inspector was here early last month looking up quarters for a detachment in Vernon and stated that if Ottawa gave final approval they would open up here in a month or six weeks from that time. If they do so, it will put an entirely new complexion on affairs so far as Antoine and his friends are concerned, and they will no longer attempt a great deal they are now getting away with in this City. If Mr.Perry feels that he would like to meet the Band, I think it would be advisable to defer the visit until after the R.C.M.P. have been here for a short time, for the reason that the more truculent faction will probably shed a great deal of their previous attitude and be more amenable to reason.

However, if you consider his early visit would be more satisfactory, it would be appreciated if you would kindly make the necessary arrangements.

Yours very truly,

(James Coleman)
Indian Agent.

JC/DH.

Col.C.S.Pragnell, D.S.O.
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
KAMLOOPS, B. C.

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Inspector Pragnell advised me in Nov. 1924, at Nelson Office that Corp Alleyn [illegible] at Kelowna at the office of Supt Harris K.B. [illegible] told by MS Harris that Penny was a dam Dutch head and Pragnell was something mean as hell. Alleyn replied plumply to MS Harris that he had not come there to learn the duty of the Indian Department under those directions he was doing police work. Outraged at this manner and strongly objected to it.

66 P.

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August 6, 1934.

Sir:

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Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for
B. C.

P/AC

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My File No. 1052-A

July 27th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assist. Commissioner of Indian Affairs for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

I understand that Mr. T.R.L. McGinnis of the Indian Department was through the District on Monday and Tuesday of this week looking over the Indian Reserves. I do not know whether Mr. McGinnis is in a position to go into the matters which have been the subject matter of correspondence between us, but if he is and has some authority from the Superintendent General, would it not be well if he should come in here again upon his return from Vancouver and see me with regard to the subject matter of all the complaints of the Indians.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris

TGN/L.

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167/10/36237. 4th September, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 1st, I would inform you that as the Deputy Superintendent General has been away from Ottawa he has not been able to give a decision in regard to the status of membership recently investigated. No doubt I shall be hearing in due course and when I do so I shall advise Mr. Norris immediately.

Yours truly,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Jimmie Antoine, Esq.,
Box 722,
Vernon, B.C.

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Vernon B.C.
Sept 1. - 1934.

Sir:-
C.C. Perry.

Please let me know what is the finding of the investigation on the American indians on the Reserve. The band would like to know.

Your truly
Jimmie Antoine

Box 722

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My File No. 1052-A

July 24th. 1934

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assist. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File No. 167/10/35601.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20th. and thank you for the information therein contained. I will get in touch with my clients and write you further.

Yours faithfully,

T G Norris.

TGN/L.

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P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.
July 23, 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I took the liberty of sending to the Department, in connection with our investigation.

I was reading through the correspondence and for my own information I added up the various categories and then I rather wondered if the Department would take the trouble to do the same thing and I thought it would bring matters home to them as regards our difficulties and the state of affairs there if I passed on the results.

Yours very truly,

G.S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

G.S.P./C.N.
Enc.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Kamloops, B.C.
July, 20, 1934.

Dr. H. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. McGill:

In connection with the investigation that we have just held regarding the state of the Indians of the Okanagan Reserve, No.1, I thought it might make matters clear and save the Department trouble if I just epitonized the results of our investigation under their various categories.

Under category "A" which is the category under which those whose position is indisputable are placed, there are 158 Indians all told, including women and children. Under category "B" which category includes all those Indians whose position was not disputed by the Indians, might be disputed by the Department in that they are either of illigitimate origin or come from other reserves in B.C., the numbers total 205 Indians all told.

Under category "C", which includes all Indians whose position at the moment is being disputed by some of the agitators of the band, the total number is 40, this is, of course, as in both cases, including men, women and children.

Therefore, it can easily be seen by the above mentioned figures that the large majority of the band, namely 245, were under investigation and recommendation in a report. This shows very poor administration 20 to 40 years back, it also shows the difficulty of the board in making any other recommendations than they have made and also to my mind shows the fact that those Indians who are making the objections are really merely discriminating against certain ones.

Yours very truly,

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167/10/35660.

23rd July, 1934.

Dear Mr. Norris:-

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of July 18th, your File No. 1052-A, and in reply to the same wish to say that I shall write you again after I hear from the Department in regard to the questions which have been recently reviewed. I shall then give you some idea of the action that will probably be taken in regard to the other questions, to which you make passing reference.

Yours sincerely,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T.G. Norris, Esq., K.C.,
Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B.C.

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My File No. 1052-A

July 18th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assist. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File 167/10/35532

I have your letter of July 16th. I understand fully the difficulties with which you were faced in connection with your trip to the Okanagan. I note what you say about meetings with the Band. My feeling is that it is a mistake to deal with the Indians at arms length. Rightly or wrongly the Indians on the No.1 Reserve are very suspicious of Indian Agent Coleman and have little respect for him. There is no need to go into the rights or wrongs of this matter in this letter.

I agree with you that action is necessary but I do think that in the meantime a visit from somebody who could deal with the Indians reasonably and tactfully would do a great deal of good. The two or three matters referred to in your letter are only some of the difficulties which the Indians

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bring forward. Whether the matters are of importance or not, it isimportant I think that the Indians should be made to feel that the Department is looking after their interests and that they are not being neglected. They would doubtless bring up before you matters of minor importance but it is these minor matters which in the long run are the original cause of trouble.

I note what you say about the Gasto Louie matter. I have simply told the Indians that you are taking this up with Ottawa and that it will be gone into thoroughly.

I appreciate the fact that you have endeavoured to get the Department at Ottawa to settle the matters referred to. I have told the Indians this but they cannot understand why you or some official from Ottawa has not been in to discuss their troubles with them.

I note what you say about the copy of my letter to you which I suggested you might wish to send to the Deputy Superintendent General. I do not know that there is any particular reason why that letter should be sent to the Deputy Superintendent General if you do not think that it is advisable. What I do think is of importance is that you should

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place before the Deputy Superintendent General the necessity of a personal visit by some senior official of the Department from outside the District.

Will you please give the matter your consideration and let me know what will be done.

Yours faithfully,

T. Gronnis.

TGN/L.

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167/10/35601.

20th July, 1934.

Your File No. 1052-A.

Dear Mr. Norris:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 16th, in which you ask what is the position concerning alleged instructions given to prospective purchasers of farm produce from the Indians in which payment is to be made to the Indians in supplies instead of in cash, the suspicion being that such action is to prevent the Indians from contributing to the defence fund for the Canford Reserve Indians.

Let me assure you at once that I know of no such instructions having been given to our Indian Agents, or to anyone else. Most certainly no instructions have been given from this office, as I know of nothing in the Indian Act, or in the procedures of the Department, that would justify such interference with the unrestricted trade privileges of the Indians in common with those of white people.

I would be very glad if, when cases of this kind arise, you could obtain from the Indians definite information concerning the persons who are supposed to have given such instructions and to whom, for it is difficult to deal with the matter in a general way. I would deal at once with any complaint supported by facts in such cases.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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My File No. 1052-A

July 16th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Head of the Lake Indians

The Indians from the Head of Okanagan Lake have been in to see me again about their affairs. They complain that instructions have been given to prospective purchasers of farm produce which the Indians produce that they are not to pay the Indians in cash but may pay them in supplies. The Indians suggest that this is to prevent them from contributing to the defence fund for the Canford Reserve Indians. If such instructions have been issued they would hardly seem to be reasonable. Will you let me know what the position of the matter is.

Yours faithfully,

TGN/L.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Vernon, B.C.
July 16th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry,

Adverting to my letter of the 11th inst. re investigation of status of the members of the Okanagan Band, I would advise that I have now received a copy of your report to the Board from Colonel Pragnell and consequently will not require one as requested.

I am glad to advise that the Colonel informs me that he is feeling better today.

Yours sincerely,

James Coleman

(J. Coleman)
Indian Agent.

JC/EC

C. C. Perry Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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167/10/35532.

16th July, 1934.

Your File No. 1052-A.

Dear Mr. Norris:-

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and I appreciate fully what you have written. In regard to the District, I may say that I visited the New Westminster, Lytton, Kamloops, Okanagan and Kootenay Agencies, four residential schools, and the (Camford) Nooaitch No. 10 Reserve (where the recent murder took place) and met the Indians as well as held a meeting with the Indians at Columbia Lake. This trip took me three weeks which is longer than I had expected. My inability to reply promptly to your several recent letters was in itself evidence of the effect of my prolonged absence.

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167/10/35532.

16th July, 1934.

Your File No. 1052-A.

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July 13th. 1934

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P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
JUL 16 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

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re: Your File No. 167/10/35401

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Yours faithfully,

J. Lonnie.

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Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

re: Indians on Okanagan Reserve No. 1.

I do wish that you would do something about completing your investigation into the status of the Indians on this Reserve. I have been telling them from time to time that you would be in the district and would see them and they cannot understand what the difficulty is.

I think that it is essential that everything possible should be done at this time to avoid giving them cause for discontent. Will you please write me and let me know when you will be here.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris

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CANADA

Commissioner's Office,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.
15th July, 1934.

187/10/35826.

Dr. Harold W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:-

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the report of a special Board of Inquiry appointed by you to investigate the census of the Okanagan Band of Indians, Okanagan Agency, B.C. In doing so I wish to say it is my opinion that it would be most advisable to accept the recommendations contained in the joint report in their entirety, as they have been carefully considered and unanimously endorsed by the Inquiry Board, composed of Mr. Inspector Pragnell, Indian Agent Coleman and myself. The census, as submitted in book form, is what we considered should receive the approval of the Hon. Superintendent General. Should this course prove acceptable, it is further recommended that the census should be re-written under alphabetical arrangement, as well as being numbered consecutively, for ready reference in future business contacts with the Band, pay lists, etc.

Should the census now recommended not prove acceptable, however, to the few agitators in the Okanagan Band and should their solicitor, Mr. F.G. Morris, K.C., be inclined to support their continued opposition to admission as members of the Band of those now recommended in our report under "Category C", it would appear that their next step would be to appeal under Section 18 of the Indian Act to His Excellency the Governor General for the necessary authority to have a wider commission of investigation appointed, with power to subpoena witnesses as provided for in Section 70 of the Indian Act. In such event many witnesses would have to be summoned from places far removed from the point of inquiry, including the United States, which would occupy much time and involve considerable expense. I believe His Excellency would be justified, under the circumstances, in refusing a request for such a Commission in view of the reasons which the present Board of Inquiry has given for the admissions now submitted for approval.

Owing to the temporary indisposition of the Inspector of Indian Agencies, Colonel Pragnell, who was not permitted by his medical attendant to travel, the investigation was made at Kamloops instead of at Vernon. The Board considered it inadvisable to hold meetings with the Indians until the Department's decision has been given in this matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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167/10/35528.

16th July, 1934.

Colonel C.S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Inspector Pragnell:-

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of July 11th, covering all enclosures concerning the Okanagan investigation. I am returning to you herewith a complete triplicate set containing the report of the Board and the proposed census, together with copy of my covering letter of today's date addressed to Dr. McGill. For your further information I am sending copy of a letter written today by me to Mr. Agent Coleman.

I think we have done everything possible for the time being, but in view of the fact that Mr. Norris is urging that an official be sent to meet with the Indians in their Reserves, I would draw your attention to the last clause in my letter to Dr. McGill of today's date. You will remember that the Board discussed the feasibility of holding meetings with the Indians, but we decided not to do so until a decision had been given by the Superintendent General in regard to the census and the affair of Gasto Louie, as well as the Shiel lease matter having been satisfactorily explained to us from the Department, so that we could meet the Indians on the level. I am personally prepared to meet any Band of Indians at any time and when I do so I want to be quite satisfied that I can explain to them fully,and without reserve, all the actions of the Department as well as our officials in regard to their affairs. If I cannot do so the situation is hopeless.

I am informing Mr. Norris that there are certain questions receiving the attention of the Department, which must be cleared up before meetings can be held with the Indians.

I hope you are feeling better.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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167/10/35589.

16th July, 1934.

James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

Dear Mr. Coleman:-

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of July 9th, instant, covering data concerning the Okanagan investigation, which you submitted to me through Mr. Inspector Pragnell's office. These have all been carefully examined and I have agreed to the action taken by you in regard to the categories as outlined in your letter. I have also noted the additional data in the case of Baptiste Nicholas.

I agree that the census list should be indexed by consecutive numbers and consider the names should be arranged alphabetically after a decision has been given by the Superintendent General. I have returned one set of the report, etc., complete to Inspector Pragnell, as requested by him, and the additions suggested in your letter have been incorporated in the sets exactly following the wording given by you under each head. It is presumed that you will have kept a fifth set yourself, minus these additions, and that you will be able to add thereto from your letter the small items given as additional data. Original and duplicate sets have been sent to Ottawa and a triplicate to Inspector Pragnell, the fourth one being retained here.

Herewith please find copy of my letter to Dr. McGill of today's date, covering the report, and I would ask you to kindly note the last clause therein, particularly in view of the Board's decision to await the result of Cant Louie affair and the Shiel lease correspondence, as well as a decision in regard to the present recommendations, before holding meetings with the Indians. A copy of my letter of today's date addressed to Inspector Pragnell is also sent herewith.

I have dated the official report "Kamloops, July 4th, 1934". My report to the Board, as sent in quadruplicate to Inspector Pragnell, concerning my trip to Colville, should contain a memorandum at the head that it was written en route at Kamloops.

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Mr. Coleman.

I hope the matter will be accepted by the Department and I wish to say I appreciate very much the amount of work entailed in preparing the data in suitable form for presentation to the Department, and also the promptitude with which you and Miss Helas, as well as your daughter, have carried the work to completion at your office.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Vernon, B.C.
July 14th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry, Your File 167/10/35460

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Mr. Ditchburn's report of August 22nd 1917, and transcript of evidence taken in 1917.

Also the copy of your letter of the 10th ist. to Mr. Norris re inquiry into the status of the members of Okanagan Band. I have read this very carefully and it appears to cover the situation very well.

I have had several inquiries re the inquiry, but have managed to get by without any definite statement other than we were working on material in connection with it. As Mr. Norris will undoubtedly communicate the contents of your letter to Jimmy Antoine it hardly appears necessary to continue to evade the point should the question again arise,

My opinion is that Jimmy Antoine at the outset fully realized that any attack he made on a few members would not be confined to that small group but would embrace nearly every one on the Reserve with a possibility of a wholesale clean up leaving himself and two or three other families in possession of over 25,000 acres of land, after which they could lease off large areas and sit back in a life of affluence and ease. I informed the Band, soon after this agitation commenced, that they would probably find difficulty in holding any inquiry down to a few men when it was obvious that the great majority of them were in no better position. Antoine is a very shrewd individual; thoroughly acquainted with the flaws in the status of his fellow members, and the Indian Act, and I am convinced that he was fully aware of the possible outcome of his action, using his knowledge to compel the support of those Indians realizing the weakness of their position.

It would be appreciated if you would come time forward me a copy of your report to the Board of Inquiry in order to complete my file on the subject. I will return Mr. Ditchburn's report in a few days.

Yours sincerely,

James Coleman

(J. Coleman)
Indian Agent.

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INDIAN AGENT

Vernon, B.C.
July 13th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry, re: Your File 167/10/35411.

I have your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing copy of Mr. Agent Ryckman's letter re the Dave Kimbasket family. I will see this man at the earliest opportunity and advise you of the results.

Yours sincerely,

(J. Coleman)
Indian Agent.

JC/EC

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

July 11th, 1934.

Ok-G-1845.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

Mr. Coleman brought in today, the completed report on our investigations, with all attached data.

As, unfortunately, I have had a slight set back, and am in bed again, I have dictated this letter to him, and have asked him to sign it and forward it with accompanying reports, etc., to you. I have read them all through and signed same, and so has Mr. Coleman. In every case I have sent you four copies of these reports with all attached exhibits, in case there is any slight alteration you wish to make, one complete set of which, of course, is to be returned to me, and Mr. Coleman advised as to any changes or alterations.

You will notice on page three of our report that a slight change has been made to emphasize Mr. Ditchburn's findings regarding the ten years' residence. I have already written you about this.

Mr. Coleman is also sending you, under date of the 9th instant, some further information regarding numbers 96,etc., which numbers are transferred from A to B category. He has also found several more as you will see in that letter. We had placed in "A" category those that strictly speaking, should be placed in "B" category. We have, however, left the choice of altering these names from A to B category to yourself. Mr. Coleman explains to me that this is data he found on his return to his office. It seems that as he left Vernon on a Sunday, and Miss Heelas, naturally, was not in the office, some data that she had found in the meanwhile was not included in the documents. He brought them with him to Kamloops.

I think Miss Heelas and Mr. Coleman's daughter and himself have certainly worked hard over these lists, etc., and the extra work they have put in should be appreciated by the Department.

I sincerely hope that my set back is only temporary, and that I will be about again in a few days.

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell per J.C.

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Vernon, B. C.
July 9th 1934.

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July 11, 1934.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
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July 9th, 1934.

Ok-G-1840.

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This will draw attention to Mr. Ditchburn's ruling about ten years' residence and the fact that the Department accepted this report upon these so called American Indians.

I hope you and Tom had a comfortable journey back to Victoria.

Yours truly,

Geo. S. Pragnell

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10th July, 1934.

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

As promised you in our recent interview, I am returning to you, with due thanks, the file that you were good enough to let me have for perusal, containing correspondence which you had with Jimmy Antoine concerning his deceased wife's inheritance claim C/44.

I found upon enquiring that Mrs. Antoine died during 1933. I have felt that the question as to his continued right to claims, based upon the filing of Mrs. Antoine's will and subsequent registration of the land title at Okanagan, is really one that I would scarcely be justified to interfere with, in view of the fact that these matters come within your administrative jurisdiction.

I desire to thank you and Mr. Beneke very much for your kindness in furnishing me with the information, as well as your views upon the several questions which we discussed, and I hope that our meeting will have beneficial results.

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10th July,1934.

Dear Mr. Coleman:-

I promised to send you copy of a letter dated February 22nd last, received from Mr. Agent Ryckman of Cranbrook, with reference to Indian Dave Kinbasket and family, and accordingly I am sending the same herewith for your attention.

I think it would be a very good thing if you could induce this family to return to the Shuswap Reserve where they belong. I would suggest that you see him at an early date in this connection and let me know what is decided. If this family is to remain in the Spallumcheen No. 2 Reserve, a resolution of the Band to that effect, together with your recommendation, will have to be submitted to the Department for the approval of the Superintendent General at Ottawa.

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Office of Indian Agent,

Kootenay Agency,
Cranbrook, B.C.
February 22, 1934.

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 12, 1934, File No. 167/10/33151, with reference to Indian Dave Kinbasket and family.

In reply, I beg to submit that until 1920 there were two Chiefs on Shuswap Reserve No. 8, this Agency, Pierre and Charles Kinbasket, twin sons of a former Chief. Rosalie was the daughter of Pierre Kinbasket, and Dave the son of Charles Kinbasket. Dave Kinbasket was born on Shuswap Reserve and lived there until between 1916 and 1920, when, according to his own statement, owing to continued trouble with his sister, Mrs. Brammel, who is married to a white man, he moved to the Okanagan Agency and has remained there ever since. Pierre Kinbasket died in June, 1920, and Charles died in July of the same year. Lucy Kinbasket, widow of Charles, died August 28, 1933, and when Dave visited Shuswap Reserve in order to straighten out the estate I tried to induce him to remain and take up the old Charles Kinbasket farm and work it. There is a good piece of bottom land, about twenty to thirty acres of which is cleared and mostly in crop and irrigated from Shuswap Creek. Dave was always a steady, hard working Indian, and I should like very much to have him on the Reserve again. If he does return he will doubtless be the next Chief, for with the exception of Louis Stowekan who is now past seventy there is not an Indian now living on Shuswap Reserve who is qualified for that position. There is no record in this office of his move to the Okanagan Agency having been authorized by the Department.

I trust the above is the information required, but if there is anything further I can do with regard to this family I shall be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

"F.S. Ryckman."

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I subsequently prepared a report to the Board of enquiry copy of which I have pleasure herewith to submit for your information. This will be self-explanatory. Following this report, the questionaires obtained by the R.C.M. Police were carefully examined by me together with Inspector Pregnell and Agent Coleman at Kamloops for three days, the Inspector being unable to leave his residence under orders of his physician where he has been for some time. We have not yet submitted our recommendation in regard to the questionaires, but we have carefully perused the report made by the late Commissioner Ditchburn as a result of his inquiry at Okanagan Reserve in 1917, also the transcript of the Royal Commission made in 1918. In these documents, as well as in subsequent official correspondence the question of membership in the Okanagan Band was given prominence as well as the matter of lands being held by individuals in the reserves. The burden of the evidence was to the effect that the membership should be settled by the Department, also that length of residence in the reserve should be a determining factor in deciding what should be done.

You have cited certain individuals by letter who should in the opinion of yourself and clients be removed from the reserves being American Indians; and while there is unquestioned appearance of these individuals having interests in the Colville Reserve, there is no provision in the Indian Act of Canada that would disallow these interests to Indians having membership in Canadian bands. It is not considered advisable for the Board of Inquiry to either deny or confirm the representations which have been made by your clients J. Antoine through yourself, as these represenations are somewhat substantiated in the letters of the U.S. officials, as cited in my report to the Board of Inquiry.

It should be emphasized that under Section 18 of the Indian Act, the Indians are not given the privilege to decide who should or should not be recommended for band membership. This responsibility is vested in the Superintendent General of

T. G. Norris, Esq., K.C.,
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July 10, 1934.

Dear Mr. Norris:

I thank you for your letter dated June 25th and July 4th, the former reaching the office whilst I was away from the City in the Interior. I passed through Kelowna on Saturday evening and the following day being Sunday I thought you would not appreciate my disturbing you then. Moreover, I was not in a position at that time to add much to what I had previously told you, except that I was in possession of information which it was felt should be carefully put into writing and considered formally instead of being communicated verbally, so as to avoid any misunderstanding. I had also been absent longer than I had expected and my work in Victoria was piling up during my absence. I could only spend a limited amount of time away from the office.

I subsequently prepared a report to the Board of enquiry copy of which I have pleasure herewith to submit for your information. This will be self-explanatory. Following this report, the questionaires obtained by the R.C.M. Police were carefully examined by me together with Inspector Pragnell and Agent Coleman at Kamloops for three days, the Inspector being unable to leave his residence under orders of his physician where he has been for some time. We have not yet submitted our recommendation in regard to the questionaires, but we have carefully perused the report made by the late Commissioner Ditchburn as a result of his inquiry at Okanagan Reserve in 1917, also the transcript of the Royal Commission made in 1915. In these documents, as well as in subsequent official correspondence the question of membership in the Okanagan Band was given prominence as well as the matter of lands being held by individuals in the reserves. The burden of the evidence was to the effect that the membership should be settled by the Department, also that length of residence in the reserve should be a determining factor in deciding what should be done.

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It should be emphasized that under Section 18 of the Indian Act, the Indians are not given the privilege to decide who should or should not be recommended for band membership. This responsibility is vested in the Superintendent Generalof

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

My File No. 1052-A

July 4th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

Your File No. 167/10/34530

I have not received a reply to my letter of June 25th. I have been advised that you have been in the District but I am inclined to think that this must be an error as I feel sure that you would have got in touch with me in accordance with our arrangement. If matters with regard to the Head of the Lake Indians are to be adjusted they should be attended to now as the situation does not improve if things drift along. Would you be good enough to write me on receipt of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris.

TGN/L.

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June 25th. 1934

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Commissioner B.C. Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

Are you coming up to this District at the time of the Indian trials at Vernon? I think that it is essential, especially in view of past happenings, that the matters outstanding in this District be cleared away as soon as possible. There are several matters on which I have written you which have not yet been adjusted. Will you please let me hear from you as to what your plans are.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas.

TGN/L.

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June 19, 1934.

Col. G. S. Pragnell,
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Kamloops, B.C.

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June 18, 1934.

Your file No.
Ok-G-1829.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant with reference to the status of the Okanagan Indians.

Mr. Perry is now on his way to visit Kamloops and the Okanagan, and on his arrival in Kamloops he will be able to see the correspondence from the American Indian Department.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

H/AC

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 14th, 1934.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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Ok-G-1829.

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Canadian Indians

Colville Indian Agency,
Nespelem, Washington,

May 24, 1934.

Mr. Harvey K. Meyer,
Superintendent, B.dg.,

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

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We have no way of abstracting a list of the Indians who are in Canada and have lands and interests here. Our census makes an effort to locate the Indians under this jurisdiction but many as you know, move around frequently.

No doubt the Okanagan Agency, if the Canadian authorities have a census, would know what Indians have interests here. I do not know of any Indians allotted here particularly, who are living in Canada, and have no knowledge of any such who receive benefits due or granted to an Indian there.

Nearly every case that I have had contact with where the parties lived in Canada, have been heirship cases; that is the parties living in Canada are heirs of allottees under this jurisdiction or some other jurisdiction in the United States Indian Service.

The heirs to Indian property are determined according to the laws of the State in which the property is located or in case of personalty according to the laws of the State of domicile. These laws do not discriminate regarding the residence of the heir, and I do not believe the Department has invoked the Statute regarding alien property in the case at any time.

I do not understand that residence or citizenship has affected the property of any Indian in this Country. In fact citizenship in the United States specifically has no effect on any interest that an Indian has in individual or tribal property.

The condition that an Indian may be a member of one reserve and hold interests in another reserve is apparently the same as in this Country. An Indian of one reservation in the United States may marry and become related with members of another reservation and inherit property in the other or "foreign" reservation.

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The rights of Indians on reservations in the United States could only be terminated by Congress, where such rights are bona fide, of course; otherwise they are not terminable. An Indian may sell his land or secure the fee thereto, but he retains his interest in the tribal property, however, as long as it remains such. This tribal property, or interest therein, is not distributable to the heirs at law.

Per capita payments, as they exist in Indian Affairs in this Country, consist of two kinds, it is my understanding, and vary according to the tribal treaties made. They are referred to as Annuity payments or Per Capita payments. Annuity payments have been so-called because they represent payments made at some time, usually annually, by provision of treaty. Per capita payments designate, generally, the payment of a surplus of accumulated funds in the Treasury derived from proceeds of reservations. These payments may be made irregularly or when a surplus is realized.

There would seem to be no reason why an Indian should not own property in both countries, subject to the laws of the Country. As to inherent rights, aside therefrom, the matter would seem to be in the hands of the courts, and I do not know whether there is any decision that will be applicable to all cases. An Indian here cannot have tribal rights in two reservations, and it has beenfollowed that one must be relinquished, in cases where his parents come from different reservations.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) A.W. Benicke.

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Colville Agency, Nespelem, Wash.,
June 7th, 1934.

Mr. Geo. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
P.O. Box 752, Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pragnell:-

Since the date there was received here your letter of May 7th, 1934, regarding the status of certain Indians who appear to have rights within the Colville Reservation here, I have endeavored to gather such information as will be of aid to you.

With us too an Indian may belong to any other reservation or in Canada, without this tending to prevent having property within this reservation inherited by will or otherwise.

The per capita payments referred to in a former letter are made from funds that have accumulated in the Treasury of the United States as income from tribal property, such as grazing fees, timber contract receipts, royalties, or any other such source. All living Indians whose names are listed on our rolls, of any age whatsoever, share in such payments when allowed at irregular intervals while alive and regardless of their place of residence or their very limited degree of Indian blood. The Indians of this jurisdiction do not have any treaty benefits, as the Colville and Spokane reservations were set aside for them by Executive Order. Those Indians who have individual holdings of land, either original allotments or thru inheritance by will or statute, receive what income is derived therefrom individually, and this is not shared as tribal income.

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Dear Mr. Pragnell:-

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With us too an Indian may belong to any other reservation or in Canada, without this tending to prevent having property within this reservation inherited by will or otherwise.

The per capita payments referred to in a former letter are made from funds that have accumulated in the Treasury of the United States as income from tribal property, such as grazing fees, timber contract receipts, royalties, or any other such source. All living Indians whose names are listed on our rolls, of any age whatsoever, share in such payments when allowed at irregular intervals while alive and regardless of their place of residence or their very limited degree of Indian blood. The Indians of this jurisdiction do not have any treaty benefits, as the Colville and Spokane reservations were set aside for them by Executive Order. Those Indians who have individual holdings of land either original allotments or thru inheritance by will or statute, receive what income is derived therefrom individually, and this is not shared as tribal income.

To get for your use a list of those Indians in your Reserves who have rights within the Colville Reservation here would be practically impossible, on account of the visiting back and forth over the boundary line. However, if it would be practicable for you to secure a list of those Indians within your Reserves believed to have rights here a checking could then be made to determine how those rights, if any, were acquired and whether they were allotted land after enrolment or have holdings by inheritance. This might then indicate who should be required to leave the Canadian Indian Reserves.

If there is available too a list of those Indians who are being considered for removal from your Reserves, I shall be glad too to have a checking made of such lists so that the individual status of each one named in so far as affiliation with out Colville Indians is concerned may be reported to you.

With this information as suggestions I would be pleased to hear further how cooperation may be extended for the benefit of those within your Reserve who feel our Colville Indians should not be allowed there and those having Colville Reservation rights who claim residence within your Reserves.

For additional consideration there is enclosed herewith a communication prepared by the Land and Lease Clerk at this Agency covering other phases of the problem you are considering.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) Harvey K. Meyer.
Superintendent.

Encl.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Colville Indian Agency,
Nespelem, Washington.

May 24, 1934.

Mr. Harvey K. Meyer,
Superintendent, B.dg.

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

I thank you for having read Mr. Pragnell's letter to you. I do not know whether I fully understand the broad subject that he has touched upon in so many ways, and to formulate a proper answer it might need considerable thought and time.

We have no way of abstracting a list of the Indians who are in Canada and have lands and interests here. Our census makes an effort to locate the Indians under this jurisdiction but many as you know, move around frequently.

No doubt the Okanagan Agency, if the Canadian authorities have a census, would know what Indians have interests here. I do not know of any Indians allotted here particularly, who are living in Canada, and have no knowledge of any such who receive benefits due or granted to an Indian there.

Nearly every case that I have had contact with where the parties lived in Canada, have been heirship cases; that is the parties living in Canada are heirs of allottees under this jurisdiction or some other jurisdiction in the United States Indian Service.

The heirs to Indian property are determined according to the laws of the State in which the property is located or in case of personalty according to the laws of the State of domicile. These laws do not discriminate regarding the residence of the heir, and I do not believe the Department has invoked the Statute regarding alien property in the case at any time.

I do not understand that residence or citizenship has affected the property of any Indian in this Country. In fact citizenship in the United States specifically has no effect on any interest that an Indian has in individual or tribal property.

The condition that an Indian may be a member of one reserve and hold interests in another reserve is apparently the same as in this Country. An Indian of one reservation in the United States may marry and become related with members of another reservation and inherit property in the other or "foreign" reservation.

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The rights of Indians on reservations in the United States could only be terminated by Congress, where such rights are bona fide, of course; otherwise they are not terminable. An Indian may sell his land or secure the fee thereto, but he retains his interest in the tribal property, however, as long as it remains such. This tribal property, or interest therein, is not distributable to the heirs at law.

Per capita payments, as they exist in Indian Affairs in this Country, consist of two kinds, it is my understanding, and vary according to the tribal treaties made. They are referred to as Annuity payments or Per Capita payments. Annuity payments have been so-called because they represent payments made at some time, usually annually, by provision of treaty. Per capita payments designate, generally, the payment of a surplus of accumulated funds in the Treasury derived from proceeds of reservations. These payments may be made irregularly or when a surplus is realized.

There would seem to be no reason why an Indian should not own property in both countries, subject to the laws of the Country. As to inherent rights, aside therefrom, the matter would seem to be in the hands of the courts, and I do not know whether there is any decision that will be applicable to all cases. An Indian here cannot have tribal rights in two reservations, and it has been followed that one must be relinquished, in cases where his parents come from different reservations.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) A. W. Benicke.

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General conditions Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1.

The report calls for careful study and I shall probably write you later in connection therewith. The effort made by Constable Illington to cover so wide a field of enquiry is duly appreciated, and I wish to thank you and your officers for your kind and effective co-operation.

Chas. C. Perry,

R.C.M. Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Re: General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 Vernon B.C.

Asstce. to Dept.of Indian Affairs.

Headquarters

1. Adverting to my previous reports in connection with the investigation being carried out into the status of Indians on the above mentioned reserve.

Sub-Division
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2. Attached hereto is my final report on this matter.The questionnaires,duly filled out and signed, which were supplied me by the Dept.of Indian Affairs for use in this investigation,together with detailed information collected on ninety Indian families are in the hands of J.C.Coleman Esq.Indian Agent,Vernon B.C.

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3. I am holding myself at the disposal of the Board of Investigation,to appear before them at hearings to be held at Vernon B.C.in the near future,and supply any further information required.

P. C. R.

4. Copies of this report have been sent to The Inspector of Indian Agencies,Kamloops B.C.The Indian Agent,Vernon B.C.and The N.C.O.i/c Cranbrook S/Div.

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No Expense Incurred.

Investigation Concluded - Handed Over to Department.

The Indian Commissioner,
Province of B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Sgd Const.
(J.A.J.Illington)Reg.No.6137
i/c Penticton Detachment.

Sir:

1. Copy of report referred to in paragraph two above, attached hereto.

2. The attention of the Constable-in-Charge, Penticton Detachment, has been drawn to the fact that an Indian is not a "person" within the meaning of the Indian Act, and he has been instructed not to lay charges under Section 141 of the Indian Act.

Vancouver,
1-6-34.
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(S.W.Phillips)Asst.Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

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Penticton, B.C. May 22,1934.

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATUS OF

INDIANS OF OKANAGAN BAND.

1. The matter of the status of certain Indians on Reserves in the Okanagan Valley has been a source of some considerable trouble to The Department of Indian Affairs for the past twenty-five years. It was the subject of an investigation about 1918 when the present roll was made up. While it is not my intention to go into the history of the band, it will be necessary to sketch briefly the events of the past in order that the condition of affairs existing today may be understood, and the events described which brought them about.

2. The Okanagan group of the Salishan Tribes inhabited a stretch of country which consisted of the valley bounded by Spokane, Wash., U.S.A. in the south, to the head of Okanagan Lake, a few miles north of where the city of Vernon, B.C. now stands. The headquarters of the Okanagan group was at a point on the Okanagan River at about Okanagan Falls, B.C. It will thus be seen that, with the establishing of the International Boundary Line about 1848, their hunting grounds were equally divided. Some Okanagan Indians then became the care of the U.S. Government and others the wards of the Canadian Government.

The Indians knew little of international boundaries, and cared less. They continued to hunt, fish, visit relatives, etc., wherever they willed They completely ignored "the line", and I find that as recently as twenty-five years ago, Indians were allowed to cross the border without going through any formalities at the Customs House. I have frequently heard the remark made by Indians on Okanagan Reserves, that "there is no boundary line for Indians."

3. Within the memory of not a few white people living in the Okanagan Valley today, the Coldstream Ranch, near Vernon, B.C. had a large acreage given over to the raising of hops. There is required a large force of labour to pick hops, which the then sparsely populated Okanagan Valley was unable to supply. There came, therefore, from across the line, large numbers of Indians families, who travelled up the valley to the Coldstream Ranch with pack horses and all their worldly goods to engage in the hop picking. These Indians, who were in the charge of the U.S. Government came up in a succession of years, they had many relatives on reserves on the Canadian side, and some of them stayed on these Canadian Reserves, purchased land and were admitted as members of the band.

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4. In the course of my investigations I visited Okanagan No. 1 (Head of Lake) Reserve, Duck Lake and Westbank Reserves. I interviewed ninety Indians. The last census gives the names of ninety-nine Indians on the rolls of these reserves as heads of families. Nine families were absent from the reserve at the time of my making the investigation (two of these having died since the census was taken). Sufficient information was obtained to establish the status of any Indian absent should his right to reside on the reserve be questioned.

5. Three Indians refused to answer any questions. Their status was not in doubt. One Indian was too ill to be interviewed. The questionnaire supplied by The Department of Indian Affairs was used in all cases, and, where I thought it necessary, I added other information obtained from the Agency records which would be of use in clearing up a doubtful case.

6. The necessity of this investigation was brought about by a petition circulated by a well known Indian agitator, JIMMY ANTOINE, and signed by members of his faction, asking the removal of certain Indians from the reserve because they were alleged to be American Indians and were in receipt of funds from The United States Indian Department. The Indians named for removal in this petition are:-

CHIEF PIERRE LOUIE
LOUIS MARCHAND
ALEC MARCHAND
JOE MARCHAND
FRANK MARCHAND
JOHN HERRON

I, therefore, investigated the above named very fully, with the results stated after the name of each of them.

CHIEF PIERRE LOUIE: This man was born at Oroville, Wash. U.S.A.(a few miles from the international boundary). His parents were both Canadian Indians, as were also both paternal and maternal grandparents. His mother was visiting relatives in Oroville when he was born and returned to Okanagan No. 1 Reserve shortly afterward. He has lived on the Okanagan Reserve practically all his life, and continuously since 1900, in which year he states he was admitted to the band by the Chief (at that time an Indian named Louie Jim). His maternal grandmother had been, prior to her marriage, on the roll of U.S.Indians and apparently retained her allotment in the U.S. when she became a Canadian Indian through marriage, and it is apparently through the inheritance of this property that Pierre Louis (with other relatives) has received money from the U.S. Indian Dept. These payments have now ceased he tells me. He purchased the land which he farms himself on Okanagan No. 1 Reserve from other Indians. He was elected Chief on May 13th,1932, for which office he was seconded by Jimmy Antoine, who now asks his removal as an American Indian. He has made an excellent Chief. He is of good moral character, intelligent and progressive. He has raised a large family and those of school age are regular attendants at school. He is a staunch supporter of officials of the Department of Indian Affairs and a strong adherent to the Roman Catholic Church.

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ALEX. MARCHAND is a brother to Chief Pierre Louis. He was born in Colville, Wash. He appears on the roll of Colville Indians and has an allotment in the U.S. No. C110. He states that he has received about three payments of $20.00 each from the Band Funds of the Colville Indians. He has resided on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve since 1900. He purchased the land he now farms from other Indians and is a hard working, progressive type of Indian. He supports the Indian Agent and is of excellent moral character.

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LOUIS MARCHAND is a very decent old Indian. He is a half-breed and half-brother to Chief Pierre Louis. He claims to have been admitted to the band by Indian Agent Irwin about thirty-two years ago. His name appears in the only list of Indians compiled by Indian Agent Brown dated March 21st, 1911. He has an allotment in the U.S. xomprising eighty acres. This old Indian causes no trouble and is a most likeable person.

JOE MARCHAND was born in Republic, Wash. and is of the same family as the above. He came to reside on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve when six days old and has remained there ever since. He has received small payments from the U.S. Indian Dept. as his share of the sale or rent of land left him by relatives. He has an allotment in the U.S. No. C112 and appears on the Colville Indian Roll. He purchased the land on which he now lives. He is one of the best Indians on the reserve, being of good moral character, hard working, clean and progressive.

FRANK MARCHAND was born in Colville, Wash. U.S.A. and claims to have been admitted to the band at the time Mr. Irwin was Indian Agent, about twenty-eight years ago. He has resided on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve for about thirty years. I was unable to find his name among those on the roll of Colville Indians. He appears to have been refused membership to the band by the Department in 1912, but purchased land on which he now lives. He has received money from the U.S. Indian Dept. from the division of funds from the sale of a reserve. He is a hard working progressive Indian and supports the Department.

JOHN HERRON. This Indian was not interviewed personally as he does not appear on the roll of the Indians of Okanagan No. 1 Band as the head of a family, but is included under No. 83, Pierre Logan. He is the son of Mrs. Pierre Logan by a former husband, deceased, who was an American Indian. He was brought to the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve as an infant by his mother on her marriage to Pierre Logan. He has one conviction against him for intoxication, but apart from this one lapse has behaved himself well.

7. Further particulars relative to these six Indians are available on the files of the Agency and I have made notations of the numbers of these files on the individual sheet of notes on each Indian, which is attached to the questionnaire. It will be seen that these Indians are the cream of the Okanagan No. 1 Band. They work their own land, are intelligent, and are keen to better their own lot and that of their children. I can find no record of convictions against any of them with the one exception mentioned. In some cases their names appear on the Roll of Colville (U.S.) Indians, but so do the names of some of the Indians who urge their removal. The land they live on has been acquired by purchase. In some cases their children have grown to maturity and

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married girls of the Okanagan No. 1 Band. This reserve is the only home that they know and I find them to be of the best type of Indians.

8. By contrast with the Indians named for removal the men petitioning for their removal show up very poorly. My investigations reveal them to be for the most part lazy, unpogressive, troublesome and immoral Indians. They are led by JIMMY ANTOINE who is known to the R.C.M. Police and Provincial Police only too well. He has been a thorn in the side of the present Indian Agent for some years and to Mr. Ball, the previous Indian Agent at Vernon, B.C.

This JIMMY ANTOINE also appears on the Roll of Colville U.S. Indians as having allotment No. C44 which came to him apparently through his wife (now deceased.) He has one hundred acres of good land on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve with which he apparently does nothing, as it is a mass of weeds at the present time. He has a most unsavoury record as an agitator and has been the direct cause of considerable unrest among the Okanagan Indians for some years past. So far as I was able to ascertain he has no visible means of support. His adherents supply him with the necessities of life and means of transportatinn on the numerous trips he makes to interview his lawyer, T. Norris, K.C. Kelowna, B.C. He is antagonistic to religion in any form and his children do not attend school. He is very astute and is able to create quite a good impression upon white men who are not familiar with his methods. He has been successful in having charges of theft and intimidation dismissed against him. I find that he leads an immoral life and that his influence over the Indians of the Okanagan Valley has never been put to anything but bad use. He holds his adherents with fantastic promises and dire threats. He opposes the Indian Agent and other officials of the Department of Indian Affairs on every possible occasions.

His chief supporter and able lieutenant JOE ABEL is another immoral, troublesome Indian who has been in receipt of money from the U.S. Indian Department since 1920 when he inherited a share in his mother's estate. He has been convicted of soliciting funds unlawfully, Sec. 141 of the Indian Act. With him is associated-

NARCISSE JACK who is living with an American Indian woman not his wife. He is thoroughly immoral, lazy and unprincipled. He has been convicted of accepting funds illegally for the prosecution of claims, and on that occasion admitted having committed perjury.

9. Investigation of Indians on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve reveals the fact that there has congregated on this reserve Indians who belong to other bands, in which Indians from the Shuswap Band predominate. The Shuswaps originally lived at the head of Okanagan Lake but were driven out by Okanagans about 1750. I found a few families who came from the Kootenai country, but the majority seem to consist of illegitimate half-breeds (or their descendants) few of whom were able to give any information regarding their fathers, except that their mothers had told them "he was a white man that used to come through here buying horses," etc., etc. These half-breeds seem to have been placed on the roll of the band from time to time until they outnumber the Indians of pure Indian blood.

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10. Hansard of June 14th, 1917, page No. 2443 shows that the matter of the status of certain Indians on this reserve was brought before the House of Commons on that date. An agitator named J.H.Christie, who has been the cause of much trouble on the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve in the past, had the matter taken up by a Member of Parliament at that time, in which the following Indians are named as being on this reserve illegally:-

FRANCOIS GREGOIRE
BASIL SMITHKINS
ISAAC HARRIS
JIMMY LOGAN
LOUIS CHACKO
PIERRE MICHEL
FRANK GOTTFRIEDSON
WILLIE ASHTON
FRANK MARCHAND
PIERRE LOUIS
JOE PARKER
ERNEST BREWER
BILLY SWALWELL

Of the list of names mentioned in the House of Commons as those of Indians who should be removed from the reserve, I find only two who are now mentioned in the petition for removal, while four of these names appear as Indians signing the present petition.

11. I find that all the Indians whose removal is asked for, farm their own land; while the majority of those who ask their removal either rent their land or do nothing with it. The so-called "American" Indians support the Department, while the leaders of the faction who wish them removed, do everything in their power to hinder any schemes introduced by the Department to benefit the band.

12. I have tried to discover any evidence that would bear out the suspicion that some interested party is behind the movement to have the Indians named in the petition, removed. I was not successful in this, although I was told by Frank Gottfriedson, who is not very reliable, that some years ago he was approached by J. H. Christie who asked Gottfriedson to assist him in getting certain Indians removed from the band. Christie told Gottfriedson that he was in touch with a syndicate who had unlimited financial backing, and who wished to acquire land on the reserve in the vicinity of Six Mile Creek(where most of the Indians whose removal is asked, live.) Gottfriedson refused to lend his assistance to this plan, he says, and Christie threatened to have him removed from the reserve. This statement is borne out by the fact that Christie did include Gottfriedson's name among those of the Indians he asked removed, in the House of Commons on the occasion already mentioned.

I was also unable to find any evidence to prove that Jimmy Antoine had collected any money from his adherents for the rposecution of their claims. Antoine's faction have evidently been well schooled by their leader in the serious consequences that would result, should the police be able to get evidence to support a charge of this nature against him.

13. Antoine informed me in the presence of some fifteen Indians that it had cost his faction $5000.00 in legal expenses to prosecute his claim to have the

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"American" Indians removed from the reserve, and that he had paid $1100.00 to his lawyer this year. This statement may have been just the words of a braggart wishing to enlarge on his importance before a following, but I find that the Indians of this band are becoming impoverished through the drain on their financial resources to pay for legal advice. Narcisse Baptiste, an Indian of the Inkameep Band, and a most reliable man, informed me that when ona visit to Okanagan No. 1 Reserve recently, he was shown eight head of cattle in a pen, and was told that they were to be sold to a local butcher "to pay the lawyer."

14. I find that the fact of an Indian's name being on the Roll of Colville U.S.A. Indians, does not necessarily mean that he is an American Indian. Neither does the fact that an Indian received money from the U.S. Indian Department proclaim him an American Indian. Canadian Indians, of Canadian Indian parentage, appear on the Roll of Colville, U.S.A. Indians, as, as far as I am able to ascertain, when an Indian acquired land, in what is known, I believe, as Colville Indian Territory, his name was placed on the Roll of Colville Indians. If he acquired this land as a bequest from a relative, as many of them did, or his name was put in by a relative as being entitled to a share in a deceased relative's estate, and he thus was placed on the roll of Colville Indians and participated in per capita payments to the Colville Indians, by the U.S. Indian Department, he had no say in the matter, and naturally accepted the money in the same manner as a white person would accept the bequest of an ancestor.

15. Corroboration of the statements of Chief Pierre Louie and the Marchands regarding their birthplace and parentage was obtained from Chief Baptiste of the Inkameep Band, an old and much respected Indian.

Statements regarding the early history of the band and of the territory they originally occupied may be substantiated by reference to James A. Teit's "The Salishan Tribes of the Western Plateaus."

16. Chief Baptiste informed me of his willingness to appear before the Board of Investigation should his presence be desired. At the request of Colonel Pragnell, D.S.O., Inspector of Indian Agencies, I am holding myself at the disposal of the Board should they desire further information.

The questionnaires duly filled out and signed are in the hands of J. C. Coleman, Esq., Indian Agent, Vernon, B.C. together with a copy of this report. A copy has also been sent to Colonel Pragnell, D.S.O., Inspector of Indian Agencies, as requested by him.

J.A.J. Illingtons Constable R.C.M. Police
(J.A.J. Illington)
i-c Penticton Detachment.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kamloops, B.C.,
March 28th, 1934.

K-P-2.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of February 12th last, file 167-10-33158, regarding the relationship of certain members of the Okanagan Band of Indians with the Indians of this Agency.

In reply I beg to advise that we have made a thorough search of our records here and find that I cannot give you very much information on the names of the members referred to in your letter, as apparently, if these Indians were resident in this Agency at some time, they must have moved to the Okanagan Agency before a census was kept of the Indians here.

However, I will give you the information I have gathered:

Allan Edward: At one time he was a member of the Kamloops Band, and shared in the paylists from 1916 to 1928, when, likely, he moved to Vernon. Ultimately he was transferred from the Kamloops Band to the Okanagan Band under authority of Department letter file 62-154, May 8th, 1931. This letter is on file here.

The Gregoires: This name does not appear on any paylist here. Paylists go back as far as 1913, but in an old book recording vaccination for smallpox in the year 1886, the name of Cateche Gregoire appears as being a member of Kamloops Band. In the same year the name Gregoire appears as a member of North Thompson Band.

The Lawrences: No record of any Indian by this name ever being a member of this Agency. Dolly McCallum, wife of Joe Lawrence was a resident of the City of Kamloops previous to her marriage.

Jimmy Joseph: If at any time a member here, must have moved away to Vernon years ago.

I have made numerous enquiries from aged Indians during my travels in the past six weeks, and no information of any value could be obtained.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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I have handed Inspector Pragnell a copy of this letter.

Trusting that I have not inconvenienced you in delaying my reply, and hoping that when you come to the Interior on your trip to Vernon that you will find time to spend at least a couple of days in the Kamloops Agency.

Yours faithfully,

W J Ferguson

(W.J. Ferguson)
Indian Agent.

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February 12, 1934.

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

The Department has ordered an investigation into the membership of the Okanagan Band of Indians, for which purpose I expect shortly to go to Vernon with Inspector Pragnell. In looking over the Okanagan census of Mr. Coleman's I find the under-mentioned Names of Indians whose membership in the Okanagan Band is questioned partly on the grounds that they belong to the Kamloops Agency and partly for other reasons. I am now writing you in an endeavor to see if you can enlighten me as to the relationship of these Indians to the Bands and Reserves in the Kamloops Agency and also in regard to the arrangements that were made for their transfer from the Kamloops Agency to the Okanagan Agency, provided of course they were formerly regarded as members of Kamloops Agency and later settled in the Okanagan Agency. If they were not members of any Band in the Kamloops Agency, perhaps you may be able to tell me where they hailed from and define as well as you can their status according to your understanding. I would like to have your comment on these cases at your earliest convenience. The names are as follows:-

Harriet Edward, 83.(Mother of Herman & Francis Gregoire)

Herman Gregoire, 58
Josephine Logan, 53.(Separated)
Dave, 24
Peter, 21
Louisa, 18

Francis Gregoire, 68
Nancy Newhstakit, 59

Tommy Gregoire, 32
May Cameron, 30
Leonard, 4
Cecelia, 3

Felix Gregoire, 33 (Son of Herman Gregoire)
Lizzie Antoine Paul, 39

Jimmy Joseph, 74 (Councillor)
Mary Ann Francois, 76

Allan Edward, 59
Mary Qualtier, 55

Henry Lawrence, 59(
Mary Ann Alexis, 63 (No record of admission to Okanagan Band. Held Provincial Pre-emption Record until 1919.)

W. J. Ferguson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B.C.

Lena Lawrence.....

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Lena Lawrence,	61	
Andrew Thomas,	31	(Illegitimate)
Willie Lawrence,	41	(Son of Henry)
Harriet Harris,	39	
Mary Ann,	12	
Willie,	10	
Lena Hazel,	7	
May Laura,	5	
James Leonard,	2	
Johnny Lawrence,	33	(Entered as Johnny Alexis
Ella Jane Cameron,	29	in Okanagan Census)
Henry,	8	
Gordon,	6	
Herbert,	4	
Murray,	2	
Joe Lawrence,	22	
Dolly McCallum,	22	

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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C.C. Perry,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

Could you arrange immediate detail an R.C.M.P. officer at Vernon with authority to act under Criminal Code deal with Hostile Indian agitators on Okanagan Reserve. Local officers no authority and matter urgent. Report follows.

J. Coleman.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt, B.C.
Feb.21st,1934.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
FEB 23 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter No.167/10/33152, of the 12th instant, receipt of which I hereby acknowledge, having regard to the census of the Okanagan Agency, the undermentioned names of Indians being noted thereon as having come from this Agency, I beg to advise as follows:

Re,	Louie Chacko, 71	Douglas Lake
	Johnny Chacko 45	Douglas Lake

I have no record of these two men, father and son, ever having belonged to the Douglas Lake Band, and from enquiries made, they do not belong here, but, to the Okanagan. They have never lived here, except for short visits at various times.

	Sah-Pell(Isabel) 53	Douglas Lake

This woman, though never on the records of this Agency in my time, I find was born at Lower Nicola I.R.No.11, and married, as a young woman, an Indian of the Upper Nicola Band, named Quilchena Jack, whom she left about twenty-five years ago, since when she has lived in the Okanagan.

Johnny Andrew	58
Achtmis Michele	38

I can find no record of either of these men having belonged to any reserves of this Agency, and they are not known by the Indians here.

Jimmy Swite	56
Nancy McDougall	50
Ignace	21
Virginia	19
Francis	15
Emma	13
Felix	10
Charlie	10
Violet	1

Jimmy Swite was born at Lower Nicola I.R.No.1. He left here over twenty-five years ago, and has never returned. Lives with Nancy McDougall, of the Okanagan (Kelowna) Band. He is not and has not been, to my knowledge, shown on this Agency records, though probably never has been officially transferred to the Okanagan Band.

Yet he is entitled to be admitted to Band

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Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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It would appear that whilst:

Sah-Pell (Isabel)	Upper Nicola Band (Upper Nicola No.1)
Jimmy Swite	Lower Nicola I.R.No.1

legally belong to this Agency, they have been away for such a length of time, living in the Okanagan Agency, that I would suggest that they now be officially transferred to the respective Bands on whose reserves they have resided for so long, as it is not probable they will ever return here.

This I trust will be satisfactory.

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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February 24, 1934.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 21st, No.2-17-4/4046, in reply to my letter of the 12th instant concerning certain Indians whose names have been on the Okanagan Agency census as having hailed from your Agency. In reply I wish to say I appreciate the prompt and satisfactory information which you have given me in regard to these Indians and I shall find your letter useful in connection with the straightening out of the Okanagan census which has been entrusted to the recommendation of the board referred to in my previous letter which is composed of Inspector Pragnell, the Indian Agent and myself.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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167/10/33152

February 12, 1934.

Dear Mr. Barber:

The Department is having a careful check made of the membership of Indians in the Okanagan Agency. The census of that Agency shows the under-mentioned names of Indiams as having come from the Nicola Agency, viz:-

Douglas Lake - Louie Chacko, 71
Johnny Chacko, 45

Sah-Pell [Isabel] 53

Other Indians from your Agency are as follows:-

Johnny Andrew, 58
Achtmis Michele, 38

Jimmy Swite, 56
Nancy McDougall, 50
Ignace, 21
Virginia, 19
Francis, 15
Emma, 13
Felix, 10
Charlie, 10
Violet, 1

Will you be kind enough to let me know whether or not the above-mentioned Indians belong to your Agency and if so what Reserves they are reputed to belong; also if any arrangements have been made or are contemplated in connection with their transfer from the Nicola Agency to the Okanagan Agency. The above-mentioned names are on the list of the Okanagan Agency and in the column for remarks their status is questioned. I would like to have this information at your earliest convenience as I am going to the Okanagan shortly to make a special investigation with Inspector Pragnell and Agent Coleman concerning membership and troubles which have recently arisen in connection therewith. I would like to be able to quote your reply in dealing with the cases under review.

Your obedient servant,

P/AC

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 7th, 1934.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
JUN 11 1934
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 167-10-34957 of the 1st instant.

I first have to report that I was up for the first time yesterday, and I hope that I am on the mend now, but naturally I am pretty weak after being in bed such a while.

With regard to the investigation, I am quite willing to carry out any orders that you like to make in the matter, and put the inspection of Agencies to one side. I was really only rather anxious about them because, as you know, they can only be properly done during certain months of the year, and the Department always seems anxious that I should get around. However, whatever you like to fix, I will try to carry out.

With regard to the investigation into the membership of the Okanagan Band, I have to inform you that I am already in possession of a police report on the matter. Whether this is the same one as the Superintendent proposes to deliver to you I do not know. However, I would like to know as soon as possible as to about when you think you will be up here to go to Vernon to hold this investigation, and how long you think it will take us. My reason for wanting to know this is so that I can make arrangements for future movements ahead of time. Also I have a private reason in desiring to know, as I wish to make arrangements for my daughter who will be coming home, and get somebody to look after her in case she should arrive before the investigation at Vernon. Do you think we shall be holding the investigation about the 20th of this month? As a matter of fact, it will probably take me until nearly then to be fit enough to carry on my work and get away. So, if you san give me any information at all I shall be much obliged.

With regard to following up the trouble in the Nicola Agency, I have been in touch with and have had an interview with Mr. Barber in the matter. I have also been in touch with Mr. Galbraith, the lawyer for the defence. From what I can understand, the matter is quite simple, and the police have the thing thoroughly in hand, with plenty of evidence. As far as I can see, there is absolutely no doubt about the guilt of the four men.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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The only possible question that might arise out of the whole matter is that I expect the moiety question will again be aired. However, in this case, in the Nicola, the moieties are really not at the bottom of it at all, as the total moiety gained by Mr. Gisborne last year was exceedingly small. In fact, as you know, it has been exceedingly small amongst all our constables. It is most unfair to bring this forward at this time as the cause of the trouble, as apparently has been done in some newspapers. To my mind the real cause of the trouble, and the uppishness amongst the Indians, is largely because they have been consulted too much, and a firm enough hand has not been taken with them, and also outsiders interfering in their behalf are being listened to, until the Indians begin to think that their chief enemies are the officials of the Indian Department.

As far as I can gather from the cuase, there is no doubt about premeditation as regards determination to resist arrest, although probably there was no actual premeditation as regards murder. This is shown by the fact that the Indians concerned were not carrying rifles as they would do if they had actually determined upon murder. However, they were acting as though the Department was their enemy, and that if they resisted arrest, they would probably get off in Court. In fact, an entirely unprejudiced, outside source told me that he heard that the Indians around Vernon weem to think that the worst that can happen to these murderers is six to twelve months' sentence.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

Geo. S. Pragnell

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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June 6, 1934.

Dear Col. Pragnell:

I regret exceedingly to learn from your letter of the 4th instant of your continued indisposition but I hope you will soon be around again. It looks as though any definite plans which you had made for inspection of Agencies in a routine way will have to be governed by the circumstances which you have related as well as by the seemingly necessary attention to be primarily given to the Okanagan investigation. I shall defer my visit to Vernon until I am advised by you that you are in fit condition to go there in connection with the investigation of membership.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P/AC

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Col. G. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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June 1, 1934.

Dear Inspector Pragnell:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 26th, File O-G-1818, in regard to the investigation of the membership in Okanagan Band No. 1.

I regret very much to learn of your indisposition and I hope that by this time you are feeling better.

It will not be possible to continue the investigation until after the police report has been submitted and I have also to obtain funds from the Department. I think it is important that we should pursue carefully the course of events in connection with the trouble at Okanagan as well as in the Nicola Agency together with local attention inasmuch as it is upon these centres of local trouble that the services of an Inspector are most needed. I think the inspection of Agencies where there is no trouble should come second and that first place should be given to investigation in Agencies where there is trouble. I, therefore, consider that we should wait for the formal delivery of the report of the police and then proceed with the investigation. In the meantime I would be glad to have you follow closely the troubles in the Nicola Agency for which purpose I am today requesting the Department by wire to furnish a lawyer for defence of the Indians, this course having been requested by the Commissioner of British Columbia Police.

I will advise you later of the date when I expect to be at Vernon and I hope it will be possible for you to arrange accordingly.

Yours very truly,

P/KH.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

May 26th, 1934.

O-G-1818.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 167-10-34877 of the 23rd instant, and I note that the Superintendent of the R.C.M:P. states that he has set June 15th for the presentation of a complete report of investigations made in the Okanagan Band No. I.

This is very unfortunate, as it will throw the investigation back, as I am sorry to say that for more than a fortnight I have been confined to the house with bad influenza. The other day when Mr. Caldwell was here, I thought I was getting better, but unfortunately, had a relapse, and whilst I am allowed up for a little while each day, I still have a temperature and daren't move out of the house. I am therefore dictating this letter to Miss Smith in my home, and asking her to sign it for me.

Do you think you could get the police to advance the date to about June 10th, as I have several inspection appointments, already arranged for, hoping to be through anyway not later than June 18th, as if I have to cancel all my arrangements, it means a fresh upset.

Anyhow I cannot see the necessity for the delay on their part as I presume it is merely the presenting of the questionnaires, and we should be able to start the said investigation immediately they are presented. It is very annoying that all my arrangements have already been upset by my sickness, but I hope I shall be better before long.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

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GSP/S.

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Vernon, B . C.

File Ok.1-7-2.

May 30th 1934.

Sir:

re: Your File No.167/10/34878

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of one addressed to Inspector Pragnell.

Your obedient servant,

(James Coleman)

JC/DH.

Indian Agent.

C.C.Perry Esq.
Ass't.Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B . C.

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167/10/34878.

May 23, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find copy of letter which I have today addressed to Inspector Pragnell, which will be self-explanatory.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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May 23, 1934.

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Yours sincerely,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Colonel G. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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167/10/34715.

May 10, 1934.

Dear Colonel Pragnell:-

Your letter of May 8th in regard to the Okanagan troubles and questionnaires has been duly received, for which please accept my thanks.

We shall decide together with Mr. Coleman after my arrival at Vernon as to what procedure it will be best to follow. I cannot say definitely what date I can be in Vernon, but shall advise you at the earliest possible date.

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Yours sincerely,

P/KD.

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Kamloops, B. C.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

CONFIDENTIAL.

May 8th, 1934.

Ok-G-1811.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 167-10-34529 of the 18th ultimo.

I have just returned from a trip through the Okanagan, and according to the R.C.M.P., they have practically completed the questionnaires, and it is now only necessary to compare them with office files and information. I should take it that all will be ready for you at any time after the 20th of this month. However, Mr. Coleman will let you know.

I have read Mr. Norris's letter attached, and I might say that I had a long interview with him, He really does not seem to me to be reasonable in his arguments, and listens to gossip from those who would appear to be anti-Department.

Nothing Mr. Coleman can do seems to meet with his approval, and it would almost seem as though Mr. Coleman would have to refer all departmental business to him for approval or otherwise.

It seems a strange coincidence that the Reserves in the vicinity of Mr. Norris's office, Westbank and Okanagan No. I., are having such a lot of trouble, whereas those farther away, + Penticton, Inkameep, Enderby, Similkameen and Armstrong all seem satisfied, and are working on their irrigation projects.

I do not know how you propose to hold this investigation board meeting, but if Mr. Norris is to appear as a sort of prosecutor against the retention of the so-called American Indians, I know that they will request to be allowed to bring a Solicitor on their own behalf, which, of course, is only fair, but will want some handling. Also, too, I think some of the Indians think it is going to be a sort of Court of Law, open to all.

I was sorry to hear from Mr Caldwell that your family have got Scarlet Fever, and that you are quarantined. I do hope that it is not serious in any way.

Yours very truly,

G S Pragnell

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

P.S. a further letter follows in answer to yours of 2nd inst.

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OFFICE OF
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File Ok.1-7-2.

Vernon, B.C.
May 7th 1934.

Sir:

re: Your File No.167/10/34529

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing letter received from Mr.T.G.Norris, of Kelowna, re investigation of status of the Okanagan Band, I would advise that I have seen Mr.Illington, of the R.C.M.P. who has been securing the data on the questionnaires, and he informs me that Mr.Norris has apparently been misinformed. By reason of the fact that the Antoine group had informed various Indians not definitely aligned with them, that it was useless for them to put in crops as they would be turned off before they matured, and that Antoine was the deciding factor as to who would stay and who would be turned off, it was necessary for Mr.Illington to inform them that such was not the case, and that the Department would consider their claims fairly and justly, and that if they decided that an Indian would remain, that would be the end of the matter.

My personal opinion is that their complaint is merely preparing the ground for a later attempt to prove that the police and Departmental officials are prejudiced in favour of the "American" Indians as against the Antoine faction.

However, when you come to the Okanagan, you will be able to judge matters for yourself.

Your obedient servant,

(James Coleman)
Indian Agent.

JC/DH.

C.C.Perry, Esq.
Ass't.Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA, B.C.

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167/10/34584.

May 2, 1934.

Dear Mr. Norris:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 28th, ultimo, File No. 1130, in connection with the investigation being carried on by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1.

In reply I beg to say that I have sent copy of your letter to Inspector Pragnell, at Kamloops, with a request that he give suitable instructions to the Agent and Constable in regard to this matter.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T.G. Norris, Esq., K.C.,
Barrister-at-law, etc.,
Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B. C.

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167/10/34583.

May 2, 1934.

Dear Inspector Pragnell:-

The enclosed copy of letter from Mr. Norris will be self-explanatory. Please see that Agent Coleman and the R.C.M. Police deal properly with this investigation and keep other matters from the constables interference. Mr. Coleman should know better than to encourage controversies of this kind in the circumstances.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Enclosure:-

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

G.S. Pragnell, Esq.,
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Kamloops, B. C.

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Copy. T.G. NORRIS.

Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B. C.,
April 28th, 1934.

My File No. 1130.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

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Yours faithfully,

"T. G. Norris"

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My File No. 1130

April 28th. 1934

Rec'd Sat 9th Sent copy to Mr. Beck Requested Sent copy to Mr. Beck for a report. Did he get it? Sent this direction to the Agent Consulted T.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

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Dear Sir,

Some of the Westbank Indians have been in to see me in connection with the irrigation works on the Westbank Reserve. They say that the Mounted Policeman who obtained their answers to your questionaire also questioned them as to whether they were in favour of the irrigation works which are proposed to be constructed by Mr. Coleman or not. The Policeman told them that he had been instructed by Mr. Coleman to ask these questions. They replied that they were against the construction of the ditch as it was useless and a waste of money. They say that the Policeman then said that it didn't matter whether they objected or not -- the ditch was going through and he stated to them that it shouldn't matter to them at all as it was Government money that was being spent.

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Yours faithfully,

TGN/L.

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May 3, 1934.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I am advised by the Superintendent Commanding "E" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Vancouver, that he has been advised by Corporal Culverhouse that the investigation into the membership status of Indians in Okanagan Reserve No.1, Okanagan Agency, by the taking of questionaires is nearing completion, and the matter will be reported on finally to the Board of Inquiry within the next month unless unforeseen events interfere.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

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

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26th April, 34,
Penticton 8
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General Conditions at Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1

The R.C.M.P.,
Vancouver,
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Province B.C.

Date 26/4/34

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Re: General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1
Vernon B.C.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

Detachment

12/805

P. C. R.

18/4/34

1. Adverting to my previous reports in connection with the above. I left Penticton B.C. in the evening of the 21st inst. with Pol. Car Chev. Coach Code No. 2124 to continue the investigation into the status of Indians on the above mentioned reserve, timing my arrival at the reserve to be present at a dance to be held in the Council House, at which it was thought there might be some drunkeness, and which the Indian Agent had expressed the wish that there should be some supervision. It was found, that owing to a death on the reserve, the dance had been cancelled.

2. I continued my investigations into the status of Indians on the 23rd/25th when I left this work to return to the Westbank Reserve, where there was trouble over an irrigation project, which is the subject of a seperate report.

3. The investigation into the status of the Indians of the Okanagan Band is nearing completion, and the matter will be reported on finally within the next month unless unforeseen events interfere.

4. I returned to Penticton B.C. on the the evening of the 25th. inst.

5. A copy of this report has been sent to The Indian Agent, Vernon B.C. and to The N.C.O. i/c Cranbrook S/Div.

EXPENSE STATEMENT No. 14P

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING

Sgd Cst.
(J.A.J.Illington) Reg.No. 6137

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. VANCOUVER. B.C.

1. Sir:-Forwarded. With the exception of a few Indians residing on the Westbank Indian Reserve, the necessary questionaires required in this investigation have been completed. Cst. Illington however, will have to spend some time checking over the Vital Statistics Register in the Indian Agent's Office in Vernon before turning over the completed file to the Dept. This investigation has been somewhat delayed due to the necessity of attending to trouble which developed over a Departmental Irrigation project on the Westbank Reserve. Reports will be submitted from time to time on this matter, & every effort made to complete the investigation as soon as possible.

sgd. Corpl.
F.J.Culverhouse. Reg.No. 6398.
~~i/c. Penticton Detachment.~~

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The Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

1. Copy for your information, your file number 157/33654.

Vancouver,
1-5-34.
O/Ch.

C.W.Phillips)Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

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April 28, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 25th, instant, dealing with the investigation being carried on on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1.

In reply I beg to say that as I have not yet been advised that the questionnaires have been completed, I cannot, therefore, say definitely when I shall be at Vernon.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T.G. Norris, Esq.,
Barrister-at-law,
Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B. C.

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167/10/34529.

April 28, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of letter received from Mr. T.G. Norris, Barrister of Kelowna, dated April 25th, instant, dealing with the investigation being carried on on the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1, the same being self-explanatory.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Enclosure:-

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Sent to
Inspector Pragnell,
Kamloops, B. C.

Agent Coleman,
Vernon, B. C.

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T.G. Norris, K. C.

Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B. C.,
April 25th, 1934.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Perry:- Re- Your file No. 167/10/34088.

I would be glad to know when you are coming up to carry out the Indian investigation. The Indians are becoming restive. They say that some Mounted Policeman at Okanagan Reserve No. 1 told them that they would get nowhere on this investigation notwithstanding the fact that they might get all the lawyers in the country. He said that notwithstanding what happened the American Indians are going to stay. It is such ill-advised statements as these that have caused all the trouble in the past.

Yours faithfully,

"T. G. Norris".

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TELEPHONE NO 474

My File No. 1052

April 25th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B. C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

re: Your File No. 167/10/34088

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Yours faithfully,

TGN/L.

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Chas. C. Perry,

R.C.M. Police,

Vancouver, B.C.

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General Conditions Okanagan Reserve No. 1.

Chas. C. Perry,

R.C.M. Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Province		Date
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Re:
General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1
Vernon B.C.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

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P. C. R.

14/4/34

1. Adverting to my previous report under the above heading, dated 14th inst. relative to the investigation being conducted on the above Indian Reserve into the status of Indians on this reserve.

2. I returned to Okanagan Reserve No. 1 on the 16th inst. with Pol. Car Chev. Coach Code No. 2124 and continued the investgation. It was necessary for me to obtain the use of an interpreter whose services were made use of for one day and a half.

3. By the evening of the 17th inst. all the Indians living on this reserve had been questioned, with the exception of two who were too ill to answer any questions.

4. There still remain to be examined about four families who have left the reserve to live in nearby towns, but whose names appear on the roll of the band and whose status must also be determined, and another four families of this band who are living on Duck Lake Indian Reserve, Winfield B.C.

5. I have been able to gather some information which may be of use in settling this twenty year old controversy, of the rights of certain Indians of U.S. birth or antecedents, to reside on this reserve. All the information likely to be of any value will be submitted to the Board of Investigation for their consideration, on the completion of my enquiries.

6. It will be necessary for me to spend some time looking up the register of vital statistics in the Indian Agency, Vernon B.C. before submitting my final report.

7. I returned to Penticton B.C. on the 18th inst.

8. A copy of this report has been sent to The Indian Agent, Vernon B.C. and a copy to The N.C.O. i/c Cranbrook S/Div.

EXPENSE ST. No. 8P

Sgd (J.A.J. Illington) Cst. Reg. No. 6137

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING

The Officer Commanding
R.C.M.P. Vancouver B.C.
Sir :-
Forwarded :-

Sgd (J.A.J. Illington) Cst. Reg. No. 6137
For Cpl. Culverhouse A.O.D. i/c Penticton Det.

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Re: General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve, No. Vernon, B.C.

The Indian Commissioner,
Province of B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

1. Copy for your information. This is further to copy of report under the above heading, forwarded to you on the 19-4-34, your file number 157/33654.

Vancouver,
23-4-34.
O/Ch.

(J.W.Phillips) Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

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C.I.B.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. 33E.1050-8.

H. Q. FILE No.

Vancouver, B. C.,
April 24th, 1934.

The Indian Commissioner,
Province of B. C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve, No. 1., Vernon, B.C.

1. Reference your letter of the 23rd instant, in the above connection, your file number 157/34448, attached hereto, is a complete copy of report under the above mentioned heading, dated April 14th, 1934.

Yours truly,

(J.W.Phillips) Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

att.
O/Ch.

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APR 25 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

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Province B.C.			April 14th.1934

Fyle References

Re: General Conditions - Okanagan Indian Reserve, No.1 Vernon B.C.

Headquarters

1. With reference to the investigation on the above mentioned Indian Reserve mentioned in the O.C., C.I.B. letter dated the 9th inst.

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2. Instructed by Cpl. Culverhouse I left Penticton B.C. on the 4th inst. with Pol. Car Chev. Coach Code No. 2124 arriving at Vernon B.C. on the same date.

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3. I interviewed the Indian Agent, J. Coleman Esq. and asked if he had any instructions for me in this matter. Mr. Coleman informed me that Col. Pragnell D.S.O. Inspector of Indian Agencies, had instructed him by telephone to inform me that I was to have a free hand to make the investigation in any manner that I thought fit, and that the Dept. of Indian Affairs did not wish any of their officials to take any part in the matter, in order that the Indians should be in no doubt that the investigation was not made by the Dept. of Indian Affairs, but an independant investigation by our Force. I was handed a supply of forms constituting a questionaire to be answered ~~xx~~ by the heads of families residing on the above reserve. On the completion of these forms, I am to submit them to the Board of Investigation, consisting of the Deputy Commissioner for Indians in B.C., Col. Pragnell D.S.O. and J. Coleman Esq., together with any other information which will be of value to these gentlemen in determining the status of any Indian on this reserve, or member of the Okanagan Band.

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4. I proceeded to the Okanagan No. 1 Reserve and made arrangements to stay at the Indian School, thereby saving time and expense. I found that Jimmy ANTOINE (Indian) (whose name appears frequently in P.C.Rs under this heading) had informed the Indians, that this investigation was in his charge, that he would act as interpreter and in the capacity of scrutineer. Jimmy ANTOINE informed me that he would call the Indians together to the council house and I could question them there. I told Antoine that I was not going to make the investigation in that manner, but at the home of each family. Also that when I required the services of an interpreter, I would obtain some unbiased person who was not a member of the band. I am informed that Antoine then instructe -d his followers not to answer my questions unless he acted as interpreter. However the Indians were so anxious to be investigated ~~that~~, and to have their status settled that I had no trouble in getting my questions answered (with two exceptions.).

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5. The Chief and his family were the first Indians visited, after which I confined my attentions to those Indians who could be interrogated without having to have an interpreter. In two days I investigated some forty-two families out of approximately eighty families residing on this reserve. In their anxiety to have their status investigated, Indians living back in the hills in

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5. (continued) .....in places in accessible to a car, came to see me at the Indian School in the evenings.

6. I returned to Penticton in the p.m. of the 14th inst. and am leaving again to continue this investigation on the 16th., on which date I have arranged to interview a number of Indians of the Okanagan Band who reside on smaller reserves close to Okanagan No.1. I have arranged for the services of a white man who speaks the Okanagan language as interpreter, both factions on the reserve are satisfied for me to use this man.

7. The investigation will not take as long a time as was anticipated as far as Okanagan No. 1 Reserve is concerned, but on my finishing on this reserve the Department wish me to continue on the Duck Lake & Westbank Reserves, where there reside approximately a further twenty-five families.

8. A copy of this report has been sent to The Indian Agent, Vernon, B.C., and a copy to The N.C.O., i/c Cranbrook S/Div.

EXPENSE STATEMENT No. 7P

INVESTIGATION & EXPENSES CONTINUING.

sgd Cst.
(J.A.J. Illington)Reg.No. 6137.

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. VANCOUVER. B.C.
Sir:-Forwarded, 16-4-34. It will be noted that while Jimmy ANTOINE, leader of the malcontents on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1, had informed the local Indians that the investigation in question would be made, more or less, under his supervision, upon him, ANTOINE, having been advised by Cst. Illington that such would not be the case, no trouble so far has been encountered by this Constable, the Indians being very desirous to have the investigation made. Upon same being completed on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1. Vernon. B.C.,Cst. Illington will render the necessary assistance to the Indian Department in the matter of the investigations at Duck Lake and Westbank Reserves.

sgd Corpl.
F.J. Culverhouse.Reg.No. 6398
i/c Penticton Detachment.

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The Indian Commissioner,
Province of B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

1. FORWARDED for your information. Further reports will be forwarded in due course.

Vancouver,
19-4-34.
O/Ch.

(J.W.Phillips) Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

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My File No. 1052

April 12th. 1934

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assist. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File 167/10/34088

I have your letter of April 4th. and thank you for the information therein contained.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas.

TGN/L.

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167/10/34215.

April 9, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter dated April 6th, No. 0-6-1788, the contents of which have been carefully noted.

In regard to Mr. Coleman's vacation no doubt he will apply to the Department for leave this year as he has done on previous occasions. No doubt the Department will be satisfied that Mr. Coleman should take a few days now which arrangement, under the circumstances, will be satisfactory to me.

In regard to the enquiries of the Indians as to whether a lawyer should be engaged to represent them, I beg to say that this is not considered necessary at all as the board will be quite capable of handling the matter without the assistance of any lawyer. Any representations that a lawyer would be permitted to make to the board so far as I am concerned would be confined entirely to the contents of the questionnaires which the Indians will fill in with the assistance of the Mounted Police. I do not intend to listen to a lot of argument by any lawyer on any subject and I shall discountenance this feature as strongly as possible. As to Mr. Ditchburn having made an investigation into membership of the Okanagan Band we have no record of it and in any case I do not think we should be governed by that unless the same had the approval of the Superintendent General which would be very doubtful. Section 18 of the Indian Act does not give the Indian Commissioner authority to decide such questions. All questions of membership in the event of dispute must be settled at Ottawa.

P/KD.

Your obedient servant,

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

G.S. Pragnell, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B. C.

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April 9, 1934.

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G.S. Pragnell, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B. C.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

April 6th, 1934.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
APR 9 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

O-G-1788

Dear Mr. Perry:-

As promised, I have to report that Indian Agent Coleman was over here the day before yesterday, and I went fully into the matter of proceedings regarding the investigation into membership of the Okanagan No. I. Reserve. He is going to start the Mounted Police off on filling up the questionnaires immediately, and as soon as the Mounted Police can give him some idea of about when they will have completed the said questionnaires, he is to let us both know.

Personally, I think it will be towards the end of the month, because they may have some difficulty about getting hold of some of the Indians.

I had several other matters to take up with Mr. Coleman at the time, those that have been referred to me by the Department.

I might say that Mr. Coleman has been working at full pressure for quite a while, and I believe if he does not get a few days off, he may have a break down. I have therefore told him that after he got the questionnaires started, he could have a few days off, and I felt sure that you would not mind. He hopes to be able to do this after he has settled up for the end of the fiscal year.

I might say, too, that Mr. Coleman informed me that the Chief of this particular Band and some of the others they are trying to get off the Reserve were in to ask Mr. Coleman whether Mr. Norris was taking part in the investigation and was to try to put up a case against them, and if so, that they would like to have a lawyer represent them, and give him (whatever lawyer it is) sufficient time to get their story. I told Mr. Coleman that I did not think that anything of that sort was contemplated, but that I would let you know. There are also several claiming to be members of the Okanagan Band who have been to Mr. Coleman, and I told him it would be as well to let the Mounted Police Officers question them as well, so that we can have, if possible, this membership straightened out once and for all.

Again, Mr. Coleman mentioned the fact that the late Mr. Ditchburn made an investigation into the membership of this Band previous to Mr. Ball's taking over, and the membership supposed to be settled then. He cannot find any trace of Mr. Ditchburn's final findings. Possibly, however, you have this in your office, and it might assist us in our final findings if you are able to get hold of this.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C

Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

April 6th. 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry,

Your letter of March 26th. regarding the question of membership in the Okanagan No. 1 Band is to hand. I was pleased to read the enclosures from which it would appear that the matter is progressing quite satisfactorily. The Department would not look for immediate results. The course of action outlined in your letter to Colonel Pragnell would seem to be the one that would procure the best results.

With regard to travelling expenses as mentioned in your letter, these should be a charge against your accountable advance. If it is found that your advance is not sufficient to meet this additional expenditure it will be increased. You might submit vouchers twice a month instead of once a month if your advance is being drawn upon too rapidly.

Yours faithfully,

Harold W. McGill

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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167/10/34088.

April 4, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I have now received a letter from Mr. Indian Agent Ferguson, dated March 28th, ultimo, in regard to those Indians who are mentioned in the census of the Okanagan Agency as having probably come from the Kamloops Agency. This letter will be used in connection with the enquiry into membership along with the other letters which I sent you recently. I shall write you under separate cover regarding the Gregoires who are mentioned in this letter as you recently wrote me about Herman Gregoire's claim to money. I do not wish to get that subject mixed with questions of membership.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

T.G. Norris, Esq., K.C.,
Carruthers Block,
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Office of the Indian Agent.

Kamloops, B.C.,
March 28, 1934.

K-P-2.

Dear Sir:-

With referende to your letter of February 12th last, file 167/10/33158, regarding the relationship of certain members of the Okanagan Band of Indians with the Indians of this Agency.

In reply I beg to advise that we have made a thorough search of our records here and find that I cannot give you very much information on the names of the members referred to in your letter, as apparently, if these Indians were resident in this Agency at some time, they must have moved to the Okanagan Agency before a census was kept of the Indians here.

However, I will give you the information I have gathered:-

Allen Edward: At one time he was a member of the Kamloops Band, and shared in the paylists from 1916 to 1928, when, likely, he moved to Vernon. Ultimately he was transferred from the Kamloops Band to the Okanagan Band under authority of Department letter file 62-154, May 8th, 1931. This letter is on file here.

The Gregoires: This name does not appear on any paylist here. Paylists go back as far as 1913, but in an old book recording vaccination for smallpox in the year 1886, the name of Cateche Gregoire appears as being a member of Kamloops Band. In the same year the name Gregoire appears as a member of North Thompson Band.

The Lawrences: No record of any Indian by this name ever being a member of this Agency. Dolly McCallum wife of Joe Lawrence was a resident of the City of Kamloops previous to her marriage.

Jimmy Joseph: If at any time a member here, must have moved away to Vernon years ago.

I have made numerous enquiries from aged Indians during my travels in the past six weeks, and no information of any value could be obtained.

I have handed Inspector Pragnell a copy of this letter.

Trusting that I have not inconvenienced you in delaying my reply, and hoping that when you come to the Interior on your trip to Vernon that you will find time to spend at least a couple of days in the Kamloops Agency.

Yours faithfully,

"W.J. Ferguson"

Indian Agent.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
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CABLE ADDRESS-NORRIS, KELOWNA
TELEPHONE NO 474

My File No. 1052

April 2nd. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File 167/10/33966

I have your letter of March 26th, herein with enclosures as stated for which please accept my thanks. I will be glad to hear from you as soon as the matter has progressed further.

Yours faithfully,

TGN/L.

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Dear Sir,

re Your File 23/34000

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27th. with enclosures as stated for which please accept my thanks.

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Vernon B.C.
March 31 - 1934

Dear Sir:-
C. C. Perry.

Your letter of March 5th has been at hand, and the band has heard all about it, and we have seen the list of the names of the Okanagan band,
But these are all Canadians indians what we seen on the list, that is states out.
I have been to T.G. Norris, and many those that is American indians live, Mr Norris may have written you about this, we told him too.
The band is waiting for you to come and look in this U.S. indians question in the future.
The band is asking you to see that we would have a (Pound) in our Reserves in the (Indian act. No. 101. — 2.) there is to much cattle and horses in our reserve, we have to get them out some way.
I'll be waiting for your coming or this be for i write Ottawa. Hon. T. G. Murphy head of the department of Indian Affairs.

Yours truly.
Jimmie Antoine

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Indian Commissioner forxxxxxxxxxx

Victoria, B.C., March 28 xx 1934.

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All persons concerned are urged to answer <u>plainly and truthfully</u> all questions contained in the questionaire and are promised a fair and impartial consideration of their respective cases.

Respectfully yours

Assistant Indian Commissioner for
British Columbia.

Chairman of the Board of Inquiry.

Dated at Victoria, B.C.
this 26th day of March,1934.

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Dear Inspector Pragnell:

In regard to the investigation of the Okanagan Band census about which we have had previous correspondence.

The recorded census and other data submitted by Agent Coleman was such that it was obviously necessary,

1. To ascertain from the Indian Agents of Kamloops, Kootenay and Nicola agencies the status of individuals shown in the Okanagan census as belonging to these Agencies.

2. To communicate with the chief complainant of trespass and his solicitor requesting that they set forth their complaint in writing.

3. To prepare a questionaire form that would be suitable for our purposes.

With my letter to you of February 17th, I enclosed for your information

1. Copy of official Okanagan census,

2. Copy of Doctor McGill's letter to me of February 1st, ultimo,

3. Copies of my letters to Agents Ferguson, Barber and Ryckman, dated February 18th, ultimo,

4. Copy of my letter to T.G. Norris, Esq., K.C., of Kelowna.

I now have pleasure in sending you herewith

1. Copy of letter from Agent Barber dated February 21st, ultimo.

2. Copy of letter from Agent Ryckman dated February 22nd, ultimo

(I regret not having received any reply from Agent Ferguson to my letter to him of February 18th in regard to the status and antecedents of the thirty-seven (37) individuals who are shown by Agent Coleman in his official census to have hailed from the Kamloops district. As your office is in the same building as that of Agent Ferguson, I shall be obliged if you will ascertain what is causing the delay.)

Col. G. S. Pragnell,
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3. Copy...

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3. Copy of letter dated March 31st from Mr. T.G. Norris, K.C., containing a straightforward statement of the names of those Indians of alleged American origin whose presence on the Okanagan Reserve is being objected to by the Okanagan Band members headed by Jimmie Antoine, and whose status it is desired should be especially investigated.

4. A few copies of a supply of questionaire forms which you were kind enough to assist me with, and which have been printed with but slight revision from the sample form which you submitted for approval, and which supply has been sent to the office of Mr. Agent Coleman for use therefrom.

I may say I have had correspondence from the R.C.M.Police Commanding Officer to the effect that he will be glad to place a constable at our disposal upon call to assist us by the taking of information for the preliminary questionaire. This will no doubt be satisfactory since both you and Mr. Agent Coleman have urged that this should be arranged.

I would now request that you be good enough to arrange with Agent Coleman to proceed with the constable to have the questionaires completed with as little delay as possible.

As you are aware the Indians have been advised, together with Mr. Norris, of the intention to make this investigation. At the same time I agree with your suggestion that notices be posted on the meeting house door as well as at the school-house, and the house of the present chief, regardless of his status, and that a copy be given to each councillor so that they may explain to the other Indians just what is being done. I have prepared these notices and the same are sent herewith for your perusal and thereafter to be sent to Agent Coleman to be posted and delivered by the constable.

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Carruthers Block
KELOWNA
British Columbia

March 31st. 1934.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

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Canada

Office of Indian Agent

Kootenay Agency,
Cranbrook, B.C.,
February 22, 1934.

6/3012.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 13, 1934, file No.187/10/33151, with reference to Indian Dave Kinbasket and family.

In reply, I beg to submit that until 1920 there were two Chiefs on Shuswap Reserve No. 8, this Agency, Pierre and Charles Kinbasket, twin sons of a former Chief. Rosalie was the daughter of Pierre Kinbasket, and Dave the son of Charles Kinbasket. Dave Kinbasket was born on Shuswap Reserve and lived there until between 1916 and 1920, when, according to his own statement, owing to continued trouble with his sister, Mrs. Brummel, who is married to a white man, he moved to the Okanagan Agency and has remained there ever since. Pierre Kinbasket died in June, 1920, and Charles died in July of the same year. Lucy Kinbasket, widow of Charles, died August 28, 1933, and when Dave visited Shuswap Reserve in order to straighten out the estate I tried to induce him to remain and take up the old Charles Kinbasket farm and work it. There is a good piece of bottom land, about twenty to thirty acres of which is cleared and mostly in crop and irrigated from Shuswap Creek. Dave was always a steady, hard working Indian, and I should like very much to have him on the Reserve again. If he does return he will doubtless be the next Chief, for with the exception of Louis Stowekan who is now past seventy there is not an Indian now living on Shuswap Reserve who is qualified for that position. There is no record in this office of his move to the Okanagan Agency having been authorized by the Department.

I trust the above is the information required, but if there is anything further I can do with regard to this family I shall be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

"F. S. Ryckman"
Indian Agent.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

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Department of Indian Affairs
Canada

Office of Indian Agent

2-17-4/4046.

Merritt, B.C.,
Feb. 21st, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter No.167/10/33132, of the 12th instant, receipt of which I hereby acknowledge, having regard to the census of the Okanagan Agency, the undermentioned names of Indians being noted thereon as having come from this Agency, I beg to advise as follows:

Re,	Louie Chacko, 71	Douglas Lake
	Johnny Chacko 45	Douglas Lake

I have no record of these two men, father and son, ever having belonged to the Douglas Lake Band, and from enquiries made, they do not belong here, but, to the Okanagan. They have never lived here, except for short visits at various times.

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Ignace	31
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It would appear that whilst:

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Jimmy Swite	Lower Nicola I.R.No.1

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This I trust will be satisfactory.

Yours obediently,

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

"Alfred H. Barber"

Indian Agent.

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167/10/33962.

March 26, 1934.

Dear Inspector Fragnell:

In regard to the investigation of the Okanagan Band census about which we have had previous correspondence.

The recorded census and other data submitted by Agent Coleman was such that it was obviously necessary,

1. To ascertain from the Indian Agents of Kamloops, Kootenay and Nicola agencies the status of individuals shown in the Okanagan census as belonging to these Agencies.

2. To communicate with the chief complainant of trespass and his solicitor requesting that they set forth their complaint in writing.

3. To prepare a questionnaire form that would be suitable for our purposes.

With my letter to you of February 17th, I enclosed for your information

1. Copy of official Okanagan census,

2. Copy of Doctor McGill's letter to me of February 1st, ultimo,

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4. Copy of my letter to T.G. Norris, Esq., K.C., of Kelowna.

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2. Copy of letter from Agent Ryckman dated February 22nd, ultimo

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Col. G. J. Fragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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As you are aware the Indians have been advised, together with Mr. Morris, of the intention to make this investigation. At the same time I agree with your suggestion that notices be posted on the meeting house door as well as at the school-house, and the house of the present chief, regardless of his status, and that a copy be given to each counsillior so that they may explain to the other Indians just what is being done. I have prepared these notices and the same are sent herewith for your perusal and thereafter to be sent to Agent Coleman to be posted and delivered by the constable.

I may say that Mr. Morris, K.C., has promised me his utmost co-operation and goodwill as he has been given to understand that the investigation of status will be as complete as humanly possible and that the investigating officers will report to the Department and decision will be given under Section 12 of the Indian Act. He is quite satisfied. The Indians have a right to consult a solicitor if they wish and I cannot see why Mr. Coleman should have such strong prejudice against Mr. Morris because of this. Personally, I believe the best of results will follow if we deal frankly and above board with Mr. Morris in this matter and tell him straight if we do not agree with any views which he may express in behalf of his clients and why. I am sure he would appreciate this. I have gone carefully over the correspondence which Mr. Morris has had with Mr. Coleman and can see nothing therein that should arouse Mr. Coleman's opposition.

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Your obedient servant,

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C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Carruthers Block
KELOWNA
British Columbia
March 31st. 1934.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

Re: Your File No.167/10/33579

With further reference to your letter of March 7th I may say that I have now seen the Indians and they object to the presence on the Reserve of the following Indians who are Americans and are in receipt of money from the American Government:-

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Department of Indian Affairs,
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Office of Indian Agent

Kootenay Agency,
Cranbrook, B.C.,
February 23, 1934.

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Sir:

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Department of Indian Affairs
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Office of Indian Agent

Merritt, B.C.,
Feb. 21st, 1934.

3-17-4/4046.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter No.167/10/33154, of the 13th instant, receipt of which I hereby acknowledge, having regard to the census of the Okanagan Agency, the undermentioned names of Indians being noted thereon as having come from this Agency, I beg to advise as follows:

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167/10/33062.

March 26, 1934.

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C. C. Perry,
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T.G. Norris, K.C.

Barrister-at-Law
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Carruthers Block
KELOWNA
British Columbia

March 31st. 1934.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

re: Your File No.167/10/33578

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Apparently Mary Ann Lawrence was married twice, - first to an American Indian Paul. Their children were Pierre Paul or Pierre Louis as he is now known, the Chief so-called of the Band. Her second husband was No.120 Louis Marchand. Their children were Joe Marchand, Sarah Marchand, Willie Marchand and George Marchand.

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Yours faithfully.

"T. G. Morris"

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Department of Indian Affairs,
Canada

Office of Indian Agent

Kootenay Agency,
Cranbrook, B.C.,
February 23, 1934.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18, 1934, file No.167/10/331351, with reference to Indian Dave Kinbasket and family.

In reply, I beg to submit that until 1920 there were two Chiefs on Shuswap Reserve No. 6, this Agency, Pierre and Charles Kinbasket, twin sons of a former Chief. Rosalie was the daughter of Pierre Kinbasket, and Dave the son of Charles Kinbasket. Dave Kinbasket was born on Shuswap Reserve and lived there until between 1916 and 1920, when, according to his own statement, owing to continued trouble with his sister, Mrs. Brammel, who is married to a white man, he moved to the Okanagan Agency and has remained there ever since. Pierre Kinbasket died in June, 1920, and Charles died in July of the same year. Lucy Kinbasket, widow of Charles, died August 28, 1933, and when Dave visited Shuswap Reserve in order to straighten out the estate I tried to induce him to remain and take up the old Charles Kinbasket farm and work it. There is a good piece of bottom land, about twenty to thirty acres of which is cleared and mostly in crop and irrigated from Shuswap Creek. Dave was always a steady, hard working Indian, and I should like very much to have him on the Reserve again. If he does return he will doubtless be the next Chief, for with the exception of Louis Stowekan who is now past seventy there is not an Indian now living on Shuswap Reserve who is qualified for that position. There is no record in this office of his move to the Okanagan Agency having been authorized by the Department.

I trust the above is the information required, but if there is anything further I can do with regard to this family I shall be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

"F. S. Ryckman"
Indian Agent.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

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Department of Indian Affairs
Canada

Office of Indian Agent

Merritt, B.C.,
Feb. 21st, 1934.

3-17-4/4046.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter No.167/10/33158,of the 13th instant, receipt of which I hereby acknowledge, having regard to the census of the Okanagan Agency, the undermentioned names of Indians being noted thereon as having come from this Agency, I beg to advise as follows:

Re,	Louie Chacko, 71	Douglas Lake
	Johnny Chacko 45	Douglas Lake

I have no record of these two men, father and son, ever having belonged to the Douglas Lake Band, and from enquiries made, they do not belong here, but, to the Okanagan. They have never lived here, except for short visits at various times.

	Sah-Pell(Isabel) 53	Douglas Lake

This woman, though never on the records of this Agency in my time, I find was born at Lower Nicola I.R.No.11, and married, as a young woman, an Indian of the Upper Nicola Band, named Quilchena Jack, whom she left about twenty-five years ago, since when she has lived in the Okanagan.

Johnny Andrew	38
Achtmis Michele	38

I can find no record of either of these men having belonged to any reserves of this Agency, and they are not known by the Indians here.

Jimmy Swite	56
Nancy McDougall	50
Ignace	21
Virginia	19
Francis	15
Emma	13
Felix	10
Charlie	10
Violet	1

Jimmy Swite was born at Lower Nicola I.R.No.1. He left here over twenty-five years ago, and has never returned. Lives with Nancy McDougall, of the Okanagan (Kelowna) Band. He is not and has not been, to my knowledge, shown on this Agency records, though probably never has been officially transferred to the Okanagan Band.

It would appear that whilst:

Sah-Pell (Isabel)	Upper Nicola Band (Upper Nicola No.1)
Jimmy Swite	Lower Nicola I.R.No.1

legally belong to this Agency, they have been away for such a length of time, living in the Okanagan Agency, that I would suggest that they now be officially transferred to the respective Bands on whose reserves they have resided for so long, as it is not probable they will ever return here.

This I trust will be satisfactory.

Yours obediently,

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

"Alfred H. Barber"

Indian Agent.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

March 22nd.,1934.

O-G-1781.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I wonder whether you have heard anything yet from the Department about the Mounted Police, or a third party filling in the suggested questionnaires for the standing of Indians from Okanagan No. I Reserve.

As I have already pointed out, I feel sure that it will be a fatal mistake for any of the Departmental officials to fill in these questionnaires themselces. The Indians would immediately take it as a prejudiced investigation, and probably, so would their representative, Mr. Norris.

If you think that I should emphasize this by writing to the Deputy Superintendent General giving my own views, I will be only too pleased to do so.

With kindest regards,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAR 26 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
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VICTORIA, B.C.

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My File No. 1052

March 21st. 1934

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MAR 26 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

re: Your File No.167/10/33578

With further reference to your letter of March 7th. I may say that I have now seen the Indians and they object to the presence on the Reserve of the following Indians who are Americans and are in receipt of money from the American Government:-

No.82 Pierre Louis Katherine Haynes	Their children are No.303 Ben Louis - Married No.332 Ned Louis - Married Six more under fifteen
No.94 Alec Marchand Helen Bradley	Eight children all under seventeen
No.274 Joe Marchand Agnes Lawrence	Three children under ten
No.321 George Marchand Hannah Brewer	One child
No. 83 John Haron	
Paul (1st.husband) Mary Ann Lawrence	Their children are Pierre Paul or Louis Alec Marchand or Paul

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No.120 Louis Marchand (Second husband) Mary Ann Lawrence) Their children are Joe Marchand, Sarah Marchand, Willie Marchand, George Marchand

Frank Marchand, Christine) Their children are Victoria Marchand, Charlie Marchand - No.301

Apparently Mary Ann Lawrence was married twice, - first to an American Indian Paul. Their children were Pierre Paul or Pierre Louis as he is now known, the Chief so-called of the Band. Her second husband was No.120 Louis Marchand. Their children were Joe Marchand, Sarah Marchand, Willie Marchand and George Marchand.

The presence of all these Indians on the Reserve is objected to and I would refer you to the previous correspondence with Mr. Meyer which deals with the matter.

I would be glad to hear from you as to the course of action which will be followed.

Yours faithfully,

TGN/L.

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March 13th. 1934

The Assistant Indian Commissioner
for British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File 43/33580

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7th. herein and thank you for the information therein contained.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris.

TGN/L.

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My File No. 1052

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The Assistant Indian Commissioner,
for British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

re: Your File 167/10/33578

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7th. with enclosures as stated. Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in the matter. I will have the Indians come in to see me and assure you that I will be glad to give you complete co-operation in an effort to straighten out the difficulties which have arisen at the Head of the Lake. I will write you as soon as I have seen my clients.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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167/10/33578.

March 7, 1934.

Dear Mr. Norris:-

I received a letter from Mr. Jimmy Antoine dated March 5th, copy of which, together with my reply of today, is sent herewith and will be self-explanatory. I am also sending you herewith a copy of the Indian census of the Okanagan Band showing the names and in some cases questioning the status of certain individuals whose names have been from time to time during the course of several years, placed on the records of the Okanagan Agency which are now being carefully investigated as you have already been advised, by a special Board of Enquiry. I shall not attempt to elaborate upon the conditions under which these several names have been placed on record in the Agency nor under which the individuals shown have been permitted to reside or occupy any of the reserve. My primary object in sending you this census is with a view to laying all the cards on the table as it were, with a view to obtaining your sympathetic co-operation and goodwill in connection with our endeavours to straighten out this Band list with the approval of the Department for all time to come. This co-operation you promised me in our recent interview and I feel sure that any errors that may appear in the list will be looked upon without prejudice and in the light of our common objective, namely, to make sure for the future that all persons privileged to reside on any of the Okanagan Reserves are accepted by the Department as having the status of bona fide Indians and thus satisfy your client, Mr. Jimmy Antoine, as well as those members of the Okanagan Band who consider that their rights have been infringed upon through the coming in of outsiders who enjoy the privileges of their reserves.

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I propose in concert with Inspector Pragnell and Indian Agent Coleman to have the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

P/KD.

Enclosures:-

Chas. C. Perry,
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Vernon, B. C.,
March 5, 1934.

C.C. Perry,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Jan. 5th is on hand and the band has heard of it. The band is well satisfied with your letter to me. We have been to Mr. Norris of Kelowna and he has told us that you will be here in short time from now, so the band has been told that too and they are very glad that you'll be here to meet them on the American Indians. The band want you to stop the loging here which Coleman is carry out with his U.S. Indians, or till after the investigation. I wrote to Mr. Harvey K. Meyer of Nespelem in rrgards of the U.S. Indians and his records of those Indians here, and he is willing to be here at the investigation if he is asked too, and he'll bring all the records, from the United States with him of those U.S. Indians that are here now. Coleman has been very hard on us Indians now, and it will not be to soom for you to be here. I wish you would let us know when you'll be here.

Yours truly,

"Jimmie Antoine"

Box 722.

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I am writing to Mr. Norris today sending him a list of the names of those who reside on Okanagan Reserves so that you will have an opportunity to advise him who amongst these are considered by you to be Americans or Indians other than the Indians of the Okanagan Band and who are considered by you to be the true members of the Band. No doubt Mr. Norris will want to see you about this.

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Vancouver B.C.

March 5th 1934

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MAR 7 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

C.C. Perry.

Your letter of Jan. 5th in regard to the land known as part of Reserve No. 2 Musqueam Indian Reserve and the Ross Fund we have sent you a cheque for $1.00 which is all that is coming to the Musqueam Band from the Ross Fund. We would like to have you sign a receipt for the $1.00 and return to us as we have to account for every cent that comes in.

The land agent of Musqueam Reserve wrote us in regard to the logging timber on the Reserve and we have written him to see you.

Yours truly,

D. C. Cameron

Indian Agent.

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My File #1052

March 5th. 1934

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry,

re: Your File 167/10/33218

Your letter of February 16th. has remained unanswered owing to rush of work consequent upon my absence at the Coast. I will see the Indians and write you fully.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris.

TGN/L.

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February 28th, 1934.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

O-G-1767

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I managed to get hold of Mr. Coleman on the phone today, and read him your letter,with the letters enclosed, regarding the straightening out of the membership of the Okanagan Band Indian Reserve No. I.

I told Mr' Coleman what I had written you, and there is one thing in which he most emphatically agrees with me, and that is, that the filling in of the questionnaire should be done by some one who does not belong to the Indian Department, preferably the Mounted Police as suggested. In support of this idea, he states that this matter of membership in the Okanagan Reserve has been gone into by so many Departmental Officials that the Indians would never be satisfied if it was done again in that way. He also draws attention to the fact that he is strongly of the opinion that all the Indians of the Band should be questioned, anyhow, to some extent, so that they will get it firmly fixed in their minds that the questioning is impartial. Further, he points to the fact that, of necessity, it would take considerable time to question the said Indians, and his time is very fully taken up about that time of year. I might also point out that I, too, would have to be runningaround quite a lot. He quite agrees that after the information is collected, that it is a good idea for us to act as a Board, and even then, he is rather inclined to think that he, perhaps, should not be one of the Board. He is of the opinion that the Indians possibly would immediately put him down as prejudiced. However, this is a matter for your consideration.

The other matters of routine,about which I have made suggestions to you, he is in agreement with me in general.

After talking matters over with Mr. Coleman, I again want to emphasize the fact that the whole matter is largely a matter of psychology, and we don't want to give the Indians any chance of trying to make out that they are being handled with any prejudice by Departmental officials. Of course, it is only the agitators that we have to think about, though, to my mind, the whole thing will, by force of circumstances, boil down to length of residence on the Reserve, otherwise, if we go keep strictly within what might be argued as legal rights, about 65% of the Indians of the Band would have to leave either through illegitimacy, treapass, other Band origin, Americanism, or otherwise.

Yours very truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian
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Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

February 23, 1934.

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FEB 26 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

O-K-1762.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 23/32225 of the 17th instant, with reference to the matter of Band Membership of Okanagan Band No. I. I have read the information contained therein, together with the attached correspondence carefully, as requested, and you ask me to submit my views on the matter.

As it happens, I had already written you something about the matter a day or two ago, and I still am strongly of the opinion that the data required should be collected as originally suggested, by the Mounted Police. If any of us start to try to collect the data personally, it is going to take a long time and we are going to meet with opposition and suspicion, and probably all kinds of prevarications as well. Whereas, to my mind, the very fact of a uniformed person belonging to such a well known organization amongst the Indians, as the Mounted Police, the data required would be collected without any trouble. I have to point out that this is practically what the Indians expect. What happens to the said data after the Mounted Police have collected it, they would not know, and we can then function as a Board upon the matter, and if further cross-examination be required of any particular party, he or she could be fetched in front of us.

Your idea of a questionnaire is a very good one, and I advocated that to the Mounted Police at the time of these meetings. Some while ago, I sat down to try to work out some rough idea of what would be required, and I am sending you a copy which might help you to make up one. My idea, therefore, of the proceedings, is as follows:-

1. The Mounted Police should proceed to the Reserve with questionnaires supplied by us to obtain the data. The full data need not necessarily be filled out by them except about doubtful cases, of whom they would have a list in hand. I think it would be good policy, having in view the psychology of the Indian mind, to have all answer some questions.

2. After these questionnaires have been completed by the Police, you and I and Mr. Coleman could then sit as a Board, and hold any further examination necessary to answer any particular purpose, and make our recommendations accordingly, as requested.

3. With reference to the matter of warning the people of the Okanagan Reserve No1, as to the taking place of the investigation, I think a notice should be drawn up as to what is taking place, with a warning about the answering correctly

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and fully to the Mounted Police. This notice to be posted by a Mounted Police on the Meeting House door, on the Church Door, on the School-house door, and on the Chief's house. Then, if the Chief has to be questioned about his status, until such time as we have decided definitely about the matter, we must recognize him. A copy of it to be delivered by Mr. Coleman to the Chief and each Councillor.

I do not know yet whether Mr. Coleman is in agreement with these suggestions, but I hope to see him early next week, and will then write you again.

Yours truly,

G S Pragnell

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Kootenay Agency,
Cranbrook, B.C.,
February 22, 1934.

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No 2 Reserve
Dave Kinbasket

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 12, 1934, file No. 167/10/33151, with reference to Indian Dave Kinbasket and family.

In reply, I beg to submit that until 1920 there were two Chiefs on Shuswap Reserve No. 8, this Agency, Pierre and Charles Kinbasket, twin sons of a former Chief. Rosalie was the daughter of Pierre Kinbasket, and Dave the son of Charles Kinbasket. Dave Kinbasket was born on Shuswap Reserve and lived there until between 1916 and 1920, when, according to his own statement, owing to continued trouble with his sister, Mrs. Brammel, who is married to a white man, he moved to the Okanagan Agency and has remained there ever since. Pierre Kinbasket died in June, 1920, and Charles died in July of the same year. Lucy Kinbasket, widow of Charles, died August 28, 1933, and when Dave visited Shuswap Reserve in order to straighten out the estate I tried to induce him to remain and take up the old Charles Kinbasket farm and work it. There is a good piece of bottom land, about twenty to thirty acres of which is cleared and mostly in crop and irrigated from Shuswap Creek. Dave was always a steady, hard working Indian, and I should like very much to have him on the Reserve again. If he does return he will doubtless be the next Chief, for with the exception of Louis Stowekan who is now past seventy there is not an Indian now living on Shuswap Reserve who is qualified for that position. There is no record in this office of his move to the Okanagan Agency having been authorized by the Department.

I trust the above is the information required, but if there is anything further I can do with regard to this family I shall be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

F. S. Ryckman

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February 12, 1934.

Dear Mr. Ryckman:

Spallumacheen No 2

There is an Indian family on the ~~Okanagan~~ No.1 Reserve from your Agency, named as follows:

Dave Kimbasket, 53
Frances Hasket, 50.
Lucy, 17
Margaret Theresa 10
Lawrence Mark 9
Charles Gilbert 7

Would you be kind enough to let me know if Dave Kimbasket was a brother of Rosie Kimbasket and a son of Old Mrs. Kimbasket of the Shuswap Reserve or not. Of course he may possibly belong to some other Band in your Agency as he is described as being from the Kootenay Agency.

Would you kindly write me as early as possible letting me know whether or not you claim this Indian and family as belonging to your Agency; to what Band, if any, they belong; and should they belong to your Agency and are now living in the Okanagan Agency, under what arrangements they transferred from Kootenay to the Okanagan Agency. Is there any record of their having been transferred with the consent of the Superintendent General under the provisions of the Indian Act? What I want particularly is, do these Indians belong to Kootenay Agency or the Okanagan Agency? Also on what grounds do they claim to belong to either one or the other?

Your obedient servant,

P/AC

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P.O. BOX 752
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February 19th, 1934.

O-G-1759.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

Mr. Barber and Mr. Ferguson have shown me two letters from you, making enquiries regarding the possible status of certain Indians in connection with an enquiry to be held on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I.

In these letters some mention is made of yourself and myself proceeding to make the enquiry. Of course I do not know exactly what is meant by this, but I hope the Department is not dropping the idea of allowing the Mounted Police, or anyhow a third party to make the enquiry into the status of these Indians actually on the Reserve. Knowing them as I do, I feel sure that any enquiry actually held by an official of the Department in B.C. will not satisfy them. As far as I am concerned, I have practically stated that neither Mr. Coleman nor myself would conduct the enquiry anyhow. This was in view of the fact naturally because we have both had such a lot to do with the dispute, and as you know, as far as I am concerned I am much more inclined towards telling them that the list remain as it has been for the last twenty years.

I am, of course, only too willing to go with you into the Okanagan to see that the enquiry is started correctly, but, as already pointed out, I feel almost sure that, anyhow, if Mr. Coleman or myself have too much to do with it, we would immediately be listed as prejudiced.

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell

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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of report dated February 9th, instant, file 33?-1050-8, as received by you from Penticton 8 Detachment concerning general conditions on Okanagan Reserve No.1.

I would inform you that the report has been read with interest and the thanks of the Department are extended to you and to Constable Illington in this connection.

An investigatory board composed of the Inspector of Agencies, the Agent and myself, has been appointed by the Superintendent General to make a full investigation of doubtful membership in the Okanagan Reserve and to report our findings and make recommendation to the Department for final decision by the latter. The preliminaries of this investigation are now proceeding and I am in touch with our officials as well as with Mr. Norris, K.C., in this connection. We shall likely desire to have the services of one of your officers when we sit at Vernon at a later date and I shall advise you as soon as possible of any further and essential particulars.

In the meantime it is understood that your officer is available for duty at the reserve in connection with previous arrangements of our Inspector and the Deputy Superintendent General with your organization.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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J. W. Phillips, Esq.,
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February 16, 1934.

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Re: GENERAL CONDITIONS, Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 Vernon B.C.

Asst.Dept.Indian Affairs.

Headquarters

1. At the request of the Indian Agent and instructed by Corpl.Culverhouse, I left Penticton at noon on the 2nd ist.per Pte.Car for Vernon B.C. at which place I arrived at 6 pm of the same date.

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2. On the 3rd inst.I interviewed the Chief of the above named reserve and the Indian Agent in the latter's office.The following situation was found to exist:-

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3. The Department of Indian Affairs had authorised the Indian Agent to allow the cutting of logs on the above named reserve, to be sold to a local sawmill as a relief measure for the benefitx of members of the band living on this reserve.The head of each family was to be allowed to cut logs at a quota of 1700 feet per member of his family.Permits were issued to all who applied for them to cut to the extent allowed them by this quota.Among those who received permits to log were:-Chief ~~KK~~ PIERRE LOUIE, ALEX, FRANK, CHARLES & JOE MARCHAND, & JOE MARCEL.These six Indians came originally from the U.S.A. and relinquished their American rights to become registered members of the Okanagan Band.They constitute the most progressive and industrious element on this reserve.The presence of these so called "American"Indians, has been the cause of friction for some years past.Jimmy ANTOINE(Indian)(Ref.para 8 P.C.R. dated 24/11/33 under same heading), leader of the malcontents on this reserve had stated that he, with his adherents would stop these"American"Indians from logging by taking away their tools and other forceful measures.

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4. I proceeded to the reserve on the 3rd inst. and found Jimmy ANTOINE at the home of Francois Gregoire.There was also present at the interview Joe ABEL Tommy GREGOIRE, & Francois GREGOIRE, Indians who are adherents of Jimmy Antoine.Jimmy Antoine informed me that he intended to use force to stop logging by"American"Indians, and Joe Abel used the expression"I will fight, and Mr.Norris will get me off". (Mr.Norris is a lawyer living at Kelowna B.C. to whom Jimmy Antoine goes for legal advise.)I told Jimmy Antoine that I would be present when logging operations started and warned him not to create a breach of the peace, which I told him would be regarded as a very serious matter by the Dept.of Indian Affairs.I advised him to await the result of the investigation of which mention is made in para.8 P.C.R.24/11/33, at which the standing of all Indians on this reserve would be established.He replied that by that time the "American"Indians would have"stolen all our timber".I told him that no ~~xix~~ violence would be tolerated, and that he could obtain legal advise in the matter when I was sure Mr.Norris(his lawyer) would counsel him not to

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4(continued) .....commit a breach of the peace. Cpl.Thompson,B.C.Police,Vernon Det.also endeavoured to impress on Jimmy Antoine and the other Indians present the serious nature of the action they contemplated taking.

5. Logging operations were to commence on the 5th inst.,but owing to the death of an Indian child,were postponed until the following day in order that the band could attend the funeral in full force.I continued my arguments with Jimmy Antoine on the 5th in an effort to dissuade him from carrying out his plan to attack the "American"Indians and with his adherents force them to quit logging.I pointed out that any such action would react to his own detriment when the investigation into the standing of the Indians of this band was carried out.

6. The Indian Agent impressed me with the fact that the Dept.of Indian Affairs was most anxious that there should be no violence,and that my presence there was for the express purpose of doing all in my power to prevent a clash.I finally prevailed on Jimmy Antoine to seek legal advise before putting his plan into execution,

7. I was present at the scene of operations when logging started at 8 am on the 6th inst. The Indians logging were not molested.I stayed in the vicinity of logging opertions for the two days following. There was no violence.

8. On the 8th inst.Jimmy ANTOINE went to Mr.Morrow a lawyer in Vernon B.C.who made out two "Informations" charging Pierre Louie,Alex,Frank,Charles & Joe Marchand & Joe Marcel with "Trespass"(I.A.Sec.115) & "Removing Timber"(I.A.Sec.119(a)).Jimmy Antoine then appeared before R.McCusty Esq.Stipendary Magistrate,Vernon B.C.who refused"to take the Information",as did also Hugh, A,Heggie Esq.Stipendary Magistrate of Vernon.Antoine then stated that he would await the return of T.G.Norris K.C. from Vancouver,when he would take legal advise from him and endeavour to get the information laid before a magistrate in either Kamloops,or Kelowna.

9. Aletter was received by Antoine from the Asst.Commissioner of Indian Affairs,Victoria B.C. on the 8th inst.,informing him that arragements were being made by his department to institute the investigation asked for,and referred to in para.5 of my P.C.R.dated 24/11/33.The Asst.Commissioner warned Antoine that if he expected to

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9. Continued .....invoke the aid of the law on his own behalf, he must be very careful to keep within the law himself.

10. Feeling sure that any liklihood of a clash between the opposing factions was now averted, I informed the Indian Agent and he agreed that my presence would not be necessary until Antoine returned from his interview with Mr. Norris which has been arranged to take place on the 12th inst. I therefor returned to Penticton per C.N.R. on the 9th inst.

11. The general conditions on this reserve continue very unsatisfactory. Jimmy Antoine is bent on causing as much trouble as possible. His adherents feed him and supply transportation for him. Many of the older Indians are being bled white to supply funds for legal advice, and are consequently becoming very impoverished. I suggested to the Indian Agent that sufficient evidence could be obtained to support a charge of "Inciting" against Antoine, but he did not wish this ~~to~~ proceeded with as he considered it would be regarded as persecution. The rights of the so called "American" Indians must be definitely established once and for all and when this is done, it is possible that Antoine's influence will become undermined, and his control over the ignorant older element on this reserve terminated.

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Investigation Continuing.

Copies of this report have been sent to The Indian Agent, Vernon B.C. and to the N.C.O. i/c Cranbrook S/Div.

Sgd Cst.
(J.A.J. Illington) Reg. No. 6137

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. VANCOUVER. B.C.

1. Sir:-Forwarded:-10-2-34. This investigation was made at the request of the Indian Agent, Vernon, over the telephone on the 1st instant. I am satisfied that Cst. Illington's presence on the Reserve in question prevented any breach of the peace being committed by Jimmy ANTOINE and his adherents. The recognized legal adviser for the malcontents, T.G. Norris. K.C, of Kelowna, is at present in Vancouver, but has arranged to meet the Indians on the 12th instant. The local Indian Agent has requested that a member of this Force be present in Vernon on that date.

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2. Cst.Illington will be making other investigations in the Vernon and Kamloops districts on that date,and will therefore supply the necessary assistance to the Indian Department,as requested.

3. Diary Date for further report has been set for 12-3-34.

agd. Corpl.
F. J. Culverhouse.Reg.No.6398.
i/c. Penticton Detachment.

The Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

1. Copy for your information. A further report will be forwarded in due course.

Vancouver,
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VICTORIA

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SUBJECT:

January 30th,
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James Coleman,
Indian Agent -
Complaint of
Alleged Threats.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

For your information I am enclosing herewith copy of a report submitted by Corporal Thomson, i/c Vernon District.

Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

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Unorganised Territory — Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1

REPORT

Re: COLEMAN,James.Indian Agent.Complaint of Alleged Threats.

1.On the afternoon 24th January 1934 the above named reported to me that ABEL,Joe.JACK,Narcisse.BREWER,Maurice.LESSARD,Charles. All Indians,had visited him at his office the previous day,and threatened that if some so called "American Indians" members of the band did not discontinue cutting logs the above mentioned Indians would stop them by fighting and using force if necessary. He further told me that these Indians with another Indian,ANTOINE, Jimmy had on the 8th & 12th January 1934 threatened Pierre Louie the chief of the band and Alex Marchand that if they continued cutting logs the first mentioned Indians would stop them by fighting them.The Indian Agent's clerk took a stenographic report of what occurred in the Agent's Office on the 23rd January 1934 and I am forwarding a copy of this report,which I will be glad if you will return.

H'QRS. REF.

2.Apparently the situation is that Jimmy Antoine made application for a permit to log,and was referred by the Indian Department to the Chief and Council who were the proper persons to make application for such permit.The Chief and Council did make application and a permit was granted and the logging allocated by the Chief & Council on a basis of distribution by family units.The allocation having been made Jimmy Antoine supported by the first mentioned Indians then object to any of the so called "Americans Indians" being allowed to do any logging,and threaten to prevent them logging by fighting them.

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3.The status of a number of the Indians was in question at a recent supreme court trial of the first mentioned Indians and Jimmy Antoine at this point for Intimidation.This question could of course not be settled at that time,and I understand that a recommendation was made to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs that an investigation of the status of the members of this band be made,and that this is still under consideration.

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4.In view of the foregoing Pierre Louie and Alex ~~Marchand~~ Marchand wished to make a complaint before a Magistrate against,ANTOINE, Jimmy,JACK,Narcisse.ABEL,Joe.BREWER,Maurice.LESSARD,Charles.,for Sureties to keep the Peace this complaint being supported by the Indian Agent in consequence of threats made by accused in his office on the 23rd January 1934.I presented this complaint to R.M. McGusty,Esq.,Stipendiary Magistrate,Vernon,B.C.,who rejected it on the grounds that an investigation had been promised which might change the status of some of the Indians as regards their rights in the Band,and he was of the opinion that until such promised investigation had been held a permit for logging should not have been granted as it was only opening up grounds for trouble.If a definite date were set for holding the investigation he would reconsider the matterof binding these men over.He suggested that the natural and wise thing to do at present would be to cancel the logging permit.

5.I have now been informed by the Indiam Agent that he has instructed the Chief to suspend logging operations,and that he,the Agent is going to Kamloops on the 26th January 1934 to take this matter up with Inspector Pragnell of the Indian Department,and that as they are going to see you with reference to the William Louie case they will also discuss this matter with you at that time.

6.I think that for the moment any trouble will be avoided by suspension of logging operations.

Unconcluded.

COMMISSIONER JAN 27 1934 VICTORIA, B.C.

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Re: COLEMAN, James. Indian Agent. Complaint of Alleged Threats.

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Copy to Indian Agent and additional copy enclosed if required.

W. J. Thomson

(W.J.Thomson)Cpl.,#293 i/c.,
B.C.Prov.Police,
Vernon District.

The Officer Commanding,
"C" Division,
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TO THE COMMISSIONER, B.C. POLICE (CIB) VICTORIA, BC.
FORWARDED. I discussed this matter with Colonel Pragnell, Inspector of Indian Agencies, and Mr. James Coleman, Indian Agent of Vernon, yesterday, and every co-operation will be given them in connection with this complaint. Col. Pragnell seemed to think we should station one or two officers on duty at the Reserve but this I think unnecessary. He has taken the matter up with his department at Ottawa and expects instructions very shortly. The numerous complaints received during the past few months from Okanagan Indian Agency District are of an administrative nature and it is undesirable that we get mixed up in their controversies but assist them in every way possible in keeping the Peace.

JS/EP.
Kamloops, B.C.
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(J. Shirras) Inspector,
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February 2, 1934.

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C. C. Perry,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

Ottawa, February 1st, 1934.

Dear Sir,-

I have read carefully your letter of the 25th ultimo, in reply to mine of the 16th idem, in which you were informed of the decision of the Department with respect to the proposed investigation of the membership of the Okanagan No. 1 Band.

The recent trouble on this Reserve, of which you are aware, draws attention to the urgency of our contemplated action and I am of the opinion that it would be advisable for you to take charge of this investigation. I am fully aware of the fact that your present duties are more than sufficient to occupy your time, but obviously the Department will not expect you to give full attention to your office duties while engaged in this special work.

It is my opinion that, in any case, you should not find it necessary to remain on the Okanagan Reserve more than two or three days. If necessary instructions are given to Inspector Pragnell and Agent Coleman practically all, or at least the greater part of the preliminary investigational work might be carried out in advance of your visit.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Victoria,
British Columbia.

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It will, of course, be necessary to inform the Band fully and clearly of the purpose for which this investigation has been ordered, and such individuals of the Band as may be particularly interested should be given sufficient time to obtain or prepare any information which they might desire to submit. You will understand that it is not the desire of the Department to deal harshly with any members of this Band and the whole matter should be handled tactfully and reasonably from the beginning. Various factors must be given due consideration, and it will be understood that long residence on this Reserve and recognition of Band membership over a prolonged period of years would go far in establishing a legitimate claim to membership.

I need not offer any further suggestions concerning this investigation as you have had some experience in matters of this sort, and I am convinced your conduct of the investigation, in co-operation with Inspector Pragnell and Agent Coleman, will be entirely satisfactory.

I can only suggest that you make arrangements to have this investigation held at the earliest possible opportunity, bearing in mind such phases of the matter as those to which I have referred to above.

Your joint report should be forwarded to the Department as soon as possible for final and definite decision.

The question of an additional travelling allowance will be dealt with under separate cover.

Yours very truly,

Harold W. McGill

Deputy Superintendent General.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa. Jan.26th.1934.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 18th.inst.enclosing letter from Chief Antoine of Okanagan Reserve No.1 making a complaint that so-called American Indians are being allowed to cut logs on his reserve,I may state that Agent Coleman was authorised to issue timber permits to the Indians of the band,and it is presumed that he has governed himself accordingly.

Yours very truly,

R. F. MacKenzie

Secretary.
A.F.MacKenzie.

Chas.C.Perry Esq.
Asst.Indian Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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VICTORIA, B. C.

Vernon B.C.
Jan 30- 1934

Sir:
Commissioner, C.C. Perry.
Your letter was at hand, the indians were very glad to see you state in that the United States indians that are given treaty, in O.K. and Rec. Vol. But in your next letter you asked for your letter to be sent back to you.
And you was sorry for addressing me as chief Well Mr. Perry that addressing me a chief did not charge me at it did not help the band of which i am the spokesman. And i could not use your letter for any good that would be for the band. So the band is only to glad to send your letter back to you if there may be of use to you, and at any time that you would like to know any thing just drop me a line and the band and i will be only to glad to give you what you asked for. The way you get it Mr. Perry that as soon as i get your letter

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i was all ans shaving to people
that you address me chief.
I say right here to you Mr. Berry that
i would not want to be chief.
but i am the head Spokesman of 60
indians of Fo. Yukon, and after you
got a letter from me. Jimmie Gatoine
you can say that you talking with
the indians that after through me and
or indians myself.
And as for being a chief in this band
there is no chief, that has his chiefship
in a lawful way, Pierre Louie was put
to be chief without a vote. and a United
States indian at that.
I wonte you did it address myself as
chief Mr Berry, or not.
And i only asked you if you could
stop the United States from cutting our
dogs, in complin with the (Ind. Act.)
The way it all now that there will be
no hope from you as to stop the
United States indians from given trouble

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in this manner O. K. M.L.
Mr. Perry the hand is not acting for
help they only acte you to act. and fin
out and tell us if the United States in dian
has more right than the Canadian indians,
if they done more right well we'll stop.
than and leave them alone.
And now i am going to as you a
question. has the United States indian
more right than the Canadian indians
to be in Canada?
And for whos interest or you Commissioner
is it for the agents or is it for the indians
of British Columbia? And there for i
would ask of you to take more interest
in the Aborder letters to you.
Last fall is assign the judge said to Pierrelois
Chief and one of the United States indians
told him he the judge found him to be United
States indian and that he has no right to
be in Canada his village was in
the United States and not in Canada.
And said to Calaman the he did not know

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his horses, if he did he would see that those United States indians, would be put out of the Reserves when they are given treaty.
And i see right now that they'll be treaty before long in this district because the canadian indians are not going to let those United States indians out rodogs out of our race.
And you must not blame the indians we have been to all of our Canadian indians affairs for settlement — or his United States indians question.
The indians will not stop on till all the United States indians are out of here.
And you may bear that they'll be a cure for the average count in the upon between the Canadian and the United States indians of this reserve.
I'll be writing Dr. McGill in a few days from now about this too. And i see the board we may write Governor General of Canada Mr. Bennett too.

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and lay the hole story before him.
and I'll see what he say.
God i am also writing to Ressplenis Work.
Mr. Percy the lord has told me that
they do any thing to get them Model
Chater in their out. They get of this Reserve
and thought relief over $30,000.00
The hand can perform any thing that
you would want to ask me.
I am very glad and thankfull that
you answer our letters, i can't say
it's my letters it's for the hand.
God as soon as the hand can hear
about your last letter, i'll be sending
it back to you, thank you.

Your
Head spokesman of O.K. Ind Bnd.

Jimmie Fontaine

Box 722.

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CANADA

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
P. O. BOX 666
VICTORIA, B.C., January 18, 1934.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of January 15th and have sent a copy of it to the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs at Ottawa which is the only thing I can do until such time as I have received the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent General concerning action to be taken by the Department to deal with the alleged American Indians in the Okanagan Reserve as proposed in his letter of November 30th, last, and upon which I have since received no definite instructions from the Department. When I hear from the Deputy Superintendent General I will let you know.

Yours truly,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

Chief Jimmie Antoine,
Box 722,
Vernon, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

January 16, 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

It has been decided to proceed actively with the matter of determining the rights of band membership on reserves in British Columbia and it is thought that action should first be taken in respect to Okanagan Reserve No. 1, where trouble recently arose over the question of irrigation. It has further been decided that the preliminary step should be an investigation by a board to consist of yourself, Mr. Inspector Pragnell and Agent Coleman; this board to investigate all cases of doubtful standing as to membership and report their findings to the Department with recommendations, final decision to rest with the Department. Following this, similar action would be taken on other reserves in British Columbia in order of importance.

I would be pleased to have your views and if you consider that this method of dealing with the problem is likely to lead to satisfactory results I would ask you to kindly arrange with the other two officials above mentioned, to hold the investigation in respect to Okanagan Reserve No. 1, at the earliest date convenient to all.

Yours very truly,

Harold McGill

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
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In reply I beg to say I shall always be gladly at your bidding in regard to official instructions. I feel, however, that I should point out that I find my work here increasingly heavy and such is not to admit of any investigatory work that would involve more than a few days absence from the office at one time. The executive work that the late Commissioner Ditchburn found so heavy as to require the services of an Assistant Commissioner is now carried on by myself alone, and the work is such that it cannot be reasonably imposed upon the clerical staff.

The investigatory work necessary to establish the probable status of an individual or aggregation of individuals in any reserve is quite simple, although the gleaning of many details that would aid in arriving at decisions may take a considerable lot of time in each case, especially where information has to be gathered from quarters outside the immediate reserve where membership is claimed.

It is my opinion that the investigations proposed would, if your chief executive officer in British Columbia is to actually attend personally at meetings of an investigatory board in Okanagan or any other Reserve, involve the holding in abeyance of all other executive work in the Victoria office except the routine business which calls only for the attentions of the clerical staff. I am afraid that my absence for necessarily long periods from Victoria to investigate reserve matters, would result in complaints reaching the Department from various sources that the affairs calling for the attention of the Commissioner's office were not being given due and businesslike attention. In fact, I feel quite sure that this would be the result.

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If, however, the Department has decided that I shall visit the reserves and with the Inspector and Agent investigate as a Board the matters under present consideration, I shall be pleased to do so if this is your pleasure after considering these representations, I would ask to be relieved of the work of Indian Commissioner when I am engaged in inspection services in the field as I am sure the strain would be too great for me to undertake both services at the same time. It will be necessary for the Department to increase my travelling advance from $100 to $300 for the expenses to be incurred in going to the Okanagan and possibly to other points in connection with this work, and if I am to go I should be glad to have this advance, and when received I shall make immediate arrangements with the Inspector and Agent to carry out your instructions.

As an alternative I would suggest that the Agent and Inspector be furnished from this office with a suitable form of questionaire to be filled in and attested to by each doubtful claimant to membership in the Okanagan Band. I can prepare this questionaire without difficulty as I have done this work before when Doctor Scott gave attention to similar difficulties in the Squamish Reserves when I was Agent in Vancouver. These forms could be filled in by the Inspector or Agent at the time of examination and witnessed by both. Thereafter the forms could be submitted to this office to be forwarded to the Department with my recommendation in each case.

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PRAGNELL INSPECTOR

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January 26, 1934.

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23/32880.

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Yours truly

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

Mr. Jimmie Antoine,
Box 722,
Vernon, B.C.

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23/32879.

January 26, 1934.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a letter on January 18th and in doing so addressed you as "Chief" but on looking over my file I find you are not a Chief in the Band and that you hold no official position whatever in the Band. In view of this mistake I am sending you herewith another letter which will take the place of the one sent to you on January 18th and in doing so I would warn you that you should destroy the letter first sent you and not use it in any way that would lead your Band or any other person to give you recognition as a Chief of the Okanagan Band. It would be better for you to return the former letter to me as evidence of your good faith in this matter. I may say that the question of membership is to be fully investigated and since you wrote me I have heard from Dr. McGill who is arranging to have the complete investigation made in the Okanagan Reserve.

Yours truly,

Encl
P/AC

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Vernon, B. C.
January 24th 1934.

File Ok.1-7-2.

Sir:

re: Your File No.23/32733.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant enclosing copy of a letter received from "Chief"Jimmy Antoine, of Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1, in reference to proposed cutting of timber on this Reserve by members of the Band to whom he objects.

This man is not Chief of this Band, and holds no official position whatever. Any communications addressed to him by the Department to this effect would be used to convince other Indians of recognition of his leadership.

The logging of which he complains was granted as a direct result of his own representations to Mr. Inspector Pragnell, who pointed out to him that application would have to be made through the Chief and Council, who for this purpose, called the Band together on December 11th last, Antoine and his friends being present. The proceedings were quiet and orderly, and those present instructed the Council to make application for the necessary permit, which was duly authorized by the Department, and issued.

Immediately the permit was issued, the Antoine group came forward and stipulated that certain members of the Band, the so-called "Americans" were not to log, accompanying their statements with threats of interference by force. The whole matter was a pre-arranged plan on the part of Antoine and his friends to secure the permit regularly, and then bluff a section of the Band out of their legitimate share. I discussed the matter with Mr. Inspector Pragnell, and he recommended that in view of depressed conditions, the logging operations should be proceeded with. An announcement to this effect has been made to the Band, dividing the cutting as equally as possible, to every member of the Band, with a proviso that any not taken up within a reasonable time would be re-allotted to those who were logging, this being necessary in order not to embarrass the purchasers with short delivery too late for them to make other arrangements. Notice of these arrangements were issued to the Band in the form enclosed herewith (which apparently the Council omitted to sign before posting).

Directly after the posting of this notice, I received a letter from Antoine (copy enclosed) of a threatening nature, and yesterday received a visit from his associates advising that they would make trouble if the so-called "Americans" shared in the logging, and that if it was insisted that they had a right to participate then to cancel the operations entirely.

The point that I would stress is that we have on this Reserve an extremely competent Council, made up of men whose one desire is to raise the general standard of

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living among their people and have objected strongly to immorality, etc., among the Band, and in taking this stand have incurred the enmity of Jimmy Antoine, and his dissolute friends. For this reason, there are about five or six men, Jimmy Antoine, Narcisse Jack, Maurice Brewer, Charlie Lezard, and Joe Abel, supported by a few other ne'er-do-wells who are using every means possible to wrest control from the Council, and assume it themselves. If there is any question that I am unduly prejudiced against this group, I would suggest that possibly Mr.F.J.C.Ball, former Agent here, would express an opinion regarding them.

It is illogical that a few men of this type should by the mere fact that they are belligerant and do not hesitate to make trouble, upset any arrangement that will benefit the Band as a whole. If it becomes evident that they will attempt to carry out their threats, I will take steps to have them bound over to keep the peace for twelve months.

This membership question which they are continually raising has been taken up from time to time, and I understand Mr.Ditchburn came up and made a thorough investigation into the question some years ago, although I have nothing on record here. Possibly your files may throw a great deal of light on this vexed subject. However, as the whole matter is under consideration of the Department, I fail to see that these men are justified in raising a disturbance, particularly in view of the fact that two are the illegitimate sons of a woman who was not in the first place, a member of the Band, but were given by her when infants to an Indian to care for, but never, so far as I can ascertain, properly admitted - Charlie Lezard and Maurice Brewer (brothers). Joe Abel, another of the trouble makers, is in receipt of a per capita grant from the United States Indian Department in the same manner as those he terms "American " Indians on the Reserve, and so far as I can see, is in the same category. The real, but unstated, reason for their demands is that they object, to decent administration of their Council, and prefer to be allowed to wallow in their filthy mode of living unhindered, as they told Inspector Pragnell recently.

Your obedient servant,

James Coleman

(James Coleman)
Indian Agent.

JC/DH.

C.C.Perry Esq.
Ass't.Indian Commissioner for B.C.
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(C O P Y)

Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1

January 20th 1934.

We, the undersigned Chief and Council of the Okanagan Band, hereby notify all members of the Band that the Department of Indian Affairs has issued a permit to the Band to cut and sell saw logs in accordance with the resolution of the Band passed by a majority vote of those present at a meeting held in the Council House on December 11th 1933 instructing the Chief and Council to make application for said permit.

It is estimated that a division of the cutting among the Indians of the Band on an individual basis will amount to approximately 1,792 feet board measure per individual.

It will be understood that any Indian not commencing logging on or before January 31st 1934 has no intention of taking up his share of the cutting and his or her share will be divided among the other members who wish to log, at the discretion of the Chief and Council, as it is necessary to have the logging completed during favourable weather conditions.

The price to be paid is $6.50 per thousand feet, board measure, delivered in booms of not less than 100,000 feet in Okanagan Lake at such points as are accessible to the sawmill's boat, and for merchantable logs.

Any further information on the matter will be cheerfully given to any member of the Band by the Chief or any Councillor.

Logging may be commenced forthwith.

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Chief

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Councillor

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(C O P Y)

Jan.22 - 1934

J.Coleman

We have a letter Jan 20 for the band to cut logs. and said that the band had passed resolution. and the band had a vote on it too.

As speaking for the band, i ll say that the band never vote or passed any resolution on the logging. But the band passed a resolution that if the U.S. indins loges the Canadian indian ar not logging. and they stand at that now. befor any logging go on the U.S. Indian must be out of the logging. I ask you to write your name on the letter made by your Chief and Council. And if the U.S. indians ar logging there is going to be another fight. that why i want your name on the letter.

Your

"Jimmie Antoine"

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23/32733.

January 18, 1934.

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Vernon, B.C.,

Jan. 15 - 1934.

Sir:-

Mr. C.C. Perry.

I am droping you a line on regards of the United States indian abut or here in our reserve.
Have thy a right to cut our logs?
And have they a right to receved releaf?
We canadian indians were going to log but these United States indians were going to log too and to save 6 or $700.00 we canadian indians or not logging this winter. but Colemon the Agent is given the United States indians a right to cut logs on our Reserve.
The band is asking you to stop this logging right away befor it's gets truble in the reserve.
And we wish you would look in this United States indians question in this reserve. The indians or looking to you for an answer.
And if you want to know i ask you to write to (Henry K. Meyer Nespelium, Wash.) and he can tell you that these indians or United States indians The band has turned the logging out for this winter.

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Yours truly

"Jimmie Antoine"

Box 722

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JAN 17 1934
VICTORIA, B.C.

Vernon B.C.
Jan. 15-1934.

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23/32565.

January 6, 1934.

Dear Inspector Pragnell:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 3rd in regard to affairs at the Okanagan Reserve. I do not think it is advisable at this late date for me to write to the Chief in regard to the expenditure of the balance of money appropriated for improvements in the Okanagan Reserve as winter conditions would probably prevent any developments of any value between now and the end of the fiscal year. Unless Mr. Coleman asks for the money I would be inclined to let the matter lapse automatically for the time being or at least until the investigation has been made in regard to the memberships that are in dispute. I have heard nothing from Dr. McGill lately as to when the investigation by the R.C.M.P. is to begin. The last I heard from him was that he would consult with Mr. Williams on the legal aspects and with Mr. Caldwell in regard to land tenures,etc. I appreciate, however, your bringing the matter to my notice.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Col. C. S. Pragnell,
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January 6, 1934.

Dear Inspector Pragnell:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 3rd in regard to affairs at the Okanagan Reserve. I do not think it is advisable at this late date for me to write to the Chief in regard to the expenditure of the balance of money appropriated for improvements in the Okanagan Reserve as winter conditions would probably prevent any developments of any value between now and the end of the fiscal year. Unless Mr. Coleman asks for the money I would be inclined to let the matter lapse automatically for the time being or at least until the investigation has been made in regard to the memberships that are in dispute. I have heard nothing from Dr. McGill lately as to when the investigation by the R.C.M.P. is to begin. The last I heard from him was that he would consult with Mr. Williams on the legal aspects and with Mr. Caldwell in regard to land tenures,etc. I appreciate, however, your bringing the matter to my notice.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Col. C. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

January 3, 1934.

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Dear Mr. Perry:-

I have just been in telephonic communication with Mr. Coleman, at Vernon. He informs that all seems very peaceful, and that the Indians seem to have lined up over the matter of the timber business when they found that they could not get away without permits.

I also understand that the Judge has issued an order for the marriage of those two young people. Apparently they got frightened in the end and agreed to marriage, but they insist on Mr. Coleman, who has the powers, to marry them.

I, however, want to point out that none of the agitator gang have said anything yet to Mr. Coleman about their final decision as regards the irrigation, as they promised to do. I have advised Mr. Coleman not to approach them again upon the subject as it looks as though we were too keen upon the matter. I thought perhaps you had better know as you might like to drop a line to Jimmy Antoine direct, asking him outright whether they have come to a final decision, I don't know whether this is advisable, or whether you had better leave the initiative of opening up the question again to them, having in view the fact that it was originally up to them.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
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December 6, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of November 30th, ultimo, with enclosures, with reference to reports rendered on the Okanagan Reserve troubles. Your kind appreciation of the present efforts being made by your officers to unravel the difficulties surrounding the unrest and the support which you are prepared to give us in their execution, arouses gratitude and thanks.

As you have expressed a wish to have from me a further expression of view concerning the engagement of Police services, I think my position as well as that of the Provincial Police will be better understood, as concerning the Vernon affair, upon perusal of the enclosed copy of my letter to Agent Coleman of August 7th last. It will be noted that Agent Coleman was not personally threatened in his office but the Indians had threatened what might happen on the reserve. This did not constitute a threat, and I doubt if the Provincial Police could have done any better at that particular time. Where they did fall down however, was in advising me that a wire had been sent to Inspector Fernie of the B.C. Police asking why Sergeant Bowen of the B.C. Police at Vernon had requested Crown Counsel to take up the case for Agent Coleman. Detective Peachy afterwards informed me that no such wire was sent as the Attorney-General's Department were of opinion that Sergeant Bowen, its Senior Police officer at Vernon, would prosecute in the usual way particularly as this would be but a summary case and it was customary for the police to prosecute in far more serious cases than that under consideration.

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OTTAWA

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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VICTORIA, B. C.

November 30th. 1933.

Dear Mr. Perry,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of November 17th. with enclosures from Inspector Pragnell and Mr. Coleman, all in reference to the land and irrigation troubles in the Okanagan Agency. Within the past few days I have also received a letter from Inspector Pragnell enclosing copy of the report sent to you concerning later developments of this same condition. My reply may not appear to be very prompt but as this is a matter of no small importance I wished to be fully conversant with all details before writing you.

I have carefully read all the reports concerning this unfortunate affair and must express my appreciation and thanks to you for the comprehensive analysis that you furnished me in your covering letter of November 17th. I have the deepest sympathy with the difficulties faced by Mr. Coleman in his agency, and the Department is prepared to give the fullest support, consistent with the provisions of the Indian Act, to you and the agent concerned in bringing about a satisfactory disposition of all matters in dispute with the Indians of this reservation.

Obviously there are three questions interlocked: the primary one of band membership entitlement; the one of land tenure; and lastly the one immediately under consideration, the question of irrigation works. I am in full accord with the opinion you have expressed regarding the primary importance of the question of band membership, and it would appear necessary that this matter be definitely, even if arbitrarily, adjusted before anything can be done regarding the question of land titles.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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Rightly or wrongly, I have obtained the impression from the correspondence before me that the Provincial police were somewhat lukewarm in the support of Mr. Coleman in his endeavour to suppress the disturbance and law-violation on the reserve. In several parts of Canada the best of results have followed the placing of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment upon a reserve where troubles of like nature arose. This is a matter that can be dealt with later, but in the meantime I should like your opinion as to its feasibility and the prospect of advantages in the case under consideration.

It is my purpose to go fully into this matter with Mr. Williams and Mr. Caldwell, the former of whom will advise me as to the legal implications, and the latter as to the most feasible solution of the land question.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to Inspector Pragnell and Mr. Coleman, and am enclosing herewith copies of the respective covering letters.

Yours very truly,

Harold McGill

Deputy Superintendent General.

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November 30th. 1933.

Dear Mr. Coleman,

I have lately received through the office of Assistant Commissioner Perry your quite full report in connection with the irrigation works on the Okanagan Reserve No. 1.

I thoroughly sympathize with you in the difficulties which have beset you in endeavouring to carry out your duties in the agency concerned, and I appreciate the energy and zeal you have displayed in attempting to adjust the many problems which you have encountered. The report which you have submitted indicates the extent of the efforts that you were called upon to put forth.

The whole matter is under consideration by the Department and when a definite course of action is decided upon you will receive further instructions through the office of the Assistant Commissioner.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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November 30th. 1933.

Dear Colonel Pragnell,

Many thanks for your letter of November 25th. enclosing the detailed report of your activities at Vernon in connection with the irrigation troubles and the recalcitrant conduct of the members of the band in Okanagan Reserve No. 1.

Permit me to thank you for your prompt and energetic action in rendering, what I imagine must have been very welcome assistance to the agent, Mr. Coleman.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Lt.-Col. C. S. Pragnell,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B.C.

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November 17, 1933.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter, dated September 21st, last, with attached data, addressed by Mr. Agent Coleman, of Okanagan Agency to yourself, and which I received under cover of a letter from Inspector Pragnell, dated November 8th, instant, requesting that the same be forwarded to you.

A copy of Inspector Pragnell's letter is sent herewith also for your perusal and information.

While it is noted that I am not under request to make any comment upon these reports, I believe you would wish me to do so. I therefore beg to offer you a few observations as they occur to me from my experience in dealing with such matters.

I cannot refrain from pointing out, in view of the letter of Agent Ball (when Agent at Okanagan) dated March 13th, 1924, addressed to the Department, copy of which is attached to Agent Coleman's letter of September 21st addressed to you, it seems most regrettable that suitable action was not taken following consideration of that correspondence to challenge the assumed right of continued residence in the Okanagan Reserve of many of the undesirables whose names are shown in the list (also attached to Agent Coleman's letter of September 21st). It seems amazing to me that these interlopers have been allowed to continue their trespass right under the eyes of the resident Agents; and even more so when it is apparent from the list that two of them are given positions as members of the Indian Council. There can be no wonder that the Agent has been having so much trouble with them of late. They apparently think the officials are afraid of them and are taking advantage of their unrestrained liberties, which they appear to have enjoyed.

With the existence of Section 220 of the Criminal Code it is not understood why this statute cannot be invoked in order to deal with the cases of unlawful cohabitation cited by Agent Coleman in his list which accompanied his letter to you of September 21st, last, or that some other statute is not invoked.

It is my opinion that the first thing to be done is to ask the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to make investigation and report to the Agent on each and every case of alleged trespass or doubtful Indian status included in the list submitted by Agent Coleman; also to give fair warning to such of those in the list as are believed to be violating Section 220 of the Criminal Code or any other morality law and to bring to justice those who deliberately refuse to recognize the law in such cases made and provided. Report could then be made to the Department

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by Agent Coleman under Section 18 of the Indian Act and decision could be given as to the status in each individual case, also instruction to the Agent as to the disposal of those found to be trespassing in the reserves.

You will be aware of the recent prosecution of Indians by Agent Coleman for intimidation in connection with irrigation works being carried out in the Reserve under his direction, the Indians being released following their trial by jury. One of the arguments against the Agent was that the Indian Council had not passed a resolution agreeing to the works being done on their reserves, this, however, not being the main reason for the Indians' discharge. I have no comment to make, on the prosecution of these cases under indictment rather than in a summary way, as I was not consulted in connection with the appointment of counsel by the Department for the purpose. I had been in full co-operation with the Provincial Police and Attorney-General's departments when, to their surprise as well as my own the matter was taken out of the hands of the Attorney-General's department through the action of Inspector Pragnell who wired the Department and obtained permission to engage counsel , he advising me afterwards to this effect. The question of Crown counsel which was being considered by the Attorney-General's department was decided by the response of the Indian Department to the Inspector's action. The cases were allowed to proceed on indictable charges and go to jury trial when it seems more than likely they would have been more effectively handled, summarily, by the Provincial Police under directions of the Attorney-General. Moreover, no cost would have devolved upon the Department had this been done. The discharge of these offending Indians is a serious matter for Agent Coleman, although I am not satisfied that he has been free from criticism as to the manner in which he has approached the Indians of the Band in regard to the irrigation work to be done in their reserves. Agent Coleman is enthusiastic and painstaking as well as conscientious and having splendid ability in many directions. His official contacts with the Band as a whole have been jeopardized by the irregular conditions which are obvious from the data now presented and under consideration. Owing to doubtful status of a large percentage of those composing the residents on the reserve, as well as to the hostile attitude of these persons, the Agent has almost been forced to depend upon the loyalty of that small coterie which composes the reserve Council, and the Agent's own data indicates that the Council itself is not free from the influence of two members, one of whom is reported as "hostile" and the other of "doubtful status." In addition to this, outside agitators, looking to the Indians for fees and other considerations, have no doubt prejudiced the Agent in the estimation of the disloyal Indians and trespassers. Agent Coleman is not wholly responsible for the state into which the affairs of the reserve have fallen. His predecessor, whether he was supported in his efforts to improve conditions by especial instructions or not must be called upon to share the responsibility, for the alleged trespassers could have and should have been brought to justice under the Indian Act which was created for such a purpose and which gave power to the Agent to adjudicate therein, without in any way interposing his authority against the wishes or instructions of the Department.

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Moreover, it is unfortunate that Agent Coleman has followed the practice of reserve and secrecy in dealing with the Band on irrigation matters, he preferring to give them information only through the Council and only a little at a time, and being unwilling to confide in the Band as a whole as as well as in the Council (which is of questionable make up although the majority appear satisfactory). He never told the Band what provision had been made by the Department in appropriations for their reserve irrigation. He dealt only with the Whitemans Creek portion for which a grant of $250 had been made while the aggregate of grants for the reserve amounted to $1,175.00, about which the Band had not been told. This procedure is contrary to the best practice in vogue in dealing with these affairs. The Inspector, since the alleged intimidation cases began, has held two meetings of the Okanagan Council and Agent in his office at Kamloops, they having gone all the way from Vernon to Kamloops for the purpose, instead of the Inspector going to Okanagan, holding a meeting with both Council and Band and getting the views and wishes of the Band which might have been possible had the Band been composed of regular and legal members.

As I have received request from Mr. Norris, barrister, who is acting for certain Okanagan reserve residents connected with the recent prosecution for intimidation by Agent Coleman, to prevent further irritation by ordering Agent Coleman to stop the irrigation work for consideration of the issues made by his clients, I have sent Inspector Pragnell to Vernon to meet the Band and ascertain directly what are the causes of their troubles with the Indian Agent, and to report to me in due course. He will also see Mr. Norris and hear what he has to say also. In the meantime the authorized work will proceed as it would be a victory for certain agitators to be able to stop the work, if not directly, indirectly. The Band Funds are not supplying the money for irrigation work. The consent of the Council or Band, although desirable, is therefore not strictly imperative. Any rule or regulation made by the Department supersedes any rule or regulation made by a Council or band in matters of this kind. It is imperative that water under conditional licenses should be put to beneficial use on the land to which it is appurtenant.

The regular procedure for dealing with the distribution of lands in a reserve is understood to be as follows:-

The management is vested in the Superintendent General by virtue of Section 4 of the Indian Act;

The subdivision of the reserve into lots is also by pleasure and direction of the Superintendent General under Section 20;

Under Section 21 (provided an Indian Council is legally established under Sections 96 to 101, or under the "Advancement Part") the Council can allot parcels of land to its members. In the absence of a Council so elected, the Band itself can do so. All with the approval of the Superintendent General;

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Under Sections 22, 23 and 31,--it becomes necessary for any Indian holding land in a Reserve to be in possession of a Location Ticket; and he is not legally in possession without such Ticket. Under Section 32, the Superintendent General decides who is or who is not entitled to hold property in a reserve. The question as to membership in a Band is to be decided under Section 18 of the Act, also by the Superintendent General.

However, I do not believe the immediate repossession and re-allotment of the reserve to be possible without danger of even more serious troubles with the malcontents and for this reason I am not in accord with the Agent's proposals as endorsed by the Inspector for the time being.

If, however, the status of membership, as well as that of the Council can be cleared up and all trespassers removed from the Reserve, it would be reasonably possible for the Indians to decide what should be done by way of allotment of the lands in their reserves in co-operation with the Agent and Department. The Indians are being advised by legal counsel and possibly by other interested people, who may be able to tell them whether or not the officials are acting within legal and just bounds. Personally I would not advise the Indians beyond the limits of the Indian Act and the regulations made thereunder and I do not think any of our officials should be permitted to do so. The fact of the legal status of the Okanagan Council itself being somewhat in doubt, it is obvious that the Okanagan Band has the right to be consulted. If the Band is composed of men of voting age having doubtful status of membership, the proper legal membership of each claimant to land or other privileges in a reserve should be ascertained and their status settled definitely with a view to the carrying out of the several clauses of the Indian Act cited hereinabove.

While I am in agreement with Inspector Pragnell that Agent Coleman has shown considerable pains and ability in clarifying for your edification the several aspects of reserve land and other statistics, I am of opinion that if this energy had been applied first to the fundamental and necessary clearing up of trespasses and flouting of the regulations, the recommendations of the Agent would have been more feasible. As matters stand at present, they are not considered to be practicable without some preliminary consideration and action.

I further consider that the application of Section 93(3) of the Act should not be resorted to until such time as the Okanagan Indians have been given an opportunity to deal squarely with their lands with the fullest protection and guidance of the officials under the strict provisions of the Indian Act. If after such an experiment, success is not apparent, then the repossession might be given consideration if necessary.

The change of appurtenancy of water licenses under the Bill 39 of the Province during the last Legislative Session, as reported on by me to the Department on April 12th and October 23rd, 1933, might, unless sooner remedied by amending legislation

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at the instance of the Department, seriously affect the leasing of lands in the Okanagan Reserve, owing to doubtful assurance of the transfer of appurtenant water rights to the prospective lessees, such transfer being subject to the consent of the British Columbia Water Comptroller. All our water licenses in Okanagan No.1 Reserve are conditional and subject to the issuance of final licenses in the future subject to the beneficial use of the water.

As to Indian Council organization, your attention is respectfully called to file No.24168-1 and correspondence connected therewith concerning the matter of Indian Councils to which the late Commissioner and I gave much thought and attention with a view of correcting such difficulties as are now being experienced.

These views are commended to your serious consideration and for your approval, and I shall be glad to render every possible assistance to the local officials in achieving the objects sought through the proper channels of procedure.

Your obedient servant,

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Office of

Inspector of Indian Agencies
British Columbia

P. O. Box 752

Kamloops, B.C.,

November 8th, 1933.

O-G-1674.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

When the Deputy Superintendent General was in Vernon, he went over Okanagan Indian Reserve No.I., and noticed the amount of land there was lying idle on that Reserve, and asked both Mr. Coleman and myself several questions in the matter.

At the time, I pointed out to him that whilst this holding of land by certain Indians who cannot use it all themselves, and were keeping others without any land at all was particularly noticeable on this Reserve, still at the same time much the same trouble was being encountered on every agricultural Reserve in the Province. The Deputy Superintendent asked me how the tenure of land was arranged, and I told him that as far as I understood it, land held by individual Indians on Reserves was more or less by descent or inheritance, and that as far as I knew there had been no actual dividion to start off with by the Department, nor anything such as location tickets as on the Prairies. I pointed out that in many cases, land was held by older Indians who could not use same, and yet would allow nobody else to, and that agricultural land on these Reserves, being not any too plentiful when taken on a per capita basis, was valuable. He asked me whether anything could be done in the matter, and I stated that whilst the Department apparently only recognized cleared and cultivated land as belonging to an Indian when sales take place, the uncultivated and unused part, in the eyes of the Indians anyhow, still belonged to individuals. Of course, this is apart from any band land. The result of the conversation was that he asked Mr. Coleman to give him full data upon Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I, and to make any suggestions as to how the land, if irrigated, could be more evenly divided, all this, apparently, with a view to the adoption of some other policy in dealing with Indian lands.

Mr. Coleman has just forwarded me his report on the matter, the same to be forwarded to you with any remarks I might like to make, one copy for your office and the other to go direct to the Deputy Superintendent General who requested it.

I must admit that Mr. Coleman has made a very comprehensive and thorough report, which must have entailed a lot of work on his part. He very properly, however, points out the difficulty of carrying this through unless some very definite and unmistakable regulations are made in the matter. It, therefore means, that either things have got to be let slide as in

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the past, in which case it means that the younger element largely idle, and land nonproductive, leading to greater cost to the Department in the way of relief, or a definite stand taken that if land is not used by Indians supposed to own it, within a reasonable time, the Agent or Chief and Council have the power to hand it over to those who will use it. Frequently during the last ten years, I have had to point this out in meeting the Indians. In other works, I have had to bluff them telling them that it would be taken away from them if they didn't use it, and given to those who would, and that the land really belongs to the Band. This, I admit, has sometimes worked, but apparently in B.C., has no foundation in fact.

You will notice, for instance, in this report that there are 30 Indians over eighteen years of age without any land at all, and I know to my certain knowledge of old ones, or lazy ones who are holding land and not using same. In the past, some used it to this extent that the leased it, but this has been stopped, and certainly seems to me a poor policy, and in addition, as you have just told me when I saw you last, this tangles up the water rights question.

You will notice too, that Mr. Ball's report of March 13, 1924, which is attached, recommends much the same course. This, however, as you can readily gather, is very ticklish business to deal with, though I do not see how it can be avoided if the aim is to establish Indian Reserves on a self supporting basis, and the Department is to continue to spend money on improvements in the way of irrigation which, under the present circumstances benefit only certain ones and very often the non-deserving. After all, I presume, the Reserves were given for the benefit of all, not only one generation, but also those to come, and as long as the land is held the way it is, the Agent's and Department's hands are more or less tied in trying to improve matters.

The Indians themselves, are undoubtedly selfish in the matter, and are not inclined to look upon the Reserve as for the benefit of all. My remarks as a whole, of course, do not pertain only to the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I, by any means, but this Report of Mr. Coleman's is a very good guide as to conditions of lands on other Reserves, and I think he is to be congratulated on getting up such a thorough investigation and report.

Yours truly,

"G. S. Pragnell"

GSP/S. Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of copy of report dated November 24th as received by you from the Penticton Detachment in regard to conditions on the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1 at Vernon, B. C.

In this connection I wish to say that I recently made a very compreshensive report on these matters to the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, at Ottawa, recommending that matters of membership, of the Indian Council, subdivision of land strictly in accordance with provisions of the Indian Act, should be fully investigated and cleared up. I recently had a discussion with Mr. T.G. Norris who has been representing some of the Okanagan Indians in which I found that he made no suggestion that was in any way incompatible with the recommendations which I had previously made to the Department. Inspector Pragnell in his meeting with the Indians apparently give them the information concerning the recommendations made of which he had been fully advised. I expect to hear from the Deputy Superintendent General in the near future in regard to these affairs and when I do so I shall be in a better position to give you more detailed particulars of what is in mind with regard to the use of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in connection with future investigations.

Thanking you and your officers for the assistance already given in this connection, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C

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Re: GENERAL CONDITIONS, Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 Vernon B.C.

Asst. Dpt. Indian Affairs.

Headquarters

Sub-Division

Detachment

12/805

P. C. R.

5/8/33

1. The following is a copy of a letter received at Penticton Detachment on the 18th inst. addressed to the N.C.O. i/c R.C.M.P. Penticton B.C.

Vernon B.C.
17/11/33

" Inspector Pragnell intends to come over to Okanagan I.R.No.1 on Monday to hold a meeting with the band on Tuesday afternoon. It would be appreciated if Constable Illington could come to Vernon to be here Tuesday morning to meet the Inspector in case he would need him to attend the meeting also, and the Inspector may wish to enquire into the activities of these agitators prior to the recent trouble, and Constable Illington is in a position to give him this information if desired."

(Signed) James Goleman
Indian Agent

2. Instructed by Cpl. Culverhouse F.J., I left Penticton at 7.25 am travelling by C.P.R.S.S. Sicamous arriving in Vernon at 4 pm.

3. I interviewed the Indian Agent who informed me that he had received information that the malcontents among the Indians were reported to have said that they would do everything to stop the meeting arranged with the Band and Inspector Pragnell for the following day.

4. On the 20th inst. Inspector Pragnell arrived and the condition of affairs on Okanagan No.1 Reserve was discussed with him. The inspector was of the opinion that everything possible should be done to avoid causing disturbance in order that his meeting could be held with the band so that he could learn the complaints of the Indians from themselves, and for that reason he thought it better that he and the Indian Agent should go to the Council House unattended, but that I should remain within calling distance. This was done, and no attempt was made to stop the meeting.

5. There assembled at the Council House all the Indians of the Okanagan No.1 Band and representatives from the various other bands living on reserves in the Okanagan Valley. The leader of the malcontents, Jimmy ANTOINE (Indian), well known to this detachment as the ring-leader of all movements set on foot to undermine the authority of the Indian Agent and the Chief and Councillors on Okanagan Reserve presented the case for the Indians. He asked first that all Indians not Members of the Okanagan No1 Reserve Band be excluded from the meeting. This was done.

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6. The various complaints and supposed injustices were then aired. It was alleged by a faction of the Indians that many of the Indians living on Okanagan No. 1 Reserve were American Indians who had no right on this reserve. Inspector Pragnell replied to this that he would ask the Dept. of Indian Affairs to request the R.C.M.P. to make an investigation into the status of every Indian residing on this reserve, not only with a view to discovering American Indians there without right, but also to establish the right of certain halfbreeds, members of other bands, and illegimate children to have established themselves on this reserve.

7. The matter of the performing of certain work on this reserve required by the "Water Act" and the digging of certain ditches, construction of flumes, culverts, etc. was brought up. Previous trouble in this connection which resulted in a charge of Intimidation being placed against certain members of this band has been reported on fully in P.C.R. under this heading dated August 5th 1933. Work in this connection had been halted until the views of the band had been represented to Inspector Pragnell. It was now claimed by the group of malcontents who were responsible for the halting of the work, that should it be completed, the Indians would have to pay a tax. Inspector Pragnell assured the Indians that they would not be taxed, but they declined to believe this. Inspector Pragnell wired his department at Victoria for confirmation of his statement. The reply to this wire was delayed, meanwhile the Indians insisted that the matter be put to the vote. This was done, and a majority was obtained for the discontinuance of the work. The following morning when shown the wire confirming Inspector Pragnell's statements, the Indians wished to reverse the decision of the ballot saying that they had been misinformed when asking legal advise on the matter from a local lawyer.

8. This reserve has been seething with discontent for some considerable time largely owing to the agitations of Jimmy ANTOINE (Indian) who it is alleged was known to have associated with Arthur. H. EVANS well known member of the Canadian Labour Defense League now serving sentence of one years imprisonment for infraction of Sec, 98 C.C. of C. Jimmy ANTOINE obtains leagl advise from Mr. T. Norris a lawyer living at Kelowna B.C. and is an astute Indian who spends his time fomenting trouble on this reserve with a view to undermining the authority of the Indian Agent, the Chief and Councillors.

9. Many of the Indians on this reserve are hardworking and progressive, but there is a faction controlled by Jimmy Antoine, who are lazy and bent on causing trouble for the industrious Indians of whom they are jealous. In my opinion much would be done towards brining a better condition of affairs about by the investigation referred to in para. 6 of this report. It would then be shown that Indians who Jimmy Antoine wishes to have removed would have a perfect right on the reserve, while some of his followers might, at the discretion of the Department, be removed.

10. Okanagan Reserve No. 1 comprises of a very choice piece of land with excellent soil for the raising of grains. In comparison with other Indian Reserves in the Okanagan Valley, the Indians on this reserve should be prosperous. Inspector Pragnell was impressed with the rundown state of the land and buildings and the apparent lack of interest in farming land that has kept former generations of Indians in comfort

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11. While on the reserve and at the Indian Agent's office I was able to investigate other matters in connection with Indians of this band in respect of which spperate reports are being rendered.

12. I returned to Penticton on the 23rd inst. per C.P.R.S.S. Sicamous arriving at that place at 9.30 pm.

A copy of this report has been sent to The Indian Agent at Vernon B.C. and a copy to the N.C.O. i/c Cranbrook S/Div. R.C.M.P.

Expense Statement No. 114P

Sgd Cst.
(J.A.J.Illington) Reg. No. 6137

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P. VANCOUVER. B.C.
Sir:-Forwarded, 24-11-33.

1. As a result of the request received from The Indian Agent at Vernon. B.C, embodied in paragraph 1 of Cst. Illington's report, at 7.25 a.m. on the 20th instant, I instructed this Constable to proceed to Vernon and render whatever assistance and information was necessary to Inspector Pragnell, during his visit to Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1. As per Cst. Illington's report, it will be seen that every assistance was rendered to the Department concerned and no trouble encountered.

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of this report, apparently Inspector Pragnell is submitting the full facts to his Department for whatever action they consider necessary.

The Indian Commissioner,
Province of B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

sgd. Corpl.
F.J.Culverhouse. Reg. No. 6398.
i/c. Penticton Detachment.

Sir:

1. Copy for your information. You will be advised of any further proceedings in this matter.

Vancouver,
28-11-33.
O/Ch.

(J.W.Phillips) Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

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December 1, 1933.

Sir:-

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Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

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INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

November 27th, 1933.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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VICTORIA, B. C.

O-G-1685.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

In accordance with your instructions, I proceeded down to Kelowna on the 20th instant, and interviewed Mr. T.G. Norris, Barrister and Solicitor of that place, regarding various matters in connection with the troubles of Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I.

When I arrived there, I found that I knew Mr. Norris, and in the past have always got along very well with him. I cannot say that anything very material came of the interview, except for the fact that we threshed things out between us, and as regards irrigation proposals, he informed me that he had advised the Indians that they should accept the offer of the Department.

Mr. Norris seems to put a large amount of one-sided blame on Mr. Coleman, without apparently having seen Mr. Coleman, who has to carry out his instructions, nor knowing that these instructions were not made by Mr. Coleman. Mr. Norris seems to go somewhat along the lines that a whole lot of things, in dealing with Indians, are not correct, or the best way. He does not seem to comprehend that this is not a matter for the Indian Agent, but he states that Mr. Coleman could have prevented this trouble if he had listened to him (Mr. Norris), but as far as I can see, he does not seem to have approached Mr. Coleman very diplomatically, or gathered that it takes very little encouragement from the remarks of any lawyer for Indians to assume that he (the lawyer) is right and that regulations, etc., are wrong and should not be enforced if they have not agreed to them. He states that he wanted to have Mr. Coleman stop irrigation work until the American question was settled, but had not taken into consideration the fact that this might be a long business, and that money placed at the disposal of the Agent is only available for a short while, owing to the approaching winter, and then before winter is over, the end of the fiscal year. He seems to have meant well, but is inclined to jump to conclusions that all the contentious subjects raised by the Indians to him are something new, and does not know that they have been threshed out time and time again. He apparently did not see at the time that it is dangerous to agree with the Indians on a matter, even if one's self believes them to be correct morally, as Indians invariably only put up one side of the story, and, as I pointed out to him, there are many angles to all these questions, and even if one feels that they are morally wrong, still one is bound to abide by them unless altered by the proper authorities. Like

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many lawyers, apparently, he is unable to see any but his side of the question, and of course, being a lawyer, can see far more discrepancies in the various Indian laws as they stand, than perhaps can other people.

During my conversation with Mr. Norris, I did not commit the Department in any way, but only tried to explain our position, and the fact that, unless instructed to the contrary, officials of the Department must act according to instructions, and stand on their own feet. It would only lead to chaos if, in dealing with Indian questions, they had to be dealt with through a third party, and that is what it would amount to if once it started. I think Mr. Norris will find that he has raised a great deal of trouble for himself, as the Indians, once having started, will want to consult him on everything they don't like, and as Mr. Norris is a very able and busy Solicitor, I am inclined to think that he already begins to see that point. He informed me that he is going to interview you.

The result of the interview is that the only criticism I have to make regarding Mr. Coleman's actions between himself and Mr. Norris, is that it might have been advisable to go down, early on in the proceedings, and interview Mr. Norris. Whether this would have done any good, I am not prepared to say. It is more or less merely what I would have done myself.

I enclose herewith copy of letter to Mr. Norris, as I promised to let him know what happened.

Yours very truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S

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November 27th, 1933.

O-G-1686

Dear Mr. Norris:-

As you have probably heard by this time, I had a meeting with the Indians of Okanagan Band No. I. The meeting was quite peaceable, and lasted two days. I can assure you that I was pretty tired by the time it was over. Everyone, of both factions, was allowed to have his say in full, and in making explanations to certain ones, one often wonders whether some of them are really as thick-headed and unable to grasp present day conditions as they seem, or whether they are just obstinate.

In accordance with your advice, I took up the American question first, and I informed them, as I told you, that investigation was being asked for by the Commissioner at Victoria. I explained everything about irrigation and water rights, from all angles. I assured them that there would be no taxation, and in the end, got a wire out of the Department to that effect, although it did not come until the end of the meeting.

Most of the opposition seemed to be in agreement with the scheme, but stated that they would have to vote "no" until they had consulted you, despite the fact that I informed them that you were in agreement with the project. Others argued that the water belonged to them anyhow, and that the Provincial Government had no control over it.

Fifteen (15) voted for, and twenty-seven (27) against, and two (2) refused to vote either way.

I then asked the old Indian, Gaston Louie, whether he required the money that he was supposed to have with the Department or not. He, or anyhow, Jimmy Antoine for him, that he had to consult you. I told him that there was no need to do so, as you had asked me to question him, and that all I wanted was yes or no. Finally he stated no.

Timber matters, and almost every subject under the sun was brough up, and as far as I can find out, their idea is that the Band should agree to all laws and regulations made by the Government, otherwise they are null and void. At the first part of the meeting, they seemed inclined to blame Mr. Coleman for these laws and regulations. However, later on, they admitted that he was not to blame.

The result of the meeting, as far as you are concerned, seems to me will be that you are going to have a flock of contentious questions raised about laws and regulations, and they will expect you to take them up and get them altered.

T.G. Norris, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
KELOWNA, B.C.

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I can only conclude by informing you that every consideration was given them in working matters out, and that they were fully informed that most of these things to which they were objecting were not relative to themselves alone, but pertained to all other Indians as well.

I hope by the time you get this that you will be feeling slightly better than you were on the day I interviewed you, and I can assure you that any information that I have at my disposal, which, of course, is not confidential, I am quite willing to communicate to you.

Yours very truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

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T. G. Norris K.C.

BARRISTER-AT-LAW.

SOLICITOR-NOTARY PUBLIC.

CARRUTHERS BLOCK

KELOWNA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CABLE ADDRESS-NORRIS, KELOWNA
TELEPHONE NO 474

File,

November 20th. 1933.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
VICTORIA B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re: Your file No. 23/31920

I have today received your letter of November 17th and have also received the telegram referred to in your letter. I have had a message from Colonel Pragnell that he will be in to see me this afternoon. After I have seen him I will write you further. I will be in Victoria about the end of this week and will discuss the matter with you then.

I very much appreciate your courtesy in this matter. I feel confident that with a little tact the whole situation can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Norris.

TGN/M

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P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

November 25th, 1933.

Solitary

O-G-1683,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
NOV 27 1933
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

In accordance with various instructions received from you, either by letter or telegram, instructing me to interview Mr. Norris, Barrister and Solicitor of Kelowna, B.C., and hold a meeting of Okanagan Band No. I., I proceeded to Kelowna on Monday the 20th instant, and interviewed Mr. Norris during the course of the whole afternoon of that day.

Report of the said interview will follow as quickly as possible, but I consider it all imperative that you should hear the result of the meeting with the Indians as quickly as possible. I might say that, of necessity, this letter can be only a brief summary of the meeting started on Tuesday morning of the 21st instant at 9:45, and continued all that day until 6:00 P.M., and was renewed next morning at the same hour, and did not end until 5:45 in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 22nd instant. A further continuation of the meeting also took place in the Indian Agent's office from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday the 23rd instant. This last part of the meeting consisted principally of the heads of the two factions.

Mr. Coleman, Indian Agent, was present throughout, as was his stenographer, who took shorthand notes, as far as possible of everything that took place, and I believe these shorthand notes filled three books. You will understand, therefore, that I patiently gave the Band every opportunity to air their supposed grievances. Transcription of these notes will, of course, take a considerable time, therefore, this letter precedes.

The whole matter was very wearisome, and needed a great deal of patience not to lose one's temper, as the ground gone over in some cases was the old, old story of land rights, etc., repeated ad nauseum. By the time I got back to Kamloops last night, I was pretty well all in.

Briefly, therefore, the following is what occurred. Before the meeting, I received information from the Police, who thought that there would be an attempt to obstruct the meeting and break it up. The Mounted Police Constable offered to come along, but I thought it was better not to. However, acting upon the information, the first thing that I pointed out to the Indians, before we began the meeting, was that I was merely there, apparently at their own request, and that I could only tell them facts as regards law, etc., whether that met with their approval or not, and that if they did not desire to listen to me, or made any attempt at quarrelling later on, that they had better say so straight away, and I would leave forthwith. I asked for a show of hands as to whether they wished

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wished to hold a meeting, and that it be an orderly one, and naturally, even those who might have been inclined to create trouble, dared not refrain from holding up their hands for an orderly meeting, and for the asking of one. This method, I think, cleared the air, and I am pleased to report that, with the exception of a certain amount of attempt at "cheek", which was carefully disguised by the interpreter, I had no trouble whatever. Every man of both sides was allowed to have his say, and I would not allow one side to answer the other back. Anything they had to say had to be directed at myself and interpreted.

Acting partly upon advice from Mr. Norris, which fitted in with my own idea on the matter, I dealt first with the contentious question of the status of the American Indians. I did not refer to them myself as Americal Indians, nor allow anyone else to, as I informed the meeting that, until I heard to the contrary, everybody in the room was a member of the Okanagan Band, according to the official list, and that all had the same rights as far as I was concerned.

I am pleased to report that your telegram to me of the 17th instant, was of great assistance. I am, in this case, referring to the first part of your telegram, as follows: "Am asking Department approve R.C.M.P. investigation each doubtful membership Okanagan Band and Council." When I informed them that you had recommended to the Department that an investigation by the Mounted Police would take place as to the membership or standing of everybody in the Band, I took the liberty of substituting the word "everybody" for "doubtful". This, apparently, took the wind out of the sails of those who had been opposing the present Chief and Council on the grounds that the Chief was an American Indian. I pointed out that, naturally, the Department could not investigate only those cases that they had asked for just lately. I informed them that they must remember that that meant going back over correspondence that had, at various times questioned the standing of a very large number of Indians on the Reserves on various grounds, and that there were also others who might be doubtful as to standing, not only from the fact of receiving money from the United States, but also that illegitimates and people from other Reserves and Bands who had apparently settled on the Reserve for various reasons would also have to be investigated. I pointed out that neither Mr. Coleman nor myself would be having anything to do with this investigation as to the standing of all supposed members of the Band, but that the police, if ordered, would do all the questioning, and the results would be sent to Ottawa for the Deputy Superintendent General's final ruling, and that he was the final judge, and had the power to say who were members of the Band and who were not, and that his say would be absolutely final.

The leaders of the opposition had to admit to me that this was correct, and met with their wishes, but, incidentally, I might say that I heard afterwards that quite a number of those who had been behind this agitation, whose standing for some reason or other was also doubtful, were very perturbed over the matter. They only wanted cases dealt with other than themselves, and I think, Jimmy Antoine, who might be called the leader of the opposition is going to have a pretty hard time explaining his position to them.

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I, therefore, sincerly hope, and strongly recommend that the Department order a Mounted Police to make this investigation, making it absolutely imperative to investigate the status of all the members of that Band. It is only in this way that we will finally clear matters up, and the investigation or findings of the Mounted Police, in each case, naturally, would not be conveyed to those questioned, and would therefore give the Deputy Superintendent General the chance of acting finally, not only legally, but also from a moral point of view. I say this because there will probably be found a number of cases, not only American, so-called, but otherwise, whose original status is doubtful, but who have been on the lands of the Band for so long, and whose right has been recognized so long that, to my mind, it would be totally unfair to turn them off as trespassers, and therefore, a s I pointed out to the Indians, it would be a costly business to the Band funds, as all their improvements, etc., would have to be purchased. I might also add, for your information, that a good many of the agitators, led by Jimmy Antoine, seem to think that this investigation by the police would be a sort of glorified court, in front of a Judge, with warrants, etc., issued, which would give them a chance to talk much. I did not disabuse their minds except insofaras saying that it was not a case of warrants, but that the Mounted Police would receive their orders and use whatever method they considered correct, without interference from either myself or the Indian Agent. I informed them that these orders to the Mounted Police would come from the department.

Having dealt, therefore, with the American question at very great length, I then proceeded to the matter of the money allotted for irrigation improvements on the Reserve, and the question as to whether they wanted to make use of this money or not. I first read them out and showed them your epitome showing the estimated cost, and exactly where it was to be spent. I informed them that this was not Band Funds, but was a direct gift from the Government to try to help them improve their lands and become self-supporting, and at the same time to protect their own water rights, and that this was only the commencement of irrigation schemes for this year, and that later on, the Department would, if they so required, undoubtedly deal with the irrigation on other parts of the Reserve, but that they must understand that everything could not be done at once. I pointed out that they had asked for their water rights to be protected, and irrigation schemes put in by the Department. I pointed out that the Department naturally expected the Indians to help themselves if they extended any help to them, and that co-operation was expected, and also that they probably had the finest reserve in B.C., and should be in a position to be self-supporting, and have good houses, horses, machinery, etc. I also pointed out to them that the land on the Reserves was not only for those present, but for all their children and posterity, and that there were also many of their young men on the Reserve who were willing to work and had no irrigable land to cultivate. I informed them that Indians on other Reserves would be only too pleased to get this assistance,- in fact I went into the case from every angle possible, and went so far as to personally beg them to consider the matter very seriously. I very carefully made no threats, nor referred to Section 93 of the Act, nor any of the possible powers of the Indian Department.

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In answer to my statement and plea, some of them, of course, brought up the old subject that the water belonged to them anyway, and in answer I could only tell them there were the facts of the law. Others, led by Jimmy Antoine, as speaker, stated that they had no obje ctions, anyhow, he said he had no personal objection to the scheme, but that it was necessary to consult their lawyer, and wished me to adjourn the meeting until next Monday, stating that a deputation would have to go down to see Mr. Norris in the meanwhile. I pointed out to them that this was unnecessary expense, as I had seen Mr. Norris myself, and he informed me that he thought they should, and had advised them to accept this money. I pointed out that the time for construction of the said work was rapidly flying, owing to the forthcoming winter, and that my instructions were to get their refusal, or otherwise, and that they must think for themselces, and that the Department had not instructed me to recognize outside advice. I informed them that I could see no reason in their opposition. Jimmy Antoine stated that their fear was that they would be t axed for the works put in by the Department. I tried to assure them upon this matter, and asked them outright whether they could tell me of any other case where irrigation or other works had been carried out, on which they had been subsequently t axed, and I quoted various other Reserves. I also pointed out that they were not t axed for hospitalization, medical, schools, relief and other assistance that they received from the Department, and had been receiving for very many years. The only answer that I could get out of them was that they "knew in their hearts."

In order to try to clear up this question which I had heard hinted at during the first part of the meeting on the afternoon before, I wired the Deputy Superintendent General asking him to assure the Indians that they would not be taxed in this project. Unfortunately, the Department must have misread my telegram, as they simply wired back "Irrigation costs chargeable B.C. Special Vote not Indian funds." This, of course, I already knew, and had communicated to the Indians. I wired again on the morning of the 22nd, and not until 12:31 P.M. on November 23rd., a considerable time after the meeting, did I receive a wire, as follows: "No taxation of Indians for irrigation purposes contemplated. H.W. McGill." I communicated this t elegram on the morning of the 23rd instant, in Mr. Coleman's office, to the leaders of both sides, who, as I have already mentioned, came in to hold a sort of further meeting.

To resume the actual meeting, after all explanation possible, and assurance about taxation, I then told them that they must give a vote on the matter, one way or the other, and I adjourned for lunch, in order to give them an hour and a half in which to talk matters over amongst themselves. Upon resuming the meeting, I ordered every man to come up to my table and answer the question which I put to them, to each individual person, to this effect,-"are you in favour of using this money given to you by the Canadian Government, for improvements on your irrigation works, or not? Answer yes or no." Jimmy Antoine again r epeated that whilst he was not really against it, he would have to vote "no" until he had asked Mr. Norris. The r esult of the vote was as follows: fifteen for it, and twenty-seven against it, and two refused to vote either way.

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The meeting was quite a representative one of the voting strength of the Band. If my recollection serves me right, fifty or so, but some apparently did not return to vote, and a few kept away from the meeting entirely. Probably the majority of these were those who wanted to be on both sides.

After the voting had taken place, the next morning, in Mr. Coleman's office, Jimmy Antoine informed me two or three times that he fully expected all those who had voted against it, to vote in favour of it after they had seen Mr. Norris, the lawyer, and asked me what would happen then. I told him the matter was then out of my hands, and it would be for the consideration of the Deputy Superintendent General, but that, if they hurried up, and liked to get a petition signed in front of the Indian Agent, with these people present if they changed their minds, and have these people make their signatures in front of the Indian Agent, I would submit same to the Department, through yourself, for consideration, but that was all I could promise them. I am personally of the opinion that they will change their minds, and that all this maneuvring was merely, as the Chinese say, to "save face". I might also mention that one woman, Mrs. Logan, brought in her husband the next morning to me and insisted that he vote yes. He was one of those who had refused to vote, being scared, apparently, of the opposition and of his wife at the same time.

This question being closed, I then proceeded to question an old Indian (at the moment I cannot recollect his name), who was supposed to have money belonging to him at Ottawa. He had refused, I understand, to accept same from Mr. Ball when he was Agent there. This money was, I think, his share of some road allowamce or lands. Mr. Norris, the Solicitor, had drawn my attention to this, so I had this old Indian up in front of me and asked him outright whether he wanted thismoney or not. From what I heard, the story was going round that this money was being wrongfully kept from him. I asked him if he wanted the money or not. Jimmy Antoine, apparently on his behalf, chimed in that he would have to ask Mr. Norris about this before saying yes or no. I insisted, however, that he give me his answer then and there, and after much talk all round the question, I finally pinned him down, and he said no, he did not require the money. There is something at the bottom of this refusal that I do not quite understand. Originally, I think that this old Indian was sincere in his refusal to receive the money from the Government, but it rather looks to me as though others are trying to get him to accept this money anyhow, for some reasons of their own, and possibly he is either sticking to his own old notion, or is only too glad to refuse. I might say that I have just recollected this Indian's name, which is Gasto Louie.

The matter of timber then came up. The opposition tried to make out to me that the timber belonged to them, and had been given to them by God, and that they were perfectly at liberty to cut and sell what they liked without any permit from the Department, and that they would not, as one particularly truculent member stated, crawl to Mr. Coleman or the Chief and Council for such permit. I pointed out to them that whether they liked it or not, such were the regulations for the timber which belonged to them insofar as their use of it was concerned on the Reserve, but that they must remember that the timber also belonged to and was for the use of future generations.

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I told them that by law they were liable to arrest for selling timber off an Indian Reserve without permission. I also pointed out to them that they themselves had asked for the accounting of their possessions, and that the Department could not be held responsible unless regulations were drawn up to govern such things. I pointed out that these regulations were not made, as they seemed to think, by Mr. Coleman, or the Chief and Council, and I took the opportunity to point our right throughout the meeting that various other regulations and laws were not drawn up by their local Indian Agent, as they seemed to think, but that they were common to all Indians, and that the police were sworn in duty bound to enforce these regulations, whether the Indian Agent wanted them to or not. They tried to argue throughout that all these regulations had been made without consulting them, and I could only answer that there they were, and they had to be enforced, and many of them should have been enforced earlier on, and that they were not anything new.

In this way, the argument went on, with their constant objections and references to Queen Victoria and the agreement between Queen Victoria and the Indian Chiefs, to which they constantly referred, and wanted me to produce. They insisted that they should be consulted in these laws and regulations, and that what fitted one lot of Indians did not fit them, and they also insisted that they wanted somehow to lay their complaints and objections to these various regulations before what they called a High Court, and it was even admitted to me by Jimmy Antoine that part of their reason for obstructing Mr. Coleman was to bring the matter to High Court. I fully expect, therefore, that the Department will receive, either from them, or possibly through Mr. Norris, a lot of correspondence as to Indian rights. They persisted in the fact that they must be consulted about everything.

I could only conclude the timber argument by the fact that there was the law, and that it could not be changed by Mr. Coleman or myself, unless we receive fresh orders or regulations, and that the present regulations would have to be carried out until such time as these things were altered, and until that time we could only carry out and enforce the regulations as they stood.

Through their speaker, Jimmy Antoine, they expressed their satisfaction, and stated that they thoroughly understood this, and that they personally were not bearing any grudge against either Mr. Coleman, myself or the police.

The rights of the Province as to the control of water for irrigation purposes was also fully explained and gone into and argued, generally coming back to the old statement that the water was given them by Queen Victoria at the same time as the land.

Cattle branding, roads and many other contentious matters were dealt with. In fact, in all my experience with the Indian Department, I have never come across so many "sea-lawyers", and so many contentious subjects as they seem to be able to raise. In the end, even they were exhausted, and had the decency to say that I had listened to them with great patience and fairness and must be tired out.

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I might also add that they brought up such questions as the ownership of land on their Reserve by Julienne Williams and Alexander Chillihitza, and they stated that they had repudiated the man, Christie, who had caused so much agitation.

I might also report that they brought an old Indian and his son, aged twenty into me and tried to persuade him to have his son and a certain girl married. It seems that this old man was making out that he would not allow them to be married legally, only by what he called ancient custom. The matter was complicated by the fact that the girl is under the age of consent, not being fourteen years of age when the offence first took place. The matter is now in the hands of the Provincial Police, acting from information received. I pointed out that, anyhow, the son would be the one to suffer, as he is of age, and that also the two fathers laid themselves open to a charge of conniving or instigating a crime. I asked the old father whether he himself had been married legally, and he stated that he had been, but that he did not agree with it. I also tried to point out the injustice to the children who might be the result of this intercourse, and finally tried to point out that even if he did not agree with it, that it was the law of the land, and it would do no harm to comply with it, but as this was a criminal case, consent of the judge would have to be obtained. I might say that the Mounted Police Constable, Mr. Elgin, also, in my presence, did everything in his power to persuade them, as did the majority of the Indians on the Reserve. However, he was adamant, and his son as well, and I told them the best I could do would be to ask the police to hold their hands for a few days, which they promised to do.

I am pointing this out because this is another one of the sort of arguments that are prevalent amongst the Okanagan Indians. In other words, they state that they do not recognize the law, although I pointed out to them their inconsistency in that they ask the protection of the law themselves if they are injured in any way.

I think, therefore, that as far as I can recollect, and without going to very extreme lengths as I might do, I have explained the general tenor of the meeting and its result. My opinion, from hearing both sides story in the matter that,

1. That the whole thing arises from a certain element on the Reserve, who argue that they can do just as they like on the Reserve, and it is nobody's business. This was complicated by the fact that they do by mere chance elect a good, law-abiding and hard working Chief, and anyhow two good councillors, Chief Pierre Louie, Jimmy Bonneau and Ernest Brewer. These, mind you, were elected with the support of Jimmy Antoine himself, although he now tries to repudiate the election by making out that it was not a proper one. This is Mr. Norris' idea from Jimmy Antoine, the reason for the repudiation being that the said Chief and Council have tried, through the Indian Agent, to enforce various regulations, and then they turn around and try to make out that these regulations were instituted by the said Chief and Council and the Agent.

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During the meeting J. Bonneau asked a very pertinent question of Jimmy Antoine, which Antoine tried to suppress, but I insisted on its being translated. The question asked was to the effect that Jimmy Antoine knew that the Chief was an American Indian as far back as 1903, the date admitted by Antoine, therefore, why had he not taken action then, and why had he supported Chief Pierre Louie for chief at the election. There was no reasonable answer to this.

I might also say that during the meeting, a pretty foolish move was made by Jimmy Antoine, in that at the commencement of the meeting I stated that it was a meeting of Okanagan No. I Band, and if they liked, they could exclude visitors. There were numerous influential visitors, including the old senior Chief of the Osoyoos Reserve, and the Chief of the Penticton Reserve, and it has always been the practice in the Okanagan for visitors from other Reserves to be allowed to attend the meetings. At the commencement of the meeting Jimmy Antoine and the Band voted that these people be allowed to stay. However, later on, Jimmy Antoine more or less usurped the job of interpreter, as the first person whom I had as interpreter, a woman, did not belong to the Band and was a visitor, was rather out of practice and poor as an interpreter. Objections were made after a time were raised to me that Jimmy Antoine was twisting around the meaning of what I was saying, so I determined to use another interpreter. Apparently, too, the visitors had been commenting on this, so that the next day, when I stated that I must have another interpreter, chosen by the Band, Jimmy Antoine asked for the exclusion of these visitors, and I put it to a vote, and they were turned out. They were all very indignant, and he has not done himself any good by this move. I believe that they are going to write to you about it.

I informed the Indians of both sides after we started with a fresh interpreter to immediately make objection if they did not consider that I was being properly interpreted.

I might also say that, added to what I have already stated regarding what I think is the reason for this opposition has been, is added the fact that a number of the old Indians are also in opposition because they consider that, according to them, the Treaty between the Chiefs and the Queen have not been carried out. Some of them seem incapable of grasping anything else.

I really think, therefore, that Mr. Indian Agent Coleman, despite everything stated to the contrary by the Indians and Mr. Norris, has done everything in his power to explain matters over and over again, and that the Indians who are in opposition were not opposed becaused for any other reason than that they wanted to bring matters to a head to a High Court, as they state, to air their grievances. I think that some of them still think that they are going to do so, and that Jimmy Antoine himself may be inclined to think he has raised a storm which he cannot control, and has made promises which he cannot carry out, mostly to the effect that regulations, etc., are not legal, and that nothing is legal unless accepted by the whole band in conference.

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I therefore think that no matter who had tried to explain things to the Indians, the opposition would have caused trouble with the above mentioned object.

However, on the other hand, I am inclined to believe that the very fact that they were brought up in front of a judge, and warned, has taught them a lesson, that is a lesson that the law will be enforced, and I am inclined to think that after due investigation, as suggested by you, by the Mounted Police, and a final flat decision, giving a full list of the Indians of the Band, by the Department, may clear up the trouble in the Okanagan Reserve, anyhow for a time, though perhaps I am optimistic, as this Reserves seems to be in constant turmoil for the last twenty-five years, and any excuse seems to be good enough.

Of course, my full transcript of the meeting, which I am having made, with one copy for yourself, and one for the Department, may throw even more light on the subject, for you to judge, but I think I have covered the general points above.

As the Department was in communication with me in Vernon, by wire, they may be wondering what it is all about, so I am sending them a copy of this letter to you, direct to them, to save time, and inform them, and also give you sufficient time to consider what to report to them.

Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

P.S.
Have just been rung up by Mr. Colemen saying that they have been in this morning trying to raise up the Lumber question again, despite my assurance of the legal aspect of the matter,
They want another meeting and he has other work to carry out down South before winter
There seem to be no satisfying them.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. BOX 752
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

November 16th, 1933.

O-G-1680

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 16th instant, as follows:-

> "Kindly interview Mr. Norris of Kelowna and hold meeting after with Okanagan Band majority stop. Give them contents my letter to Coleman June Nineteenth and ask them what all the trouble is about. stop. Make full report after."

I have accordingly, this day, been making arrangements, and if the weather permits, I will go down to Kelowna on Monday, and will interview Mr. Norris there, as requested, and on Tuesday next, in the afternoon, will hold a meeting with the Indians of the Band, provided Mr. Coleman can get them together in sufficient numbers at such short notice. If not, I may have to return a few days later.

I would, however, like to be definite upon one subject. Am I to allow Mr. Norris to attend the meeting if he so requires, and supposing he does not particularly wish to attend and the Indians insist upon it, who is responsible for the cost?

I shall be starting early Monday morning, and if you think a letter won't reach me by Saturday morning in answer, please wire me.

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Yours sincerely,

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O-G-1679

Dear Mr. Perry:-

I am in receipt of your 197-10-31832 and also your 23-31833, both of the 13th instant, and both dealing with the matter of the trouble at Okanagan No. I Reserve.

I am sorry that I was under a misapprehension regarding your original meetings with the Squamish Council. I really thought that you had informed me a long time ago that this Council was organized in order that there should be a central body to deal with. However, even if Mr. Coleman had told all the Band in meeting of the exact amount there was to be spent, I am still of the opinion that there would have been obstruction. The agitators seemed determined about this, and I really think that they thought that they were going to get a chance to air all their so-called grievances, including that of land titles.

Referring to your instructions, if there is any more obstruction at all, I will hold a meeting there and have a final try in persuading them to see sense. You say that if they still decide against it, we can use Section 93, sub-section 3, of the Indian Act. I have read this through carefully, and it apparently allows one, under the direction of the Superintendent-General, to lease land for the purpose of improvement and cultivation, though the leasing of it would really not solve the problem in that moneys would have to be paid to whoever leased the land, unless, of course, we can get it at a nominal rental of, say, $1.00 per year. Any higher price would make difficulty in getting a tenant, and would only please the lazy one who is not using this land. To my mind, what is really wanted, is the power of allotting bits of land by the Department to those Indians who will use it, with the proviso that if not used within a reasonable time, it can be given to others. This is practically the same as the practice upon the Prairies where location tickets have been granted. In our case out here we have never been rightly advised as to the actual ownership of land on a Reserve. Section 21 says: "No Indian shall be deemed to be lawfully in possession of any land in a reserve unless he has been or is located for the same by the Band or Council of the Band, with the approval of the Superintendent General." In so far as I know, there are certainly no records of the fact of the allotting of any lands with the approval of the Superintendent General, except, I think, on the Glenvowel Reserve, Hazelton.

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On the other hand, Section 24 states "Every Indian and every non-treaty Indian, etc., who had, previously to the selection of a Reserve possession of and who has made permanent improvements on a plot of land, which upon such selection becomes included in, or surrounded by a reserve, shall have the same privileges in respect of such plot, as an Indian enjoys who holds under a location title."

Now, this is possibly the way that a lot of the land on Reserves in British Columbia came into the possession of Indians, though there were probably few permanent improvements to make this legal, and in many cases, no further improvements have taken place since the original allotment of the Reserve. On the other hand, if this is the right title by which certain Indians are holding land on Reserves in B.C., this last mentioned section states that "he shall have the same privileges in respect to such plot as an Indian enjoys who holds under a location title.

Therefore, if he holds under a location title, is he deemed to be in the same position as Indians regularly located on the Prairies, who can be deprived of their land for non-usage.

I am making the above quotations and references because it seems to me time that something more definite should be placed in the Indian Act as regards individual Indian ownership of land in B.C. One can be quite clear as to how things are on the Prairies or in Eastern Canada, but it seems rather vague and contradictory in B.C., and this is one of the things that is tying the hands of the Agents who are looking after agricultural Reserves, and yet have no definite statement as to what their powers are in order to force improvements, give land to those who have none, and prevent accumulation by inheritance, of good land amongst many who are either to old to work the same or too lazy.

An extreme case might be conceived of where, in a band of, say twenty, one or two men might be in possession of all the good, irrigable land on that Reserve. There might be some excuse if the two above suggested men really had worked that land, but if they did not, they are holding the land at the cost of the remaining members of the Band, and yet are not paying any taxes towards the upkeep of the othermembers, which accumulation of land in the case of a white man, he would have to pay higher taxes according to the quantity of land owned.

I really think that something will have to be done by the Department to have this matter cleared up. You, of course, may not have come across this trouble to as great an extent as I have, but I see it in at least 50% of the agricultural Reserves. I take it, that the original idea in granting these lands to the Indians by the Canadian Government was that they should be for the benefit of all, not only those who originally held the land without any real authority; and for the support of future generations, and it is now, owing to the fact that Indians, in the Interior anyway, have come to the point where they have got to live on their Reserves, that we feel the effect of the want of a system to begin with.

Yours very truly,

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Barrister & Solicitor,
Kelowna, B.C.

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SUGGEST THAT TO AVOID FURTHER IRRITATION AND DIFFICULTY ON OKANAGAN RESERVE NUMBER ONE YOU NOW INSTRUCT COLEMAN WITHHOLD FURTHER ACTION AS TO IRRIGATION WORKS ON RESERVE PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY YOU STOP WILL YOU BE IN VICTORIA THIS WEEK AND NEXT WIRE COLLECT

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FIVE INDIANS ARE ACQUITTED CHARGE OF INTIMIDATION

Apparently Crown Not Clearly Identified Coleman As One Threatened

The five Indians charged with intimidating the Indian agent, James Coleman, on three different occasions last Summer, were acquitted by an Assize Court jury here Tuesday.

"On the evidence that has been put forward by the prosecution, the jury could just as well have found you guilty," commented Chief Justice Morrison to Jimmy Antoine et all at the close of the case. He instructed the Indians that in future they were not to attempt to molest the Indian Agent. He said he believed himself that the Indian Agent was working for the benefit of the Indians and was using the best means possible in their interests, and that it was up to them to co-operate with the Indian Agent and not to deliberately cause trouble that would result in a Court case.

He added that if they were ever again brought up in court in such a case, it would go hard with them.

There were three counts to the charge, three different times being instanced. It was alleged that in Mr. Coleman's office on July 31, again at the council house of the tribe at the reserve at the head of Okanagan Lake on August 2, and yet again on the reserve on August 15, the intimidation was carried out.

The Indians placed on trial were Jimmy Antoine, Maurice Brewer, Joe Abel, Narcisse Jack, and Tommy Gregoire.

W. B. Bredin, the Crown Prosecutor, called witnesses to substantiate the charge.

Francis Grist was present on all three occasions, and his testimony was to the effect that the projected construction of an irrigation ditch on the reserve apparently roused the antagonism of some of the Indians. A group of them visited Mr. Coleman in his office and threats of "bloodshed" were heard. They seemed so hostile that the police were called.

Sergeant R. W. Bowen corroborated this evidence, and explained that he had attempted to reason with the Indians at the time, pointing out that it was Mr. Coleman's intention to protect the water rights of the band. Unless the irrigation ditch were built, these rights would be forfeited.

Pierre Louis, chief of the band, his son Ed, and Mr. Coleman himself were other witnesses.

Evidence adduced by the Crown was to the effect that at a conference between Mr. Coleman and the Indians in the council chamber, further threatening actions were taken, some of the band showing antipathy to the contemplated irrigation work.

Finally, on August 15, when Mr. Coleman and others were at work on the project, the same group of Indians appeared and again made threatening actions.

T. G. Norris, counsel for the defence, called two witnesses, one of the accused, Jimmy Antoine, and Ernest Brewer.

Antoine, in a lengthy statement, drew attention to hostility existing between United States Indians on the reserve, and the natives of the place. Brewer, a counsellor of the band, corroborated his evidence.

It was alleged by the defence that Mr. Coleman had no right to act without the band's consent. No resolution of endorsement of the action had been obtained.

That some of the accused Indians had actually interfered in one or two instances when some scuffling took place between an aged blind Indian and the white men, was another point stressed.

The main issue, however, was apparently that the Crown had not clearly identified Mr. Coleman as the victim of the threatened "bloodshed." The threats were vague. No direct intimidation of the agent himself, as the charge read, had been established, was the defence claim.

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O-G-1676

Dear Mr. Perry:-

Indian Agent Coleman and Chief and Council of Okanagan Band No. I, were in here on Friday last to interview me regarding the case just finished, irrigation matters, etc.

First, I enclose cutting from "The Vernon News" of November 9th, giving a report upon the case. Apparently, according to the Judge, the Jury might just as well have found the prisoners guilty, and I understand that he gave Jimmy Antoine and the prisoners a thoroughly good talking to, and warned them of the seriousness of any further obstruction of the Indian Agent in his work.

You will notice, too, that Jimmy Antoine managed to bring in the matter of the United States Indians or those he alleges to be U.S. Indians, and also a statement that the Indian Agent had no right to go on without the Band's consent.

Summing up the case as a whole, therefore, it looks as though it is just pure luck that the accused were not convicted.

I talked the matter over fully regarding what should be done. The Chief and Council were of the opinion that the work should continue, anyhow in so far as that part of it is practically completed. The Chief and Council then suggested that, if there should be any further attempt at obstruction, either you or I should hold a meeting of the Band, pointing out the seriousness of the obstruction, and that the retention of water records depends upon usage, and also that the Indians must look to the future, for their children, and then ask outright for a direct vote one way or the other.

The Chief and Council were very sensible over the whole matter, and all said that they would be quite willing to let the matter slide but for the fact that it would be deserting the decent element on the Reserve who want to improve matters, and also those without land who want to work, and the helpless children of future generations. They argued that these people cannot be let down no matter what the opposition. Their suggestion was that if the majority of the Band turned this down, even then some solution would have to be found to protect those who are willing or helpless. This seemed to me a very sensible attitude on their part.

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Mr. Coleman, on his behalf, told them and myself that he was only too ready to try and help them in the matter, but that it was too heavy a task on the top of all his work to have to constantly battle with these agitators, that he had lots of office work and the other Reserves to attend to as well.

I asked them what they thought would result from Jimmy Antoin's acquittal, and they stated that they thought he would only be more uppish than ever. They informed me that he is going around now stating that by the end of January the Indians of Okanagan Reserve would be running their own show, and that the Indian Agent would not be allowed on the Reserve except when called in by themselves, and that the Indian Agent was there only to keep white people off the Reserve. They also told me that Jimmy Antoine was informing the other Indians that he had had a vision and that he had been dead for 24 hours and had been to heaven where he had been told what to do, and that actually a number of Indians were believing this. They also told me that Jimmy Antoine and the others with him were stating that all the water out of the creeks is theirs, given them by God, and could not be interfered with. And also they were threatening the scary ones that they would take their land away from if they did not agree with them.

Apparently, therefore, according to Antoine and Company, they are going to run things without any interference from the Indian Department at all. The Chief, however, pointed out that Antoine had made no explanation about who was supplying relief, schooling or medicine, and they told me that most of the agitators had frequently received relief rations and had been treated in hospital at Government expense, and their children educated at Government expense.

I stated that I thought that possibly there would be no further obstruction, but they did not agree with me. They thought that there would. I also told them what you had advised as to the possibility of bringing the agitators to time by passing the money on to other Reserves that would like to have it for improvements, and they stated that that would be a fatal thing to do, as Jimmy Antoine and the other agitators would take that move as a complete victory, being totally irresponsible as to the future. In fact, most of them, even if they thought of the future, did not care, thinking that they would be strong enough to do what they wanted themselves.

Many other phases of the whole matter, too numerous to mention, were gone into. However, after we had finished, I came to the conclusion

1. That the work continue as though nothing had happened, anyhow in so far as completing the work started is concerned.

2. That if any further obstruction is attempted, a meeting should be held either by yourself or myself.

3. That we must try and protect these water rights, and the better element on the Reserve. Possibly it would be as well to give Mr. Coleman some help in the way of protection temporarily, either by a loan of one of the constables from another Agency, or the stationing of a Mounted Police in Vernon.

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I might mention too, that the Chief and Council pointed out to me that their crops on unirrigated lands had been very short, for instance, the grain crops amounted to less than half ton to the acre. They pointed out that this did not pay for the planting, and meant shortage of forage crops for the Band.

Also, undoubtedly, the agitators, etc., must have spent a lot of money in employing lawyers, or in passing it on to Jimmy Antoine, and that they would also be up against it this winter.

Yours truly,

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I think that you should hold a meeting with the Band and tell them fully how the Department is trying to help them. If they still decide that they do not want any money spent on their reserve to enable them to use the lands themselves, Section 93, Subsection (3) of the Indian Act can be made to apply whether they like it or not. If they think they have the field all to themselves they should be disillusioned if possible.

Your obedient servant,

P/AC

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O-G-1673.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

Further to our conversation re the matter of obstruction of irrigation work on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I, and in answer to your 197-10-31481 of the 16th ultimo.

1. After interviewing Agent Coleman upon the matter, coupled with my own personal activities and knowledge in the matter, I would definitely say in answer to your enquiry, that the Indians of Okanagan Band in general, and in particular the Chief and Council, are well aware of the plans prepared for improvement of the irrigation system on their Reserve.

The only thing that the Indians in general, did not know of was the amount of money proposed for expenditure, and Mr. Coleman has given his reason for not disclosing this information. His letter of the 13th October to yourself, while with a view to possible economy seems reasonable, to say nothing of endless possible discussions and argument. However, the Chief and Council were fully advised as to the amount, and it appears to me as though this would be all that could be reasonably required or advisable, as you know the difficulties of dealing with figures amongst a large number of Indians, and also that the Chief and Council must be sustained in authority by the Agent. This latter procedure was, I think, followed by yourself in dealing with the Squamish Indians.

2. You state that had this information been given all the Indians, you believe that much of his trouble would have disappeared. With due apology, having my personal knowledge of the Indians of Okanagan Reserve for many years, in view, I must beg to differ with you there. They have been ill advised by agitators on the Reserve for twentyfive years back, and my files on one and another in the matter are voluminous. The late Inspector Megraw, Mr. Ball, Mr. Coleman and myself have had endless trouble there, and I can only say that both Mr. Ball and Mr. Coleman have, in the past, done all in their power to improve the status of the Indians on this Reserve, despite endless obstruction by certain members. Perusal of files for years back show this.

3. After careful thought, I am absolutely of the opinion that matters of obstruction in the irrigation project are merely an excuse, and that at the bottom lies factional jealousy of a good Chief and Council, and a desire to air the land question: this latter probably fostered from outside.

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Without going into great length, which I could do, to substantiate this opinion, I would point out the following:

Past obstruction to the day school;
The Tronson Trespass case;
Attempted petition to the Governor General on the land question;
The Reserve case on Long Lake, probably applicable to Jimmy Antoine;
The past constant leasing of cultivable land to white men, now stopped;
The fact that J. Antoine himself once moved a resolution at a meeting that water records be protected;
The fact that Jimmie Antoine himself told the Court Stenographer that the obstruction of works was mere pretext in order to remove American Indians.
Again, their reasons for obstruction were asked and they stated they feared their land would be taken to pay for the work. This was ridiculous, and they were offered a written guarantee that this would not happen.

Today, Andy Paul himself told me that he had been down to Vernon, and had been approached to go into the box and bring forward the Indian land question, which he refused to do, and tried to find out the reason for the opposition, and could get no reasonable reason. He told me he entirely disagreed with the attitude of the agitation. He will be seeing you shortly, I understand.

I could go to greater length in the matter, right back to Mr. Ball's time, or before, but everything brings me to the conclusion that Mr. Coleman has done all reasonably possible to help the Indians of this Reserve, and, to my mind, rightly refused to be intimidated by the obstructionists,who apparently are trying to prove a right of non-interference by the Department. Except giving in entirely, I do not see what else he could have done.

I am sorry to say that since writing the above, I have heard this morning that the case has gone against us. Apparently the trial was yesterday. I know no particulars except that the jury were out about one hour. However, Mr. Coleman and the Chief and Council are coming to see me this week.

The above fact and your enquiry about future policy in the matter of this expenditure therefore is now to the fore, and I think that the final decision should rest with the Department. Off hand I would be inclined to withdraw all expenditure, as the power of enforcing the work is not sustained by the Courts, and if I were the Chief and Council, I would resign and let the Band get along the best they may, which would probably bring it home to them that they are making a great mistake in refusing assistance.

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The other two alternatives are either to try and continue the work, or to have a final meeting presided over by yourself or myself, and ask them definitely and finally whether they wish the work done or not.

I will report what Mr. Coleman and the Chief and Council think as soon as I have seen them,

Yours truly,

G.S. Pragnell

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November 15, 1933.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter dated November 13th, instant, covering copy of Crime Report dated November 9th from the Vernon Detachment concerning the intimidation case Rex vs. Indians which came before His Lordship Chief Justice Morrison. The contents have been noted with interest and whilst writing on the subject perhaps I should make comment, even though to no good purpose, upon the evidence of the Indians that no by-law had been made authorizing the Indian Agent to do irrigation construction work and that, therefore, the Agent had no lawful authority to do such work. The Crown witnesses appear to misunderstand the matter to some extent. It is not necessary to have such a by-law, the Indian Act providing that a Council legally established may pass such a by-law, but the Act further provides that any rule or regulation made by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall have precedence over any rule or regulation made by an Indian Band or Council with regard to their reserve affairs. I would add that I have considerable doubt as to whether the Indian Council has ever been established by Order-in-Council as provided by Sections 100 and 101 of the Indian Act. I mention these matters in a casual way although I understand that the case has been fully disposed of. It was, of course, the business of the Defence to make these points clear to His Lordship which apparently they did not do.

Thanking you for your interest in this case.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Colonel J.H. McMullin,
Commissioner,
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Dear Sir:

With further reference to this case, I am now enclosing copy of concluding Crime Report.

Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
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1.10.30.a.m. 7th November 1933 before His Lordship Chief Justice Auley Morrison in the Supreme Court, Vernon the above named appeared for trial before a Petite Jury.
Mr. W.B. Bredin appeared for the Crown and entered a stay of proceedings against Edward Joe and Pierre, Henry His Lordship assenting to this course.
Mr. Norris appeared for the accused.
There were 3 counts on charge involving offences alleged to have been committed on 31st July 1933, 2nd August 1933, 15th August 1933 for which these accused had all been committed for trial, and which cases have previously been reported separately after preliminary hearings.

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2. The following witnesses were called for the Crown:-
1. Francis Grist 2. Sgt. R.W. Bowen 3. Pierre Louis
4. Ned Louis 5. Cst. A. Quesnel 6. James Coleman
These witnesses gave evidence as at preliminary hearings previously reported.
Annie Logan, Acted as Indian Interpreter and was also called by Crown as rebuttal witness.

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3. The following witnesses were called for accused:-
1. Jimmy Antoine 2. Joe Abel 3. Ernest Brewer
These witnesses denied the charges and accounts of incidents given by the several Crown witnesses. Also gave evidence that no bye-law had been made authorising Indian Agent to do irrigation construction work, and therefore Agent had no lawful authority to do such work.

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4. The jury were addressed by Counsel and His Lordship and retired at 6.00.p.m. returning at 7.00.p.m. with a verdict of Not Guilty. His Lordship lectured the accused saying that the jury on the evidence might well have found them guilty, and advised them to be careful not to act in such a manner as would place them in a similar position in future or they might not be so fortunate. The accused were then discharged.

Concluded.

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INDIANS ACQUITTED OF INTIMIDATION

Had Opposed Construction Of Irrigation Ditch On Reserve.

VERNON, Nov. 8.—Six Indians of the reserve at the head of Okanagan Lake were found not guilty by an Assize court jury here Tuesday night on a charge of having intimidated Indian Agent James Coleman on three different occasions last summer.

Evidence adduced by Crown Prosecutor W. B. Bredin, Kelowna, was calculated to show that the accused Indians crowded into the agent's office here, on July 31, and by threats of "bloodshed" expressed their irritation at the contemplated construction of an irrigation ditch on their reserve. A conference was held in the council chamber of the band on the reserve two days later, and again some of the Indians allegedly showed hostility. On August 15 Mr. Coleman set to work on the irrigation project and a similar incident occurred, an old blind member of the band being thrust against him. The latter commenced to grapple with the agent, but was pulled off by a provincial police officer.

Antagonism between United States Indians and those native to the reserve is said to be the source of the hostility.

Mr. Coleman's anxiety to have the work on the ditch started was due to the fact that certain water rights would otherwise be forfeited.

T. G. Norris, K.C., Kelowna, who defended the Indians, declared that Mr. Coleman had no right to carry out the irrigation work as he had not obtained a resolution from the band endorsing his plans. Chief Justice Morrison pointed out that actual threats against Mr. Coleman himself had not been clearly identified. The threatening attitude, he said, was vague, particularly as to whose blood would be shed.

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Dear Mr. Perry:-

I have just seen an account in The Province, of the intimidation case at Vernon. Mr. Howe also informs me that he was in Vernon for part of the case, and Judge Morrison seemed to be very contrary right throughout, and apparently, he has got that reputation during the last year or two.

He apparently took the stand that there was not sufficient proof of the intimidation case, because it was not established whose blood would be shed. Mr. Norris, for the Defence, made out that the Indians had not passed any resolution asking for irrigation. As a matter of fact, as you know, this is wrong, though as the money is not being supplied from Band Funds, the resolution really was not necessary.

I think, had the Provincial Police hauled up two or three of them on a lesser and more easily proved charge, they would have been convicted.

I might say I saw the report of the case in the Vancouver Province of the 8th instant, though probably the same report would be in the Victoria Paper.

Mr. Coleman and the Chief and Council are coming in to see me tomorrow and I will let you know what they think about continuing the work.

Yours truly,

(Geo. S. Pragnell)
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

23/31621.

October 28, 1933.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letters October 25th and 27th, respectively, covering copies of reports dated October 24th and 18th, respectively, from the Vernon Detachment, in regard to the cases involving Indians of the Okanagan Reserve No. 1. The contents of these reports have been read with interest.

P/KD.

Your obedient servant,

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

J. H. McMullin, Esq.,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police,
Victoria, B. C.

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SUBJECT:

Rex vs Jimmie Antoine
et al - Intimidation.

October 27th,
1 9 3 3.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your information copies of further reports received.

Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

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CRIME REPORT

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12-10-33
19-10-33

Rex vs ANTOINE, Jimmie.)
BREWER, Maurice,)
JACK, Narcisse,) INTIMIDATION. Sec. 501(b) C.C.C.
GREGOIRE, Tommy,)
ABEL, Joe.)

1.10.00.a.m.24th October 1933 at the County Court at Kelowna, before His Honour Judge Swanson the above named appeared to elect for trial.

Mr. Galbraith for the Crown.
Mr. Norris for the Accused.

2. All the accused elected for jury trial and on the application of Mr Norris not opposed by Mr Galbraith they were released on their own recognizances in the sum of $100.00 to appear at the next assize court sitting at Vernon, B.C.

H'QRS. REF.

Unconcluded.

W. J. Thomson

(W.J.Thomson) Cpl., #293 i/c.,
B.C.Prov.Police,
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Unorganised Territory — Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1.

CRIME REPORT.

Rex vs ANTOINE,Jimmie.
BREWER,Maurice.
JACK,Narcisse.
GREGOIRE,Tommy.
ABEL,Joe.
— INTIMIDATION.Sec.501(b) C.C.C.

1.As indicated in previous report the names of Charlie Lessard & Edward Joe were struck off the information the heading of this report has accordingly been amended.

2.10.00.a.m.24th October 1933 the above named appeared before His Honour Judge Swanson in the County Court at Kelowna to elect for trial.

Mr.Galbraith appeared for the Crown.
Mr.Norris appeared for the accused.

H'QRS. REF.

3.All the accused elected for jury trial and on the application of Mr Norris not opposed by Mr Galbraith they were released on their own recognizances in the sum of $100.00 to appear at the next assize court sitting at Vernon,B.C.

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Tom Lindley,Indian acted as Interpreter.

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(W.J.Thomson)Cpl.,#293 i/c.,
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Rex vs Jimmie Antoine
et al - Intimidation.

October 25th,
1 9 3 3.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to this matter, I am enclosing for your information copies of two Crime Reports.

Yours truly,

J. H. McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

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UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

OKANAGAN INDIAN RESERVE No. 1.

PR or PCR.

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REX Vs ANTOINE, Jimmie,
LESSARD, Charlie,
Brewer, Maurice,
JACK, Narcisse,
GREGOIRE, Tommy,
ABEL, Joe,
JOE, Edward.

INTIMIDATION, Sect 501 (b) C.C.C.

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Thursday October 5th 1933 the above accused again appeared at the Court House, Vernon, before Hugh A. Heggie Esq, Stipendiary Magistrate.
H. Galbraith, Barrister appearing as Counsel for Crown.
T. G. Norris Counsel for Defence was unable to attend but Mr. Gordon Lindsay appeared on his behalf.

The Crown asked that the Charge of Charlie Lessard and Edward Joe, be withdrawn from the Information. This was granted and Sergt R.W. Bowen reswore the Information.

The charge of Intimidation to James Coleman on August 2nd 1933, on the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1. was again read to the accused, who all confirmed their intention of being tried by a higher Court.

1st Witness. Sergt R.W. Bowen, who being sworn stated that on August 2nd 1933 he was present at the Council house at the head of Okanagan lake on the Indian reserve. Mr. Coleman was with him. The subject under discussion was the Irrigation ditch. Mr. Coleman explained the reasons and the authority for having the work done. That Jimmie Antoine was spokesman for the accused, who stated that they were not satisfied with the explanation saying that there would be bloodshed if the work on the ditch was continued. That there was a split in sides in the Council room amongst the Indians, but the accused were always as one and their attitude was hostile towards the Indian Agent and they remained the same way after the meeting.
The Witness further said "I feel that if I had not been at the meeting it would not have been safe for Mr. Coleman.

After hearing this witness the Preliminary Hearing was adjourned until 10,30 A.M. Tuesday October 10th 1933.
On this date there was a further adjournment to 9,30 A.M. Tuesday October 17th.
At which time and date the Hearing was resumed. T.G. Norris K.C. appeared for the Defence. The accused now are, ANTOINE, Jimmie. BREWER Maurice. JACK Narcisse. GREGOIRE, Tommy. ABEL, Joe. who were all present.
2nd Witness. Pierre Louis who being sworn began to give evidence as to the attitude of the accused, this was objected to by Counsel for Defnce as it was only the opinion of the witness. Objection was up held by the Court.
He then corroborated the evidence of the first Witness adding that Jimmie Antoine as spokesman for the others had said that they ment to bring their grievance to a head and would go so far as to cause bloodshed so that they would be taken to a high Court for trial.
Narcisse Jack had demanded that the minutes of the meeting be destroyed. Mr. Coleman had refused to do so.

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UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1.

"2"

CRIME REPORT.

REX Vs ANTOINE, Jimmie. Et Al. INTIMIDATION. Sect 501 (b) C.C.C.

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Questioned by Counsel for Defence witness stated that he was Interpreter at the meeting and had translated everything to the best of his knowledge. That there were 50 to 60 indians in the room at the time, amongst them were the two whoes names had been withdrawn from this charge.

3rd Witness. James Coleman, Indian Agent. Being sworn stated that the meeting had been called at the request of Sergt Bowen. That the accused's objection to the Irrigation ditch had been that they seemed to think that it would incur extra taxes. That he had given a guarantee witnessed by Sergt Bowen that this would not be so.
That there was one faction in favor of the work being done.

H'QRS. REF. Further evidence corroborated the other two witnesses, also stating that Narcisse Jack had said that if the Minutes of the meeting were not torn up, he, the witness, would not leave the meeting with them.

During this evidence the following were entered as Exhibits.

DIV'L REF. Exhibit "A" Conditional Water Licence No 6698.
" "B" Do Do Do No.8186.
" "C" A letter of authority from the Department of Indian Affairs to Mr.James Coleman.

DIST. REF. " "D" Letter dated 14th August 1933 from T.G.Norris to Mr.Coleman, suggesting an Arbitration.
" "E" Letter dated 4th August 1933, from T.G.Norris to James Coleman, Indian Agent at Vernon, B.C.

No witnesses were called by the Defence.

DET. REF. The Court considered that there was Prima Facie evidence to commit the accused for trial. The Charge was read and the usual warning given to each of them, who all stated that they had nothing to say.

On the application of Mr.Norris, which was not opposed by the Crown, the Magistrate took advantage of the stipulations provided in Section 696 of the Criminal Code and released the accused on their own recognizance in $100,00 to appear at 10,a.m. October 24th 1933 at Kelowna for Election.
All accused took an oath on the Bible that they would appear as ordered.

Annie Logan (Indian Woman) was sworn as Interpreter when this case was resumed on the 17th inst.

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Unorganized Territory

Okanagan Indian Reserve Nr. 1

CRIME REPORT (3)

Rex vs. ANTOINE, Jimmie
LESSARD, Charlie
BREWER, Maurice
JACK, Narcisse
GREGOIRE, Tommy
ABEL, Joe
JOE, Edward

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ORGANIZED TERRITORY. City of VERNON.

PR or PCR.

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12-10-33.

C R I M E R E P O R T.

REX Vs ANTOINE, Jimmie.)
BREWER, Maurice.)
JACK, Narcisse.) INTIMIDATION. Sect. 501 (b) C.C.C.
GREGOIRE Tommy.)
ABEL, Joe.)

This is the charge of Intimidation in the City of Vernon on July 31st 1933. The names of Charlie Lessard and Felix Gregoire, are omitted from the above heading as the charge against them was withdrawn as mentioned in my report dated 12-10-33.

October 17th the above accused appeared at the Court House Vernon, before Hugh A.Heggie Esq, Stipendiary Magistrate and were committed for trial at the next Court of Competant Jurisdiction.

H'QRS. REF.

On the application of Mr.Norris, which was not opposed by Mr Galbraith, who were the Counsels for Defence and Crown, the accused were released on their own recognizance in $100,00 to appear at 10.A.M. Tuesday October 24th 1933 at Kelowna for Election.

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During this Preliminary Hearing Annie Logan (Indian Woman) was sworn in as Interpreter and acted as such on one day Tuesday October 10th. 1933.

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TO; The N.C.O. i/c.
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October 16, 1933.

Sir:-

I regret I am not able to comply with the request contained in your letter No. Ok. 1-7-2, dated October 13th, 1933, by replacing my letter of authority for irrigation works on Okanagan No. 1 Reserve, dated June 19th, last, with another letter confirming authority for works at Six-Mile Creek and Osoyoos Indian Reserve, only. I do not understand your view as expressed in these words:-

> "Also I deemed it advisable not to make public these figures, as it would make it extremely "difficult to effect any economies which might "be found possible in construction",

for, on August 3rd, last you advised me that you had called the Okanagan Band together on August 2nd, instant, and explained the irrigation question to them because the Provincial Police were under the impression that the Indians had not been told of the Department's intentions.

Again, on August 24th, Inspector Pragnell reported that, with yourself, the Chief and Council in attendance at Kamloops, he went very thoroughly into the matter with them.

If such be the facts, I cannot see what good purpose can be served by changing the letter of authority in any way. If the knowledge of the Department's plans would result in any criticism of the policy of affect economies in any way, the information already given according to your reports would already have had these results. Instead of that, it appears that the works are not proceeding which makes the situation a paradox.

If, on the other hand, you have not given the Indians the information as to irrigation plans in full for the reserve it is considered that you are not without responsibility for the trouble with the Indians, and I have, therefore, requested the Inspector to investigate the situation further, also to ascertain if it is the intention to do the work in the reserves in a reasonable time so as to prevent diversion of the funds to works elsewhere; and to advise the Indians that if they do not take advantage of the Department's efforts to aid them from the Special Vote, they cannot complain if they are deprived of relief supplies for their support.

I wish to be informed exactly what you have told the Okanagan Indians in regard to the funds which have been made available this year for the improvement of their reserves, as

Jas. Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B. C.

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I am under the impression that you have not been as frank with them as you should have been.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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copy for 23

October 16, 1933.

Sir:-

In your letter to this office dated August 24th, last, No. 1626, you advised me that you had gone very thoroughly into the matter of irrigation works on Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1, at your conference with the Indian Agent, Chief and Council of Okanagan Reserve, at Kamloops on that date.

I would like to be informed whether or not the Agent produced for your information and that of the Okanagan Indian Council, copy of my letter to him of June 19th, last, a further copy of which is sent herewith for your information.

In a Provincial Police report of August 9th, Sergt. Bowen stated:-

> "The drift of their conversation as far as I "could gather was that they (the Indians) were going "to interfere and stop the ditch from going in, as "they had not been told about it".

In a report from Agent Coleman dated August 3rd, last he says:-

> "I went out yesterday and called the Band "together explaining the irrigation question to "them (which has been done previously many times) "and was done mostly for the benefit of the "Provincial Police, whose Sergeant accompanied "me, and had the opinion that they did not under- "stand the matter."

Just how much information Mr. Coleman has given you, the Provincial Police and the Indians, is called into question now as a result of a request which I have received by letter dated October 13th from Mr. Coleman asking me to replace my letter of June 19th by another setting out merely the work on the lower levels of Six Mile Creek - $250.00 and the work at Osoyoos Indian Reserve No. 1 - $250.00, and thus avoid publication of the whole expenditures for the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1. He states that it is desirable not to make public these figures, "as it would make it extremely difficult to effect any economies which might be found possible in construction."

I find it difficult in these circumstances to avoid the suspicion that Agent Coleman may not have given the Okanagan Indians information of the assistance which the Department has undertaken to give from the B. C. Special Vote this year as outlined in my letter to him of June 19th, last. If he had

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G.S. Pragnell, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Kamloops, B. C.

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given them this information, it is believed that much of his trouble with the Indians would disappear and he would not now be asking me to change my letter.

I am not disposed to comply with Agent Coleman's request inasmuch as I consider it to be his duty to co-operate fully with the Indians of the reserve by letting them know exactly what he has asked for and what the Department has approved. Much trouble can be occasioned by an Agent giving the Indians only part of such a plan. You will note that in my letter to Agent Coleman I asked him to advise me if the proposed expenditures could not be made within a reasonable time so as to permit, in such event, of funds being diverted to other necessary work elsewhere, as the Department could only supply so much for irrigation this year.

If the Okanagan Indians are going to continue their friction with the Agent they should be told plainly that if they do not wish to avail themselves of the benefit of funds available for the improvement of their reserves, there are Indians in other parts who will be glad to have arrangements made to divert the funds to other channels where they would benefit from irrigation works.

Kindly take this matter in hand and endeavour to ascertain if Agent Coleman has and is doing everything possible to comply with my instructions of June 19th and in full co-operation with the Okanagan Band. Also please report if it is your opinion that the works provided for on the Okanagan reserves can be carried out this year, and let me know as early as possible as I should be glad to recommend to the Department to substitute other plans for the work we had intended to do at Okanagan Reserves.

The Indians should be further told that if they unreasonably resist the efforts of the Department to give them aids to agriculture, they cannot reasonably expect to be furnished with relief supplies at public expense.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Enclosure:-

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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September 7, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of August 29th covering reports on the situation at Okanagan Reserve No.1 at Vernon. I am in accord with your observation regarding the demands for counsel, particularly as we had not been informed whether the prosecutions would be proceeded with summarily or by indictment through preliminary hearing. The matter must now be left to the Courts. The assistance which you have been good enough to give this Department is duly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

Col. J. H. McMullin,
Commissioner, B.C. Police,
Parliament Buildings,
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SUBJECT:

Rex vs Jimmy Antoine
et al - Intimidation.

August 29th,
1 9 3 3

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Perry:

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, on receipt of this I thought it perhaps best to deal with the matter personally and I, therefore, sent Staff Sergeant Peachey to see you.

I am enclosing for your file copies of two reports that have been received dealing with this case and would draw your attention to Inspector Fernie's note on the last one. You will notice that the case is being proceeded with by way of indictment and the Magistrate is merely taking the preliminary hearing at this time. The fact that preliminary hearing is being heard only makes it all the more puzzling why it was necessary to make such insistent demands for counsel. However, as your Department at Ottawa seems to have given permission to employ counsel, the matter is settled as far as that part of it is concerned.

Yours very truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner, B.C. Police.

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DATE: 18-8-33.

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Nil

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY. Vernon.
No 1 Indian Reserve.

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REX Vs:- ANTOINE, Jimmy
BREWER Maurice
ABEL Joe.
JACK, Narcisse
GREGOIRE, Tommy
JOE, Edward.
PIERRE, Henry.

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DET. REF.

August 15th 1933 the Indian Agent requested Police Protection on No 1. Indian Reserve as he expected trouble in connection with the irrigation work, mentioned in my report dated 9-8-33. Const Quesnell on instruction from me went withm him.

August 16th Mr Coleman, the Indian Agent, and Const Quesnell reported that several Indians had intimidated them the previous enening. In consequence he laid information against the above named before R?M.McGusty Esq. Stipendiary Magistrate for County of Yale at Vernon. That they wronfully and without lawful authority did by means of threats of using violence to James Coleman, Indian Agent of the Okanagan Agency, then and there intimidate the said James Coleman with a view to compel him to abstain from carrying out his lawful and authorized construction of irrigation works on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1. Okanagan Agency, Contrary to Section 501 (b) of the Criminal Code of Canada.
Warrants in the First Instance to Apprehend were issued and Constable J.M.Smith was instructed to execute them and Constables Quesnell, Fetherstonhaugh, and French, told to accompany him.
At 4,30.p.m. the same date all the above accused were placed in the Provincial Lock-up at Vernon.

August 17th at 10.30 a.m. all accused appeared before the above mentioned Magistrate.
For Prosecution - Sergt Bowen. B.C.Provincial Police.
Defense - T.G.Norris, K.C.

On the charge being read and interpreted to them each they all pleaded Not Guilty.

As the Indian Agent had sent a telegram to his Department asking for a Crown Counsel the Prosecution asked for an Adjournment.
Adjournment granted to 10,30 A.M. Wednesday August 23rd 1933.
All accused released from Custody on their own Recognizance to keep the peace and to appear again at the above stated time.
UNCONCLUDED.

R.W.Bowen Sergt.
N.C.O. i/c.
Vernon District.

To:- The Officer Commanding,
"C" Division.
B.C.Police.

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FILE No.

DATE: 18-8-33.

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Re: ANTOINE, Jimmy et al - INTIMIDATION - sect. 501(b) "CC".

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AUG 14 1933
Inspector O/C "C" Div.

TO THE COMMISSIONER, B.C. POLICE, (CIB) VICTORIA, B.C.
FORWARDED. I received your radiogram Nr. 204 of the 16th instant which apparently refers to this prosecution - a copy of your message was forwarded to Sgt. Bowen for his guidance.

O.C. "C" Division.

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DATE: 24-8-33.

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UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

No 1. Indian Reserve. Vernon.

H'QRS. REF.

DIV'L REF. 53/207.

DIST. REF.

DET. REF.

C R I M E R E P O R T.

18-8-33. REX Vs :- ANTOINE, Jimmy, BREWER Maurice, ABEL Joe, JACK Narcisse, GREGOIRE Tommy, JOE Edward, PIERRE Henry:- INTIMIDATION. Sect. 501 (b). C.C. of C.

August 23rd 1933 the adjourned trial of the above accused men came before the Court. R.M.McGusty Esq Stipendiary Magistrate.

H.Galbraith, Barrister appearing as Counsel for Mr J.Coleman, Indian Agent, and the Chief of the Okanagan Indian Reserve No 1.
Counsel for the accused raised an objection to Mr Galbraith appearing on the grounds that Sergt R.W.Bowen had been instructed by the Deputy Attorney General to appear for the Prosecution.
Mr Galbraith stated that it was true that he had not been appointed for the Crown but that he was appearing at the request of the Indian Agent and the Chief above mentioned.
Objection was granted.

The Charge was again read over to the accused men, and they were all asked in what manner they wished to be tried. Each of them stated that they wanted the case to proceed by way of a Preliminary Hearing.

In view of the circumstances in connection with this case, and the fact that Mr. Coleman would like to have Counsel, I asked for a further adjournment until 10,30 A.M. August 29th 1933.
The Defense consenting the Magistrate granted the adjournment.

Johny VICTOR (Indian) was sworn in as Interpreter.
James Griffin was engaged as Court Stenographer by Counsel for Defense.

UNCONCLUDED.

R.W.Bowen Sergt.
N.C.O. i/c
Vernon District.

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Rex vs ANTOINE, Jimmy et al - Intimidation - sect.501(b)"CC".

FORWARDED TO COMMISSIONER
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W.L. Fernie
Inspector O/C. "C" Div.

TO THE COMMISSIONER, B.C. POLICE (CIB) VICTORIA, B.C.
FORWARDED - I received this report prior to your radiogram Nr. 283 this morning, and agree with you in that the reports so far lack (very much) information of any kind that might be helpful to the Department in deciding whether or not Counsel should be employed by them.

H'QRS. REF.

I got in touch with Sgt. Bowen by phone and discussed the case with him - he would not ~~mention~~ mention what the difficult angles were, but hinted that Mr. Coleman might get into trouble for taking the action that he had taken; he has assisted Mr. Coleman in every way so far and was willing to conduct the prosecution but apparently the Indian Agent wanted Counsel.

DIV'L REF.

As mentioned in my radiogram Nr. 72, Mr. Coleman has apparently visited Kamloops and discussed the mat ter with Inspector G.S. Pragnell, of the Indian Department, and I am informed that the latter official wired to Ottawa and obtained authority to employ counsel for the Hearing on Tuesday.

DIST. REF.

Whether Sgt. Bowen is justified in his opinion of Mr. Coleman's action, I cannot say, but probably after the case has been disposed of we shall be in a better position to decide.

DET. REF.

I am today writing to Sgt. Bowen emphasizing the necessity of more information in his reports so that the Department may be guided, and am asking him to submit a further report giving the different angles of the case which, so far, he has not given in any of his reports.

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23/30978.

September 9, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing copies of three Crime Reports dealing with the charges against a number of Indians arising out of trouble on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1.

Thanking you for the same.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

AC.

Col. J. H. McMullin,
Commissioner, B.C. Police,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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SUBJECT: Ashnola Ind Reserve

September 6th,
1 9 3 3.

Rex vs Jimmy Antoine
et al.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

JHMcM/DN
Encl.

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Unorganised Territory — No.1.Indian Reserve. Okanagan Agency.

CRIME REPORT

nil

Rex vs ANTOINE,Jimmie
LESSARD,Charlie
BREWER,Maurice
JACK,Narcisse
GREGOIRE,Tommy
GREGOIRE,Felix
ABEL,Joe

INTIMIDATION.Sec.501 (b) C.C.C.

On August 29th 1933.Mr.J.Coleman,Indian Agent,Okanagan Agency asked me to lay information against the above named Indians,in that they on the 31st day of July 1933 at the City of Vernon unlawfully wrongfully and without lawful authority by means of threats and using violence to James Coleman,Indian Agent of Okanagan Agency, did then and there intimidate the said James Coleman with a view to compel him to abstain from carrying out his lawful rights, namely,the construction of irrigation works on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1.Okanagan Agency,and works incidental thereto.

H'QRS. REF.

Above information was laid the same day by myself and summons served on each of the Defendants by Constable Fetherstonaugh,to appear on August 30th 1933 at 10.30.a.m.,at Courthouse,Vernon, before R.M.McGusty,S.M.

DIV'L REF.

All the accused appeared at time and place above mentioned.

For Prosecution :- H.Galbraith,Barrister.
Defence T.G.Norris,K.C.

DIST. REF.

Annie Logan (Indian Woman) was sworn in as Interpreter.
James Griffin was engaged as Court Stenographer by Counsel for Defence.

DET. REF.

On the charge being read and interpreted to them each they each elected for Preliminary Hearing.

Hugh A.Heggie,Esq.,Police Magistrate,sat on this case at the request of R.M.McGusty,Esq.,Stipendiary Magistrate.

The Magistrate adjourned the trial until 10.30.a.m.Wednesday September 6th 1933.All accused released on their own recognizance to keep the peace.

Unconcluded.

(R.W.Bowen)Sergt.,
N.C.O.i/c.,
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Nil,

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY, No,1. Indian Reserve, OKANAGAN AGENCY.

C R I M E R E P O R T.

REX vs ANTOINE Jimmie,)
LESSARD,Charlie)
BREWER Maurice,)
Jack Narcisse,) INTIMIDATION, Sect 501 (b) C.C.of C.
GREGOIRE Tommy,)
ABEL Joe,)
JOE Edward,)

H'QRS. REF.

DIV'L REF.

DIST. REF.

DET. REF.

August 29th 1933, Mr J.Coleman the Indian Agent requested me to lay information against the above named Indians for that they on the 2nd day of August 1933 A.D. at Okanagan Indian Reserve No,1. in the county of Yale, unlawfully wrongfully and without lawful authority by means of threats of using violence to James Coleman,Indian Agent of Okanagan Agency,did then and there intimidate the said James Coleman with a view to compelling him to abstain from carrying out his lawful rights,namely the construction of irrigation works on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1. Okanagan Agency, and works incidental thereto.

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Unorganized Territory

CRIME REPORT (2)

Rex vs. ANTOINE, Jimmie
LESSARD, Charlie
BREWER, Maurice
JACK, Narcise
Gregoire, Tommy
ABEL, Joe
JOE, Edward

Intimidation, Sec 501(b) CCC

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Unorganised Territory

OKANAGAN INDIAN RESERVE. No.1.

CRIME REPORT

18-8-33
24-8-33

Rex vs ANTOINE, Jimmy
BREWER, Maurice
ABEL, Joe
JACK, Narcisse
GREGOIRE, Tommy
JOE, Edward
PIERRE, Henry

INTIMIDATION. Sec. 501(b) C.C.C.

August 29th 1933 the further adjourned hearing of the above accused men came before the Court, R.M.McGusty, Stipendiary Magistrate.

H.Galbraith, Barrister appearing as Cousel for Crown, Having been appointed by Inspector Pragnell, of the Indian Department.

H'QRS. REF.

1st witness for the Prosecution:- James Coleman, Indian Agent, Okanagan Agency, who, being sworn, gave evidence that on 15th August 1933 he was attacked by the accused when returning to his car from the ditch line. On being questioned by Counsel for Defence he stated that Jimmy Antoine had been on relief until February 1933 before which time he had always supported the Administration.

DIV'L REF.

2nd witness. F.G.M.Grist corroborated the first part of Mr Coleman's evidence.

DIST. REF.

3rd witness. Ned Louis an Indian of the Reserve before mentioned being duly sworn also corroborated the 1st witness, and also stated that the accused men spoke in the Indian Language, and made a remark that if this work was continued they would hogtie Mr Coleman and throw him in the lake.

DET. REF.

4th witness. Constable Albert Quesnell also corroborated the same evidence saying that he was present on the day that the trouble took place. He was not attacked himself, but he saw the accused persons intimidating Mr Coleman.

After hearing Counsel for Defence the Magistrate adjourned the hearing deferring Commitment till Wednesday 6th September 1933 having read the charge and given usual warning to the accused, each of the accused stating they had nothing to say.

Nanie Logan (Indian Woman) was sworn in as Interpreter.

All accused are out on their own Recognizance to keep the peace, and to appear again at the stated time.

Unconcluded.

(R.W.Bowen) Sergt.,
N.C.O.i/c., B.C.Prov.Police,
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Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of August 25th with further reference to the Okanagan Reserve No.1 affair and have noted your observations regarding the activities of Mr. Penfold, local District Water Engineer, which phase of the situation will be watched very carefully, together with the activities of the other parties mentioned by you. I would like to have a full report on the outcome of your case at Vernon for which purpose the Department has provided you with legal counsel. I may say I have been endeavoring to have Crown Counsel appointed by the Attorney-General's Department but the Attorney-General demurred on the grounds that the Senior Officer of the Provincial Police at Vernon, Sergeant Bowen, could properly prosecute for the police and I was advised Inspector Fernie had been communicated with as to the necessity for engaging Crown Counsel but up to the time that Col. Pragnell sent his wire to Ottawa no reply had been received from Inspector Fernie. I am satisfied, however, that the Department has provided counsel and I hope there will be a satisfactory solution of all the difficulties which have embarrassed your irrigation work on the Reserve.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Vernon, B.C.
Aug.25th, 1933.

Sir, Your File 23/30/30765

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. with reference to trouble on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1, together with copies of letters to Colonel McMullen and Colonel Pragnell.

The case came up in court on the 23rd inst. but was adjourned until the 29th inst. after considerable argument. Consequently, as I learned that Colonel Pragnell had returned to duty, I proceeded to Kamloops to discuss the matter with him. He is, of course, fully familiar with the activities of this trouble making group and I carefully explained the more recent developments. This morning I received a wire from the Department to employ counsel in adjourned hearing.

I may state that Mr.T.G.Norris, Counsel for the defendent, is apparently preparing to make an issue of this matter entirely out of proportion to the mere legal aspect of the case and arrived at Court with a stenographer who was duly sworn in at his expense. There is no doubt an attempt will be made to swing this case into a personal channel and make it the basis of a personal attack on myself, or at least, those are the present indications. I am convinced that there are underlying factors in the case that do not appear on the surface, one of which may be the hope that the stoppage of completion of works on the Okanagan Reserve would result in other Reserves following suit to the advantage of white licencees on the creeks. Mr. Norris himself is interested in this aspect, but not in the Indians interests. A curious feature of the matter is that he spent the day previous to the last hearing on the Reserve with the local District Water Engineer, Mr. Penfold, and brought him into the office in an attempt to show that proceeding with the proposed work was of no immediate consequence. In view of the pressure that has been exercised by the Water Branch in cleaning up these licences it seems rather absurd that their Engineer should associate himself with those opposing construction especially as there are a number of "white" licences on the creek in question (Six Mile) and that elsewhere white users are pressing for reduction of Indian Licences. It looks to me as though a great deal more money is being expended in this matter by the defence than is being provided by the Indians involved, who are an idle and destitute lot.For the past year the Chief of the Reserve and myself have strongly suspected Communistic influences in these agitations and some time ago asked Sergeant Birch of the R.C.M.P. if he could look into that phase, for the same reason--that it was not entirely Indian money that seemed to be behind it. Of course, I may be entirely mistaken, but I do believe that the future developments, if any, will be worth watching and a little quiet investigation by the R.C.M.P. into the white associates of the agitators possibly enable us to

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take active steps to get at the root of this and similar disturbances.

Recently I came across two women in an auto-caravan on this Reserve peddling books and enquiring of them as to where they secured ~~this~~ permit one of them informed me they were "Jehovah's Witnesses" (Judge Rutherford's sect) and that they recognized no government or man made laws and so forth. Considering,from their statements, their propaganda dangerous among Indians I ordered them off. During the depression these various disturbing elements have been quite active in this district, and have found good ground in the very large foreign element that have drifted in during recent years.

Your obedient servant,

James Coleman

(J.Coleman)
Indian Agent.

C.C.Perry Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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23/30821. August 29, 1933.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter to you of August 21st on the subject of trouble on the Okanagan Reserve I am sending you herewith copy of day letter dated August 22nd received from Mr. T. G. Norris, Solicitor, at Vernon, together with copy of my reply of August 23rd, and also copy of a report dated August 24th received at this office from the Inspector of Indian Agencies. These correspondences will be self explanatory. Your Mr. Peachy called here on Saturday and discussed the matter with me and it appears the question of engaging counsel has been the stumbling block in this connection. I shall thank you to especially note the telegram sent to the Deputy Superintendent General as reported by the Inspector in which connection I have been advised by Mr. Peachy that he has received information to the effect that the Department at Ottawa has complied with the Inspector's request that counsel should be engaged for the defence of the the Indian Agent. You will also kindly note that the Inspector suggested that the Mounted Police be stationed on the Reserve temporarily. It will no doubt readily occur to you that I am not responsible for directions which may be given by the Department at Ottawa without reference to me and under the circumstances I cannot complain if the Department arranges with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police authorities at Ottawa to place their officers in charge of this or in any other case of the kind which may arise in the future. I cannot understand why the Magistrate would not allow the Indian Agent to have a solicitor apart from the Department nor why both the Magistrate and Sergeant Bowen had considered Crown counsel necessary. I was given to understand from your office on August 17th that you were expecting to receive word from Inspector Fernie as to the necessity for counsel as the Deputy Attorney-General had demurred about authorizing Crown counsel until such report had been received from Inspector Fernie. It was agreed to let the matter rest until Inspector Fernie had been heard from and I was disposed to leave the matter entirely in your hands and await your recommendations, it being understood that the charges once laid could only be withdrawn with the consent of the Attorney-General. Under these circumstances it is very difficult for me to suggest if anything further can be done, it being understood that your senior officer at Vernon, Sergeant Bowen, is prosecuting the case for the police. I can only await further report from Vernon.

Yours sincerely,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

Col. J. H. McMullin,
Commissioner B.C. Police,
Parliament Buildings,
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GSP/SQ.

Status of agitators has been investigated & formed to Department by Coleman.
Their status shakey but no one must Indians in Okanagan.
Practicaly all interbreed & mixed with Indians other side of border. Only status practicable is length of residence and appearence on Indian band rolls for many years.

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Blood Indian Reserve No. 148

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Yours truly,
Supt. Comm'g Southern Alberta.

Ottawa, 12th Dec. 1910.

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I have the honour to be,
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Your obedient servant,
Deputy Superintendent General.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Regina.

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Saturday P.M.

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(aug 23/33)

Phoned Mr. Perry at Kamaino. He cannot interfere as Post Police in charge of Coms

Rec'd Acting Com Parsons Sold this 23rd at Kamaino. His message and of my rebly. He stated the Charges could not be withdrawn by Consent or order of the Acting Lord Ellen Taken and that Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Rec'd Ottawa p.

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Yours sincerely,

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August 21, 1933.

Dear Col. McMullin:

In the matter of correspondence had with your Department on the subject of trouble at the Okanagan Reserve at Vernon, B.C., between the Indians and their Agent, I am enclosing herewith copy of report dated August 18th which I would like you to be kind enough to read carefully and give me your advice upon. I would point out that the agitative element amongst the Indians of the Okanagan Reserve has been quite pronounced for some time and in view of the fact that Mr. Assistant Commissioner Parsons recently gave assurance that the situation would be handled expeditiously by the Provincial Force at Vernon, I have no reason to doubt but that your Force will be able to give the service that will be necessary to restore amicable relations at that point. My last contact with your office was on August 17th when I was informed that Inspector Fernie had been asked to report the reason for the Provincial Police at Vernon as well as the Magistrate advising that Crown Counsel should be obtained for the prosecution of these Indians. I do not know whether or not Inspector Fernie's report has been received but as I have not been advised should you think it possible as well as necessaty to induce the Honorable Attorney General to proceed with prosecutions of refractory Indians by the employment of Crown Counsel, I would be much obliged if you will be good enough to see that the customary steps are taken with a view to preservation of law and order on the Vernon reserve.

The works which are being performed at the Okanagan Reserve are being paid for by the Indian Department and not from funds of the Okanagan Indian Band, the Department having directed that certain improvements should be made which are now being obstructed. I am in agreement that the lawless element amongst the Indians must not be permitted to have the upper hand in the Reserve and that the Indian Agent should receive every reasonable and available protection. So far as Mr. Coleman's administration is concerned I have found him very enthusiastic for the welfare of the Indians and the development of the Reserves in the direction of active production with a view to the advancement of the Indians generally as well as the ultimate reduction of relief which has been quite extensive for some time. In view of the foregoing and of the contents of Mr. Coleman's report, I would ask especially that you be good enough to request your local officers at Vernon to render every possible aid in as expeditious a manner as may be possible. I would also like to have the question of Crown Counsel definitely settled, if possible, so that I may advise Mr. Coleman regarding the action taken.

Yours sincerely,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Col. J.H. McMullin,
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August 15, 1933.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

File Ok.1-7-2

Vernon, B.C.
August 10th,1933.

Sir, Re Agitations - Okanagan I.R.No.1 (Your File 23/30574)

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. with reference to opposition of some Indians of Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 to carrying out improvement of irrigation works on this Reserve in order to comply with the requirements of the Conditional Licences.

I would advise that when these Indian agitators came to my office they made definite and unveiled threats of throwing the Department's equipment and Indians attempting to use it off the Reserve if we attempted to carry out the work. At the meeting of the 2nd inst. they continued these threats, demanding that I destroy my Minutes of the meeting and on my refusing advising that I would not leave the Council House with them. Needless to say, I did not comply with their request and they thought better than seize them as threatened. At this meeting Sergeant Bowen was present to see that they were properly warned of the consequences of interference, and in his presence they threatened bloodshed if the work was attempted. Sergeant Bowen and Constable Simpson were present (the latter of the City Police) in my office when they threatened a disturbance as stated and it was these officers that I requested arrest the ringleaders, in their presence; no action being taken. You will thus see that when I forwarded my wire of the 3rd I had no indication that my authority would be upheld by either the Provincial or City Police. Neither to date has any arrest been made. The idea that worthless Indians could come into my office, or elsewhere, and intimidate in this way was quite new to me and in my opinion, which I still hold, a matter that demanded immediate action.

I have been out on the Reserve daily, accompanied by Sergeant Bowen on the 3rd inst. and for a time by two Provincial Constables on the 8th, but at the time of writing no attempt has been made by Antoine's gang to implement their threats. The R.C.M.P., accompanied by their Inspector, were in Vernon on the 5th inst. and made some inquiry into the matter and will no doubt report in due course.

Regarding the question of the Band being fully advised of the nature of the work, I have hammered at them continuously for over three years the urgent necessity of meeting the requirements of their licences and at a meeting held on May 13th,1932 the following resolution was passed:-

> "Jimmy Antoine moved, and Frank Gottfriedsen seconded, that all necessary steps be taken to protect existing water records" Carried. 1 vote against.

this being the same Antoine leading the agitation. He and his party were quite frank at the meeting of the 2nd. in that they did not recognize any law than their own, nor the Department's control, and in this you have the gist of the whole agitation, this irrigation work being merely a pretext to cause trouble. At this meeting I advised them very definitely that the Department was and would continue in control, carefully explaining to them Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 ~~and 8~~ of the"Indian Act", the sections dealing with membership, Section 21, Section 93 (3) and 119. They complained that they would be taxed with the cost of the works and I offered them a written undertaking then and there that they would not,

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which they refused to accept. I informed them that the work would be resumed the following morning and continued to completion. Furthermore, that the provisions of the "Indian Act" would be enforced in every respect and a report submitted to the Department regarding the status of the agitators (several of them being extremely doubtful). I informed them that an immediate survey of the Reserve would be undertaken to ascertain the extent of their holdings and that land would be allotted for use and occupancy only, the reason for this being that hardly any of this agitating section works an acre of land, but at the same time by their threatening attitude in past years they have acquired holdings entirely out of proportion to the decent Indians.

The group comprising these agitators have had things pretty well their own way for twenty-five years and under cover exercised practically full control of the Reserve by their lawless attitude. Had this been allowed to continue nothing would have been heard from them, but they are making a final effort to regain the control they lost by the election of a really decent Chief and Council, and they are endeavouring in every possible way to secure the eviction of the Chief and his supporters. While all the agitators are on our roll I am convinced that a number of them have absolutely no right there and the eviction of one or two would have a very wholesome effect. This party of course have the usual lawyer in the background, this time being Mr.T.G.Norris of Kelowna.

Your information that the R.C.M.P. have authority to deal with conditions such as this under the vagrancy sections of the Code is quite new to me. I requested the R.C.M.P. to proceed against an Indian under Section 152 for non-support of his family about six weeks ago and was informed by them that they had no authority.

I feel that the time has come to effect a complete house-cleaning of the Reserves in this Agency. Reasoning with men of Antoine's type is only a waste of time and taken as evidence of weakness. The considerable resources of our Reserves are going to waste to a large extent for the reason that it is necessary at present, to consult the wishes of Indians who are not sympathetic to advancement and only too often refuse to recognize Departmental control of their Reserves. Progress is being made on the Reserves of course, but the line of demarcation between progressive and non-progressive Indians seems to be increasingly accentuated thereby, giving rise to troubles such as at present, which is the reason that I think a definite shakedown would be advantageous. To bring it about would involve a vast amount of work and if there is a Constable-Farm Instructor in British Columbia who is not particularly needed in his Agency and could be transferred here for a time I believe the whole matter could be cleaned up, subject of course to a good deal of noise from the agitators, non-progressives and their legal advisers.

I will report further if any developments arise out of the present situation, but probably a word from you to the Commissioner of Provincial Police requesting the detachment here to deal promptly with one or two of Antoine's friends if necessity should arise will effectively prevent any real trouble.

Your obedient servant,

J. Coleman

(J.Coleman)
Indian Agent.

C.C.Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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August 16, 1933.

Sir:

With reference to my letter to you of August 12th, instant, concerning the troubles at the Okanagan Reserve No.1 at Vernon, I thought you would be interested in the perusal of the enclosed copy of report dated August 9th by Sergeant Bower of the Provincial Police and sent to me today through the office of the Commissioner. In view of that report it seems possible that the trouble on the Reserve will gradually die down as a result of the action which has been taken.

Your obedient servant,

Encl
P/AC

C. C. Perry,
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British Columbia Provincial Police
Victoria, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
VICTORIA

Your File No. 23/30563

In reply quote File No. 1986

SUBJECT:

August 14, 1933.

Re: Okanagan Indian
Reserve No.1, Vernon,
B. C.

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Ass't Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Further to our exchange of radiograms and your letter of the 4th instant, I now enclose copy of Sergeant Bowen's report of the 9th instant, for your information.

Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

JHMcM/NW
Encl.

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DIVISION: " C "

DISTRICT: VERNON

DETACHMENT: DISTRICT/HQRS:

FILE No.

DATE: AUGUST 9TH.1933.

PR or PCR.

NIL

" R E P O R T "

RE:-INDIAN TROUBLE-OKANAGAN INDIAN RESERVE No.I.--VERNON, B. C.

At 5,PM: July 3Ist. Mr.J.Coleman phoned and asked ~~asked~~ me If I would come to his office as he could not get hold of the City police, On arrival Mr.Coleman advised the reason why he called me, It appears that the Indian Department are putting in an irrigation ditch on the Indian Reserve to protect the water records and a certain amount of the Indians objected to the ditch being put in, Some of these Indians were in the office at the time, Constable Simpson of the City police arrived and we went in to see what Indians had to say, The drift of their conversation as far as I could gather was that they were going to interfere and stop the ditch from going in, as they had not been told about it, However, it was decided by the Agent to hold a meeting in the Council house on the reserve at I-30,PM: Wednesday August 3rd, when the Agent would explain the reason for this work.

H'QRS. REF.

At about I-30,PM: on Wednesday the meeting called to orderand the Agent explained the whole circumstances in connection with the ditch, and I explained the seriousness of interfering with the work.

DIV'L REF.

Some of the Indians still showed by their speech that they intended to stop the work, In consequence of their attitude I went to the reserve where some of the Indians were working on this ditch, along with the Indian Agent the next morning, stayed there until I2.AM: but there was no interference.

DIST. REF.

As the result of further Information received from Mr.Coleman, the Indian Agent, I instructed Constables Quesnel and Fetherstonhaugh to patrol to the Indian reserve in question to see that Mr.Coleman or the Indians employed in digging the ditch were not interfered with, The Constables remained on duty at the ditch until noon on August 8th.I933. during that time none of the discontented Indians appeared near the ditch, as the Constables had been on duty at the ditch from 8.AM: until I2,PM: August 8th.I933, and there being no signs of trouble, they returned to their Detachments.

DET. REF.

Copy attached herewith for the Information of the Indian Dept.

R. W. BOWEN, SERGT. NCO I/C
~~VERNON DISTRICT.~~

FORWARDED
TO THE O.C. "C" DIVISION
AUG 9 - 1933
N.C.O. I/C DISTRICT

TO: THE OFFICER COMMANDING
" C " DIVISION
B. C. PROVINCIAL POLICE
KAMLOOPS,.....B. C.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

★ B.C.P. 19—40M-433-2844

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DIVISION: "C".

DISTRICT: VERNON;

DETACHMENT: DIST/HQRS.

FILE No.

DATE: 9-8-33.

PR or PCR.

Re: INDIAN TROUBLE - OKANAGAN INDIAN RESERVE NO.1, VERNON, BC.

FORWARDED TO COMMISSIONER
AUG 11, 1933
Inspector O/C. "C" Div.

TO THE COMMISSIONER, B.C. POLICE, VICTORIA, B.C.
FORWARDED - I would refer you to your radiogram No. 57 received on August 4th, 1933, and my reply thereto. Every assistance has been given the Indian Agent at Vernon and I would be glad if you would forward a copy of this report to the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, Victoria.

O.C. "C" Division.

H'QRS. REF.

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★ B.C.P. 19—40M-432-8997

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August 12, 1933.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of two reports dated August 5th, instant, relating to conditions on the Okanagan Indian Reserve No. 1, at Vernon, B. C.

Perhaps I could best answer your marginal memorandum by supplying you with copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr. Indian Agent Coleman, at Vernon, on August 7th, instant, this letter being self-explanatory. I am also sending you a copy of the Department's circular dated December 17th, 1920, referred to in my letter to Agent Coleman which will qualify the contents of that letter.

This matter was referred to the Provincial Police executive in the first instance by me deeming this to be a safe course in view of the contents of Mr. Coleman's telegram of August 3rd in which he mentioned that the local officers had no authority. I did not know what he meant by local officers and as the matter was urgent I took no chance knowing that the Attorney-General's Department is responsible for law and order in the Province of British Columbia irrespective of the authority given to your Force with respect to the Indian Act. You will kindly note that I have instructed the Indian Agent to allow the Provincial Police to see the present incident through and I think you will possibly agree with me that the best course has been taken in the circumstances. You will also kindly note that I have advised the Indian Agent that it is my opinion that it is quite in order for future cases of this nature in any other reserves to be handled by the officers of your Force.

As I have received no report from the Indian Agent since August 3rd, but have been promised a further report, I am assuming that the matter is being cleared up satisfactorily. If, however, later report from the Indian Agent is to the effect that further and continued police supervision of the reserve is required I shall be glad to avail of the kind assistance which you have always been willing and ready to render. I shall await the report of the Indian Agent before asking you to detail an officer for the temporary duties referred to by you.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Enclosures:-

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.

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R.C.M. Police,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Department of Indian Affairs
Canada.

Ottawa, December 17, 1920.

Circular.

Sir:-

You are hereby advised that patrolling Indian reserves and assisting the officers of this Department in administering the Indian Act constitute part of the duties of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Your attention is drawn to this arrangement in order that you may have the full benefit of the services of the Mounted Police, which should be utilized to the best advantage in the interests of the Indians and of the Department.

Your obedient servant,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

To Indian Agents in British Columbia.

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B.C.REF.NO. 33E.1050-8.

"E" Div.
B.C.Dist.

Penticton, B.C.
Aug. 5th.1933

R.C.M.Police

Re. General Conditions
Okanagan Indian Reserve No. I Vernon B.C.
~~Indian Agt.~~ Asst.Dpt. Indian Affairs.

(I) With reference to report submitted by Reg. No. 5I66 Sergt. Birch in the above connection, I patrolled to Vernon B.C. with this N.C.O. and was present in the office at the time of the interview with J.Coleman Esq. Indian Agent at that point.

(2) I interviewed Sgt. Bowen B.C.Provincial Police who is stationed at Vernon, in regard to the trouble experienced by the Indian Agent, and from my conversation, I gathered that this Police Officer did not view the matter as seriously as the Indian Agent who deemed it necessary to take immediate action if further trouble was to be prevented.

(3) Whilst at Vernon B.C. I visited some of the Indians on No. I Okanagan Indian Reserve, in order to obtain their views, accompanied by the Indian Agent and Sergt. Birch, and as a result of conversation with differ-ent Indians, I am of the opinion that if the Indian Agent carries out the work on the Reserve as he has planned to do serious opposition may be the result.

(4) I would suggest that if the request of the Indian Agent is granted, in the matter of detailing a member of this Force for a period of a few weeks, it would have the effect of curbing further trouble, and assist the Indian Agent in carrying out his duties in the matter of improvements to which a portion of this tribe are at present opposed.

The Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.
1. Copy for your information, together with copy of Sergeant Birch's report in the same connection.
2. I would call your attention to paragraph 3 of this report, wherein Inspector Spriggs states that serious opposition to this work may be encountered.
3. It would take considerable time to obtain the necessary instructions from Ottawa in this regard. However, should you desire a member of this Force to be detailed to Vernon for this temporary duty, same will be done immediately. Expenses of course, to be chargeable to your Department.
4. Would you please advise as soon as possible?
Vancouver,
10-8-33.
O/Ch.(att)

(Sgd.) Insp.
F.E.Spriggs

J.W.Phillips) Superintendent,
Commanding "E" Division.

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"E" Div.
B.C.Dist.

R. C. M. P.

Penticton, S/Div.
Penticton Det.
Aug.5th 1933.

P.C.R.Nil

Re: General Conditions
Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1,Vernon,B.C.
Indian Act.

(1) On August 4th 1933, as a result of a telephone communication, I interviewed J.Coleman Esq. Indian Agent, Vernon, B.C., who reported as follows

"The Department of Indian Affairs are at present performing necessary work for the completion of works required by the "Water Act" in connection with water records; this work consists of construction of ditches, fluming and culverts on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1. On July 31st the above work was being carried out at Six Mile Creek ~~xx~~ by Henry Wilson and Walter Louie, Indians of Okanagan Indian Band No.1 under the supervision of F.G.M.Grist, employed by the Indian Agent for this work.
(2) "Jimmy Antoine, Indian, ringleader, Charlie Lezard, Maurice Brewer, Narcisse Jack, ~~xxd~~ Herman Gregoire, Francis Smith, Alex Seymour Indians of Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 arrived on the scene of the work and ordered Mr.Grist to cease operations; Grist replied he had been ordered to do the work by the Indian Agent, and they would have to see the Indian Agent about it if they had any objection; The Indians mentioned as present then pushed Herman Gregoire, who is blind, into the car, where Mr.Grist was eating his lunch, this with the intention of starting a fight. Mr.Grist deemed it advisable to leave the Reserve, and immediately reported the matter to the Indian Agent.
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(3) The Indians previously mentioned appeared in the Indian Agent's office the same day, together with Jimmy Joseph and Johnny Isaac, Indians, and said the work on the Reserve would have to stop; and if it did not stop, they would use force, and unless the equipment was taken off the Reserve they would throw it off; if any further attempt was made to continue the work there would be bloodshed.

(4) The approximate value of the work on the Indian Reserve would amount to $2,500.00.

(5) When the threats were made by the Indians in question to Mr.Coleman, Indian Agent, who got in touch with Sergt.Bowen of the B.C.Provincial

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Police, also Constable Simpson of the City Police Force Vernon, B.C. when the same threats were again made in their presence. Mr.Coleman, Indian Agent, at that time requested the police officers present to take action which they refused to do. Unless the Indian Agent consented to holding a meeting, and explaining the whole matter to them, notwithstanding the fact that the Indian Agent had shown the police the minutes of a meeting held showing clearly that the matter had been explained to the Indians a number of times, and J.Antoine, ringleader,had requested the work to be done.

(6) On August 2nd 1933, a meeting of the Band was held in the Council House of Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1, when the Indian Agent was present, the Indians again stating in the presence of Sergt.Bowen, that there would be bloodshed if an attempt was made to continue the work. The Indians at this meeting, which included those previously mentioned, demanded that the Indian Agent destroy his Minutes of the meeting, unless he did so, he would not leave the Council House. Sergt.Bowen then advised the Indian Agent to destroy the Minutes in order to avoid a fracas, but the Indian Agent refused to do so.

(7) J.Coleman, Indian Agent, requested that a member of this force be detailed for a period of six weeks with power to act under the Criminal Code in so far as Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1 was concerned.

(8) It was pointed out to Mr.Coleman that it was not possible for the R.C.M.P. to act under the Criminal Code, this coming entirely within the province of the B.C.Provincial Police, At the same time, a report would be forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration re the advisability of detailing a member of the Force for temporary duty at Vernon, B.C. for the enforcing of the Indian Act and protection of Dominion Government property.

(9) All the Indians mentioned in this report are active agitators on Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1, and their attitude in this instance leads one to believe that they may be influenced from an outside source; the presence of a member of this Force detailed for temporary duty for a period of a month or six weeks to Patrol Okanagan Indian Reserve No.1, would no doubt have the desired effect, and prevent any further trouble without in any way conflicting with the duties and powers of the Provincial body, who are responsible for enforcing of the provisions of the Criminal Code in this Province.

No expense incurred.

(Sgd) Sergt.
A.G.Birch
5166 I/C Penticton Subdivision.

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23/30574.

August 7, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated August 3rd, as follows:-

> "Could you arrange immediate detail an R.C.M.P. officer at Vernon with authority act under Criminal Code deal with hostile Indian agitators on Okanagan Reserve (stop) Local officers no authority and matter urgent (stop) Report follows."

also to confirm my reply to you of August 4th, as follows:-

> "Provincial Police attending to Okanagan Reserve trouble."

I have further received your written report of August 3rd dealing with the situation which has arisen at the Okanagan No.1 Reserve, wherein certain Indians have opposed the carrying out of work on irrigation Six-Mile Creek.

On receipt of your wire I communicated with the Assistant Commissioner of Provincial Police who immediately despatched a radiogram to Kamloops as follows:-

> "Instruct N.C.O. Vernon to see local Indian Agent with reference to reported trouble Vernon Reserve immediately. Advise this office nature of complaint an action taken."

Police radiogram, dated August 4th, subsequently arrived, reading as follows:-

> "Your No.57. Have been in touch with Sergeant i/c Vernon who advises that he was with the Indian Agent on Wednewday afternoon and also yesterday morning at the Indian Reserve at head of Okanagan Lake assisting him. It appears that the Dominion Government has authorized the erection of an irrigation ditch on Six-Mile Creek to protect Indian water rights. Some of the progressive Indians are working on the ditch but a few discontents apparently think the ditch not necessary. However conditions are satisfactory today and any assistance required by Indian Agent will be given."

James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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It is noted that in none of your communications have you mentioned what police were called by you to deal with the Indians and I would like to have information from you if the police called belonged to the City of Vernon or if they were Provincial officers. Had a threat taken place constituting an infraction of law within the city limits the city police would be within their rights in dealing with the offence but a similar condition arising on the Indian Reserve would, in my opinion, very rightly come within the scope of activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Provincial Police. Under Section 152, Sub-Section C, that portion of the Criminal Code relating to vagrancy is brought within the scope of authority of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by virtue of a circular letter dated December 17th, 1920, No.59153, addressed by the Deputy Superintendent General to all Indian Agents in British Columbia in which it was pointed out that the patrol of Indian Reserves and assisting the officers of this Department in administering the Indian Act constituted part of the duties of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In view also of the fact that the Attorney-General's department is responsible for law and order in British Columbia it would also be within the scope of the Provincial Police to deal with any situation such as reported by you.

From the information contained in the telegraphic messages quoted above it is apparent that the Provincial police were in conference with you on the morning of August 3rd, on the night of which date you despatched your night letter to me and as they were dealing with the matter there appeared to be no need to complicate matters by asking for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to take over the matter. With due respect to your reference to Section 501(b) of the Code as applying to the attitude of the Indians who visited your office it is my opinion that the police could take no action upon your request as this Section is more ambiguous as relating to that affair than the Section which I have quoted above under the heading of vagrancy. I had a similar experience when at Prince Rupert, although the offender was a white man. He threatened me with violence in my own office. I had him arrested by the City Police and incarcerated. He was brought before the Magistrate, Col. McMordie, and was defended by L.W. Patmore, solicitor. The latter was able to satisfy the Magistrate that this man could say anything he liked to me as long as he did not lift his hand to strike and that a threat was not made or implied until such a threatening attitude suggesting violence had been actually taken. The Magistrate threw the case out. I mention this simply by way of showing you that it is rather difficult for the police to assert authority without the exercise of extreme caution. They must be absolutely sure of their ground. I hope the situation on the Reserve has now cleared up. In any event I think the Provincial Police can be looked to with safety to see that every reasonable protection is afforded. I gathered from your letter that the Provincial Sergeant who accompanied you had the opinion that the Indians did not understand the matter of the irrigation work being done in the Reserve. It appears possible they may be under the impressi that the work is to be done from Band Funds and not out of appropriation from the B.C. Special Vote. It scarcely seems

necessary....

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necessary for me to point out to you that the Band should be fully advised regarding the nature of the work to be done and of the source from which the money is to be obtained for the carrying out of the work. I hope you have made the situation quite clear to the local Band including those who have expressed their opposition to the work. I shall be awaiting yourfurther report on this matter.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Vernon, B.C.
August 3rd 1933.

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Sir:

I beg to advise that considerable opposition to irrigation improvements has been met with on Okanagan Indian Reserve from the worthless element, under the leadership of an Indian named Jimmy Antoine, an educated, but thoroughly unscrupulous Indian who has given trouble in this Agency for many years. They began last Monday by threatening the gang on the job, who came in to the office to report. The belligerents also came in and advised me that they would use force if necessary to stop the work. I called on the police to arrest the ringleaders for intimidation by threat under Section 501(b) of the Code advising them of the situation, and that this sort of thing required prompt action. However, no action was taken by them.

I went out yesterday and called the Band together explaining the irrigation question to them (which has been done previously many times) and was done mostly for the benefit of the local Provincial Police, whose Sergeant accompanied me, and had the opinion that they did not understand the matter. However, he was convinced that the irrigation question was merely a pretext to create trouble. I advised the Band that the work would proceed despite the objection of any section of them, and this morning proceeded to the scene of operations and had the Indians engaged on the work carry on, having the Provincial Police Sergeant accompany me. Three of the belligerents came over and immediately went off again, presumably for their friends, but did not re-appear.

I am going out again tomorrow, but in all probability will not be able to get the police, as they state they are extremely busy. I do not think it is wise to have to secure police protection of each and every improvement job on this Reserve, but feel most strongly that the ringleaders should be rounded up and dealt with, and that this action should not be delayed until such time as a fracas occurs. At the same time, I do not propose to show weakness by holding over the work, and consider that such action would impair my authority.

I could secure prompt and efficient action from the R.C.M.P. if their hands were not tied by instructions that they are not to handle any matter on the Reserves outside of the Indian Act.

It would be appreciated if you could arrange that an R.C.M.P. officer be detailed to Vernon to assist me to clean up this matter, and that this officer be empowered to act under the Criminal Code if necessary as per my night letter of today. I do not expect it will

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be necessary to hold him here for more than about a week, and by that time should have the question settled for good.

I might state that this hostility has arisen on account of our endeavours to put a stop to a lot of foolishness on the Reserve, and establish some semblance of decency.

I will report further on the matter in the course of a few days, and go into same more fully,

Your obedient servant,

James Coleman

(James ~~Coleman~~)
Indian Agent.

JC/DH.

C.C.Perry Esq.
Ass't.Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA, B.C.

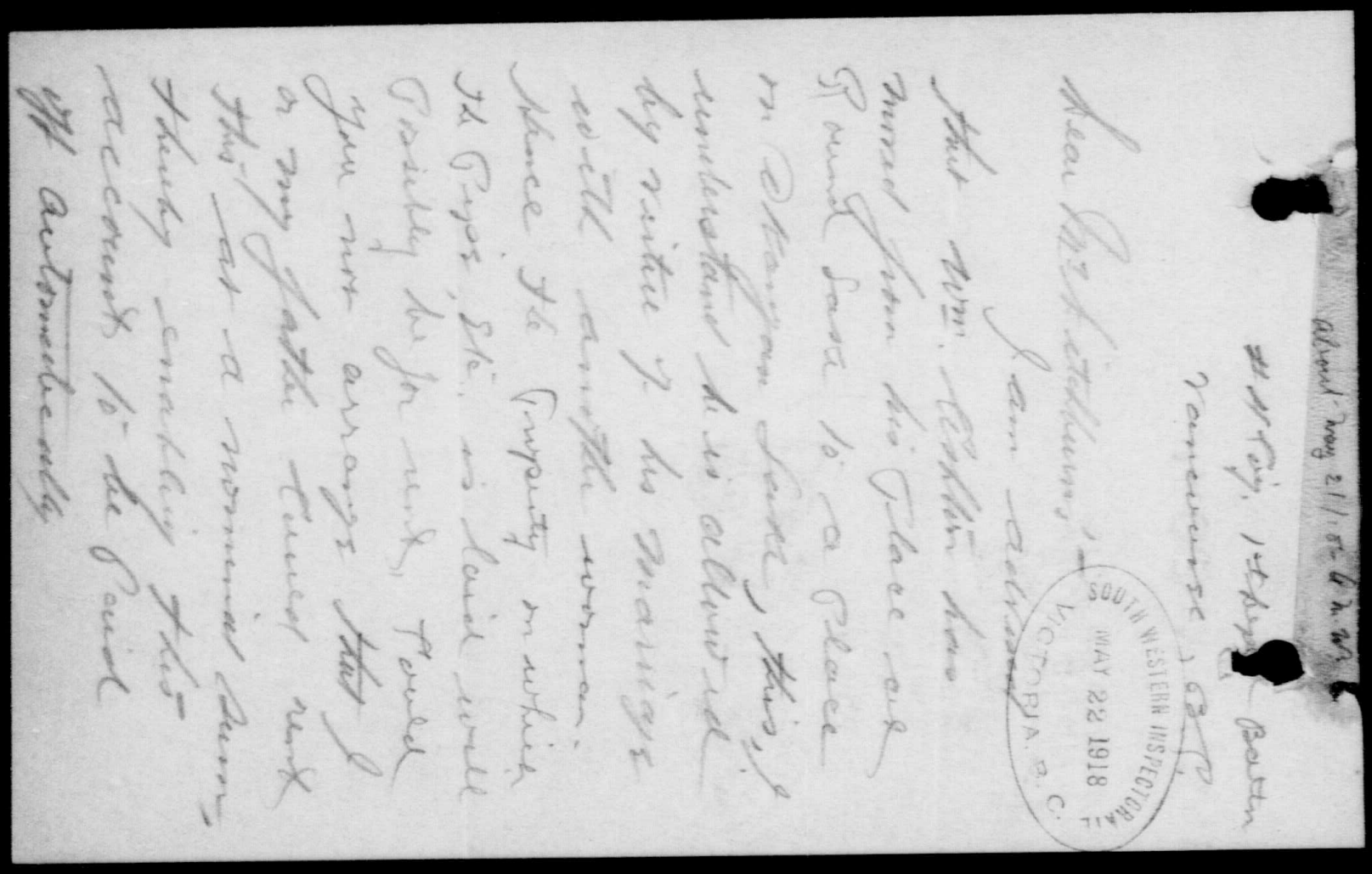
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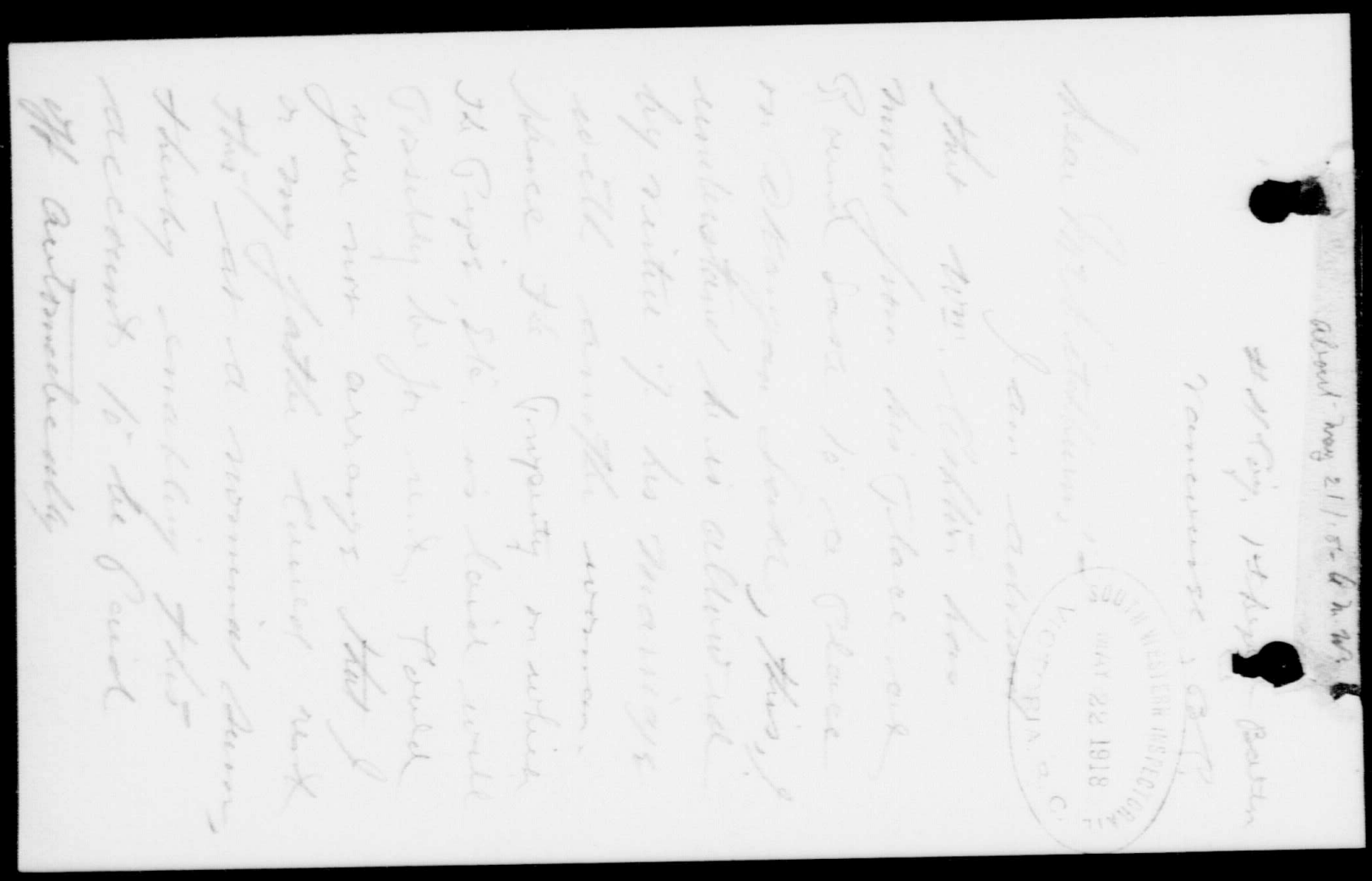
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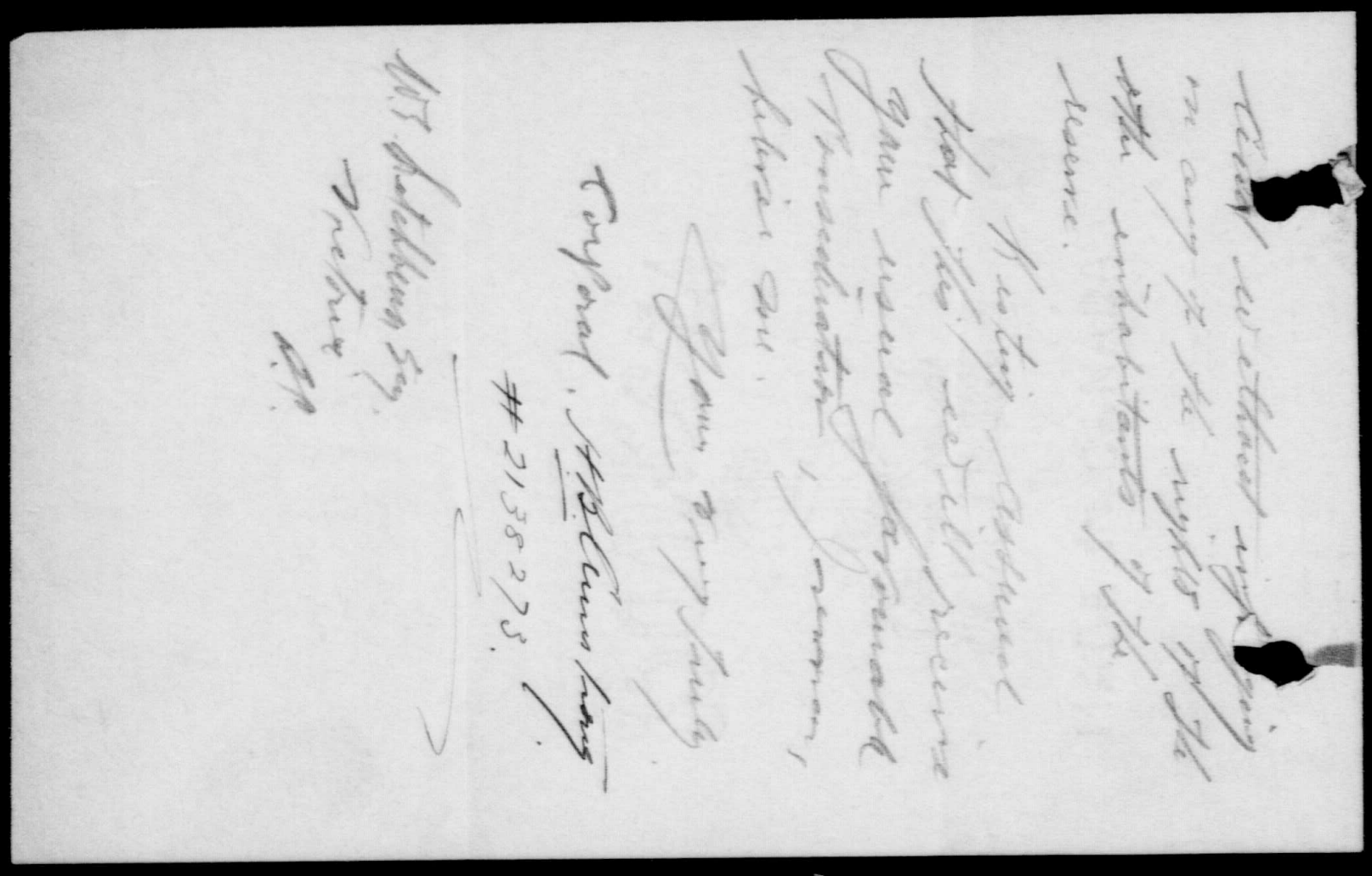
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KAMLOOPS? B.C. AUGUST 4, 1933.

Assistant Commissioner,
BCP.
Victoria, B.C.

YOUR No. 57. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SERGEANT i/c VERNON WHO ADVISES THAT HE WAS WITH THE INDIAN AGENT ON WEDNESDAY AGTERNOON AND ALSO YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE INDIAN RESERVE AT HEAD OF OKANAGAN LAKE ASSISTING HIM. IT APPEARS THAT THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE ERECTION OF AN IRRIGATION DITCH ON SIX MILE CREEK TO PROTECT INDIAN WATER RIGHTS. SOME OF THE PROGRESSIVE INDIANS ARE WORKING ON THE DITCH BUT A FEW DISCONTENTS APPARENTLY THINK THE DITCH NOT NECESSARY. HOWEVER CONDITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY TODAY AND ANY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY INDIAN AGENT WILL BE GIVEN.

O-C "C" Divn.

Copy for Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Victoria, B.C. August 4th, 1933.

Officer Commandg. "C" Divn.
Kamloops, B.C.

INSTRUCT N.C.O. VERNON TO SEE LOCAL INDIAN AGENT WITH REFERENCE TO REPORTED TROUBLE VERNON RESERVE IMMEDIATELY. ADVISE THIS OFFICE NATURE OF COMPLAINT AN ACTION TAKEN.

Asst. Commr.

Copy for Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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Yours sincerely,

P/KD.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER VICTORIA BC

COULD YOU ARRANGE IMMEDIATE DETAIL AN R C M P OFFICER AT VERNON WITH AUTHORITY ACT UNDER CRIMINAL CODE DEAL WITH HOSTILE INDIAN AGITATORS ON OKANAGAN RESERVE STOP LOCAL OFFICERS NO AUTHORITY AND MATTER URGENT STOP REPORT FOLLOWS

J COLEMAN

1050PM

Q. Ogden Aug 4/33
Phoned to Penticton 6 pm. Person
The Civil Radio Officer
at Kamloops
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James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

PROVINCIAL POLICE ATTENDING TO OKANAGAN RESERVE TROUBLE.

C.C. PERRY.

Charge Indian Office.

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C.C. Perry,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

Could you arrange immediate detail an R.C.M.P. officer at Vernon with authority to act under Criminal Code deal with Hostile Indian agitators on Okanagan Reserve. Local officers no authority and matter urgent. Report follows.

J. Coleman.

Telephone
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SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE
MAY 7 - 1918
Vernon, B. C.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE

Greenwood, B.C. May 4th 1918 191....

A. Megraw, Esq

Inspector of Indian Agencies

Vernon, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 1st inst to hand in reference to the reports re the catholic priest at Penticton. The mistake arose from the matter being reported to me from two different sources. At Keremeos it was reported as the catholic priest from Penticton, but no one was sure of his name, the other report was from Constable Badman at Merritt and he named Father Wagner as the man responsible, for the trouble.

Will you kindly advise me if you can get hold of anything at your meeting at Penticton. Around Keremeos the Indians will not talk much about it, but some one must have been putting ideas into their heads, in regard to the Germans winning in the war, and the Indians getting all the land back in that event.

Obediently yours

John Simpson

Chief Constable

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Re: GEORGE, Richardson & Eneas (Indians), Hanged for Murder
Interment of,
Asstce. Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Headquarters

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Sub-Division

Detachment

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1. The bodies of the above named indians, hanged at Okalla Prison on Nov. 6th last for the murder of Constables Carr & Gisbourne, arrived at Clapperton B.C. at 7 am of the 10th inst. for burial on Potatoe Hillies Reserve on the 11th.

2. There existed some apprehension over this burial at which it was thought there would be a large gathering of indians. The best method of avoiding any trouble was discussed with Indian Dept. officials and Indian Missionary priests, after which it was arranged that the members of this detachment should confine their activities to the watching of evry possible source of liquor supply for the indians, and stand to in readiness for any trouble which might materialize, the Indian Agent attending the funeral.

3. Approximately only one hundred indians attended this burial. There was no intoxication and nox trouble of any kind occurred.

Copy to Indian Agent & NCO i/c Penticton Secn.

No Expense Incurred.

CONCLUDED.

SGD L/Cpl.
(J.A.J.Illington) Reg.No.6137
i/c Merritt Detachment.

The Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.
Sir:
1. Copy for your information.

Vancouver,
17-11-36.
OR/DC.

(R.L.Cadiz) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

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6th November, 1936.

Dear Sir:- re: Rex vs George Brothers

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with enclosures, regarding the above matter.

Your obedient servant,

G. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P:HN

Col. J. H. McMullin,
Commissioner, B. C. Police,
Parliament Bldgs.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT
VICTORIA

Your File No.....

In reply quote File No.....

SUBJECT:

Rex vs George
Brothers.

November 5th,
1 9 3 6.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Ass't Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to our conversation of even date, I enclose a copy of Inspector Cruickshank's letter and our radio message in reply thereto.

Yours truly,

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

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Message No.	Time sent:	Time received:

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 5th, 1936.

Officer Commanding,
"E" Division, Vancouver.

RE GEORGE BROTHERS. REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER FOURTH INSTANT, MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, WHO IN TURN COMMUNICATED WITH INDIAN AGENT DAUNT AT NEW WESTMINSTER. THE LATTER NOW ADVISES THAT INDIAN AGENT BARBER ACCOMPANIED BY A PRIEST IS MOTORING DOWN TO OAKALLA.

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Court House,
Vancouver, B.C.,
4th November, 6.

Commissioner C.I.D.,

Victoria, B.C.

Re: George Brothers - Murder.

Sergeant Gallagher telephoned to me today and stated that the Indian Agent at New Westminster had made the suggestion that the bodies of the three George brothers, if the execution takes place on the 6th instant, be handed over to him, the Indian Agent, for burial at New Westminster. It appears this suggestion is put forth as it is thought some trouble might arise if the bodies of these men are shipped to Merritt. Personally, Sergeant Gallagher stated, he considered a demonstration at Merritt very likely if the remains are shipped to that point.

I am of the impression that the bodies of persons executed are disposed of by the Sherriff in accordance with the instructions he receives from the Attorney General's Department and I so informed Sergeant Gallagher and suggested that it might be as well for the Indian Agent to discuss the matter with the Sherriff . As some difficulties might arise at Merritt, you may wish to go into this matter.

F. Cruickshank, Inspector,
Command'g. "E" Division.

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158/17/38298.

30th January, 1935.

Sir:

I have the honour to report that a visit was made to this office by Mr. Stuart Henderson, barrister and solicitor, of Victoria, who informed me that although the Department had engaged Mr. Galbraith, of Vernon, to defend three Indians charged with the murder of two constables in the Nicola Agency last spring, nevertheless the Indians had engaged him as their counsel, since when, he says, he has expended some $1700 and has received from the Indians somewhere around $500. He considers that the Department should recognize him as being in a better position, on account of his record as a successful lawyer in dealing in the past with criminal cases, to deal with the case of the George Brothers - the accused Indians.

Mr. Henderson asked me to write the Department by way of introducing him as his record may not be known to our more lately appointed officers. This I promised to do, although I pointed out that I did not wish to interfere in any way with the instructions which have been given Agent Barber concerning counsel for these Indians.

Mr. Henderson is visiting Ottawa to represent the Indians at the Supreme Court which is to deal with the case in the near future.

I may say that I was asked to recognize, in principle, the right of the accused Indians or their friends to name counsel for their defence, but I pointed out that I could only do this provided the Indians paid for the services or such a course were approved by the Department. I stated that I considered the Department was entitled to the same privilege since it was paying for the professional service authorized.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B. C.

P/HN

Dr. H. W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, ONT.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt B.C.
Jan.8th,1935.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.158/17/38001 of the 4th instant, in reference to my correspondence with Tait & Tait, Barristers, Victoria, in regard to payment to Mr. Stuart Henderson.

This, is, I would submit, a matter for the Department to deal with, and I appreciate that you do not wish to become involved in any controversy in this connection.

I do not quite see why Tait & Tait have become so active in this matter. It appears to me that they should be dealing with Mr. Henderson and not with the Department. It is the responsibility of the Imperial Bank if they accepted an order from him on the Department before ascertaining that he had funds payable to him by the Department.

I would also advise that during my conversation with Dr. McGill and Mr. Williams, Departmental Solicitor, at Ottawa, I was given to understand that the Band Funds could not be paid out for this purpose by any means, but could only be used for those purposes laid down in the Act.

I think there probably is a little scheming going on in an attempt to involve the Department in some way.

For your information, I am forwarding, hereto attached, a copy of my correspondence with this firm. A copy is also being forwarded to the Department for their information.

This I trust you will find satisfactory.

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

AHB/ES

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA B.C.

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Victoria B.C. Dec22,1934. 1057am

Indian Agent,
Merritt B.C.

Imperial bank here holds order on indian department from stuart henderson three hundred sixty dollars who says you made report wednesday authorizing payment one thousand dollars reply collect. if information true rush.

Tait and Tait

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Victoria B.C.

have not authorized any payment to Henderson-Stop-Only reported to Dept. that he called this office with request for payment-Stop-Am instructed no funds available-Stop-Henderson not acting for this Dept. but for the Indians-Stop-

BARBER

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TAIT & TAIT

425 Sayward Building
Victoria B.C.
December 24th,1934.

Indian Agent,
Merritt B.C.

Dear Sir:- re Stuart Henderson.

We appreciate very much the courtesy of your reply to our enquiry which came to us on Saturday last in the following terms:

> "Have not authorized any payment to Hendersonstop Only reported to Department that he called this office with request for payment stop Am instructed no funds availablestop Henderson not acting for this Department but for the Indians."

The matter comes to us as rather a surprise, since in many cases that the writer has encountered on the coast, the Department has invariably seen that the funds were available of an Indian's defence.

It occurs to us therefore, that should Mr. Stuart Henderson obtain a warrant from the Band, this would be honoured by your Department. In the present instance there is, of course many proceedings to follow, for which substantial funds will have to be found. We would appreciate very much if you would consider the matter and advise if there are any means by which the Order can be honoured.

Yours truly,

TAIT AND TAIT

per E.L.T.

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Tait & Tait

425 Sayward Building
Victoria B.C.
January 3,1935.

Alfred H.Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt B.C.

Dear Sir: re Merritt Indian Band - George Brother's Case

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st. of December. We yesterday had the privilege of a long talk with Mr.Perry, whom of course you know to be in charge of the Victoria office of the Department. We were advised by him that in cases of Murder the Indian Department provides funds for defence and we found him to be sympathetic to the principle that the Indians, like anyone else, should be permitted to exercise discretion in choice of counsel and legal assistance. Should the principle be recognized, as we have no doubt it will be, then of course the funds will be available from which the order held by the Imperial Bank of Canada can be honoured.

Mr. Perry very kindly agreed to take up the merits of the matter with yourself and to present the circumstances to the Department if we should consider this to be advisable.

We assume that this suggestion will have your approval and will be very glad if you will write us signifying your assent.

Yours truly,

TAIT & TAIT,

Per: E.L.T.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt B.C.
Jan.7th,1935.

Dear Sir:-

re, Stuart Henderson-George Brothers Case.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to the above and payment to Mr. Henderson for his services.

It is noted that you have interviewed Mr.Perry, Acting Indian Commissioner, in this regard.

I would advise that this matter is entirely in the hands of the Department, and that I am not able to make any recommendations in the matter.

Mr. Henderson was retained by the Indians without knowledge or sanction of the Department, and after the Department had appointed Counsel for their defence, and he made the arrangements with the Indians regarding payment, after being advised that there were no funds available at this office.

Regarding the principle involved, I would submit that if the Department is expected to pay Counsel, then surely they have the right to employ such Counsel as they see fit. At the same time, an Indian is entitled to employ any Counsel he desires, but at his own expense.

I have advised the Department fully in this regard and no doubt Mr. Henderson has already taken the matter up also.

Yours truly,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

Tait & Tait,
425 Sayward Building,
Victoria B.C.

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January 4, 1935.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing copy of your letter of the same date addressed to Mr. Indian Agent Barber re counsel for the George Brothers. I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of a letter I have sent today to Mr. Barber in this connection.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl
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Messrs. Tait & Tait,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.,
425 Sayward Building,
Victoria, B.C.

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January 4, 1933.

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I have nothing whatever to say in the matter of legal counsel for the accused Indians and I do not wish to become involved in any controversial subject connected therewith.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Messrs. Tait for their information.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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ERNEST L. TAIT C. H. TAIT

425 SAYWARD BUILDING,
VICTORIA, B. C.

TELEPHONE: EMPIRE 7412
CABLE: "TABAR"

January 3, 1935.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Office Commissioner,
1220 Government Street,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Perry: re Merritt Indian Band - George Brothers
Defence Assignment to Imperial Bank

May I express my appreciation of your courtesy in meeting my brother and partner Mr. C. H. Tait and myself yesterday in the discussion of the matters pertaining to the assignment of the sum of $360.00 given by Mr. Stuart Henderson and now held by the Imperial Bank of Canada.

We are both very grateful for the expression of your views which we trust may tend to settle the principle that is involved. However, having received word from Mr. Barber, the Indian Agent at Merritt, today we have deemed it fitting to answer his communication before moving further in the matter.

A copy of our letter to Mr. Barber is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,

E. L. Tait.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

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January 3, 1935.

Alfred H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B. C.

Dear Sir: re Merritt Indian Band - George Brotner's case

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Yours truly,

TAIT & TAIT.

Per:

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January 4, 1935.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

DO NOT ANSWER TAIT AND TAIT'S LETTER OF THIRD INSTANT UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM ME.

C.C. PERRY.

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21st July, 1934.

Dear Mr. Coleman:-

I desire to thank you for two copies of the "Vernon News" sent by you which contain the news of the trial of the George Brothers.

Sincerely yours,

C. C. Perry.
Assistant Indian Commissioner for B.C.

James Coleman, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Merritt B.C.
June 12th,1934.

Sir:-

In reference to the vacancy arising at this Agency through the untimely death of Mr. F.H.Gisborne, Farming Instructor and Constable.

I earnestly request that the Department do not take any step to fill the position now vacant, for some time. I believe that a number of aspirants for the position are now making application and soliciting support for them from various sources, and therefore it is my desire to impress upon the Department the advisability of delaying any appointment until the situation is fully gone into. My personal view is that I can get along much better for the next year without any assistance. Whilst this would make my work much harder, I prefer it so, than to have an unknown person sent into the Agency at this time.

Also I am not in favour and earnestly request that the Department will consider my view and the circumstances that have arisen, of having anyone attached to and working at this office, participating in Police work. It is the intention of the Provincial Police to station two men at Merritt from now on, and I think that they should be able to look after such necessary police work as is required for the time being, and until such time as the Department has considered the advisability of requesting that a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be stationed in this district.

I shall be pleased to go into this matter much more fully at a later date, and am only writing now to advise the Department that I am quite prepared to carry on without assistance for some time, rather than have a new appointment made from the many persons, who, I believe, are busying themselves in this regard.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

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

COPY FOR MR. PERRY

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
JUN 23 1934
VICTORIA, B. C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2-25-5/4188

Merritt B.C.
June 11th,1934.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith travelling expense accounts of the late Mr. F.H.Gisborne, as far as I can make them out from his Diary, which is not complete. There are no receipts available, as he would have them in his pocket when he met his death, and same have not been recovered.

I have ascertained at the Bank that Mr. Gisborne cashed a Departmental cheque for $31.80 on May 21st, two days before his death. The major portion of this he had on his person when killed, and this was taken by the Indians. I have determined that $11.50 of his money was handed to two Indians to say nothing, and it is reasonable to suppose that those men who participated in the killing retained some for themselves, as they had all bought new clothes.

Mr. Gisborne had a standing cash advance of $50.00 for travelling purposes. Against this I respectfully suggest the two attached cheques be credited, also the attached Vouchers, which will make the present standing of his advance as follows:

Advance				$ 50.00
Per Voucher No.1911-34	Telephone	May	2.50	
" " No.1917-34	Travelling	May	13.50	
" " No.1918-34	Upkeep Dept.Car		3.00	
Dept. Cheque No.03503	F.H.Gisborne		3.00	
Dept. Cheque No.03009	F.H.Gisborne		2.50	
			$ 24.50	$ 24.50
				$ 25.50

Against the balance I would respectfully recommend that the view be taken that this is the amount which Mr. Gisborne had on his person at the time of his death, and which was removed from his body by the Indians concerned.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

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

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CREDIT TO TRAVELLING ADVANCE.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Francis H.Gisborne
Dominion Constable,
Merritt B.C.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
		Travelling Expenses.		
May	2	Supper at Kamloops re duties No receipt	$	50
	3	Bed, breakfast, lunch & dinner Kamloops No rct.	3	50
	4	Breakfast at Kamloops No receipt		50
		Lunch at Douglas Lake " "		50
	6	Supper in Merritt re late duty " "		50
	7	Lunch at Quilchena re duties " "		50
	8	Lunch at Quilchena re duties " "		50
	9	Lunch and Supper re duties (Adam Boston case)	1	00
May	10	Lunch and Supper re duties Pot Hole Lake	1	00
	11	Bed, Breakfast, at Kamloops Boston & McDougal to jail	2	50
		Lunch at Douglas Lake re duties No receipt		50
	13	Lunch at Nemmette Lake re duties " "		50
	14	Supper at Quilchena re duties " "		50
	15	Lunch re duties Spences Bridge " "		50
	20	Lunch at Nemmette Lake re duties " "		50
		TOTAL,	$ 13	50

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

Clifford E. Perley
Agent

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Voucher No.1918-34
CREDIT AGAINST $50.00 Advance.

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Vote No. .....

Treaty No. .....

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Francis M.Gisborne
Dominion Constable,
Merritt B.C.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT
		Upkeep of Car.	
June	2	To: Garage Rental for May 1934 Ford V-8 (Constable Gisborne)	$ 3 00
		TOTAL,	$ 3 00

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Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Francis H.Gisborne,
Dominion Constable.
Merritt B.C.

CREDIT AGAINST $50.00
TRAVELLING ADVANCE.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
		Phone Rental.		
May	1	To: Telephone Constable's Residence	$ 2	50
		CREDIT AGAINST $50.00 Travelling Advance		
		TOTAL,	$ 2	50

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Alfred H.Barber
Agent

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STATEMENT

Union Oil Company of Canada, Limited

REFINERS AND MARKETERS OF PETROLEUM

PHONE SEYMOUR 7667 FOURTH FLOOR B. C. MINING BUILDING VANCOUVER, B. C.

TERMS OF SALE: 30 DAYS NET FROM DATE OF SHIPMENT. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 10TH OF MONTH FOLLOWING DELIVERY. OVERDUE ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO LEGAL RATE OF INTEREST.

SHIPPING RECEIPTS SHOWING NUMBERS ON PLATES OF CONTAINERS RETURNED MUST BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE TO SECURE PROPER CREDIT.

Department of Indian Affairs

Merritt B.C.

AMOUNT HEREWITH

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.
DETACH AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE TO OUR LOCAL OFFICE. $ _____

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED

DATE 193—4—	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	LAST AMOUNT IS BALANCE DUE
	BALANCE FORWARD—			
2	6 gal gas @ 39	2 34		
6	8 gal gas @ 39	3 12		
	1 qt. oil	50		
8	8 gal gas @ 39	3 12		
9	7 gal gas @ 39	2 73		
11	8 gal gas @ 39	3 12		
14	8 gal gas @ 39	3 12		
15	6 gal gas @ 39	2 64		
17	7 gal gas @ 39	2 73		
19	7 gal gas @ 39	2 73		
21	5 gal gas @ 39	1 95		28.30

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Union Oil Company of Canada Ltd.,
Fourth Floor B.C.Mining Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
		Gas and Oil Account.		
May		To: Gas and Oil supplied to Ford 7-8 (Constable Gisborne)	$ 28	30
		TOTAL,	$ 28	30

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Agent

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M..... 31st May 1934

Dominion Indian Department

Merritt B.C. Commissioner

In Account With

DEARBORN MOTORS LIMITED

AUTHORIZED Ford SALES SERVICE

P. O. BOX 561 TELEPHONE 912

		FOLIO	GAS	OIL	LABOR	ACCESSORIES	PARTS RETAIL	PARTS W'SALE	TIRES	SUNDRY	TOTAL
3	Install Cords Rings			3.00	17.00	5.10	10.40		5.25		37.75
	6 Gal Gas		1.05								1.05
	Grind Valves, Adjust Main Bearings.										38.80
	Clean Gas Line, Check Ignition. Repair Tire, Check Steering.										
	1 set Cords Rings	4.00					1 Fly Tube 1.10/17		3.15		
	16 Gal Gas	2.80	5.10	Scot							
	1 Set Gaskets	2.10									
	1 Oil Filler Cap	.20		11.96							
	1 Set Joints	2.00		3.44		10.40					
	4 Bearing Caps	5.60									

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DEARBORN MOTORS LIMITED

AUTHORIZED Ford SALES SERVICE

P. O. BOX 561

TELEPHONE 912

		FOLIO	GAS	OIL	LABOR	ACCESSORIES	PARTS RETAIL	PARTS W'SALE	TIRES	SUNDRY	TOTAL
3	Install Corin Rings			3.00	17.00	5.10	10.40		5.25		37.75
	6 Gal Gas		1.00								1.00
	Grind Valves, Adjust Main Bearings,										38.75
	Clean Gas Line, Check Ignition, Repair Tire, Check Steering.										
	1 set Corbin Rings	4.00					2 Fr Tube 4.40/17		3.80		
	1 Hose Bands	2.00	.10	4.00							
	1 Set Gaskets	2.10									
	1 Oil Filter Cap	.20		11.86							
	1 Set Joints	.50		1.46		10.40					
	4 Bearing Caps	5.85									

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REPETITION

KAMLOOPS, B. C., 31st May 1934., 19

M Dominion Indian Dept.,
North B.C., Cons Cisborne.,

In Account With

DEARBORN MOTORS LIMITED

AUTHORIZED SALES SERVICE

P. O. BOX 561 TELEPHONE 912

		FOLIO	GAS	OIL	LABOR	ACCESSORIES	PARTS RETAIL	PARTS W'SALE	TIRES	SUNDRY	TOTAL
7	1	To making two Ignition Keys., (postage from Vanc ver)									1.42

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KAMLOOPS, B. C., 31st May 1934., 19

M. Dominion Indian Dept.,
Merritt B.C., Cora Gisborne.,

In Account With

DEARBORN MOTORS LIMITED

AUTHORIZED Ford SALES SERVICE

P. O. BOX 561 TELEPHONE 912

		FOLIO	GAS	OIL	LABOR	ACCES-SORIES	PARTS RETAIL	PARTS W'SALE	TIRES	SUNDRY	TOTAL
1	To making Two Ignition Keys., (Postage from Vance ver)										1.42

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Dearborn Motors Limited

Kamloops B.C.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT		
		Car Expense Account-Ford V-8			
		Supplied to Dept. Car No.33-235 (Const.Gisborne)			
May	1	To: Making two ignition keys (Postage from Vancouver)	$	1	42
	3	To: Parts, Repairs, etc.		39	70
		TOTAL,	$	41	12

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Alfred E. Barker

Agent

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Barrett's Garage

D. L. Munro, Proprietor

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The Department of Indian Affairs,

City.

May	8	To 1 Head Lamp Bulb	.40
		2 Flash Light Batteries	.30
	16	" 5 Gals. Gas	1.95
		1 Qrt. Oil	.40
			$ 3.05

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Barrett's Garage
D.L.Munro, Prop.,
Merritt B.C.

DATE		SERVICE		AMOUNT	
		Car Expenses.			
May	8	To: 1 Head Lamp Bulb		$	40
		2 Flash Light Batteries			30
	16	To: 5 gals. gas	1.95	1	95
		1 Qt. Oil	.40		40
		Supplied Constable Giscorne Ford V-8			
		TOTAL,		$ 3	05

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Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Boyd Motors Limited

J.P.Boyd Prop.,

Merritt B.C.

DATE		SERVICE	AMOUNT		
		Car Expenses.			
May	1	Tire repair .50	$	0	50
	12	Tire repair .50		0.	50
	21	Grease Car and Springs. 1.25		1	25
		Repairs etc. to Ford V-8 (Const. Gisborne)			
		TOTAL,	$	2	25

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Alfred E Barker

Agent

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA
2-25-5/4177

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Merritt B.C.
June 8th,1934.

Sir:-

I beg to report that an inquest on the death of the late Mr. Gisborne was held on the 5th instant. The verdict brought in by the Jury will be noted in the front page of attached copy of the local paper.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of murder against the George brothers was begun yesterday, the session lasting from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., it being then remanded to the 12th instant.

Joseph George, one of the accused, was remanded for hearing, until the 13th instant, owing to his inability to hear and comprehend the proceedings, due to head injuries inflicted in the struggle on the night of the crime.

I would advise that Mr. H.W.Galbraith, Barrister, Vernon, B.C., whom I had been instructed to employ to defend the accused, after commital for trial, telephoned me on the 4th instant, advising me that he had been informed that he was to be retained.

I advised him of my instructions to employ him for the trial. However, he stated he was coming over to attend the Inquest and Preliminary Hearing, which he did, returning to Vernon last evening. However, in view of the importance of this case, and the employment by the Crown of Mr. J.R.Nicholson, one of the outstanding Criminal Counsel of the Province, to prosecute, and whom Mr. Galbraith states suggested that as he was taking the case at the Inquest and Preliminary Hearing, thought he should also be present. I think the Department will see the fairness of his attending.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the local paper of yesterday's date, giving an account of the proceeding.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

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

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY, DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 7 - 169
ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER
PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT
IN EACH LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

June 8th. 1934.

Dear Mr. Perry,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 1st. with regard to the regretted murder of our Constable, Frank Gisborne.

The suggestion contained in the third paragraph of your letter has been given serious consideration and a recommendation forwarded to the Honourable the Superintendent General to the effect that an endeavour be made to have a detachment of the Mounted Police stationed at Merritt, B.C. It is hoped that some such arrangement may be carried out with consequent improvement in the situation.

Yours very truly,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

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June 11, 1934.

Dear Mr. Barber:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 6th in regard to the application to be made to the Workmen's Compensation Board in behalf of Mrs. Gisborne.

In reply I wish to say that all I was asked to do by the Board was to have the Form No. 7 filled in and submitted, after which they informed me their own officials would investigate the matter. I was unable to give the Board any information concerning Mrs. Gisborne's children, if any, so that it will be quite in order for you to carry out the instructions of the Department and communicate directly with the Board as you will be in a better position to confer with Mrs. Gisborne and give the Board the benefit of your advice. If, however, there is anything further that I can do to help out in the matter I shall be most pleased if you will let me know.

Your obedient servant,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B. C.

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June 8, 1934.

Dear Mr. Barber:-

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of copy of your letter dated May 31st addressed to the Deputy Superintendent General in regard to the deaths of Constables Gisborne and Carr. I have read the report with deep interest and feel quite satisfied that the advice given by you to the Constables to wait until the morning to make the arrest of the Indian, was good. I am satisfied also that you did everything in your power to assist in the investigation and in every other way in the unfortunate circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

P/KD.

Chas. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

2-25-5/4176

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt, B.C.
May 31st, 1934.

Sir:-

It is with great sorrow that I make this report on the death of Mr.F.H.Gisborne, Farming Instructor and Constable at this Agency, and of Provincial Constable P.Carr, who were murdered by Eneas George, Richardson George, Joseph George, and Alex George, on the night of the 23rd instant, at Nooaitch Reserve (Lower Nicola Indian Reserve No.10), when they visited the Reserve for the purpose of arresting Eneas on a charge of stabbing his wife, who had been brought into Merritt Hospital in the forenoon of that day, suffering from seven stab wounds inflicted by her husband, several of the wounds being of a very serious nature and her condition such as to make it doubtful as to recovery. However, this woman is now getting along alright.

I had left the office with Mr. Caldwell at 10 a.m. on the morning of the 23rd instant, and the report of the stabbing affray was reported to the office at 10.45. I drove Mr. Caldwell to Lytton, returning to Merritt at 7.30 p.m., when I learned of the affair Miss Smith of this office having left a note at my home. At 8.15 p.m. I called on Provincial Constable Carr, and discussed the matter of the arrest of Eneas George who it was stated had gone into the hills.

Mr. Gisborne, who on Monday had asked my permission to visit Kamloops district on leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on personal business, returned home about 9 p.m. and immediately rang the Police office, saying he would be right over. On his arrival the situation was explained to him, and he and Mr. Carr decided to go out to the Reserve that night, and if Eneas was at home to bring him in. I advised them to wait until early morning. However, they decided not to wait. Mr. Gisborne drove me to my home, and proceeded to his own home to change clothes, after which he and Constable Carr proceeded to Nooaitch Reserve at Canford at about 10 p.m.

The following morning being a statutory holiday (May 24th) and the office being closed, I did not expect to see or hear from Mr. Gisborne, and during the morning I decided to take a run out to Canford to inspect a piece of irrigation ditch and flume behind Nooaitch Reserve and left home about 10 a.m., and returned about 2.30 p.m., having passed the spot where the car was lying over the bank, both going and coming without seeing it.

On returning to my home I found that Mrs. Carr was at my home, she having become worried about a prisoner in the lock-up, who should be allowed out for personal comfort. But, as there was a padlock on the cell in addition to the door lock, the key of which Mr. Carr had with him, she wondered if I would take the responsibility for this prisoner who was an Indian. I stated I would attend to the matter and break the lock and be responsible.

Dr. Harold W.McGill,
Deputy Supt. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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Whilst this was her chief worry at that time, she informed me she had phoned down the valley, enquiring if her husband had been seen, and learned that Mr. Gisborne's car had been seen along the road, and appeared as if it had hit a tree. However, as I had passed the place only a short time before, and had not seen it, I explained that they had probably returned to the car and proceeded to Shackan Reserve, to see if the Indian they wanted was at his brother's place.

A short while later, my little daughter, age 7 years, came running to me and stated that she had heard a man say that a car was over the bank at Canford, and was covered with blood, and handcuffs and papers lying on the seats. I immediately left and on arrival at the spot, found Constable Gisborne's car over the bank, against a tree, the right side door open, the inside in a terrible state, blood all over the back seat, with two pairs of handcuffs, one pair belonging to Mr. Gisborne covered with blood, the other pair being Mr. Carr's. The right shoe of Mr. Gisborne was in the bottom of the car.

I searched the vicinity of the car for a considerable radius. From the car to the river edge, down the steep bank, were the distinct marks in the grass and brush, of two persons having been dragged to the river. At the water's edge I found the front cover of a copy of the Indian Act. I proceeded on to the Reserve, Nooaitch, about one mile away, to make enquiries, where the first Indian I saw was Eneas George, the man the two policemen went out to arrest. He appeared to have been in a fight. I spoke to him and told him he had better get in the car and come with me. He went into the Chief's house and I proceeded to another house to make enquiries; hearing nothing and being much upset and worried, I did not linger, returned to the Chief's house and picked up Eneas George, and returned to Merritt as fast as I could. I then telephoned Sergt. Service of the Provincial Police at Kamloops. This was at approximately 6 p.m., telling him what I had found and suspected. I returned to the scene to await him, and in the meantime carried out an extensive search. Sergt. Service arrived with other Constables about 9 p.m., everything possible was done and we returned to Merritt. Inspector Shirras, Provincial Police, and other Police officers arrived, and at dawn we all proceeded to the Reserve, where every house was searched, and two brothers of Eneas George, Joseph and Richardson, the former suffering from head injuries, and Tommy Andrew, were taken in custody on my suggestion and sent in to the lockup. An extensive search was carried out and articles of bloodstained clothing found.

Investigation and search continued, and on Friday night Tommy Andrew made a statement incriminating the four George brothers, Alex, Eneas, Richardson and Joseph...On Saturday, after considerable difficulty, Malinda Brown, common law wife of Richardson George made a statement. Whilst I was talking to this woman, Big Frank reported to me that he had found a body. With Sergt. Service, Sergt. McBrayne, and Dominion Constable Howe, immediately left for the place, and with great difficulty recovered the body of Constable Gisborne, which was in a terrible condition, the face being so badly battered that I had some difficulty identifying, except by the clothes. Body removed to Merritt.

Sunday...left Merritt with Constable Howe and Sergts. Service and McBrayne, at 4 a.m., visiting every house on every reserve between Merritt and Spences Bridge, looking for Henry Brown, a material witness, and Alex George, a participant in the murder.

Deputy Supt.General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Returned to Merritt in evening. Brown found and brought in by Constable Jobin. At Court House until 12.30 p.m., and on arrival home found Alex George sitting on the back verandah waiting for me. Alex told me he had been forced to take part, and drive the car after the bodies were placed inside, by his brother, Richardson, who threatened to kill him. I took Alex and turned him over to Sergt. Service.

Monday...I was present at swearing in of the jury and viewing of the body. Later attended autopsy performed by Dr. J.J.Gillis. Poor Gisborne, it was shown, had been terribly beaten. Among other injuries 19 pieces of skull, of various sizes, were lifted from the top and inside of the brain, both sides of jaw fractured, etc.

Continued giving every assistance to Provincial Police throughout the week. On Wednesday I drove Mrs. Gisborne and son to Kamloops to attend Mr. Gisborne's funeral.

For the Department's information, I would advise that the four brothers charged jointly with the murder are:

Richardson George	Age 33	Shackan Reserve (Lower Nicola No.11)
Alex George	Age 23	Shackan Reserve (Lower Nicola No.11)
Eneas George	Age 44	Coldwater Band...Resided with Chief Billy of Nooaitch for past three years.
Joseph George	Age 34	Coldwater Band.

The inquest is to be held on Tuesday June 5th. The preliminary hearing on June 7th, and there is no doubt about them being committed for trial at the Vernon Assizes. The date, I understand, will be about the 20th.

This is a terrible thing, and I cannot yet quite understand why it should have happened, as whilst Richardson and Aneas I have always looked upon as bad, treacherous and unreliable Indians, I could not conceive of them going to the extent they did. Joseph and Alex are just average Indians. In fact, Alex is physically unable to inflict any harm upon anyone, being a most pathetic figure, dying for the last few years of tuberculosis. He was discharged from St. George's Residential School on this account in 1928. Whilst Joseph was convicted and sentenced to four months in jail in 1930 for stabbing another Indian, I never thought of him as a dangerous character. But, there is no doubt that there was a premeditated plot on this night to beat the police, though I do not think they ever intended to go as far as they did. When they got started, I surmise that they got worked up into a frenzy, though the idea of disposing of the car and the bodies in the river was most coldbloodedly carried out. At the time that this was done, Mr. Carr, though unconscious, according to statements, was not dead.

I am enclosing herewith, copies of pictures taken by the Police for use in prosecuting the case, which may be of interest to the Department. These show the scenes of the crime.

No.1 Shows the village where the fight and the murder took place. Mr. Gisborne was murdered at the spot near the buggy. Mr.Carr was overcome just at the gate, where the bodies were placed in the car.

No.2 Shows where the car containing the bodies, and driven by Alex George, ran off the road, hitting the tree, and where it stayed for over an hour, before they could get it out. finally using a horse to pull the car back unto the road. The tree was afterwards felled to cover the pool of blood which had dripped through the bottom of the car.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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No.3 Shows the place where the car was pushed over the bank, after it had been driven from the reserve over the bridge shown.

No.4 Gives a close view of the car. Blood on running board and front seat shown.

No.5 View of car from West side.

Before closing this report I wish to say that there is absolutely no reason or cause for this terrible deed. Mr. Gisborne was at all times most fair, kindly, and generous, to the Indians, at the same time being energetic and firm in the carrying out of his duties, and on the whole was very well liked by the Indians of the Agency, as is borne out by the expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance made by many of them to me since this happened.

Mr. Carr was also a very firm and conscientous policeman, kindly and considerate in carrying out his duties, and there was not at any time any ill will borne by the Indians against these two men. All the Indians are shocked at such a thing happening.

If the Department desires any further details, please advise. Further reports will be made regarding this case as necessary.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

Dr. Harold W. McGill,
Deputy Supt. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Sir:

I have sent you under separate cover a copy of the Victoria "Daily Colonist" of today's date which contains the story of the killing of our Dominion Constable-Farming Instructor F. H. Gisborne of the Nicola Agency together with Provincial Constable Carr on the night of May 23rd as related at the inquest held yesterday, as no doubt the Department would wish to have a record of the regrettable occurrence on file. I am transmitting herewith copies of letter addressed by me to the Commissioner of B. C. Police on the 2nd instant together with copy of the Commissioner's reply dated June 5th, which will no doubt also be of interest to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl
P/AC

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

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BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL POLICE

Criminal Investigation Department

Victoria

June 5th,
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Constable Gisborne at Merritt was an outstanding officer and in a district where possibly there is just a little more police work with Indians his services to us were invaluable and I know that we shall feel his loss deeply.

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C.C. PERRY.

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Colonel J.H. McMullin,
Commissioner B.C. Police,
Victoria, B. C.

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Yours truly,

J. H. McMullin.

J.H.McMullin,
Commissioner,
B. C. Police.

RP/DN

Mr Perry phoned to say that he may not be able to be present Thursday and I am to write at his request that Mr Perry would be obliged to hear from him

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Vancouver, B.C., May 30th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Barber:-

I have seen the Workmen's Compensation Board representative this afternoon. Please fill in the enclosed form and return to me as early as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

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C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

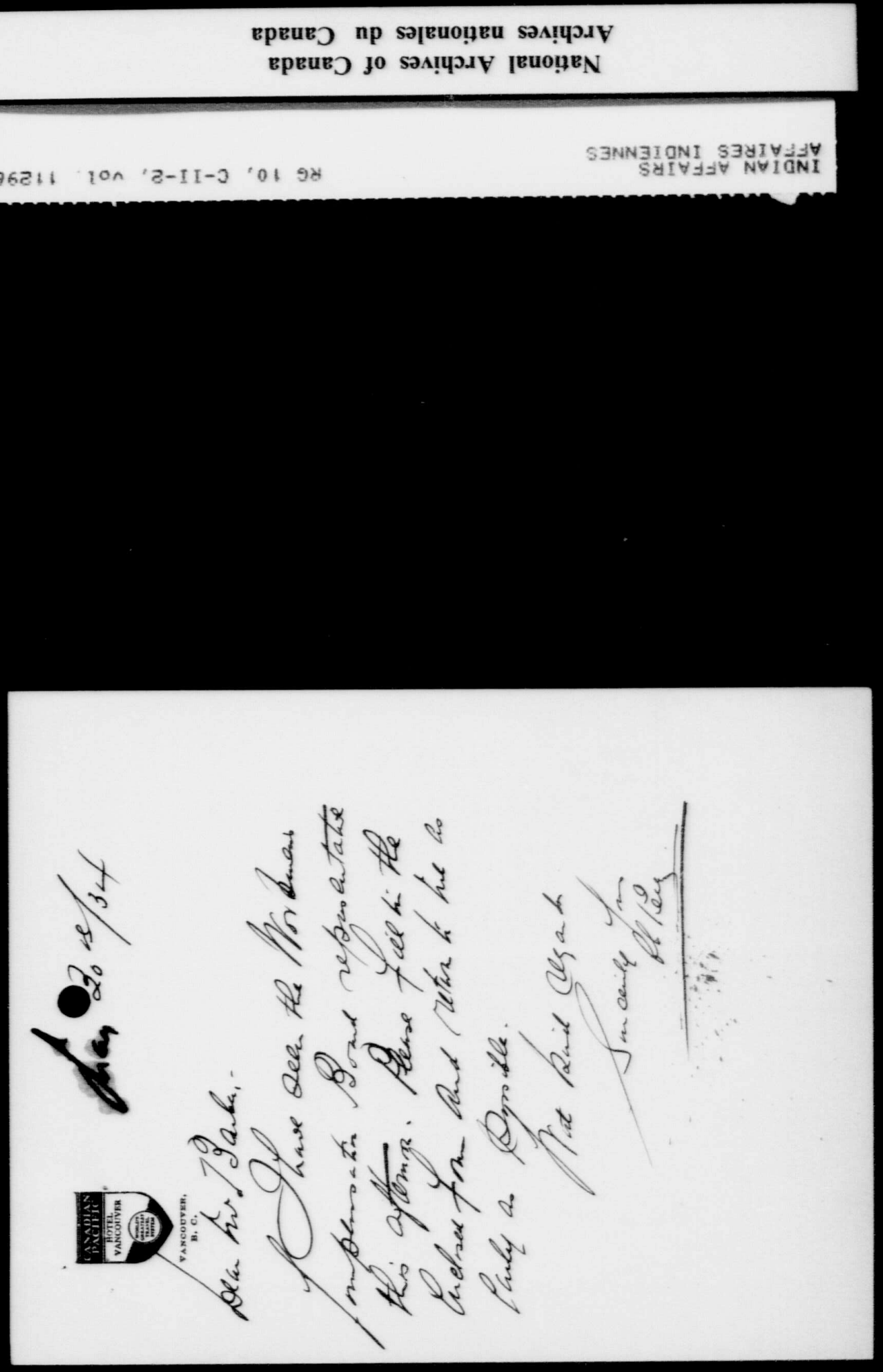
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ASST COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS VICTORIA

MR GISBORNES FUNERAL AT KAMLOOPS 2 PM WEDNESDAY

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt B.C.
May 25th,1934.

Sir:-

In pursuant to my wire of the 24th instant, I beg to confirm the contents thereof.

Mr. Gisborne and Provincial Constable Carr left Merritt on the night of the 23rd instant, to go and arrest an Indian of Nocaitch Reserve, for stabbing his wife during a home-brew drinking party. They left Merritt about 11 P.M. and to-day (24th) had not returned at 2 P.M. I, on hearing that Mr.Gisborne's car was seen over the bank near the Reserve, immediately left for the scene, finding the car had been run over the bank, down a steep incline, above the Nicola River, the car being badly damaged, blood all over the back of the car, all glass broken, two pair of hand-cuffs and other equipment in the car; traces of bodies having been dragged down the bank to the river; one of Mr. Gisborne's shoes, fully laced, in the car.

I proceeded to the river and made enquiries, without results, found and arrested the Indian, Eneas George, whom they had gone out to arrest, brought him to Merritt lockup and notified the Provincial Police District Headquarters at Kamloops. Returned to where the car was and searched the river and vicinity without results. Sergt. Service arrived as soon as possible and has taken charge of the investigation. Everything points to these two officers having been murdered by the Indians.

Have nothing further to report at this time, as am writing this at 2 A.M., and in poor shape after strenuous day. District report will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Please have Mr.Gisborne's salary cheque for May made payable to Mrs. Gisborne. Possibly it will be needed, and I expect that when, and if, the bodies are found, the Department will authorize me to attend to all details, and will meet all expense entailed. Please wire me this authority.

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber
per H.S.

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

AHB/ES

The Secretary,
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May 25, 1934.

Sir:-

I regret to advise the Department that I received today from Mr. Indian Agent Barber, of Nicola Agency, a telegram dated May 24th, reading as follows:-

"Constable Gisborne and Provincial Constable
"Carr missing believed murdered at Nooaitch
"Reserve. Letter following."

I immediately got in touch with the Provincial Police and found that that Force has the matter of investigation thoroughly in hand.

I further telegraphed to Agent Barber as follows:-

"Contents your wire read with extreme regret.
"Kindly convey homage to Mrs. Gisborne and Mrs.
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Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

P.S. May 26th -

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158/17/34916.

May 25, 1934.

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Victoria, B.C.,
May 25, 1934.

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

Regret report Constable Gisborne of Nicola Agency and Provincial Constable Carr believed murdered whilst arresting Indians connection stabbing Indian woman (stop) Four Indian suspects reported arrested (stop) Provincial Police have matter well in hand in concert with our officials (stop) Constables believed thrown in river after murder (stop) Bodies not yet recovered.

C. C. Perry.

TELEPHONE E-7121

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May 25, 1934.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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C.C. PERRY.

DAY LETTER.
Charge Indian Office.

TELEPHONE E-7121

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Victoria, B.C., November 9, 1931.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

15-8/17/22965

Constable MacKay transferred to Lytton Agency on first instant and Gisborne reported for duty, Nicola Agency, on third.

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CHARGE INDIAN OFFICE VICTORIA.

W. E. DITCHBURN.

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INDIAN COMMNR VICTORIA BC

HAS ACTION BEEN TAKEN TRANSFER MACKAY TO LYTTON AGENCY AS FARMING INSTRUCTOR AND CONSTABLE DESIRE THAT ACTION BE NOT DELAYED ON THIS TRANSFER AND APPOINTMENT MR GISBORNE AT NICOLA AGENCY

DUNCAN C SCOTT

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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VICTORIA, B. C.

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158/17/22940.

November 5, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 27th ultimo reading as hereunder:-

> "Civil Service Commission have approved transfer Mr. MacKay, Indian Farming Instructor and Constable, Nicola, to same position Lytton Agency. Kindly have transfer made and advise Department date from which effective. F. H. Gisborne, surplus employee Interior, to be appointed Farming Instructor and Constable, Nicola Agency."

In reply I beg to say that a letter was written to Constable MacKay transferring him to the Lytton Agency and he reported to Mr. Indian Agent Strang on the 1st instant. Mr. MacKay in future will have his headquarters at Lillooet, as in the past the Constable has resided at Agassiz which is the southern limit of the Agency. It is anticipated that more effective work can be done by Mr. MacKay, both as a Constable and Farming Instructor, if he is stationed at Lillooet.

A letter was also written to Mr. Francis Huntley Gisborne informing him that he has been appointed as Constable-Farming Instructor of the Nicola Agency, and he was requested to report to Mr. Indian Agent Barber for duty.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. Barber saying that Constable Gisborne reported to him for instructions on the 2nd instant and commenced his duties on the 3rd. Agent Barber is of the opinion that Mr, Gisborne is a man who will likely be a very able and efficient official of the Department after he has become intimate with its aims and activities and the nature of his duties.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/AC

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Merritt, B.C.
Nov.4th,1931.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
NOV 5 1931
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter No.158/17/22836, of the 28th ultimo, receipt of which, together with a copy of a letter written to Mr. Francis Huntley Gisborne of Kamloops, B.C., I hereby acknowledge.

I now beg to advise that Constable-Farming Instructor S.F.MacKay, has made his transfer to the Lytton Agency as on the 2nd November, after reporting to Indian Agent Strang on the 1st instant, this in accordance with instructions.

Mr. F.H.Gisborne, now appointed to the position of Constable-Farming Instructor at the Nicola Agency reported to me for instruction on the 2nd instant, and commenced his duties on the 3rd instant.

It is noted that the initial salary for this position is $840 per annum, to be increased upon recommendation for efficient service, at the rate of $60.00 per annum, until a maximum of $1440.00 has been reached, together with an allowance of $180.00 per annum in lieu of house rent.

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Trusting this will be satisfactory,

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

AHB/ES

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA, B.C.

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158/17/22035.

October 28, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I have to inform you that your application for the position of Constable-Farming Instructor has been approved by the Civil Service Commission, at Ottawa, and it has been decided to establish you in the Nicola Agency, the headquarters of which are at Merritt, B. C.

You should, therefore, report to Mr. Indian Agent Barber at that place, on the 2nd November and he will instruct you in your duties pertaining to your office.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Francis H. Gisborne, Esq.,
P. O. Box 340,
Kamloops, B. C.

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158/17/22836.

October 28, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I have to inform you that the Civil Service Commission have decided to transfer Constable-Farming Instructor Simon F. MacKay from the Nicola Agency to the Lytton Agency and that Mr. Francis Huntley Gisborne, of Kamloops, has been appointed Constable-Farming Instructor for the Nicola Agency.

Mr. Gisborne is today being written to requesting that he should report to yourself for duty if possible by the 2nd of November. A copy of my letter to Mr. Gisborne is attached hereto for your information.

Please report to this office as to the date on which Mr. Gisborne assumes his duties.

The initial salary for this position is $840.00 per annum to be increased upon recommendation for efficient service at the rate of $60.00 per annum, until a maximum of $1,440.00 has been reached. Together with the above an allowance of $180.00 per annum will be allowed in lieu of house rent.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B. C.

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FARM. INSTRUCTOR
AND CONST. S. F. MacKay.

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158/17/22834.

October 28, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the Civil Service Commission have decided to transfer Simon Fraser MacKay, the Constable-Farming Instructor of the Nicola Agency to the Lytton Agency and he has been instructed to report to yourself for duty by the 1st of November. As the result of previous discussions between us in regard to the point at which the Constable should be stationed, I have directed Mr. MacKay that for the future he will be atationed at Lillooet as it is considered that more effective and beneficial results would accrue by his being stationed at that place.

I am attaching hereto copy of my letter addressed to Constable MacKay on this subject and I have to request that you will report to me the date on which he takes up his duties as Constable of the Lytton Agency.

Mr. MacKay's salary is, I think, at present $900.00 per annum with an allowance for house rent of $300.00 per annum, this amount being established some years ago.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. Strang, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Lytton, B. C.

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158/17/22833.

October 28, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that your application for transfer as Constable-Farming Instructor from the Nicola Agency to the Lytton Agency has been approved by the Civil Service Commission at Ottawa and, therefore, I beg to request that you will on the 1st November report for duty to Mr. Indian Agent Strang, at Lytton.

In the past the Constable of the Lytton Agency has made his headquarters at Agassiz which is the Southern limit of the Agency, but this has not been very satisfactory to the Department and it has, therefore, been decided that more beneficial and effective results would accrue if for the future the Constable should have his headquarters at Lillooet, B. C. You should, after consulting with Mr. Indian Agent Strang, arrange to establish yourself at the last mentioned point.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Simon F. MacKay, Esq.,
Dominion Constable-Farming Instructor,
c/o Indian Office,
Merritt, B. C.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER VICTORIA BC

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DUNCAN C SCOTT.

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158/21479.

June 11, 1931.

Dear Mr. Denny:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your application for the position of Indian Constable in the Lytton Agency which was received at this office today.

I regret, however, to say that it is necessary for me to return this document to you as it can not receive consideration in view of the fact that the Civil Service poster advertising this vacancy stated that all applications were to be received at this office not later than the 27th of May, and it is noted that your application was declared on the 9th instant.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Thomas Clements Denny, Esq.,
Williams Lake,
B.C.

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158/21496.

June 12, 1931.

Your fyle 7-165.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 6th ultimo with which you enclosed a copy of the Civil Service Poster advertising the positions, Indian Farming Instructor and Constable for the Kootenay and Lytton Agencies, I beg to say as a result of this Poster sixty-one applications were received by the closing hours of the 27th ultimo and one came in on the 4th instant which was too late for consideration.

The list of applicants are as hereunder:-

1. Aitchison, Walter Hamilton, 1034 Davie St., Vancouver, B. C.
2. Anderson, James Robert, Box 553, Revelstoke, B.C.
3. Archer, Frederick Lorne, Elko, B. C.
4. Baldwin, George, 917 Beach Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
5. Ball, Frederick Edmund, 819 Metropolitan Building, Vancouver, B. C.
6. Beaton, Malcolm Eldon, Box 43, Nelson, B. C.
7. Bradner, Francis Ernest, 3819 - West 22nd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.
8. Bridger, Jack, Windermere, B. C.
9. Brown, Jas. Nathaniel Jerome, 1515 Venables St., Vancouver, B. C.
10. Burr, Joseph Lorenzo, Ashcroft, B. C.
11. Butler, James, P.O. Box 142, Agassiz, B. C.
12. Campbell, William, 1042 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C.
13. Cariss, Frank, Royal Oak, V. I.
14. Case, Merritt Daniel, Canadian Legion, Kamloops, B.C.
15. Chamberlain, Charles, 3 - 934 Nicola St., New Westminster, B. C.
16. Cook, William Albert, Cranbrook, B. C.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
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17. Crook, Charles John, Windermere, B. C.

18. de Lure, Charles H., 739 View St., Victoria, B. C.

19. Derrick, Ralph, Revelstoke, B. C.

20. Dickie, Leslie, Box 30, Merritt, B. C.

21. Dingwall, David Campbell, c/o J.F. Anderson, R.R. #1, Kelowna, B. C.

22. Duck, Arthur John, Monte Creek P.O., B. C.

23. Embrey, William Henry, Box 147, Hatzic, B. C.

24. Ferguson, Wilfred Jane, Box 340, Kamloops, B. C.

25. Findlay, Francis, 65 - Sixth St., New Westminster, B.C.

26. Fisher, Thos. Henry, 820 Helmcken St., Vancouver, B.C.

27. Fletcher, John Alfred, 577 Richards St., Vancouver.

28. Fooks, Maynard Allen, Agassiz, B. C.

29. Forster, John Geo., 738 Pembroke St., Victoria.

30. Gelsthorp, Sydney Osborn, 1133 Pendrell St., Vancouver.

31. Gisborne, Francis Huntley, Box 340, Kamloops.

32. Goodison, Geo. Chas., Box 672, Kelowna Yale, B.C.

33. Grady, Harry Lester, Cranbrook, B. C.

34. Grist, Francis Geo. Matthew, Osoyoos Indian School, Oliver, B. C.

35. Grosvenor, Geo. Benjamin Arthur, Box 443, Prince Rupert, B. C.

36. Hay, Kenneth, Vancouver, B. C.

37. Hayes, Cyril Francis, 917 Beach Ave., Vancouver.

38. Hicks, Benjamin Franklin, 3203 E. 25 Ave., Vancouver.

39. Jewell, Gordon Maynard, Box 163, Cranbrook, B.C.

40. Keep, Wm. Palmer, 2226 13th Ave. W., Vancouver.

41. Kervin, Cornelius Byron, Marysville, B.C., E. Kootenay.

42. Langley, John Wise, Box 141, Merritt, B. C.

43. Leman, Percy George, R.R. No. 1, Agassiz, B. C.

44. Maginnis, Willis, Box 121, Agassiz, B. C.

45. Mingay, Maurice Roberts, Box 281, Merritt, B. C.

46. MacKay, Simon Fraser, c/o Indian Office, Merritt.

47. MacRae, Alexander, Kamloops, B. C.

48. McDonald, Archibald, Box 319, Penticton, B. C.

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49. McGuire, Albert Francis, Flagstone, B. C.
50. Naismith, Harvey Harold, R.R. #1, Agassiz, B. C.
51. Nichol, Wm. Douglas, 3407 - 28th Ave. E., Vancouver.
52. Oslahd, Eugene, 658 Columbia St., New Westminster.
53. Paxton, John Gray, P.O. Box 722, Cranbrook, B. C.
54. Pidcock, Geo. Hugh, Box 243, Courtenay, B. C.
55. Roberts, Geo., 727 Richards St., Vancouver.
56. Salvidge, Arthur, 2280 Lloyd Ave., Capilano, B. C.
57. Scammell, Henry, 1048 14th Ave. E., Vancouver.
58. Searle, Wesley, Town of Kelowna, Yale County, B. C.
59. Siderfin, James North, 3767 Halifax St., Vancouver.
60. Walker, Harry, 1043 - 6th Ave. E., Prince Rupert.
61. Wilson, Harry, Box 146, Agassiz, B. C.
62. John Wm. S. Stewart, Pavilion, B.C. (Rec'd 4 June).

To thoroughly peruse the sworn statements contained in these applications and to give each a rating has taken considerable of my time as I have been swamped with correspondence during the absence of Mr. Perry.

To those applicants having merit I have given a rating of 280 and up, but I considered those hereunder listed are the most suitable for the appointments to be made:-

1. Aitchison, Walter Hamilton, 1034 A Davie St., Vancouver, B. C..... 285
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47. MacRae, Alexander, Kamloops, B. C..... 285
53. Paxton, John Gray, Box 722, Cranbrook..... 295

Among these will be found the name of Simon Fraser MacKay, No. 46, Constable and Farming Instructor, of Merritt in the Nicola Agency, who has applied for a transfer on account of the recent death of his wife. I would, therefore, recommend that the request in this regard be approved and he be transferred to the Lytton Agency, and that Mr. Joseph Lorenzo Burr,

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of Ashcroft, No. 10, be appointed for the Nicola Agency as he has qualifications of both Farming Instructor and Constable.

As regards the appointment for the Kootenay Agency, I have given a rating of 295 to Mr. John Gray Paxton, of Cranbrook, as he appears to be the best qualified for the position.

It will be noted, however, that among the list of applicants are the names of Wilfred J. Ferguson, of Kamloops, No.24, and Francis H. Gisborne, No.31, also of Kamloops, both of whom were up to recently employed in the Department of the Interior but were retired on account of the transfer of the Railway Belt lands to the Provincial Government, and I understand it is the declared policy of the Government to re-establish such ex-employees in other Departments where occasions permit.

In the past the Constable for the Lytton Agency has been residing in the extreme southern portion of the territory at Agassiz. I am, however, of the opinion that if it was not possible for him to reside at Lytton more good would be accomplished if he resided at Lillooet in the northern end of the Agency. He would be in closer touch with the Indian Agent and the Indians of Lillooet, Fountain, Pavilion and other reserves require considerable attention.

Enclosed herewith are the applications received with rating sheets attached, in duplicate. I am also returning the Civil Service Poster duly certified to by myself.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/KD.

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Kootenay & Lytton Agencies.

No.	Name and address,	Age	Height	Weight	Married or Single.	O.A.S.	Remarks
1.	Aitchison, Walter Hamilton, 1034A Davie St., Vancouver, B.C.	49	5'-6"	162	M	No	70,70,70,75- Yes Some merit as Constable & Farmer 285-
2.	Anderson, James Robert, Box 553, Revelstoke, B.C.	44	5'-10"	195	M	No	70 70 70 70 Yes " " " " " 280
3.	Archer, Frederick Lorne, Elko, B.C.	45	5'-10"	160	M	No	70 75-75-75- Yes " " " as Constable 295-
4.	Baldwin, George, 917 Beach Ave., Vancouver, B.C.,	20	5'-8"	145	S	No	60 60 60 60 No Yes Yes 120
5.	Ball, Frederick Edmund, 819 Metropolitan Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.	24	5'-11½"	160	M	No	70 70 70 70 Yes Some merit as Constable & Farmer 280
6.	Beaton, Malcolm Eldon, Nelson, B.C., Box 43,	38	6'	168	S	Yes	65 x 70 x -135- No. little or no experience
7.	Bradner, Francis Ernest, 3819 - West 22nd.Ave., Vancouver, B.C.	33	5'-10"	170	M	Yes	70, 75, 75, 75- 295- Yes Merit as Constable but not farming
8.	Bridger, Jack, Windermere, B.C.	40	5'-8"	170	M	Yes	x x x x x -0 No Not declared 0-
9.	Brown, Jas. Nathaniel Jerome, 1515 Venables St., Vancouver, B.C.	Not Stated.	5'-8"	140	M	No	70, 70, 70, 70- 280 Yes Some experience as farmer
10.	Burr, Joseph Lorenzo, Ashcroft, B.C.	42	5'-8"	170	M	No	70, 75, 75-75- 295- Yes - Experience as both Farmer & Constable
11.							
11.	Butler, James, P.O. Box 142, Agassiz, B.C.	41.	5'-7½"	140	M	Yes	70 65- 70 x -205- No Little experience
12.	Campbell, William, 1042 Seymour St., Vancouver, B.C.	41.	5'-8"	150	M	Yes	70 70 70 70- 280 Yes Has had experience in farming
13.	Cariss, Frank, Royal Oak, V.I., B.C.	45	5'-8"	130	M	Yes	70 70 75-70- 285- Yes Has had experience in farming & Constable duties

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14.	Case, Merritt Daniel, Canadian Legion, Kamloops, B.C.	51	5'-11⅜"	196	M	Yes	70, 65, 70, 70 yes - 285 - Some little ex perience as farmer
15.	Chamberlain, Charles, 3 - 934 Nicola St., New Westminster, B.C.	47	5'-4"	124	M	No	65, 60, 60, 70 - 255 - no ~~not sufficient~~ experience
16.	Cook, William Albert, Cranbrook, B.C.	39	5'-10½"	152	M	Yes	X X X X no no ex perience or very little
17.	Crook, Charles John, Windermere, B.C.	51	5'-10"	150	M	No	70, 75, 75, 70 - 290 - yes - Not available take 1st August.
18.	de Lure, Charles H. 739 View St., Victoria, B.C.	44	5'-11½"	165	M	No	70 70 70 70 - 280 - yes Ex perience as farmer only
19.	Derrick, Ralph, Revelstoke, B.C.	36	5'-8"	160	S	Yes	66 65 65 X 190 - no Little experience hay lifting and pole camp
20.	Dickie, Leslie, Merritt, B.C, Box 30,	38	5'-8"	158	M	Yes	70, 65, 70, 65 - 270 - no ~~Does~~ ex perience for the position
21.	Dingwall, David Campbell, C/o J.F.Anderson, R.R.1, Kelowna, B.C.	33	5'-10"	160	S	Yes	70 65 70 70 - 275 - no - no experience for the position
22.	Duck, Arthur John, Monte Creek, P.O., B.C.	28	5'-11½"	180	M	No	70 70 70 70 - 280 - yes Some experience
23.	Embrey, William Henry, Box 147 Hatzic, B.C.	47	6'-2"	190	M	Yes	70 70 70 70 - 280 - yes Ex perience as Boatman + Hunt Ferry
24.	Ferguson, Wilfred Jane, P.O.Box 340, Kamloops, B.C.	42	6'	175	M	Yes	70 75 - 70 70 - 285 - yes Ex perience Deckhand, but not experienced
25.	Findlay, Francis, 65 - Sixth St., New Westminster, B.C.	41	6'	175	S	Yes	70 65 - 70. 70 - 275 - no no experience for position

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26.	**Fisher**, Thomas Henry, 820 Helmcken Street, Vancouver, B.C.	48	5'-7½"	145	S	Yes	70 65-70 70-275-no — Not Enough to pass for the position
27.	Fletcher, John Alfred, 577 Richards St., Vancouver, B.C.	39	5'-7½"	135	M	Yes	65-65 70 70-270 no. Little use for exposition
28.	Fooks, Maynard Allan, Agassiz, B.C.	35	5'-9"	170	W	Yes	70 65-70 70-275-no No explanation
29.	Forster, John George, 738 Pembroke St., Victoria, B.C.	47	6'	220	S	Yes	70, 70 70 70-280 - Yes. Some Farm. on Vic. Police force 21 years
30.	Gelsthorpe, Sydney Osborn, 1133 Pendrell St., Vancouver, B.C.	45	5'-8"	140	S	No	65, 65, 70 70-270-no. No explanation Unsuitable for the position
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31.	Gibson, Francis Huntley, Box 340, Kamloops, B.C.	40	6'-1"	182	M	Yes	70 70 70 70-280 Yes — Ex Indian Department but little experience
32.	Goodison, George Charles, Box 672, Kelowna Yale, B.C.	45	5'-6"	134	M	Yes	65, 65, 65, 70-265-no. No experience for the Position Mostly Navvy
33.	Grody, Harry Lester, Cranbrook, B.C.	53	5'-5"	140	M	Yes	60, 60, 70 70-270-no. Little experience. Jailor Gyrado.
34.	Grist, Francis George Matthew, Osoyoos Indian School, Oliver, B.C.	45	5'-10⅛"	157	S	Yes	75. 70, 70 70-285-Yes. Commutable experience in farming
*35.	Grosvenor, George Benjamin Arthur, Box 443, Prince Rupert, B.C.	45	5'-7"	147	M	No	x x x x — no. Illiterate, See Spelling on Ex form
36.	Hay, Kenneth, Vanc	31	5'-9¾"	170	S	No	70 65-70 70-275-no Little use for position
37.	Hayes, Cyril Francis, 917 Beach Ave., Vancouver, B.C.	49	5'-7½"	150	W	Yes	70 65, 70 70-275-Yes. Little experience
38.							

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38.	Hicks, Benjamin Franklin, 3203 E. 25 Ave., Vancouver, B.C.	26	5'-6"	146	M	No	70 x x 70-140- No - Poor to Speak or Write
39.	Jewell, Gordon Maynard, Box 163, Cranbrook, B.C.	32	5'-9"	160	M	No	70, 60, 70 70-270-No Poor to Speak or Write
40.	Keep, William Palmer, 2226 13th Ave. W. Vancouver, B.C.	35	5'-10½"	160	S	No	70 70 70 70-280- Yes - Poor Writer ex Prisoner R C M P
41.	Kervin, Cornelius Byron, Marysville, B.C., E. Kootenay,	44	5'-11"	170	M	No	Poor Conversation on account of School Limit
42	Langley, John Wise, Box 141, Merritt, B.C.	43	6'	162	M	Yes	70 70 70 70 - 280. Yes - Farmer ex Prisoner, Poor Writer and Poor Speaker
43.	Lemon, Percy George, R. R. No.1., Agassiz, B.C.,	45	5'-10½"	210	M	Yes	70 70 70 70-280 - Yes Ex Prisoner in Agency District
44.	Maginnis, Willis, Box 121, Agassiz, B.C.	44	5'-8"	179	S	Yes	70 65-70 65 - 270 - No. Poor Speaker Poor Writer. Farming in Agency District
45.	Mingay, Maurice Roberts, Box 281, Merritt, B.C.	29	5'-10"	170	M	No	70 60 70 60 - 260 No. Cowboy & Rancher
46.	MacKay, Simon Fraser, C/o Indian Office, Merritt, B.C.	40	5'-10"	165	W	Yes	75 75 75 75 - 300 - Yes Works in Logging and Mining
47.	MacRae, Alexander, Kamloops, B.C.	35	5'-11½"	178	S	Yes	70 75 70 70 285 - Yes Farming and Police Constable of Kamloops from time
48.	McDonald, Archibald, Box 319, Penticton, B.C.	31	5'-9"	150	M	Yes	70, 65 65, 70 - No. Very little use for Ex Prisoner

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49.	McGuire, Albert Francis, Flagstone, B.C.	22	5'-8"	155	S	No	65, 65, 60, 60 - 250 - No. Fair farmer. Some little experience as farmer
50.	Naismith, Harvey Harold, R. R. 1., Agassiz, B.C.	41	5'-9½"	150	M	Yes	70 X X 70 - 140 - Yes. No experience farmer
51.	Nichol, William Douglas, 3407-28th Ave. E., Vancouver, B.C.	44	5'-8½"	174	M	Yes	70-70-70-70-280-Yes. Some considerable experience as farmer
52.	Osland, Eugene, 658 Columbia St., New Westminster,	35	5'-8"	144	S	Yes	70-65-70-65-270-No. Is a fruit farmer. Left with General
53.	Paxton, John Gray, P.O. Box 722, Cranbrook, B.C.	40	5'-10"	165	M	Yes	75-70-75-75-295-Yes. Exp as both farmer & Constable
54.	Pidcock, George Hugh, P.O. Box 243, Courtenay, B.C.	50	5'-8"	150	M	No	70-70-70-70-280-Yes - Good general experience
55.	Roberts, George, 727 Richards St., Vancouver, B.C.	44	5'-8½"	160	S	Yes	70-65-70-65-270-No - Carpenter - Left with Army Experience
56.	Salvidge, Arthur, 2280 Lloyd Ave, Capilano, B.C.	38	6'	185	M	Yes	70-70-70-70-280-Yes - as Constable. Little Army Experience
57.	Scammell, Henry, 1048 14th Avenue, East, Vancouver, B.C.	45	5'-10"	150	M	Yes	70 70 70 70-275-No. Loco foreman, Carpenter, little Army experience
58.	Searle, Wesley, Town of Kelowna, Yale County, B.C.	48	5'-9"	145	M	No	70, 70, 70 70 - 280 - Yes

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59	Siderfin, James North, 3767 Halifax St., Vancouver, B.C.	46	5'-9"	150	S	Yes	70. 65, 70, 70 – 275 – 2nd. Not Corporal of permanent force in 4th Army
60	Walker, Harry, 1043 - 6th Ave., East , Prince Rupert,	52	5'-11"	200	W	No	70 70 70 70 – 280 – Yes Conscientious objector passed as Cook Field and General
61	Wilson, Harry, P.O. Box 146, Agassiz, B.C.	38	6'-1"	186	M	Yes	70 60 60 60 – 250 – 2nd – Not Corporal or private
62	(Application received June 4, (declared June 1) John William A. Stewart, Pavilion, B.C. (Opinion called at office re this man's application)	40	5'-8"	165	M	No.	70, 65-70, 70 – 275 – 2nd. Little Fanny, Trunk Sergeant, Machine

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No.	Name and address.	Age.	Height	Weight	Married or Single	D.A.?	Remarks.
59	Siderfin, James North, 3767 Halifax St., Vancouver, B.C.	46	5'-9"	150	S	Yes	70. 65, 70, 70 – 275 – no. Not sufficient of members fingers in left hand
60	Walker, Harry, 1043 - 6th Ave., East , Prince Rupert,	52	5'-11"	200	W	No	70 70 70 70 – 280 – Yes Unsatisfactory explanation as to left hand and fingers
61.	Wilson, Harry, P.O. Box 146, Agassiz, B.C.	38	6'-1"	186	M	Yes	70 60 60 60 – 250 – no – not sufficient explanation
62.	(Application received June 4, (declared June 1) John William A. Stewart, Pavilion, B.C. (Mr. Cowan called at office re this man's application)	40	5'-8"	165	M	No.	70, 65-70, 70 – 275 – no. Little fingers, fourth hands; Manitoba

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158/17/22291.

August 31, 1931.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th instant with reference to Mr. Jos. Burr, of Ashcroft, whom you have been informed is to be appointed as Constable-Farming Instructor for the Nicola Agency and you desire to know as to what date Mr. Burr might expect to get his appointment.

In reply I beg to say that while I have not been officially notified that Mr. Burr has been appointed to the Nicola position, nevertheless, Dr. Scott, my Deputy Minister, when recently on the coast informed me that such was the case, and I anticipate that the Civil Service Commission will, following its usual procedure, within a very short time issue to Mr. Burr a certificate of appointment and request him to report to the Indian Agent at Merritt for duty.

Yours very respectfully,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/AC

John A. Fraser, Esq., M.P.,
Quesnel,
B.C.

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House of Commons
Canada

Quesnel B. C.
Aug 27th 1931

Mr W. E. Ditchburn
Commissiner of Indian Affairs
Victoria

Dear Sir :-

Some time ago I was informed that Mr Jos Burr of Ashcroft had taken the highest rating for Indian Constable and Farm Instructor for the Nicola Agency . I would thank you to advise me as to what date Mr Burr might expect to get his appointment.

Yours Truly

John A. Hart

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OFFICE OF
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23rd May 1931.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAY 26 1931
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir/

I respectfully beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st May relative to the vacancy for constable at Cranbrook.

I shall be pleased to transfer to Cranbrook Agency, but very much regret cannot make use of the Department's house there, I have no children and at the present time ~~have~~ boarding at the local hotel.

Application form herewith as requested.

Thanking you for your kindness and consideration shown me in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Yoir obedient servant.

Simon F. MacKay

(Simon F. MacKay)

W.E. Ditchburn Esq,

Commissioner,

Dept of Indian Affairs.

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158/17/21293.

May 21, 1931.

Confidential.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with your letter of the 8th April in which you applied for a transfer to the Kootenay Agency, the office of which is at Cranbrook, and my reply thereto suggesting that it would be better if you applied for the position in the Lytton Agency, I may say I have been thinking this matter over and a transfer may be possible particularly since I wrote to the Deputy Minister on the subject, and I have now arrived at the conclusion that if you are to be transferred at all it might be better if it were to the Kootenay Agency. I am saying this in view of the fact that we have a residence at Cranbrook purchased by the Department for the Indian Agent but Mr. Ryckman, the new Indian Agent, does not wish to move. Your present allowance for house rent is $300.00 per annum and if you are transferred to Cranbrook I would like to know from you whether you would be agreeable to occupying the Agency residence for which you would be charged $300.00 per annum. I do not know whether you have any children or not or just what you are doing since the late lamented death of your wife. It may be possible that you are boarding if you have no children. I should like to have a reply from you at once as the poster calling for the filling of the positions at Lytton and Cranbrook has to be dealt with by me very shortly after the 27th instant. I think it would be as well for you to fill out the enclosed application form as the other one which you forwarded to me on the 14th April was sent to Ottawa when writing to Dr. Scott.

If everything is favorable for you going to Cranbrook then we could fill the Nicola position from the eligible list which would be established as the result of the advertisement.

Yours truly,

WED/KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Simon F. MacKay, Esq.,
Dominion Constable,
Merritt, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

May 8, 1931.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

I received your letter of the 17th ultimo, regarding the desire of Mr. S. F. MacKay, Indian Farming Instructor and Constable, Nicola agency, for transfer to the Lytton agency, but before a decision was reached on this the Civil Service Commission issued a poster, advertising both the position at Kootenay and that at Lytton. The closing date of the competition will be the 27th instant, and, as the posters have been forwarded to British Columbia, we thought it unwise to hold the matter up.

Should it be decided to transfer Mr. MacKay, we could fill the Nicola position from the eligible list which will be established as a result of the advertisement.

You probably have noticed from the poster that the allowance for house is reduced to $180.00 per annum; this was insisted on by the Civil Service Commission.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C Scott

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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158/17/20866.

April 17, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

The Department will, of course, be aware that as a result of the recent promotion of Mr. F.S. Ryckman from the position of Dominion Constable-Farm Instructor to that of Indian Agent of the Kootenay Agency, and the promotion of Mr. A. Strang from Dominion Constable-Farm Instructor to Indian Agent of the Lytton Agency, the positions of Constable-Farm Instructor for the two Agencies will be left open and the question as to whether these vacancies will be filled, awaits the attention of the Department.

In the foregoing connection I beg to transmit herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. S.F. MacKay, Dominion Constable-Farm Instructor attached to the Nicola Agency in which he points out that owing to the death of his wife, he has of late been rather depressed and feels that a change will be beneficial to him. As a result of this letter I wrote to Mr. MacKay on the 10th instant sending him a Civil Service application form in order that he might fill the same in and submit it for the consideration of the Department, at the same time pointing out to him that as it is the practice of the Civil Service Commission to select appointees in the districts where the vacancies occur where possible, his prospect for transfer to the Lytton Agency would appear to be more in his favor as the Lytton Agency is in the same electoral district as is the Nicola Agency to which he is now attached.

Should it be the intention of the Department to fill the vacancy at Lytton, I think Mr. MacKay's transfer from the Nicola to the Lyttpn Agency would be desirable and satisfactory.

P/KD.
Enclosure:-

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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Office of the Indian Agent.

Merritt, B. C.,
8th April, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully beg to submit this my application for a transfer to Cranbrook, where, I understand a vacancy exists for a Dominion Constable.

My sole reason for requesting this transfer is, I have had the misfortune of losing my wife recently and since then, have been rather depressed, and feel sure that a change would be beneficial.

I am keen on the work and get along very well with Mr. Barber the Agent here, in fact I could not wish to work for a better man.

If the vacancy at Cranbrook cannot be entertained by you, I should be glad to go elsewhere, perhaps the vacancy in the Lytton Agency may be considered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"Simon F. MacKay"
Dominion Constable.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Commissioner, Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
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Merritt. B.C.
14th April 1931

Dear Sir/

In reference to your letter No.I58/I7/20840 dated I0th April.

I beg to forward herewith application form duly completed for the appointment of Farming Instructor and Dominion Constable at Lytton, should the Department decide to fill the vacancy.

I note your remarks re the Kootenay vacancy and appreciate very much your kindness and consideration shown me in the matter.

I am Sir,

your obedient servant,

Simon F. MacKay

(S.F. MacKay)
Dominion Constable.

W.E. Ditchburn Esq,
Commission Dept of Indian Affair's
Victoria.

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158/17/20840.

April 10, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I beg to say I have received your letter of April 8th, instant, relating to the circumstances under which you seek a transfer either to Kootenay or Lytton Agency as a Dominion Constable. In reply I beg to say I regret very much to learn of the loss of Mrs. McKay, and desire to extend my very sincere sympathy in your loss.

In regard to your wish to transfer, I am sending you herewith a form of application which I would suggest that you fill in for use in the event of the Civil Service Commission deciding to make appointments to the Agencies mentioned. As the Agencies have only recently been filled by promotion of Mr. Strang and Mr. Ryckman, I do not yet know just what will likely be done about filling the Constable vacancies.

I rather think you would do best to apply for the Lytton vacancy rather than that of Kootenay, for the reason that Merritt is in the same district (electoral riding) as Lytton and it is the practice of the Civil Service Commission when calling for applicants, to require that as far as possible preference shall be given in making appontments to men of the districts where the vacancies occur. While your letter of the 8th instant will be regarded as being an application to transfer it is thought that the filling in by you of the Civil Service form will put the application in better form for consideration should a vacancy be declared in dre course.

Your obedient servant,

P/AC
ENCL

Simon F. MacKay, Esq.,
Dominion Constable,
Merritt, B.C.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
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Your obedient servant.

Simon F. MacKay

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Dominion Constable.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq,
Commissioner, Dept of Indian Affair's
Victoria. B.C.

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Merritt, B.C.
May 12th,1930.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.158/17/17612 of the 7th instant, together with enclosure, being a copy of Dr. Scott's letter to you of May 2nd, in reference to the leave of absence from duty of Constable MacKay, to enable him to attend the annual training of the British Columbia Light Horse.

The information contained therein I have handed on to Mr. MacKay, and he has elected to draw his military pay, covering the period he is away at camp. A notation to this effect will be made on the paylist.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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158/17/17612.

May 7, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to refer further to your letter of April 23rd ultimo, S-0-861, with regard to Constable MacKay attending at the military training camp, at Vernon, from May 12th to 24th inclusive.

In this matter I have to-day received a letter from Dr.Scott dated May 2nd, copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information and that of Mr.MacKay. The same will be self-explanatory.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/HM.

Alfred H.Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

CANADA. May 2nd, 1930.

Dear Sir,-

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Mr.MacKay is entitled to leave for the purpose of taking training of this kind, but he cannot draw both civil and military pay during the period. He may, however, elect which he pleases. If the military pay is greater than the civil pay, he may draw that, or vice versa.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C.Scott.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

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158/17/17474.

April 25, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

Constable S.F.MacKay, of the Nicola Agency, has applied for vacation leave from the 12th to the 24th of May inclusive in order that he may attend the Annual Training of the British Columbia Light Horse in camp at Vernon.

As this Constable was only appointed in September last, and will not have been in the Service for a year by the 12th of May, I can not see that he is entitled to vacation leave with pay as provided for by Section 25 of the Civil Service Act and Section 64 of the Civil Service Regulations. Possibly, however, there is some exception provided for in cases of officials while in military training, although I do not know of any, but I thought I would drop you a line asking if this is the case. Apparently leave could be granted without pay or with partial pay.

Will you please let me hear from you on this subject without delay?

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissionef for B.C.

WED/HM.

Duncan C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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158/17/17473.

April 25, 1930.

Your File S-O-861.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant with enclosure from Constable S.F.MacKay asking to be allowed vacation leave from the 12th to the 24th of May inclusive.

In reply I beg to say that Section 25 of the Civil Service Act provides that employees are entitled to annual vacation leave, with pay, only after they have been at least one year in the Service, and as Constable MacKay was appointed in September, 1929, he is not entitled to vacation leave, with pay. I am, however, writing to the Deputy Minister on this subject, and possibly he may be able to make some arrangement whereby the Constable can attend the Training Camp, at Vernon, without pay or with partial pay, and I will write you further on this subject as soon as I receive a reply.

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

Alfred H.Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Merritt, B.C.
Apr.23rd,1930.

Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of application for leave of absence from Mr.S.F. MacKay, Constable at this office, this for the purpose of attending the Annual Training of the British Columbia Light Horse. Mr. MacKay being Commanding Officer of C. Squadron.

I trust it will be in order to allow Mr. MacKay leave for the period desired, same to be considered as annual leave.

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber

AHB/ES

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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Merritt, B.C.
Apr.22nd,1930.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully beg to request that I may be granted leave of absence, from May 12th until May 24th, 1930, for the purpose of attending the annual Training of the B.C.Light Horse in camp at Vernon.

In the event of this concession being granted me, I request that this may be considered as my annual leave for the current year.

Yours truly,

Simon F. MacKay

SFM/ES

(Simon F. MacKay)
Dominion Constable.

Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Merritt, B. C.
Sept.9th, 1929.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 158/17/15304 of the 3rd instant, informing me that Mr. S.F.MacKay, of Kamloops is to be appointed to the position of Farming Instructor and Constable at this Agency.

The letter forwarded from your office, addressed to Mr. MacKay, was delivered to him on the 7th instant, he having called at this office, being in Merritt looking for a residence.

I have not, as yet, been instructed by the Department regarding Mr. MacKay's appointment, but will probably be notified in the course of a few days.

Yours obediently,

AHB/ES

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

Mr. W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B. C.

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CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

September 6th. 1929.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

With further reference to letter to you of the 19th ultimo, I beg to say that Mr. MacLeod, Indian Agent at Kamloops has forwarded a medical certificate from Dr. Grant of Kamloops to the effect that Mr. Simon Fraser McKay is physically fit to undertake the duties of the position, Indian Farming Instructor and Constable, Nicola Agency. Mr. McKay is today being advised of his appointment and instructed to report to the Agent.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Scott

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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158/17/15304.

September 3, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the matter of the appointment of a Constable-Farm Instructor for the Nicola Agency, I was informed on the 19th instant that Mr. Simon F. MacKay, of Kamloops, is to be appointed subject to his physical fitness. Under separate cover I am forwarding a letter from the Civil Service Commission to Mr. S.F. MacKay, in your care, which kindly see is delivered to him as it is thought he may now possibly be at Merritt. It is presumed the Civil Service Commission placed Mr. MacKay higher than Mr. Willgoose as he is a returned soldier and Mr. Willgoose is not.

Yours truly,

WED/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Merritt, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

August 19, 1929.

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Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

With reference to your letter of the 10th ultimo, your File 158/17/14926, forwarding the report on the competition for the appointment of a Constable-Farming Instructor for the Nicola agency, I beg to state that the Civil Service Commission have advised us that Mr. F. S. Mackay, of Kamloops, whom you rated second amongst the applicants, is to be appointed subject to his physical fitness. We have today written Agent MacLeod, asking him to report whether he considers Mr. Mackay physically qualified for appointment. I presume the Civil Service Commission placed Mr. Mackay higher than Mr. Willgoose as he is a returned soldier and Mr. Willgoose is not.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

D. C. Williams

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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PRELIMINARY TABLE SHOWING INDIAN REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTHS BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS.

Agencies.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Babine.....	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10
Bella Coola.....	2	1	4	..	10	2	1	1	4	2	..	8	35
Cowichan.....	1	3	14	4	3	1	..	5	..	2	1	8	42
Kamloops.....	4	..	..	10	7	5	..	3	2	..	..	10	41
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	10	..	28
Kwawkewlth.....	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	2	15
Lytton.....	6	2	3	3	7	2	6	6	1	1	1	5	43
New Westminster.....	2	1	..	4	5	2	3	1	3	..	..	1	22
Nicola.....	2	6	5	..	7	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	26
Okanagan.....	3	1	..	..	3	5	46	..	1	6	9	2	76
Queen Charlotte.....	..	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	5	2	3	26
Skeena River.....	3	14	10	..	2	1	..	1	3	1	5	3	43
Stikine.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	..	1	3	12
Stuart Lake.....	10	4	5	..	3	7	3	1	1	4	1	..	39
Vancouver.....	16	1	2	..	7	..	1	2	1	8	2	8	48
West Coast.....	4	4	10	2	8	7	4	1	1	2	4	4	51
Williams Lake.....	2	3	2	..	3	2	3	37	1	..	..	..	53
TOTALS.....	59	44	60	27	70	56	72	66	22	35	39	60	610

Male Registrations, 312. Female Registrations, 298

4 Stillbirths - 2 February, 1 September, 1 December. (3 Males - 1 Female) not included in any tables.

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Lytton.....	6	2	3	3	7	2	6	6	1	1	1	5	43
New Westminster.....	2	1	..	4	5	2	3	1	3	..	..	1	22
Nicola.....	2	6	5	..	7	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	26
Okanagan.....	3	1	..	..	3	5	46	..	1	6	9	2	76
Queen Charlotte.....	..	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	5	2	3	26
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Cowichan.....	7	3	6	..	5	4	3	3	7	4	6	4	52
Kamloops.....	4	..	..	4	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	5	20
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	12	3	..	..	20
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Okanagan.....	3	1	..	2	2	3	20	3	3	8	4	5	54
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	5	3	3	2	3	..	1	1	1	2	22
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Stikine.....	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	1	..	11
Stuart Lake.....	4	2	3	..	2	3	2	2	1	4	3	4	30
Vancouver.....	6	3	2	2	6	1	..	3	1	..	2	6	32
West Coast.....	3	4	7	3	2	3	2	2	4	..	1	..	31
Williams Lake.....	1	1	6	4	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	5	28
TOTALS.....	53	29	53	34	47	40	46	31	39	38	38	43	491

Male Registrations - 259. Female Registrations - 232.

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Okanagan.....	3	1	..	2	2	3	20	3	3	8	4	5	54
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	5	3	3	2	3	..	1	1	1	2	22
Skeena River.....	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	1	1	4	5	3	43
Stikine.....	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	1	..	11
Stuart Lake.....	4	2	3	..	2	3	2	2	1	4	3	4	30
Vancouver.....	6	3	2	2	6	1	..	3	1	..	2	6	32
West Coast.....	3	4	7	3	2	3	2	2	4	..	1	..	31
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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGES, AGENCIES AND PER CENT. OF ALL DEATHS FOR EACH AGE GROUP.

Agencies.	Under 1 year.	1 Year.	2 Years.	3 Years.	4 years.	5 to 9 Years.	10 to 19 Years.	20 to 29 Years.	30 to 39 Years.	40 to 49 Years.	50 to 59 Years.	60 to 69 years.	70 to 79 Years.	80 to 89 Years.	90 to 99 Years.	100 Years and up	Age not given.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Babine	2	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	9	6	15
Bella Coola	3	1	3	..	..	3	1	2	..	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	8	11	19
Cowichan	13	1	..	4	..	5	8	..	3	3	1	6	2	5	1	..	..	32	20	52
Kamloops	4	..	3	..	..	..	5	1	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	10	10	20
Kootenay	3	2	1	1	..	2	4	1	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	8	12	20
Kwawkewlth	4	5	1	..	..	3	3	..	4	4	2	3	4	1	..	..	..	18	16	34
Lytton	6	2	..	..	1	1	4	4	4	2	..	4	3	9	1	1	..	19	23	42
New Westminster	4	1	..	4	..	2	1	3	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	16	5	21
Nicola	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	2	3	1	1	..	..	9	8	17
Okanagan	11	5	1	3	6	1	8	4	1	..	3	2	3	5	1	..	..	25	29	54
Queen Charlotte	3	..	..	..	..	2	4	1	2	1	2	..	3	4	..	..	..	15	7	22
Skeena River	12	..	1	..	..	6	8	4	3	2	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	27	16	43
Stikine	..	2	1	..	..	1	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	11
Stuart Lake	4	3	..	1	1	2	4	6	..	1	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	15	15	30
Vancouver	6	2	2	1	..	2	8	..	..	2	5	1	..	2	..	1	..	21	11	32
West Coast	6	1	..	1	..	5	6	2	1	..	2	5	1	..	1	..	..	12	19	31
Williams Lake	6	2	..	2	1	1	5	4	1	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	11	17	28
Totals	92	28	14	17	9	39	73	38	24	21	33	31	30	32	7	2	1	259	232	491
Per Cent of all deaths	18.74	5.70	2.85	3.46	1.84	7.94	14.86	7.74	4.89	4.27	6.72	6.31	6.11	6.51	1.43	.41	.20	52.75	47.25	---

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Agencies.	Epidemic, Endemic and Infectious Diseases.	General Diseases.	Nervous System.	Circulatory System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Non-venereal Genito-urinary System.	Puerperal State.	Skin and Cellular Tissue	Bones and Organs of Locomotion.	Malformations.	Early Infancy.	Old Age	External Causes.	Illdefined Diseases.	Totals.
Babine	1	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	6	15
Belle Coola	10	2	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19
Cowichan	24	1	1	3	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	6	52
Kamloops	6	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	20
Kootenay	9	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	20
Kwawkewlth	12	..	4	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	6	1	34
Lytton	12	2	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	12	6	42
New Westminster	9	2	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	21
Nicola	3	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	17
Okanagan	21	1	4	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	6	9	54
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Stuart Lake	21	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	30
Vancouver	12	2	3	1	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	32
West Coast	10	..	2	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	1	31
Williams Lake	12	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	28
Totals	203	15	19	12	57	14	10	3	1	..	1	19	34	47	56	491
Per Cent of all Leaths	41.34	3.06	3.87	2.44	11.61	2.85	2.04	.61	.20	-.-	.20	3.87	6.93	9.57	11.41	-.-

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Kamloops	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	1	..	1	1	10
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	2	..	12
Kwawkewlth	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	..	3	1	..	15
Lytton	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	8	1	..	1	1	..	15
New Westminster	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	7	1	1	..	2	..	13
Nicola	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	6
Okanagan	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	16	1	1	..	5	..	27
Queen Charlotte	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	1	1	..	..	12
Skeena River	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	1	3	2	..	24
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Stuart Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	..	2	..	24
Vancouver	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	6	..	1	20
West Coast	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	..	2	2	...	..	17
Williams Lake	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	10	..	..	..	2	..	14
Totals	2	..	6	..	7	..	16	..	164	12	8	23	23	2	263
Per cent of all deaths...	.41	-.-	1.22	-.-	1.43	-.-	3.26	-.-	33.40	2.44	1.63	4.68	4.68	.41	53.56

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Kamloops	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	1	..	1	1	10
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	2	..	12
Kwawkewlth	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	..	2	1	..	15
Lytton	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	8	1	..	1	1	..	15
New Westminster	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	7	1	1	..	2	..	13
Nicola	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	6
Okanagan	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	10	1	1	..	5	..	27
Queen Charlotte	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	1	1	..	..	12
Skeena River	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	1	3	2	..	24
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Stuart Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	..	2	..	24
Vancouver	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	6	..	1	20
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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Agencies.	Total Deaths.	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	per centof all deaths.
Babine.....	15	1	6.67
Bella Coola.....	19	9	47.37
Cowichan.....	52	18	34.62
Kamloops.....	20	4	20.00
Kootenay.....	20	7	35.00
Kwawkewlth.....	34	7	20.59
Lytton.....	42	8	19.05
New Westminster.....	21	7	33.33
Nicola.....	17	2	11.76
Okanagan.....	54	16	29.63
Queen Charlotte.....	22	9	40.91
Skeena River.....	43	17	39.53
Stikine.....	11	7	63.64
Stuart Lake.....	30	21	70.00
Vancouver.....	32	12	37.50
West Coast.....	31	9	29.03
Williams Lake.....	28	10	35.71
Totals.....	491	164	33.40

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Population.	Deaths.	Per cent of all deaths from Tuberculosis.	1930 Rate per 1,000 Population.	1929 Rate per 1,000 Population.
25,107	164	33.40	6.53	6.99

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS FROM T. B. BY AGES.

Ages.	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Per cent of all deaths from T. B. 1930.
Under 1 year.....	7	4.27
1 year.....	7	4.27
2 years.....	8	4.88
3 years.....	7	4.27
4 years.....	1	.61
5 to 9 years.....	22	13.42
10 to 19 years.....	52	31.71
20 to 29 years.....	25	15.24
30 to 39 years.....	10	6.10
40 to 49 years.....	8	4.88
50 to 59 years.....	11	6.71
60 to 69 years.....	3	1.83
70 to 79 years.....	3	1.83
80 to 89 years.....	..	-.-
90 to 99 years.....	..	-.-
100 years and upward.....	..	-.-
Age not given.....	..	-.-
Totals.....	164	-.-

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY CONDITIONS.

Conditions	Jan. to June, 1930.	July to Dec. 1930	Year 1930.
Single.....	155	137	292
Married.....	68	69	137
Widowed.....	33	28	61
Divorced.....	..	..	..
Not Given.....	..	1	1
Totals.....	256	235	491

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Cowichan.....	..	1	2	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	11
Kamloops.....	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	11
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	8
Kwawkewlth.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6
Lytton.....	6	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	5	17
New Westminster.....	2	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	13
Nicola.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	3
Okanagan.....	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	3	1	..	14
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	9
Skeena River.....	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	8	2	2	2	21
Stikine.....	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	7
Stuart Lake.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	5
Vancouver.....	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	10
West Coast.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Williams Lake.....	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	17
Totals.....	14	5	19	12	13	9	12	10	13	20	10	21	158

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Kamloops.....	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	11
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	8
Kwawkewlth.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6
Lytton.....	6	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	5	17
New Westminster.....	2	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	13
Nicola.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	3
Okanagan.....	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	3	1	..	14
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	9
Skeena River.....	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	8	2	2	2	21
Stikine.....	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	7
Stuart Lake.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	5
Vancouver.....	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	10
West Coast.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Williams Lake.....	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	17
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Copy sent to Asst. Indian Commissioner Perry
for his information.

Ottawa, 18th April, 1934.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 31st January last, addressed to the Assistant Indian Commissioner, with respect to the marriage question.

In reply I beg to say that the opinion on the marriage question, a copy of which was forwarded to you, indicates what the law is now and always has been, namely, that a marriage to be valid has to be performed in accordance with the laws of a Province or Territory, except what is known as a marriage by necessity, that is, a union of one man and one woman for life without a formal marriage ceremony where the parties were so remote from any one authorized to perform a marriage ceremony that it was practically impossible to have one. The Provincial Marriage Act of 1930 does not change the law with respect to Indian marriages. We understand that the Provincial Government proposes to appoint Indian Agents marriage commissioners and if and when the Agents are so appointed it could not be said that any of the Indians live in a locality where there is no one available to perform the marriage ceremony in accordance with the Provincial laws.

With respect to tribal marriages I may say that whether they are legal or not the Department has made a practice of recognizing them in the administration of Indian affairs, and, as indicated in Departmental letter to Mr. Perry of the 4th October, 1933, we will probably have to continue to recognize such marriages, already celebrated or hereafter to be celebrated, especially among the most primitive bands and others

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I may say that there is nothing the Agent can do as agent that will affect the validity or invalidity of any marriage; all he can do is to advise the Indians as to the marriage situation.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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April 23, 1934.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of copy of Departmental letter dated April 16th, instant, No. 69500 as sent to Mr. Indian Agent Frost, of the West Coast Agency, Port Alberni, in regard to the laws relating to Indian marriages, the contents of which have been carefully noted.

In regard to that portion of the second page which reads as follows:-

> "We understand that the Provincial Government
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I beg to refer to Departmental file No. 854,024-1, and to advise that all Indian Agents in British Columbia have been registrars under the British Columbia Marriage Act since December 12th, 1916, on which date a circular was sent to each Agent, copy of which is sent herewith and will be self-explanatory.

In order to further facilitate the issuance of marriage licences to Indians by our Agents and to meet the embarrassment of a $5.00 fee payable with respect to a marriage licence, a further Minute dated May 25th, 1928, was passed by the Provincial Authorities reducing the fee to One Dollar. Copy of this Minute is also sent herewith. The One Dollar fee applies both to ordinary licences and to civil contract marriages.

I cannot see any reason why an Indian anywhere in British Columbia, except in those areas whwre,admittedly, there are nomads whose identity and numbers are not recorded in British Columbia but are administered from Alberta, should not avail himself or the ministrations of the clergy or of marriage by civil contract by the Indian Agent. Of course, we are aware that the law of "necessity" sometimes ignores the provisions for marriage under regular legal procedure, and allowance has always been made for consideration of the attendant circumstances.

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Enclosures:-

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Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Copy of Minute approved
May 25th, 1928.

Report:-

THAT, under section 16 of the "Marriage Act" a licence fee of five dollars payable to His Majesty as part of the Provincial revenue is imposed in respect of each licence issued to persons intending to marry:

THAT in the case of Indians intending to marry the said fee is found to be unduly burdensome, and the result is that the persons concerned are frequently debarred from obtaining a licence and from solemnizing their marriage pursuant to the said Act:

THAT without such relaxation of the strictness of the said Act relative to the collection of the said revenue as is hereinafter recommended great hardship to the individuals referred to cannot be avoided:

AND TO RECOMMEND, under the authority of section 43 of the "Revenue Act", that in all cases where the persons intending to marry are Indians the fee so payable for the necessary marriage licence shall be remitted in part, and that a fee of one dollar only shall be payable therefor in lieu of the said fee of five dollars otherwise payable.

DATED this 21st day of May, A.D. 1928.

"T.D. Pattullo"
Provincial Secretary.

APPROVED this 21st day of May, A.D. 1928.

"J.D. MacLean"
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

(Order-in-Council No. 524.)

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Copy sent to Mr. C.C.Perry for his information.

Ottawa, 16th April, 1934.

Dear Sir,

I have before me your letter to the Assistant Indian Commissioner dated the 13th January last referring to an opinion on the marriage question recently obtained by the Department, a copy of which was sent to Mr. Perry under cover of letter dated the 4th October last, a copy of which opinion and letter was forwarded to you, and you ask certain questions arising therefrom, as to the status of certain Indian marriages, before and since 1930, the date of the Amendments to the Provincial Marriage Laws in which provision is made for the appointment of Indian Agents as Marriage Commissioners.

In reply I beg to say that circulars have been sent out from time to time pointing out that in the administration of Indian Affairs it has been the practice of the Department to recognize tribal marriages irrespective of the question as to whether such alleged marriages are or are not legal. This practice has been due to some extent to the fact that it is hard to get primitive tribes to understand the necessity or advisability of conforming to the law of the country regarding marriage and to the fact of the remoteness of many Indian bands from persons duly authorized by law to celebrate a marriage

In this connection the case of Connolly v Woolwich decided in 1867, has been cited in support of the practice of the Department. In this case a white man entered into a tribal marriage with an Indian woman in the Northwest Territories and the marriage was held by the court to be valid, but apparently not on the mere fact of a tribal

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marriage alone. There were various other elements entering into the determination of this case and one was the fact that there were no ministers, priests or magistrates in that part of the Territories to perform a marriage ceremony. That fact of itself along with other elements of the case would have rendered this union valid, apparently even if there had been no tribal form of marriage. It seems to us that too much stress has been placed upon the fact of a tribal marriage in this case rather than on the fact that the parties were so remote from a person duly authorized to perform a marriage ceremony that it was impossible to be married according to the Territories laws.

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Indians are not disposed to follow such advice, matters will have to go on as they have been doing. We must rely on the Agents to use their discretion in the matter. These observations will answer your questions generally but I may say briefly:-

1. Although a mere tribal form of marriage is recognized departmentally, it does not appear that such are legal unless coupled with the fact that there was no one within reasonable distance qualified to perform a marriage according to the laws of the Province. If a marriage is legal it would require a divorce to dissolve it.
2. There is no distinction between Indian marriages before and after 1930. To establish a claim for compensation for damages, the onus would be on the wife to prove that she was legally married to the deceased and it is for such incidents arising apart from the administration of Indian affairs that the Agent should urge on the Indians the advisability of having a legal marriage.
3. Yes, members of the band to which the man belongs.

In reply to your further letter to Mr. Perry of January 13th last, I may say that the Department is well aware of the fact that Indians are altogether too prone to desert their families resulting in increased cost for relief, but it is quite impossible for the Department to prevent it.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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May 25th, 1928.

Report;

THAT, under section 16 of the "Marriage Act" a licence fee of five dollars payable to His Majesty as part of the Provincial revenue is imposed in respect of each licence issued to persons intending to marry:

THAT in the case of Indians intending to marry the said fee is found to be unduly burdensome, and the result is that the persons concerned are frequently debarred from obtaining a licence and from solemnizing their marriage pursuant to the said act:

THAT without such relaxation of the strictness of the said Act relative to the collection of the said revenue as is hereinafter recommended great hardship to the individuals referred to cannot be avoided:

AND TO RECOMMEND, under the authority of section 43 of the "Revenue Act", that in all cases where the persons intending to marry are Indians the fee so payable for the necessary marriage licence shall be remitted in part, and that a fee of one dollar only shall be payable therefor in lieu of the said fee of five dollars otherwise payable.

DATED this 21st day of May, A.D., 1928.

"T.D.Pattullo "
Provincial Secretary.

APPROVED this 21st day of May, A.D. 1928.

"J. D. MacLean."
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

(Order-In-Council No. 524.)

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FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(c) Cities of over 1,000 population.

DIVISION NO. 1.

Rural
Urban
(c) Cumberland
(c) Duncan
(c) Ladysmith
(c) Nanaimo
(c) Port Alberni
(c) Victoria.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Rural
Urban
(c) North Vancouver
(c) Vancouver.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Rural
Urban
(c) Chilliwack.
(c) New Westminster.
(c) Port Coquitlam.
(c) Port Moody.

DIVISION NO. 4.

Rural
Urban
(c) Enderby
(c) Grand Forks
(c) Kamloops
(c) Kelowna
(c) Merritt
(c) Penticton
(c) Vernon.

DIVISION NO. 5.

Rural
Urban
(c) Cranbrook
(c) Fernie
(c) Nelson
(c) Revelstoke
(c) Rossland
(c) Trail.

DIVISION NO. 6.

Rural
Urban
(c) Prince George
(c) Prince Rupert
(c) Smithers.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

May 9th. 1930.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

I have to thank you for your letter of May 2nd regarding the registration of vital statistics in British Columbia.

The explanation of the statement made in Mr. French's letter is quite satisfactory. However, both Mr. Macphail and myself took it as a reflection upon the work of our Agents.

I shall send a copy of your letter to Mr. Macphail.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C Scott

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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May 2, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo with enclosure of a letter from E.S.Macphail, Chief, Division of Census and Vital Statistics, at Ottawa, with regard to the registration of Vital Statistics among Indians of the Province of British Columbia, and I note therein an excerpt from a letter of Mr.H.B.French, Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, British Columbia, in which the impression is given that it is "practically impossible to get correct registrations at all".

In reply I beg to say that it is quite apparent there is some misunderstanding, although I am of the impression that what Mr.French intended to convey was that it was practically impossible to get absolutely correct registration of all Indian Births, Marriages and Deaths.

In 1912, all Indian Agents of British Columbia were appointed Deputy Registrars of Births, Marriages and Deaths among Indians, and since that date returns have been sent in to the Vital Statistics Branch of the Provincial Government, and there have been no complaints reach this office that the Agents have been derelict in their duties in this regard, except in one or two cases after the system was put in operation. It is felt that the printed and typewritten reports of the Vital Statistics Branch of the Provincial Government will show that the Agents have, of late years at least, supplied all the information that it has been possible for them to do, for it must be remembered that in the outlying districts of the Province it is very difficult to get correct returns in view of the lack of authentic sources of information. The information supplied to the Vital Statistics Branch by the various Indian Agents comes from either the Department's physicians, missionaries, or from Indians, but where both doctors and missionaries are few and Indian Agents are not able to visit every reserve on stated occasions, such as is the case in the better organized sections, you will realize that it is quite possible that both some births and deaths take place of which the Indian Agent is not informed and, consequently, can not report on.

I understand from the Vital Statistics Branch here that the Ottawa Branch is anxious to have the registration of Indian statistics to coincide with that of the whites in that the registration districts should be given. As we have only seventeen Indian Agencies in the Province of British Columbia and there are some ninety-two registration districts, it is inevitable that each Agency will cover several of the registration districts. This feature has just been brought to

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my attention by the Provincial officials, and I have promised to help them out in this matter by informing them which registration districts are in every Agency as soon as as they provide me with a list showing just where the registration districts are located. This will involve some labour on my part, but I feel confident I can straighten the matter out.

In conclusion I may say that I was talking to Mr. French and his subordinate yesterday on this subject and they assured me that, when writing to Ottawa, it was not intended that any reflection should be cast upon the work of the Indian Agents.

I am,

Yours very respectfully,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

April 23, 1930.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:-

In connection with the registration of Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia in so far as Indians are concerned, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. E. S. Macphail, Chief of the Division of Census and Vital Statistics, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and also copy of my reply to him.

It is my desire that our officers should co-operate as fully as possible with the provincial authorities in the matter of these registrations.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

W.E.Ditchburn,Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.,

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April 23, 1930.

Dear Mr. Macphail:-

I have your letter of the 15th instant in reference to the registration of Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia. I shall take this matter up with Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, our Indian Commissioner at Victoria. In the meantime I am attaching hereto a list of Indian Agents in British Columbia with their addresses. Mr. French might communicate with them direct, but I would also suggest that he communicate with Mr. Ditchburn.

Yours very truly,

E.S.Macphail,Esq.,
Chief,
Division of Census and Vital Statistics,
Dominion Bureau of Statistics,
Ottawa.

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Dominion Bureau of Statistics,
Census and Vital Statistics Branch.

Ottawa, April 15, 1930.

Duncan C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt.General,
Dept.Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

In a letter recently received from Mr. H.B.French, Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, British Columbia, occurs the following:-

> "The Indians of this province must be kept separate and apart from the other registrations. Registration was only undertaken at the request of the Indian Department. This department has no control over the agents and we find it practically impossible to get correct registrations at all".

In view of the foregoing statement by Mr. French would you be so kind as to request your Indian officers in British Columbia to comply with the Vital Statistics Act of that province and take steps to see that all births, deaths and marriages among the Indian population are properly registered and either the original certificates or copies of same forwarded to the Deputy Registrar at Victoria. If you agree to have your agents of the Indian Department serve as Registrars of Vital Statistics we would then notify Mr. French, requesting him to get in touch with these persons and supply them with the necessary material for carrying out the Act.

We are extremely anxious to have complete registration of Indians in British Columbia as in every other province we have pretty fair registration.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) E.S.Macphail.

Chief, Division of Census and Vital Statistics.

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August 3, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th July in which you enquire if Order-in-Council No. 524 applies to Indians married by a minister or priest, or only to Indians married by a Justice of the Peace.

In reply I beg to say this Order-in-Council applies to all Indians irrespective of who performs the ceremony and refers to the permit which is issued by the Provincial Government to all persons wishing to marry. In the case of white people this permit costs $5.00 but henceforward this permit will be issued to Indians for the sum of $1.00.

I am returning the letter from the Office of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, which you submitted with your letter of the 26th ultimo as I have received a copy of the same from the Provincial Government.

AVH/KD.

Enclosure:-

Yours truly,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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INDIAN OFFICE

At Telegraph Creek. B.C.

July 26 th 1928. 19

MEMO.

W.E. Ditchburn Esq.
Indian Commissioner.
Victoria. B.C.

Sir,

The attached information has been received from the Office of Registrar of B.D.&M. Victoria, and may I be informed if this ≠ applies to Indians married by a Minister or Priest, or only to Indians wishing to be married by a Provincial J.P.

I find that there are no more envelopes here for the above Office addressed, may a few be sent, please.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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It will enable the child, later, to prove:

Age for School purposes;
Age for Employment purposes;
Right to Marry;
Right to Vote;
Right to hold Public Office;
Right to Inherit Property.

Delayed registrations may be submitted to the office of any of the District Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

July 17th, 1929.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Sir:

By Order-in-Council #1052,

approved July 13th, 1929, you were appointed an Issuer of Marriage Licences for Indians only, as and from the 1st day of July, 1929.

Yours obediently,

H. B. French

Deputy Registrar, B.D.& M.

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Prov. of Brit. Columbia Registry of Births

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

July 16th, 1928.

Indian Commissioner,
Victoria,
British Columbia.

Sir:

Complying with your request, I am enclosing herewith copy of Order-in-Council re Marriage Licences for Indians, for your files.

Yours obediently

H.B. Deuch

Deputy Registrar, B.D.& M.

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Copy of Minute
Approved
May 25th, 1928.

REPORT;--

THAT, under section 16 of the "Marriage Act" a licence fee of five dollars payable to His Majesty as part of the Provincial revenue is imposed in respect of each licence issued to persons intending to marry:

THAT in the case of Indians intending to marry the said fee is found to be unduly burdensome, and the result is that the persons concerned are frequently debarred from obtaining a licence and from solemnizing their marriage pursuant to the said Act:

THAT without such relaxation of the strictness of the said Act relative to the collection of the said revenue as is hereinafter recommended great hardship to the individuals referred to cannot be avoided:

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DATED this 21st day of May, A.D., 1928.

"T.D. Pattullo"
Provincial Secretary.

APPROVED this 21st day of May, A.D. 1928.

"J.D. MacLean"
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Order in Council No 524

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

July 13th, 1928.

Indian Commissioner,
Victoria,
British Columbia.

Sir:

Order-in-Council #524, approved May 25th, 1928, provides for Marriage Licences being issued to Indians for a fee of One Dollar ($1.00), instead of Five Dollars ($5.00), as provided under the Marriage Act. Licences are being shipped to all Indian Agents today.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Yours obediently,

Deputy Registrar, B.D. & M.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 254,024-1.

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT IN EACH LETTER.

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, September 21st, 1914.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, regarding the registration of births, marriages and deaths of Indians, I beg to inform you that the Department communicated with the Deputy Provincial Secretary, Victoria, on the 14th ultimo, asking him if some amendment could not be made to the Provincial Act with a view to the provisions thereof being extended so as to include Indians as well as others; no reply has yet been received to that communication. Kindly interview the Deputy Provincial Secretary on this subject and report further.

With regard to the closing paragraph of your letter I beg to say that the Ontario Act provides for the payment of a fee of twenty cents (20¢) to the Division Registrar, for each complete registration of a birth, marriage or death, and, with the object of inducing the Indians to record their births, marriages and deaths, this Department asked for a small vote from Parliament to enable the Indians to pay this fee. This of course cannot be made to apply to British Columbia as the provisions of the Act for the registration of births, marriages and deaths in British Columbia does not include Indians.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, October 31st. 1914.

SIR :—

On the 21st September (25-4024-1) the Department wrote you regarding The registration of births and deaths of Indians asking you to interview the Provincial Secretary & report on the matter.

and it is desired that you will kindly reply without further delay.

It is important that all official letters requiring answers shall receive prompt attention.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Your obedient servant,

J.D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn Esq
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Vancouver.
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to them inconsistent with the general law on any subject; that this Department is most anxious that Indians should register their Births, Marriages and Deaths the same as other residents in the different Provinces, and that where the laws of the Provinces so provide it is quite willing that the Indian Agents should be appointed Division Registrars, and is prepared even to go so far as to provide for the payment of any registration fees for Indians if they are unable to pay the fees themselves; and the Department has expressed the hope that on further consideration of this matter, the Provincial Secretary will see his way to make such an amendment to the Provincial Act respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, so that Indians may be included as well as other residents of the Province.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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10th September, 4.

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Sir:-

You will possibly remember that when in Victoria during your recent visit to the Coast the matter of registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Indians was discussed to a slight extent.

I have before me a copy of the British Columbia Act respecting the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages and notice that Section 3 extends the provisions of that Act to all races and nationalities excepting persons who are Indians within the meaning of the Act of the Dominion Parliament respecting Indians. The section referred to reads as follows:-

3. " The provisions of this Act shall apply to every person resident within this Province, whether such residence be permanent or temporary, and shall apply to all races and nationalities except persons who are Indians within the meaning of the Act of the Dominion Parliament respecting Indians------ R.S. 1911, c. 22, s. 3."

This, of course, precludes the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Indians, by the Government of British Columbia, so long as the Act remains in its present form.

If I remember correctly you informed me that the Department had some working agreement with the Government of Ontario whereby the Births, Deaths and Marriages of Indians could be registered in that Province. I would feel obliged if you would

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of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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would let me have an outline of this arrangement as it might be possible that a like agreement could be had with the Government of British Columbia in the near future.

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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3 Cowichan Agency.

This Agency made its report in the year 1917 every month regularly ~~and~~ last did not report again till Feb. 5th 1919. for the whole year 1918.

West Coast Agency.

This Agency has made its report regularly every month right up to the end of January 1919.

1 Babine Agency.

This Agency made its first report for them month of July 1917; no reports were received for September, November & December 1917, In 1918 it did not report for the months of January, March, April May, October, November & December., But it has Made its report for January 1919.

2 Bella COOla Agency.

This Agency has not reported for July & August 1917 ~~and~~ nor for April, August, September, &November. 1918 It Has also made its report January 1919.

4 Kamloops Agency.

This Agency has made two reports only the first on November 15th 1917 and the other on April 17th 1918.

5 Kootenay Agency.

This Agency ~~xxx~~ did not report for January & March 1917 but has reported every month since.

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7 Lytton Agency.

This Agency did not report for January,August &December I9I7 and has reported regularly since till date.

8 Nass Agency.

This Agency did Not report for Febuary,June and August I9I7 nor for April,July,October and December I9I8.

9 New Westminster Agency.

This Agency has not reported for Febuary,June,July & August ~~XIX~~ I9I7, nor forJanuary,June,July and November I9I8.

10 Okanagan Agency.

This Agency has never made a report nor answered any letters which may have been sent to him, But on the 23rd of December I9I8 He Made a request for some Supplies.

10 Queen Charlotte Agency.

This Agency did not make a report for January,Febuary,April, May,June,July,September,October & December I9I7 nor for May. September,November&DecemberI9I8. But it Has made its report for January I9I9.

11 Stikine Agency.

This Agency did not report for January,Febuary,April, June, October& November I9I7 nor forMarch,August, November & December,I9I8.

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Stuart Lake Agency.

This Agency has reported regularly every monthright to the end December 1918 and the reports have beenmade in the proper manner

Williams Lake Agency.

This Agency has neither made a report nor answered any letters that may have been sent to it.

Kwawkewlth Agency.

This Agency ~~xx~~ made its first report for the whole year 1917 on January 21st 1918 and only reported for Febuary~~&~~ March 1918, and has not reported since.

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Note.

Being early in the month all the reports for January 1919 have not been receiver yet.

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Your Letter No. II7/486/J.

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Queen Charlotte Agency,

Massett, B. C., March 8th, 1919.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 42.8419.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14th February instant, informing of a complaint from the Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, which is, to say the least, uncalled for and incorrect.

I have kept the Registrar fully informed of Births, Deaths and Marriages, in this Agency, since receiving instructions so to do. Have even gone to expense and trouble in the work and notified the Registrar of deaths, outside my Agency, in order to keep him posted on every Indian belonging to our Bands.

It is possible that no returns were given, during some months. Indians are not continually dying, while births and marriages occur, intermittently. Some months, we have no births, deaths or marriages to report, and we are not at headquarters, at the end of every month, in an Agency where it takes weeks to go from one reserve to another and return to the Agency office.

If the Registrar is aware of one birth, death or marriage, that occurred since I received instructions to report, I would be pleased to know of it. The Field Matrons and Nurses, and clergymen, report to me, as soon as possible, and I send in the Provincial Forms, as regularly as possible. We provide our own stationery and are not provided with postage stamps, by the Provincial government. It takes a month to receive and acknowledge

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria,
B. C.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
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letters and to receive reports. Apparently, the Registrar misunderstands the position of an Indian Agent. We are not always in our office, and have no clerks to look after our business during office hours, when we are visiting other reserves and settlements. We cannot keep up regular correspondence, and our office hours are not similar to those who live in cities. We travel, Sundays and Mondays, and any correspondence must await our return to headquarters. I have just returned, after absence since 26th January last. Under the present steamer schedule, it takes me a month to visit Skidegate and return to Massett. He apparently forgets that our Indians are nomadic, and go where they please. Some visit the South Coast, and die there, as two died, recently, at Vancouver and Ocean Falls It, sometimes, takes weeks, and months, to hear of a birth, a death, or a marriage. Indians do not understand every new Act passed for the guidance of the people. They will not travel hundreds of miles, to my office, to report a birth, or a death. We have no doctors. Only two nurses, on the two principal reserves, and they, sometimes, are ill, or on vacation.

I feel that the Registrar should be satisfied to get returns, when possible, provided we do not neglect sending them in. He has returns of every death, every birth, and every marriage of members of Bands in this Agency, during 1917 and 1918, and cannot state that one birth, death, or marriage was not reported. I have been over-particular in this respect. Because I do not report on the first of every month is not my fault. My duties call upon me to travel, and I report as soon as possible, after my return to headquarters. When the Registrar receives the reports as early as it is possible to send them to Victoria, he should be satisfied. When the statement is made that my reports for several months were not received, that statemwnt is certainly incorrect. If I have

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to make out a statement, reporting no deaths in the Agency, I will do so, monthly.

I am of the opinion that the Registrar should be thankful for the assistance we are giving in this respect, consideing that it is so difficult to obtain particulars , even for our Annual Reports to our Department.

An Indian Agent can only do his level best, and such complaints are not appreciated by those who endeavour to do their duty, faithfully and well.

Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas Deasy

Indian Agent.

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NASS INDIAN AGENCY,

Prince Rupert,B.C.,

March 20th,1919.

REG.

I beg to transmit herewith for your perusal a copy of a letter sent from this office to-day to Dr.R.W.Large,of Port Simpson,in respect to his returns to this office.

Your obedient servant,

Charles C. Perry

Indian Agent.

I. Department of Indian Affairs,Ottawa;
2. Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,Victoria;
3. Provincial Registrar,Victoria.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

March 20th, 191 9

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 1266.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt from you to-day of your medical reports for ten months ending February 28th, 1919, At the foot of each monthly report you have given me names only of the Indians in respect to births and deaths for this period, with no further particulars.

I would point out to you that you will doubtless be aware that registrations of births and deaths should be made on regular forms such as you have used in making records of previous births and deaths, a supply of which are always available upon requisition.

I would also endeavour to make clear to you that the Department requires that all its responsible officers shall make returns expeditiously, and that great inconvenience is occasioned at several offices if returns are not so made.

Considerable correspondence has been had of late in respect to complaints of the Provincial Registrar to the effects that Indian Agents have appeared to be dilatory in making returns and agents have been censured and disconcerted as a result.

It is impossible for agents to furnish the Provincial Registrar with regular returns as required unless the former receive the co-operation of the doctors, missionaries etc. in this regard.

Your failure to make the necessary returns for a period of ten months both to the Indian Department and in respect to registrations is inexcusable so far as this office is concerned; and in future delays of this nature will have to be seriously considered. I cannot assume responsibility for dilatoriness on the part of officers under my direction or supervision, and this phase will be made clear to both departments.

Will you be good enough to fill in the forms of Birth and Death sent herewith under separate cover in respect to the following cases:-

Births

Wesley, Moffatt, Ryan, Mc Millan, Cecil, Rose, Tait, Mc Kay, Mc Millan and Wells;

Deaths

Harris, Mather, Nelson, Pierce, Smith, Green, Wellington, Scott, Nelson, Johnson, Ryan, Ryan, Denny, Mc Kay, Wells, Poole, Wilson.

Your obedient servant,

Charles C. Perry

Indian Agent.

R.W.Large, Esqr.M.D.,
Superintendent Port Simpson General Hospital
& Medical Officer to Port Simpson Indians,
PORT SIMPSON .B.C.

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MEDICAL REPORT OF PATIENTS TREATED BY R.W.LARGE.M.D.AT PORT SIMPSON.B.C.

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.1919.

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	99.	59.	399.	557.
KITSUMKALUM.	1.		61.	62.
HARTLEY BAY.	2.		43.	45.
KITSELAS.	4.	7.	13.	24.
PORT ESSINGTON.	1.			1.
KINCOLETH.	3.		2.	5.
KITKATLAH.		1.	20.	21.
TOTAL.	110,	67.	538.	715.

DISEASES. Anaemia.1. Apoplexy,with Hemiplegia.1. Alopecia following Flu.1. Burns.1.Bronchitis.4. Chronic Bronchitis,following Flu.1. Corneal ulcer.2. Confinements.2. Crushed finger.1. Catarrh.1. Diarrhoea.1. Debility following Flu.2. Endometritis.4. Endocarditis,4. Epistaxis.1. Fractured femur.1. Granular lids.1. Gall stone colic.1. Gastritis.6. Haemorrhoids.1. Haemorrhage of bowels.1. Imbecility.1. Intestinal derangement.14. Impetigo Contagiosum.1. Infected foot.1. Infection of cut knee.1. LaGrippe.2. Neurasthenia.1.Nephritis acute.3. Optic neuritis.1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.-Incipient,7. Advanced.3. Perityphlitic abscess.1. Rheumatism.3. Scabies.1. Tooth Ache.2. Tubercular Cervical glands.2. Tonsillitis.3. Thrush.1. Urethral stricture.1.

OPERATIONS.4. Opening and drainage of Perityphlitic abscess.1.
Amputation of first phalynx of finger,following crushing,
Removal of Tubercular cervical glands.1, Incising infected foot.1.

BIRTHS.2. Boys, { Mrs George Ross - Boy
Mrs Dan Cecil Boy

DEATHS, 1, From Pulmonary Tuberculosis,

Ethel Nelson - Kitsumkalum

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MEDICAL REPORT OF INDIAN PATIENTS, TREATED BY R.W.LARGE.M.D., AT PORT SIMPSON AND PORT ESSINGTON.B.C., -FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE. 1918.

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	30.	7.	53.	90.
PORT ESSINGTON.	19.	7.	43.	69.
KITSUMKALUM.	2.		31.	33.
KITWINGAH.	11.		30.	41.
KISHPIAX.	19.	1.		20.
KINCOLETH.	2.	1.	6.	9.
KIMSQUIT.			6.	6.
BELLA BELLA.	1.			1.
MASSETT.	1.			1.
KITZEGUCLA.	1.		3.	4.
KITKATLAH.		1.		1.
AIYANSH.	1.			1.
KITSELAS.	1.	1.		2.
HARTLEY BAY.	1.			1.
SKIDEGATE.	1.			1.
TOTAL.	90.	18.	172.	280.

DISEASES. Anaemia. 2. Amenorrhoea. 1. Absees › of groin. 1. Bronchitis. 8. Burns.1. Cut finger. 1. Corneal ulcer. 1. Cystitis. 2. Dementia. 1. Endocarditis. 7. Eczema. 3. Epistaxis. 1. Fracture of Femur. 1. Fractured rib. 1. Gonorrhoea. 1. Gastritis.4. Granular lids. 1. Iritis. 2. Interstitial keratitis. 1. Intestinal derangement. 13. La Grippe. 5. Malnutrition. 1. Middle ear disease. 2. Necrosis of bone. 2. Neuralgia 3. Ophthalmia. 2. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.-Incipient.11. Advanced. 5. Paralysis Agitans. 1. Rheumatism. 1. Scabies. 1. Scrofulous sores. 2. Syphilis. 2. Syphilis with paralysis. 1. Tubercular cervical glands. 3. Tonsillitis. 1. Teeth extracted.2. Toothache. 1. Ventral hernia. 1. Whooping cough. 3.

OPERATIONS. 2. Onabscess of groin. 1. Setting fracture of femur under Ether. 1.

DEATHS. 1. Young girl with Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

I spent this month at Port Essington,-paying one visit to Port Simpson ,the middle of the month. Dr. J.C.Spencer took care of the Medical work at Port Simpson.

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MEDICAL REPORT OF INDIAN PATIENTS, TREATED BY R.W.LARGE. M.D., AT PORT ESSINGTON B.C.

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. 1918.

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	27.	16.	98.	141.
PORT ESSINGTON.	16.	14.	65.	95.
KITSELAS.	3.	9.		12.
KITSUMKALUM.	3.	1.	49.	53.
KITWINGAH.	16.	1.	5.	22.
KITZEGUCLA.	2.		52.	54.
KISHPIAX.	29.	11.	57.	97.
HARTLEY BAY.		2.		2.
HAZELTON.	11.	5.		16.
GLEN VOWELL.	5.			5.
METLAKAILA.	4.	2.	20.	26.
AIYANSH.		3.		3.
SKIDEGATE.	2.	6.		8.
KITKATLAH.		1.		1.
KITWINCOLE.	2.	1.		3.
KIMSQUIT.			1.	1.
TOTAL.	120.	72.	347.	539.

DISEASES. Anaemia. 1 Appendecitis. 1. Alopoecia Areata. 1. Bronchitis. 9. Cut head from fall. 1. Corneal ulcer. 3. Confinements. 2. Cut fingers. 4. Cellulitis of face. 1. Corns. 1. Cystitis. 1. Dementia. 1. Endocarditis. 3. Eczema. 1. Endometritis. 1. Fractured femur. 1. Granular lids. 2. Gastritis,-acute. 1. Chronic. 6. Haemorrhage of bowels. 1. Interstitial keratitis. 1. Iritis. 1. Intestinal derangement. 11. La Grippe. 45. La Grippe with Pneumonia. 2. Mucocele. 1. Neurasthenia. 1. Neuralgia. 1. Ophthalmia. 1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis,-Incipient. 2. Advanced. 5. Rheumatism. 7. Stye. 1. Syphilis with Meninheal complications. 1. Syphilitis ulcers of legs. 2. Shock from fall. 2. Thrush. 3. Tooth ache. 4. Teeth extracted. 2. Tubercular cervical glands. 1. Ventral hernia. 1. Whooping cough. 2.

OPERATIONS. 3. Stitched cut head. 1. Stitched cut finger. 1. On face cellulitis. 1

BIRTHS. 2. 1 Boy and 1 Girl.

DEATHS. 2. LaGrippe with Pneumonia. An old man & a baby girl. Both from Kishpiax.

Note. One trip was made to Port Simpson during month. Dr. Spencer in charge there.

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MEDICAL REPORT OF INDIAN CASES TREATED BY R.W.LARGE.M.D.,AT PORT ESSINGTON.B.C.,

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. 1918.

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	16.	7. ///	39.	62.
PORT ESSINGTON.	19.	2.	56.	77.
KITSUMKALUM.	4.	0.	32.	37.
KISHPIAX.	12.	2.	8.	22.
KITZEGUCLA.	8.		38.	46.
KITWINGAH.	7.	1.		8.
METLAKATLA.	3.	3.		6.
KITWINCOLE.	2.			2.
HAZELTON.	2.			2.
SKIDEGATE.	4.	2.	5.	11.
GLEN VOWELL.	7.			7.
MAINSKINISHT.		1.		1.
KITLOXDAMIX.		1.		1.
KITKATLAH.	4.	2.		6.
ANDIMOL.		1.		1.
KIYANSH.	2.	1.		3.
KITWINSILK.	2.			2.
TOTAL.	92.	24.	178.	294.

DISEASES. Axe cut of hand. 2. Anaemia. 2. Bruise of face. 1. Bronchitis. 5. Corneal ulcer. 2. Cellulitis of face. 1. Cystitis. 1. Cut tongue. 1. Confinement. Cut nose. 1. Cut finger. 1. Catarract. 1. Endocarditis. 4. Endometritis. 1. Eczema 2. Feruncles. 1. Fractured femur. 1. Gastritis.-Acute. 2. Chronic. 3. Gonorrhoea.2 Granular lids. 2. Haemorrhage of bowels. 1. Hysteria. 1. Interstitial Keratitis.1. Infected thumb.4. Hand. 3. Finger.2. Intestinal derangement. 9. Inverted eyelids. 1. La Grippe. 4. Needle broken in foot. 1. Necsored bone. 1. Ophthalmia. 2. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.-Incipient. 3 .Advanced. 1. Rheumatism. 8. Syphilis. 2. With Cerebral complications. 1. With ulcers. 2. With paralysis. 1. Inherited. 1. Threatened miscarriage. 1. Torn fingers. 1. Teeth extracted. 1. Tubercular cervical glands.1. Tonsillitis. 1. Tubercular meningitis. 1.

OPERATIONS. Removal of needle from foot.1. Repair of axe cut of hand.1. Stitching cut tongue.1. Removal of necrosed bone.1. On infected thumb.1. On infected hand.1.

BIRTHS. 3. Two girls and one boy.

Deaths 2 - Syphilis with Cerebral Complications 1. Tubercular Meningitis 1.

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FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. 1918.

TRIBE.	OFFICE VISITS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	48.	45.	221.	314.
PORT ESSINGTON.	1.			1
KITZEGUCLA.	1.		2.	3.
SKIDEGATE.	1.			1.
METLAKATLA.	2.		9.	11.
KINCOLETH.	4.			4.
TOTAL.	57.	45.	232.	334.

DISEASES. Amenorrhoea. 1. Bronchitis. 4. Cystitis. 1. Cut of nose. 1. Confinement. 1. Corns. 1. Cut head. 1. Corneal ulcer. 1. Dysmenorrhoea. 1. Diarrhoea. 1. Endometritis. 1. Endocarditis. 3. Eczema. 3. Gastritis.-Acute. 1. Chronic. 2. Gall stone colic. 1. Hysteria. 1. Haemorrhoids. 2. Intestinal derangement. 9. Iritis. 1. Miscarriage. 1. Miscarriage with sepsis. 1. Miscarriage threatened. 1. Ophthalmia- 1 Perineal abscess with urethral stricture. 1. Pulmonary tuberculosis.-Incipient.5. Advanced. 2. Petit mal. 1. Rheumatism. 1. Syphilis with ulcers. 1. Septic finger.1. Scabies. 1. Tooth ache. 2. Teeth extracted. 4. Tubercular cervical glands. 2. Ulcerated teeth. 1. Ulcerated nose. 1. Ventral hernia. 1

OPERATIONS. Dilitation and curettage of uterus, following septic miscarriage.1
On septic finger. 1. On Tubercular cervical glands. 1.

BIRTHS. 1. Boy.

DEATHS. 2 Woman, from septic peritonitis, following miscarriage. Attended by Indian woman at time of miscarriage. Consulted me only two days before death.
Old man, with ventral hernia and Endocarditis.

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FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. 1918

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL
PORT SIMPSON.	91.	280.	280.	650.
KINCOLETH.	1.		2.	3.
PORT ESSINGTON.	1.	76.	9.	86.
METLAKATLA.	1.	106.		107.
UPPER NAAS.		60.		60.
TOTAL.	93.	522.	291.	906.

DISEASES. Bronchitis. 6. Carbuncle. 1. Endocarditis. 1. Eczema. 1. Epilepsy.1. Endometritis. 1. Gall bladder colic. 1. Gastritis. 1. Intestinal derangement. 8. Injured leg from fall. 1. La Grippe.(Spanish). 152. Perineal abscess with Urethral stricture. 1 Pulmonary Tuberculosis.-Incipient.2. Advanced. 1. Rheumatism.4. Tubercular cervical glands. 1. Threatened Miscarriage. 1. Tubercular peritonitis. 1 Ulcerated mouth.1

OPERATIONS. 1. On carbuncle.

DEATHS. 10. All from Spanish Influenza, with Pneumonia.

The following is a summary of the localities where the Flu cases were treated, and the death rate in each.

Port Simpson. 22 cases with 4 deaths. 3 of the fatal cases were brought from Prince Rupert, all in a critical condition with Pneumonia.

Georgetown Sawmill. 8 cases with no deaths. 1 Baby died before my visit.

Metlakatla. 12 cases seen with no deaths.

Prince Rupert Cannery. 75 cases seen with 3 deaths.

Prince Rupert City 35 cases seen with 3 deaths.

TOTAL. 152 cases seen with 10 deaths.

During the month I spent 12 days in Prince Rupert, at the height of the Epidemic, and paid one visit to Georgetown Sawmill, one visit to Metlakatla, and two visit to the Prince Rupert Cannery. I made one night trip to Port Simpson, during my stay in Prince Rupert, and saw the cases there with Dr. J.C. Spencer, who kindly took charge of the Simpson cases during my absence. Isolation of the Flu cases admitted to the Hospital,, & a measure of quarantine in the homes affected, kept the cases to 22.

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FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.1918

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	HOSPITAL VISITS.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	105.	252.	592.	949.
METLAKATLA.	2,			2.
KINCOLETH.	2.			2.
TOTAL.	109.	252.	592.	953.

DISEASES.Anaemia.2. Appendecitis. 1, Amenorrhoea.1. Bronchitis,chronic,following Flu.1.Eczema .2. Endometritis .1.Epilepsy .1. Gastritis .5. Injured leg from fall .1. Intestinal derangement .3. Infected thumb .1. Influemza,Spanish 35. Lupus .1. Nail wound of hand.1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis,-Incipient .5. Advanced.2. Perineal abscess,with Urethral stricture .1. Rheumatism .2. Spphilis,Tertiary .1. Inherited .1. Thrush .1. Teeth extracted,2.Tubercular cervical glands .2. Vomiting of Pregnancy.2.

OPERATIONS On Tubercular Cervical Glands .1. On Infected thumb.1.

DEATHS. 6, From Spanish Influenza,with Meningeal complications,3.

From Spanish Influenza,with Pneumonia.

Baby,with Inherited Syphilis .1.

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B.C.,FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.1918,

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	VISITS IN HOSPITAL.	TOTAL.
PORT SIMPSON.	92.	66.	278.	436.
KINCOLETH.	1.	1.	44.	46.
METLAKATLA.	1.			1.
HARTLEY BAY.	3.		3.	6.
KITSUMKALUM.			37.	37.
TOTAL.	97.	67.	362.	526.

DISEASES. Abscess of head.1. Anaemia.1. Bronchitis,(acute).3. Bronchitis,-Chronic,following Flu.3. Bruise from fall.1. Burns.2. Confinements.3. Cut of toe.1. Corneal ulcer.1. Debility following Flu.5. Epilepsy.1. Endocarditis.3. Eczema.1. Endometritis.1. Feruncle of ear.1. Fainting attack.1. Gastritis.3. Haematuria.1. Hemoptosis.1. Iritis .1. Infected thumb.1. Infected tooth.1. Intestinal derangement.9. Infected wound of hand.1. Influenza.8. Lumbago.1. Middle ear disease.1. Neuralgia.1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis,Incipient.6.Advanced, 1. Rheumatism.3. Sleeplessness.1.Severed tendon in old scar.1. Syphilis,with paralysis.1.Tonsillitis.1. Tubercular peritonitis.1.Tubercular cervical glands 2. Toothache.2. Teeth extracted.4. Vomiting of pregnancy.1. Urethral stricture

OPERATIONS. On Tubercular cervical glands.1. On abscess of head.1.

BIRTHS. 3. One girl and twin boys,-one of boys stillborn.

DEATHS. Old man,on a visit to Ketchikan,died there of heart disease.

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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.1919.

TRIBE.	OFFICE CALLS.	VISITS IN HOMES.	VISITS IN HOSPITAL.	TOTAL
PORT SIMPSON.	113.	87.	443.	643.
HARTLEY BAY.			56.	56.
KITSUMKALUM.	1.		89.	90.
KINCOLETH.	3.	6.	38.	47.
METLAKATLA.	2.	1.		3.
KITKATLAH.	2.	1.	5.	8.
TOTAL.	121.	95.	631.	847.

DISEASES. Anaemia.1. Amenorrhoea.2. Alopecia.1. Alopecia following Flu.2. Asthma,with endocarditis.1. Burns.1. Broken rib.1. Bronchitis.9. Chronic Bronchitis,following Flu.1. Corneal ulcer.1. Crushed finger.1. Cut thumb.1. Confinements.2. Diarrhoea.4. Debility following Flu.3. Endocarditis.1. Endometritis.1. Eczema.3. Epilepsy.1. Fractured femur.1. Fainting attacks.3. Gastritis.6. Haemoptosis.1. Intestinal derangement.12. Influenza.6. Infected hand.1. Imbecility.1. Incipient hip joint disease.1. Laryngitis,3. Miscarriage.2. Nephritis,1. Neuralgia.3. Pulmonary Tuberculosis,Incipient.5. Advanced.4. Quinsy.1. Rheumatism.5. Scabies.1. Tooth ache.2. Teeth extracted.2. Tonsillitis.1. Tubercular cervical glands.3. Tubercular Peritonitis.1. Talipes Varus.1. Urethral stricture.

OPERATIONS. 4. Repair of cut thumb.1. Repair of crushed finger.1.
On tubercular cervical glands.1. Getting Fractured Femur,under Ether anaesthesia.1.

BIRTHS .3. Two boys and one girl,

DEATHS. 3. Tubercular Peritonitis.1.
Second boy of twins born in December. Malnutrition.
Asthma,with Endocarditis.

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Sir:-

In replying to your letter of September 21, 1914, having reference to the desirability of the Department of Indian Affairs that the Government of British Columbia should so amend the Act, Representing the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages, so as to include Indians as well as others, I beg to say that the opinion is expressed by the Provincial Secretary that as Section 91, sub-section 24, of the British North America Act, specially reserves to the Federal Government the jurisdiction over all Indians of Canada the matter of registration of Indian births, marriages and deaths lies within the power of the Department of Indian Affairs, it is therefore deemed to be unnecessary to amend the Provincial Act to meet the case.

It has been suggested by the Provincial Secretary that the Indian Act should be so amended that Indian Agents would be created registrars of births, marriages and deaths for all Indians under their jurisdiction.

I may say that in taking this matter up in the first place with D. C. Scott, Esq., the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, my desire was that some more accurate records of the vital statistics amongst the Indians might be had, as well as, if possible, making it more easy for the Indians to contract civil marriages than to continue in

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

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in the custom of tribal marriages. I am of the opinion that the Indians should be compelled to register their births and deaths at the earliest opportunity after the occurrence of the same, whether with Dominion or Provincial officials it would not matter.

The suggestion put forward by the Provincial Secretary seems reasonable, and I believe if it could be carried out that we would then be doing a great deal in keeping more accurate records of our Indian population. Regulations bearing on the registration of births, marriages and deaths, somewhat along the lines of the Provincial Act, might be put in force.

In cases where Indians are married by missionaries records of these contracts should be forwarded to the Indian Agent, who would keep the same on file. In a country, where the Indians are scattered to such an extent as they are in British Columbia, it is somewhat difficult for the Agents to glean the necessary information on their rounds through their agencies, but once the Indians were made to understand that it was compulsory on their part to supply the Agents with information as to the births and deaths, and were informed that the Agents were empowered to perform civil marriage ceremonies between Indians I am inclined to believe that we will be making a step forward.

These are my opinions and I trust are worth some consideration. It is possible, however, that this phase of the question may have already been dealt with by the Department at Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, November 24, 1914.

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SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE NOV 29 1914 VICTORIA, B. C.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, No. 657/D., regarding the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Indians in the Province of British Columbia, and to inform you that the Department has received a communication from the Provincial Secretary, suggesting for reasons stated therein that the Indian Act should be amended to enable this Department to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Indians.

The Provincial Secretary has been informed in reply that under the British North America Act the Provinces are given exclusive powers as to the solemnization of marriage and as to property and civil rights, under which they are enabled to collect vital statistics; that the Indians stand on the same footing as others of His Majesty's subjects as to the law both civil and criminal, except in so far as the Indian Act makes special provision with regard

to

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 1st, 6
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W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector, Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:- RE Registration Indian Vital Statistics.

For your information I enclose printed copies of the instructions and forms which I have transmitted to the Indian Agents in British Columbia.

Such co-operation as you may be able to give in the carrying out of the system is counted upon.

Yours truly,

H. E. Young

REGISTRAR.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES,

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 12th, 1916.

To .....

Indian Agent.

Sir,

Your attention is called to the following appointments:--

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

26th October, 1916.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Indian Agents to be Registrars under the "Marriage Act," and District Registrars of Vital Statistics, for Indians only:—

Name.	Agency.	Address.
W. R. Robertson	Cowichan	Duncan.
C. A. Cox	West Coast	Alberni.
R. E. Loring	Babine	Hazelton.
Iver Fougner	Bella Coola	Bella Coola.
John F. Smith	Kamloops	Kamloops.
R. L. T. Galbraith	Kootenay	Fort Steele.
H. Graham	Lytton	Lytton.
Chas. C. Perry	Nass	Metlakatla.
Peter Byrne	New Westminster	New Westminster.
J. R. Brown	Okanagan	Vernon.
Thos. Deasy	Queen Charlotte	Masset.
W. S. Simpson	Stikine	Telegraph Creek.
W. J. McAllan	Stuart Lake	Fraser Lake.
Isaac Ogden	Williams Lake	Lac la Hache.
W. M. Halliday	Kwawkewlth	Alert Bay.

The list may prove very handy for reference. Should a return be received by you which properly belongs to another agency, please forward same to the agency in which event took place.

Yours obediently,

M. MILLER,
Deputy Registrar.

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GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO .....

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FROM .....

Sept 25th 1931

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

I am enclosing herewith two copies of the letter as per your telephoned request.

J. Marshall

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The Government of
The Province of British Columbia.

Office of Registrar, Births, Deaths
and Marriages,
Victoria, B. C., December 12th, 1916.

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Indian Agent,
.....B.C.

Sir:

Please accept this as an official notice that you have been appointed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a Registrar under the "Marriage Act," and a District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages under the "Vital Statistics Act Amendment Act, 1916."

The powers and duties of a Registrar under the "Marriage Act" as well as those of a District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages under the "Vital Statistics Act" are clearly set forth under each Act, but your duties under your appointment in each case are confined to Indians.

You have been instructed by circular letter of this same date respecting the registration of vital statistics.

As a Registrar under the "Marriage Act" you are, as the Act provides, authorized to issue licences for marriages to be solemnized by a clergyman or performed by yourself. See Section 8 of the Marriage Act.

There is transmitted to you by this mail a book of ten forms of Marriage Licences, also a scrap-book in which you are to paste the forms A,B,C, and D (also enclosed) when they have been filled in and signed in connection with any marriage, and the same are to be carefully kept by you as evidence that you were justified in issuing the marriage licence.

You are, as a Registrar under the "Marriage Act", to guard against any such exercise of the power to perform marriages between Indians as might impinge upon the rights of clergymen as to the performance of marriage.

The desire of the Dominion and Provincial authorities is that the solemnization of Indian marriages by religious rites should be encouraged. Nor is it desired that licences should be preferred to banns.

The purpose of your appointment under the "Marriage Act" is to provide a ready means of marriage by civil contract for Indians who wish to be so married, and especially for those who, if not provided with such means, would resort to so-called marriage by tribal or Indian custom, or to concubinage.

The only marriages legal in this Province are those solemnized by a clergyman or performed by a Registrar under the "Marriage Act."

I would advise a careful study of both Acts--Marriage

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and Vital Statistics--so that errors and mistakes may be avoided in the performance of your functions thereunder.

Should cases occur where the principals cannot write, you are to prepare the documents and have the parties sign with the "X", you noting same and signing as witness to the signatures.

NOTE.-- Form D. cited above, has been dropped. In its stead you will use the Marriage Certificate of Indians.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Young,

Registrar.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES,

VICTORIA, B.C., December 12th, 1916.

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Indian Agent,

..... B.C.

SIR:

At the instance of the Dominion authorities charged with the conduct of Indian Affairs, and with the approval of the Provincial Government, the Legislature at its last session made provision by "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" for the registration under the Provincial system of the births, deaths, and marriages of Indians, and it has been arranged at the desire of the said authorities that, in the carrying-out of the provisions of the law, Indian agents in British Columbia are to act under my direction and transmit to me the required returns on approved forms.

For your information I enclose a copy of the aforesaid Act; and to the end that you may familiarize yourself with the provisions of the whole law of the Province as to vital statistics and acquaint yourself with the system established for the returning and recording of births, deaths, and marriages, I also enclose a copy of "An Act respecting the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages" (cited as the "Vital Statistics Act"), of which the first-named Act is an amendment.

Special forms for the reporting to this office of births and deaths of Indians and forms of certificates of marriages among them for similar transmission have been prepared and authorized under the first-mentioned Act, and a supply of the same is forwarded to you, under separate cover, as follows:—

(*a.*) Return of birth.....copies.

(*b.*) Return of death .....copies.

(*c.*) Certificate of marriage.....copies.

As to the marriage certificate, I would direct your attention to the fact that under the "Marriage Act" of the Province marriages may be either solemnized by a clergyman or performed by a Registrar appointed under the said Act. In the former case the officiating clergyman is to sign at the bottom of the form on the front; in the latter case the Registrar performing the marriage is to sign the certificate on the back of the form, and a line is to be drawn through the portion of the form (marked by double asterisks) for signature by an officiating clergyman.

In the light of the Acts enclosed, the forms are self-explanatory. But it may be well to emphasize the fact that after the system of Indian registration under the Act of last session goes into effect under these instructions, all certificates of marriages of Indians are to be on the form prepared under the said Act. You should, therefore, notify all clergymen in your vicinity who have performed or may perform marriages of Indians of your Agency of the change in the law, supplying them with forms and instructing them to make their return of certificates of Indian marriages to you.

You are, in so far as Indians are concerned, a District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and your duties as such are similar to those prescribed in the main Act for District Registrars in Provincial registration districts. The limits of your district are the limits of your Agency, and your duties are confined to the Indians thereof.

For the proper keeping of the duplicates of returns and certificates, I am forwarding you in a separate package three sets of binders. You will observe that the forms are made to suit the same, so that with reasonable care there can be no destruction or mutilation of the records.

You will note that the original returns and certificates are to be transmitted to this office on the first day of each month.

Your records of births, deaths, and marriages are open to inspection under the law.

Should you require any further information or instruction as to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages among the Indians of your Agency, the same shall be furnished upon application.

You are to put the system of registration herein described into operation immediately upon receipt of these instructions and the forms.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication and its enclosures, and of the matter forwarded to you under separate covers, enumerating the same.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. YOUNG,
Registrar.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Alert Bay B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 274-11
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

December 5th 1916. 191

Sir,—

Would you kindly advise ~~me~~ me what is being done with regard to the registration of birhts deaths and marriages of Indians. You remember that all, the Indian Agents excepting myself were recently appointed Registrars under the act and My appointment was made some years previously.

I have received absolutely no communication from the Vital Statistics Department on the matter nor have any forms come to hand regarding it.

Mr Corker returned a few days ago from Victoria where he had been attending the consecration of the new Bishop and he told me that this matter came up at a meeting of the church in Victoria and the question of Indian Marriages was discussed and he suggested to me that if any marriage took place according to Indian Custom and I did not register it that the Church would take it up and the onus would be on me. This did not seem quite a fair deal so far as I wias concerne as I have received no instructions whatever as to registering any marriages other than those performed by myself and those have been few.

I understood you to say while here that new forms were being prepared to meet the new conditions involved in the Indian Registration.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Halliday.

Indian Agent.

W.E.Ditheburn Esq.

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Victoria.

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14th December, 6.

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, having reference to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Indians.

No doubt you will have received by this time from H. E. Young, Esq., Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province of British Columbia, copies of the instructions sent to all Indian Agents. I note what you have to say with reference to the suggestion made by Mr. Corker that you should register all Indian marriages which take place according to the Indian custom and on this matter I beg to say that it will be impossible for you to do this as a Registrar as you will see in the instructions sent you on the 12th instant. If you have not received copies of these instructions let me know and I will see that you are furnished with the same.

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

W. M. Halliday, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Alert Bay, B. C.

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September 21, 1917.

Sir:-

In reply to your telephone enquiry of this afternoon as to the different Inspectors of the Province I beg to herewith submit their names and addresses:

W. E. Ditchburn,	Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.	Victoria.
A. M. Tyson,	Inspector of Indian Agencies (Northern Inspectorate).	Vancouver.
A. Megraw,	Inspector of Indian Agencies (Southeastern Inspectorate).	Vernon.

Trusting the same will be of use to you, I remain

Your obedient servant
W. E. Ditchburn
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.
per A. M. W.

Munroe Miller, Esq.,
Registrar,
Births, Marriages & Deaths,

Provincial Health Department,
Provincial Parliament Bldgs.,
Victoria, B. C.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

VICTORIA, B.C., Sept. 23rd 1917

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C. (Box 775)

Sir;- re Inspectorships

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and to thank you for the information therein contained.

Yours obediently

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Registrar. B.D.& M.

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File 254024-1. 10th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that I have received a complaint from the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Province of British Columbia that a number of the Indian Agents have not been complying with the instructions sent them on 12th December, 1916, that returns of the births, marriages and deaths of Indians in their Agencies should be sent to him at the beginning of each month.

It is pointed out that of the fifteen Agents only Agent McAllan, of the Stuart Lake, and Agent Cox, of the West Coast Agency, have sent in returns regularly since they were appointed District Registrars. The two worst offenders have been Agent Brown of the Okanagan Agency and Agent Ogden of the Williams Lake Agency. The Registrar states that neither of these Agents have ever made a report since their appointments nor have they answered any letters sent to them.

The complaints as regards the balance of the Agents are as hereunder:-

BABINE AGENCY---Agent Loring made his first report for the month of July, 1917; no reports were received for September, November and December, 1917. In 1918 he did not report for the months of January, March, April, May, October, November and December. He has made his report for January, 1919.

BELLA COOLA AGENCY---Agent Fougner has not reported for July and August, 1917, nor for April, August, September

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

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and November, 1918. He has made his report for January, 1919.

COWICHAN AGENCY---Agent Robertson made his reports in the year 1917 every month regularly but did not report again until February 5th, 1919, for the whole year 1918.

KAMLOOPS AGENCY---Agent Smith has made two reports only; the first on November 15th, 1917, and the other on April 17th, 1918.

KOOTENAY AGENCY---Agent Galbraith did not report for January and March, 1917, but has reported every month since.

KWAWKEWLTH AGENCY---Agent Halliday made his first report on January 21st, 1918, for the whole year of 1917 and only reported for February and March of 1918. He has not reported since.

LYTTON AGENCY---Agent Graham did not report for January, August and December, 1917, but has reported regularly ever since.

NASS AGENCY---Agent Perry did not report for February, June and August, 1917, nor for April, July, October and December, 1918.

NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY---Agent Byrne has not reported for February, June, July and August, 1917, nor for January, June, July and November, 1918.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY---Agent Deasy did not make a report for January, February, April, May, June, July, September, October and December, 1917, nor for May, September, November and December, 1918, but has made a report for January, 1919.

STIKINE AGENCY---Agent Simpson did not report for January, February, April, June, October and November, 1917, nor for March, August, November, and December, 1918.

It may be that in some cases where Agents have

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skipped certain months there were no births, marriages or deaths to report and consequently did not deem it necessary to send in any return.

I am writing letters to each of the Agents complained of pointing out that it is absolutely necessary to forward returns each month in any event.

I trust this action will meet with your approval.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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13th February, 1919.

Sir:-

With further reference to the matter of the registration of births, marriages and deaths of Indians I beg to say that I have received a letter from Mr. Indian Agent Perry, of the Nass Agency, a copy of which I am herewith enclosing, in which it is shown that the Rev. J. B. McCullagh continually fails to report burials of Indians, and apparently up to the present there is no way of making him do this, and as Agent Perry intimates, the whole system becomes a fiasco unless some machinery is provided for the compulsory registration as outlined in the Provincial Act by missionaries, and, I might also say, physicians as well, for I learn that some of the doctors are very lax in sending to the Agents returns of the deaths among the Indians.

Incorporated in Agent Perry's letter is one from H. E. Young, Esq., the Provincial Registrar, in which he points out that while his Department has been empowered to "receive" statistics of births, marriages and deaths of Indians, he has no power to deal with any infractions of the Act. I had an interview with Dr. Young on the matter and he informed me that his letter to Agent Perry was written after an opinion had been obtained from the Attorney General.

It appears to me that if the registration of vital statistics of Indians is to be carried out successfully it will be necessary to have an amendment of the Indian Act making it compulsory on the part of missionaries, physicians and

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

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and possibly Indians also, to supply information to the District Registrar (the Indian Agent) within the time specified by the Provincial Act.

I am herewith enclosing for your information a copy of "An Act Respecting the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1913," with amendments thereto.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Nass Indian Agency, B.C.,
Prince Rupert,
Reg. January 29th, 1919.

Sir:-

I have received a letter from the Provincial Registrar which will be self-explanatory and is as follows:-

"Victoria,B.C.,
January 21st, 1919.

"Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, wherein you refer to the failure of the Rev. J. B. McCullagh to report burials of Indians and your suggestion that prosecution might be instituted from the fact that he continually neglects to report these deaths, I beg leave to say that in Sec. 3 of the Vital Statistics Act it states that "the provisions of "this Act shall apply to every person excepting persons who "are Indians."

In 1916 an amendment was passed to enable this Department to receive statistics of births, deaths and marriages of the Indians from the Indian Agents. But other than receiving these statistics we have no power to deal with any infraction of the Vital Statistics Act of B.C. as regards Indians.

Does not your Dominion Act require missionaries and agents to report deaths and burials. If not we would suggest that you take the matter up with your Department at Ottawa, and have such provision made and in that case such changes will be made in the Provincial Act as will conform to the Dominion one.

When I mentioned the Vital Statistics Act I might point out that while the provisions of the Act do not apply to Indians, yet in the question of Marriages the Marriage Act of the Province provides that "these shall be registered" and Indians are not excepted in this instance.

I am enclosing you a copy of the Vital Statistics Act with the 1916 amendment.

Yours truly,

H. E. YOUNG,

Registrar."

You will see that the above matter is vital to all the Indian Agents in the Province. If the registration of births and deaths cannot be demanded the whole system becomes a fiasco and a lot of work is entailed in giving attention to a partial registration only which is aggravating and demoralizing.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Charles C. Perry,

Indian Agent.

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NASS INDIAN AGENCY.B.C.,
PRINCE RUPERT,
January 29th,1919

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Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles E. Pratt

Indian Agent.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEPARTMENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO. 388479
ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

OTTAWA, ONT., Feb 28, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letters of the 10th. and 13th. 117/445J, with regard to the registration of births, marriages and deaths. The matter of collecting and registering vital statistics is one for the Province to deal with. It would seem that the proper course for this Department to pursue would be to give the Provincial authorities all possible assistnace, rather than duplicating their Act by Dominion legislation. The Department can, of course, discipline its own officers who refuse or neglect to make the returns asked for, the making of which can be considered as part of their official duties. But I do not think that the Department could control the action of Missionaries, and the only course open would be for the Agent to report cases of neglect to the Department, so that the matter might be laid before the Church authorities who have supervision over them.

I have sent the attached circular to the Agents in British Columbia, and shall be glad to receive any further recommendations that you may care to make.

Your obedient servant,

D. M. Lean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

February 28, 1919

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You should advise the Medical Officers of your Agency that the Department desires them to co-operate with you in this matter, and that failure to advise you promptly of cases coming to their attention will be seriously viewed.

It would be advisable for you to requestthe assistance of the Missionaries in order that you may receive proper notice of marriages performed by them. Should you fail to receive the assistance necessary to enable you to make out your returns, that fact should be brought to the attention of the Department.

It is particularly desired that the provisions of the "Vital Statistics Act" be carried out inso far as it lies in the power of Indian Agents to do so, and I trust that you will give this matter your careful consideration.

Your obedient servant,

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Your obedient servant,

D. M. Lean

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117/484/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Naas Agency no reports were received from you for the months of February, June and August, 1917, nor for April, July, October and December, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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117/485/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the New Westminster Agency no reports were received from you for the months of February, June, July and August, 1917, nor for January, June, July and November, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

Peter Byrne, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
New Westminster, B. C.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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117/486/J.

14th February, 1919.

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On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

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Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Thos. Deasy, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Massett, B. C.

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117/487/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Stikine Agency no reports were received from you for the months of January, February, April, June, October and November, 1917, nor for March, August, November and December, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

W. Scott Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Atlin,
April,5th,I9I9,

Mr W,E,Bitchburn,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B,C.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February,I4th,I9I9, #II7/487/J, with reference to registration of Birth,Deaths,and Marriages, and in reply I beg to state that, during certain months no returns had come to hand and for that reason I did not make returns to the Provincial Registrar , The Indians of this Agency are scattered over a vast territory and it is impossible to get returns monthly, For example, Every year I make a trip into the liard country and reach Liard Post on or about the first of July ,at which time the Indians congregate at the Trading Posts to meet the first Boats with supplies, My stay in this place seldom longer than ten days, and I am likely to meet four separate bands of Nomad Indians or at least some of the members of each band and from these I gather statistics, extending over a period of Ten Months during whish time they have been away from the Posts, and the Post Manager on enquiry has informed me that there were certain Indians that he had not seen for two seasons as they had been trapping near Frances Lake at the head waters of the Liard and had Gone to Ross River Post,on the Pelly Branch of the Yukon with their catch of furs and from there had crossed over to the trading Post on Teslin Lake in the following Winter, consequently he could give me no information, and there being no Missionery or Medical man in that section of the country I simply had to wait until they came in before I coild get the necessary information, The Indians of the Tahltan and Atlin Bands as a rule make frequent trips in from their hunting grounds and dispite that fact we are often compelled to record births, that have taken place five months before as their hunting grounds are often ten days journey from Telegraph Creek, Were I to send in a statement to the effect that there were no Births or Deaths during the month of January and report in June that five Births had been recorded as taking place in January I would probably be asked to explain why I had not recorded these facts in the proper month,

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2, month, Had I been instructed to send in Blanks during months in which no records were made I would have done so . At present I am in Atlin gathering Statistics and have recorded 2 Births that have just been reporter as taking place two Months ago and yet I have only met a few of the Band as they are scattered in ever direction on their hunting and trap ing grounds and will not be in town before the month of June, at which time I will be at the n Liard Post, 800 miles distant from this point and will not see these before the latter end of July, In conclusion, I may state that the only Indians who have a Reserve Are the Tahltans and only a few of t the older people live on the Reserve the balance of the Indians 7 Bands in all are Nomadic and never trade at any particular Post but dispose of their furs at whatever point is nearest to the section in which they are hunting, Frequently the Big Game migrates from one section of the country to another and the indians are obliged to follow it up and are therefore uncertain as to their future movements. I would be greatly obliged if the Registrar would advise me as to what I am to do under existing conditions .

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Scott. Simpson

Indian Agent,

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117/483/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on the 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Lytton Agency no reports were received from you for the months of January, August and December of the year 1917.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in the above instances you did not submit returns owing th the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during the months above mentioned and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make returns, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Lytton, B. C.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Lytton. B.C.

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Feb.17th. 1919 191

Sir,—

I Beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter NO 117/483/J dated Feb.14th. re making my Vital Statistic Returns every month.

In reply I beg to say that there were none recorded the three months mentioned in your letter, and I did not know at the time that it was necessary to report whether there were returns or not to send in.

The Registrar notified me to that affect with the result that I have not missed a month since.

Your obedient servant.

H. Graham.

Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Vernon.
B. C.

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117/482/J.

14th Feburary, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on the 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Kwawkewlth Agency your reports for the year ending 31st December, 1917, were not made until 21st January, 1918, and the only reports received for the year 1918 were for February and March.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Halliday, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Alert Bay, B. C.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Kwawkewlth Agency

Alert Bay B.C.

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Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., No 117/482/J regarding a complaint that has been made from the Registrar of Births Marriages and Deaths and in reply I b beg to state that I am forwarding to the Registrar registration of death of a few cases which occured during the Influenza being the only ones of whichI have accurate statistical information. So far none of the Indians have ever reported births to me and a marriage that can be registeredis very rare, and I only get the particulars of death sometimes long after the death has occured.

Your obedient servant,

W M Halliday

Indian Agent.

W.E. Ditchburn Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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117/480/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marraiges and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths of the Indians of the Kamloops Agency you have made only two reports, the first on 15th November, 1917, and the other on 17th April, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place among the Indians of your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

John F. Smith, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B. C.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Kamloops, B.C.,

February 22, 1919. 191

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 215-011
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

File 117/480J, February 14, 1919.

Sir,—

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the date and file as above. In reply I beg to say that I am sorry to hear of the complaint which has been lodged with you with reference to a monthly report of the Births, Deaths and Marriages in this Agency. I beg to say that I have tried my best to keep abreast of all the duties encumbent upon this office, but in spite of myself, I find myself behind along certain lines, the report of the Births, deaths and marriages, being one of them. I might mention that one of the great stumbling blocks in connection with this report is the, as yet, insurmountable difficulty of getting the information. Any one acquainted with the extent of this Agency will realize in a moment how utterly impossible it is for any Agent to visit twenty one villages every month to secure the necessary information for a monthly report, as the Indians will not voluntarily send in such information. In the Catholic Missions I have been depending on Rev. Father Le Jeune, O.M.I. for the information, which he gives me when I have a chance to see him. In the other Missions of the Thompson Tribes, I find it very difficult to get this information from the Indians, even when they are asked the direct question. The Chiefs, as a rule, do not trouble themselves about such occurrences, especially the births, neither do the Missionaries in charge of these Missions. I have been gathering up the names of those who died of Influenza for a general report of the deaths, but I am, andhave always been completely

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,

VICTORIA, B.C.

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completely handicapped as to births and marriages,. However, I will have the reports ready in a few days for transmission to the Registrar. I cannot see how the regulations requiring a monthly report can be complied with. I will endeavour to send in a report, if there is one case during the month, in future.

Your obedient servant,

John D. Smith
Indian Agent.

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117/479/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Cowichan Agency your reports for the year ending 31st December, 1918, were not received until 5th February, 1919.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month whether any births, marriages or deaths have taken place or not.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

W. R. Robertson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncans, B. C.

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117/478/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Bella Coola Agency, no reports were received from you for the months of July and August, 1917, nor for April, August, September and November, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in some instances you have not submitted returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month, and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make a return, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Iver Fougner, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Bella Coola, B. C.

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117/477/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Babine Agency, your first report was made in the month of July, 1917, and no reports were made by you for the months of September, November or December of that year, nor for January, March, April, May, October, November and December, 1918.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

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Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

R. E. Loring, Esq.,
Indian Agent,

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117/477/J.

Hazelton, B.C., March 8th, 1919.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo informing me that complaint had been made by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the Province and that, though I had been appointed a District Registrar on 12th December, 1916, it had been alleged that many of my reports, inclusive of such of October, November and December, 1918, had failed to have been sent in.

Relative thereto I beg to reply that all those mentioned, though not transmitted immediately at the end of every month, have gone forward, and have acknowledgment for the same to show.

Regarding the latter dates quoted, the Registrar, Mr. H. E. Young written me a very kind letter under the 10th ultimo, wherein it is stated:-

"I beg to acknowl-
"edge, with thanks, receipt of your returns of births, deaths
"and marriages occurring in your Agency for the months of Oct-
"ober, November and December, 1918. The list of deaths from
"the epidemic as made out by you will be especially useful to
"me, etc.,"

"I note that you are in difficulty over the "Blank
"Forms," and would say that by these we mean the same forms
"that returns would be made on if you had any, but have none,
"just write across the face, "No return for the month of . . .,
"in lieu of particulars, etc."

And, I here beg to add that, owing to the conditions of the epidemic, when deaths were occurring from the end of one month into another I believed it that the compilation prove more intelligently and readier of insight to be represented for the three months, though seperate in collective order for all.

Concerning the whole, when considered that the Indians of these parts have a superstitious belief that the departed's name should not be mentioned, even in a feast that is given to his or her memory, it is somewhat necessary to be rather aware of such facts from personal knowledge than otherwise. This likewise obtains relating their births and marriages (tribal.)

Moreover, I here may cite the fact that among my latest returns, forwarded under the 8th instant, were of births:- Florence Bolton, date of birth May 10th, 1917, and Frederick Ernest Seymour, December 9th, 1918, both of Kitselas, and that regarding the latter I made the note upon their transmission :-

"I here beg to state that the aforegoing Certificates
"of their respective dates did not reach me until the 25th ult-
"imo, and very much regret that thus the returns are rendered
"confusing and conflicting as regards their order and dates."

And in context relatively the whole, I could cite in the premises similar instances too numerous to mention within the scope of the present occasion.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

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W. E. DITCHBURN, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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117/476/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that a complaint has been received from the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Province of British Columbia, that though you were appointed on 12th December, 1916, a Registrar under the "Marriage Act" and a District Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths under the "Vital Statistics Act, 1916" for the purpose of registering births, marriages and deaths of Indians, that no reports have ever been received from you, nor have you ever answered any letters sent to you.

The instructions given you at the time of your appointment as District Registrar pointed out to you that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar on the first of each month.

I have therefore to request that you will in the future comply in all respects with the instructions governing the registration of births, marriages and deaths of Indians in your Agency.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

J. Robert Brown, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

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117/481/J.

14th February, 1919.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that complaint has been made by the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province that though you were appointed a District Registrar on the 12th December, 1916, for the purpose of registering the births, marriages and deaths among the Indians of the Kootenay Agency you did not forward reports for the months of January and March, 1917.

On this matter I beg to point out to you that you were instructed at the time of your appointment as District Registrar that the original returns and certificates were to be forwarded to the Provincial Registrar at the first of each month.

I therefore have to request that you will in the future forward these returns regularly each month.

It may be that in the above instances you did not submit returns owing to the fact that no births, marriages or deaths took place in your Agency during that month and you therefore deemed it unnecessary to make returns, but in cases such as this I beg to inform you that the Provincial Registrar desires me to say that it is absolutely necessary that a monthly return must be made in any event.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

A. L. T. Galbraith, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Steele, B. C.

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KOOTENAY

FORT STEELE, B.C.

FEB 18 1919.

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th February No. 117,681 J. advising me that the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths complained that I had not sent in returns for January and March 1917. who' appointed on the 12th December 1916.

In reply, I beg to say that on the 22nd Janry. 1917 I sent in my first report to Vancouver, B.C. and on March the 10th I sent in a second to there, then on March 26th I sent one to Victoria and also one on April 20th and since then the reports have been sent after the 1st of each month promptly and regularly.

What seems very strange is, that every month the Registrar has been acknowledging the receipt of the returns, but not a word of complaint from him or explanation asked, until nearly two years had passed.

I may say, that my aim has been to comply with instructions sent if at all possible, and the Registrar does not realize how difficult to get the necessary information in an Agency where the Reserves are so far apart.

Your obedient servant,
R. L. T. Galbraith
Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Victoria B.C.

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I have therefore to request that you will in the future comply in all respects with the instructions governing the registration of births, marriages and deaths of Indians in your Agency.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Isaac Ogden, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Lac La Hache, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Lac La Hache

February 22nd 1919

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No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
FEB 27 1919
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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. re complaint from the Registrar of Vital Statistics, for the Province of British Columbia, in reply beg to say, that the commencing of June I had the report on that subject nearly ready to forward and unfortunately my dwelling-house and office were burnt to the ground on the fourth of June, and lost everything and all the papers and information gathered, in regards the Vital Statistics, I had Rev. Father Thomas the Missionary to assist me and it took a good many months to gather such information as was required from that Branch, and it is impossible to get it every month as my agency is large and scattered, reserves are hundreds of miles from each other. after the fire I notified the Vital Statistics Branch, that every I got from them & my papers and information were burnt

I have the honour Sir
your Obedient Servant
Isaac Ogden Indian Agt.

W.E. Ditchburn Esq
Chief Inspector of Indian agencies
Victoria B.C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

February 21st, 1919

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. Ref.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

W.E.Ditchburn, Esqr.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria.B.C.

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, calling my attention to the fact that the Provincial Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages complained to you that I had failed to send him returns for February, June and August, 1917, and April, July, October and December, 1918.

I think it would be a good thing if your informant would take care to acquaint himself with the facts before lodging such a complaint.

I would inform you that I have been most careful to give the Provincial Registrar on theface of printed forms information where no returns had been received for the month.

I have on file the Registrar's acknowledgements of returns for February, 1917; June, 1917. Concerning August, 1917, I wrote the Registrar on August 6th pointing out to him that I had written to him on June 5th previous (TWO MONTHS) requesting to be furnished with forms. At the end of August I found that owing to the fishing season being in full swing and no returns had been received for that month. I wrote across the face of blank forms "no reports for August" and sent them to the Registrar.

For 1918, I have on file copy of a letter to the Registrar enclosing returns for April, 1918, viz:- Deaths 1- Gosnell, Births none, Marriages 3 - Gosnell, Stephens and Mc Kay. No acknowledgement of these returns can be found.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
MAR 3 1919
VICTORIA, B.C.

On July 20th (a busy fishing month) I wrote a lengthly letter to the Registrar enclosing additional returns for June which had been late in coming to me. I referred to the absence of Indians for considerable periods at

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Sir,—

at their fishing stations and hunting lodges; and though no returns proper may have been sent for that month, the customary forms with "no report for July" were sent in.

I have also the Registrar's acknowledgement of the October returns which he complained he had not received. October and November returnes were acknowledged in one letter dated December 23rd, 1918.

Returns were sent in for December, 1918 with the January returns as the former were belated, they having to be gleaned from many parts of British Columbia where Indians of the Nass Agency had died of Influenza. I explained this in a letter to the Registrar accompanying the returns.

This date is February 21st, and I had, prior to the receipt of your letter dated February 14th, viz:- February 12th - sent in all returns received by me up to that date in a desire on my part to have my returns up-to-date.

In addition to this I have on several occasions writte to the Registrar concerning the difficulties I have experienced in getting returns made by clergy etc. all of which should indicate that there has been no laxity on my part.

The fact that I have acknowledgements on file of returns which the Registrar has complained he has not received would indicate that the Registrar himself or his staff are not in a good position to make a complaint, and I hope you will kindly point this out to the Registrar.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Yours sincerely,

Chas E. Perry

Indian Agent.

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117/20453.

March 4, 1931.

Sir:

I desire to report that I was recently furnished by the Provincial Government Public Health Department tabulated Vital Statistics relating to the Indians of British Columbia. These records are summarized briefly in the enclosed copy of a press cutting from the "Victoria Daily Colonist", which I am forwarding to the Department, thinking the same will be of interest.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

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

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March 3, 1931.

VITAL RECORDS AMONG INDIANS

Deaths from Tuberculosis Have Been Reduced During Year - Births Increase.

A recent report issued from the office of the Public Health Department of the Province conveys the information that while tuberculosis is the most fatal disease among the native tribes of British Columbia, the death rate from that cause declined last year.

Of 491 deaths among the Indians last year, 164 were attributable to tuberculosis. This made the death rate from the disease 6.53 per 1,000. The records of 1929 showed a higher rate of 6.99 per 1,000.

Figures prepared relative to the Indian population of the province show that the registered births among the tribes are advancing as compared with the deaths. There were 610 births and 491 deaths registered among the native races in British Columbia during 1930.

W. E. Ditchburn, Commissioner of Indian Affairs in British Columbia, attributes improved conditions to the fact that greater care is being exercised over the wards of the Government in the matter of medical attention and nursing.

There were 158 marriages registered during the year among the Indians, it is reported.

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117/20381.

February 27, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Kindly accept my thanks for your letter of the 26th February, instant, with which you were good enough to send me copy of the report of your Department of the registrations of births, deaths and marriages of Indians of British Columbia as registered during the year 1930 by the several Indian Agents. These statistics will be found very helpful in connection with our office records.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

H. E. Young, Esq.,
Registrar, Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Victoria, B.C.

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REGISTER THE BABY'S BIRTH

It will enable the child, later, to prove

Age for School purposes ;
Age for Employment purposes ;
Right to Marry ;
Right to Vote ;
Right to hold Public Office ;
Right to Inherit Property.

Delayed registrations may be submitted to the office of any of the District Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

February 26th, 1931.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

Under separate cover I am today forwarding you a copy of the report of this department of the registrations of births, deaths and marriages of Indians as registered by the Indian Agents of British Columbia, during the year 1930.

A copy of this report has also been forwarded to Dr. Scott.

Yours obediently,

W.E. Young

Registrar, B.D.& M.

JM/CW

per a.c.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

February 4th, 1931.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, re figures given in the Vital Statistics Report for 1929.

The figures given on Page S 11 are the total number of registrations of births and deaths of Indians which have been received from the Indian Agents by this Department, while those appearing in tables 26 and 42 are those classified as Indians by the Vital Statistics Department at Ottawa. The Department at Ottawa include under Indians all Indians and Half-Breeds whether they are living on the Reserve and come under the meaning of the Indian Act of the Dominion Government or not. This naturally gives the figures in the tables somewhat higher than those given for the total number of registrations received from Indian Agents.

Yours obediently,

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Deputy Registrar, B.D.& M.

JM/CW

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117/20092.

January 27, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your Department's 58th report of Vital Statistics for the year 1929.

In thanking you for your courtesy in sending this to me, I desire to call to your attention what appears to be a discrepancy in the Indian Vital Statistics. On page 511 the births registered in 1929 totalled 457 and deaths 540; while in Table 26 births are shown at 511 and in Table 42 deaths are given at 555. Perhaps there may be some satisfactory explanation of this apparent difference, in which case I would thank you to kindly advise me.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/AC

The Registrar
Of Births, Deaths & Marriages,
Victoria, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

No. II7/I7087.

Bella Coola, B.C.
April 2, I930.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
APR 10 1930
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18th ultimo; contents have been carefully noted.

In looking over the records for this agency of death certificates received and sent in, I find the following for the three last years:

Year	Deaths from Tuber-culosis	Deaths All Causes	T.B. Rate per cent all Deaths	Indian Population	T.B. Rate per M.
I927	9	20	45	I236	7.37
I928	9	23	39.I3	I236	7.37
I929	5	23	2I.30	I236	4.04

It will be noticed that while the per centum cause of deaths attributed to tuberculosis during the years I927 and I928 from this agency was higher than for the whole Province, it will likely be considerably lower for the year I929. But as you suggest it is possible that there have been cases where the cause should have been reported other than tuberculosis, and that these statistics thus give too unfavorable an impression. I shall bear this in mind and notify those who make out these reports to be careful in giving correct cause of death, particularly those who are not physicians. I have already mentioned the matter to Dr. H. A. McLean of Bella Coola.

Obediently yours,

Ivor Tougner, Indian Agt

W. E. Ditchburn Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Kamloops, B.C.,
April 2nd.,1930.

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Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 117/17087, of the 18th ulto., being a circular report on the Vital Statistics Branch of the Government of British Columbia, for the year 1928.

I have very carefully noted this circular and I agree with you that in many cases where no cause is known of the death of an Indian, tuberculosis is put down as the most probable cause.

However, now that we are having the medical service better organized, no doubt a great deal of this will be obviated.

Yours obediently,

Ewen MacLeod

(Ewen MacLeod)
Indian Agent.

EM/S.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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CANADA
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Merritt, B.C.
Mar.24th,1930.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Circular Letter No.117/17087 of the 18th instant, dealing with the Indian death rate from **Tuberculosis.** The contents and instructions of which have been noted.

I do not myself doubt but that the high percentage of deaths from this disease, as shown in the quoted statistics are far too high, this being accounted for by the fact that in those cases where a proper diagnosis has not been obtained, of which there are many, these deaths have been shown on the death returns as being from Tuberculosis, and in many of these cases, while this disease may have been present, the death of deceased may quite probably be attributed to some other illness altogether.

I will, in future, endeavour to have shown on these returns, the more definite cause of the death, as far as possible.

Yours obediently,

Alfred H. Barber

AHB/ES

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Alert Bay, B. C.,
March 24, 19 30.

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Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 18, file 117/17087, having to deal with Vital Statistics, particularly with the apparently very high rate of deaths reported to be from tuberculosis. Personally I am inclined to think that these reports are very much exaggerated. We know from the medical survey made that there are a number of cases of tuberculosis amongst the Indians, but very often, as you suggest in your letter, the cases are reported as dying of that disease when it should have been put down for some other cause. In the future, however, I will be governed by your circular and will take particular pains to make investigations along these lines when deaths are reported.

Your obedient servant,

(W.M. Halliday)
Indian Agent

WMH/SMT

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

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H. E. YOUNG, M.D.
PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH
VICTORIA, B.C.

March 22nd, 1930

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th inst,, wherewith you send copy of circular letter which you have sent to all Indian Agents.

The points you make are well taken, and I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Vrooman, who has been rather active in his criticism in regard to both the Indian Department and the Provincial Board of Health.

Yours truly,

H E Young

PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER

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Lytton, B. C.,
March 21, 1930.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
MAR 22 1930
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 18th, relative to Vital Statistics in connection with T.B. amongst the Indians of British Columbia.

I note your instructions re giving the matter very careful attention, when informed of an Indian dying of T.B. before sending in the return as thus.

I might say that I have always been very careful to make sure on this point, as I certainly do not want this Agency to be credited with any more deaths from T.B. then is absolutely necessary.

Yours obediently,

H. Graham

(H. Graham)
Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B. C.

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

File No. 1-5.

New Westminster, B.C.
March 24th, 1930.

Your Reference No.117/17087.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Circular dated the 18th instant, regarding the percentage of tuberculosis appearing in the reports of Indian deaths.

In this connection, I may say that from observation I think it altogether likely that the figures are quite correct, and if I may be allowed to do so, I would suggest that in the interest of the Indians the medical expenditures might well aim at removing the cause rather than attempting to cure the effects.

So long as Indians reside in old infected houses T.B. will be on the increase. The only visible expenditure that the Indian sees being made out of the $100,000.00 grant is the small allowance made for agriculture, and I venture to say that if part of the large medical appropriation from this source was devoted to building new houses and destroying old ones, the Indians would be very much more satisfied than they are, at present, and we should have made a long step in the practical control of the disease.

I shall, of course, carefully check death reports and see that any doubtful cases are not recorded as T.B.

Yours truly,

A.O'N. Daunt.
Indian Agent.

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MAR 25 1930
VICTORIA, B. C.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Victoria, B.C.

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Dear Doctor Young,-

Relative to our conversation over the telephone to-day in connection with the statistics showing the T.B. death rate per thousand population among the Indians, I am attaching hereto for your information copy of a circular letter I have addressed to all Indian Agents in the Province as well as to Inspector Pragnell, which explains itself. I think you will agree with me that it is most important that the death rate among the Indians from tuberculosis should not be published any higher than are the actual facts of the case.

Yours very respectfully,

Enclosure:-

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Parliament Buildings,
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G.S.Pragnell, Esq.,
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107/3/17058.

March 17, 1930.

Dear Dr. Young:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 26th ultimo with which you enclosed a copy of a communication from the Conservative Association of Sidney complaining that a number of Indians living around those parts were in a very advanced stages of tuberculosis and the fact that some of these young children were attending the public school giving the white parents cause for alarm, the Association above referred to considers something should be done in the matter to see that the tubercular Indians are removed to some place where they can receive proper attention and not be a menace as they must be the way they are going around now.

In reply I beg to say that there are no Indian Reserves within five miles of Sidney though, no doubt, some of the Saanich and other Indians go to that place for business reasons and there is no law to prevent them doing so even though they might possibly be affected with tuberculosis. The same thing applies to white persons.

I may inform you, however, that no Indian children are attending the public schools in the Saanich Peninsula. The Saanich School Board did permit some time ago four Indian children to be educated at the West Saanich School. These, however, were cleanly clad, healthy and made excellent progress in their studies and there was no complaint against them so far as the School Board was concerned. The Minister of Education, however, informed the School Board that the practice should not be continued. Consequently, these children were turned out of the school in October last. It is quite apparent that the reason for this action being taken was on account of some person, who has none of the milk of human kindness in his or her heart, complaining that the morals of the Indians might detrimentally affect the white children. If the Sidney Conservative Association or the person who made the complaint to that body think that the white children might be contaminated by contact with Indian children, it is the duty of the white parents to keep their children away from the Indian Reserves and mixing up with Indian children.

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Cowichan.....	9	7	10	2	6	4	6	2	..	5	5	..	56
Kamloops.....	2	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	4	..	4	1	19
Kootenay.....	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Kwawkewlth.....	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	8
Lytton.....	5	6	3	7	4	7	22	..	4	2	1	5	66
New Westminster.....	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	9
Okanagan.....	4	1	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	14
Queen Charlotte.....	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	4	2	1	5	1	20
Skeena River.....	3	10	9	4	1	5	1	3	6	8	2	11	63
Stikine.....	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	24
Stuart Lake.....	8	4	3	8	11	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	46
Vancouver.....	5	6	..	4	..	..	1	2	3	..	1	8	30
West Coast.....	9	2	13	4	3	2	3	2	2	1	4	6	51
Williams Lake.....	2	1	26	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	..	43
Totals.....	66	42.	77	45	36	40	44	16	33	25	42	42.	508

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Vancouver.....	3	1	1	7	..	3	2	2	3	..	1	6	29
West Coast.....	11	6	13	5	6	3	4	4	2	1	1	11	67
Williams Lake.....	1	11	24	3	8	7	2	1	..	3	..	1	61
Totals.....	59	46	69	39	37	39	29	31	42	25	44	37	497

Male Registrations 250. Female Registrations 247 .

4 Stillbirths, 1 in January, 2 in May, 1 in December, (2 Males, 2 Females) not included in any tables.

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AGENCIES	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 to 59 years	60 to 69 years	70 to 79 years	80 to 89 years	90 to 99 years	100 years & up.	Age not given	Males	Females	Total deaths
Babine	4	..	1	1	..	1	5	2	2	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	13	9	22
Bella Coola	1	2	2	3	1	1	7	3	..	..	..	2	4	4	..	..	..	20	10	30
Cowichan	4	3	3	2	..	2	11	1	5	5	2	2	3	6	1	..	..	30	20	50
Kamloops	3	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	2	..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	10	9	19
Kootenay	1	1	2	1	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	6	8	14
Kwawkewlth	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	7	12
Lytton	10	2	1	..	..	2	9	3	5	1	4	1	3	3	1	..	1	16	30	46
New Westminster	6	3	1	..	..	4	2	3	..	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	14	12	26
Okanagan	2	..	1	..	..	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	10	5	15
Queen Charlotte	1	2	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	6	7	13
Skeena River	10	2	..	2	..	7	7	4	2	3	7	2	7	2	..	..	..	23	32	55
Stikine	3	..	1	..	1	1	4	1	1	..	1	1	1	3	2	..	..	12	8	20
Stuart Lake	2	2	..	2	..	1	4	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	10	8	18
Vancouver	..	2	4	1	1	7	5	1	1	2	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	16	13	29
West Coast	9	1	2	2	..	5	12	8	4	2	5	4	9	2	1	..	..	26	41	67
Williams Lake	14	..	5	1	..	4	12	3	6	3	2	2	3	4	1	1	..	33	28	61
Total	71	30	24	17	3	41	89	37	34	24	33	24	36	32	8	2	2	250	247	497
Percent of all deaths	14.29	4.02	4.83	3.42	.60	8.25	17.91	7.44	6.84	4.83	6.64	4.83	7.24	6.44	1.61	.40	.40	50.30	49.70	-.-

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AGENCIES	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 to 59 years	60 to 69 years	70 to 79 years	80 to 89 years	90 to 99 years	100 years & up.	Age not given	Males	Females	Total deaths
Babine	4	..	1	1	..	1	5	2	2	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	13	9	22
Bella Coola	1	2	2	3	1	1	7	3	..	..	..	2	4	4	..	..	..	20	10	30
Cowichan	4	3	3	2	..	2	11	1	5	5	2	2	3	6	1	..	..	30	20	50
Kamloops	3	..	..	3	..	..	2	2	2	..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	10	9	19
Kootenay	1	1	2	1	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	6	8	14
Kwawkewlth	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	6	7	13
Lytton	10	2	1	..	..	2	9	3	5	1	4	1	3	3	1	..	1	16	30	46
New Westminster	6	3	1	..	..	4	2	3	..	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	14	12	26
Okanagan	3	..	1	..	..	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	10	5	15
Queen Charlotte	1	2	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	6	7	13
Skeena River	10	2	..	2	..	7	7	4	2	3	7	2	7	2	..	..	..	33	22	55
Stikine	3	..	1	..	1	1	4	1	1	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	12	8	20
Stuart Lake	2	2	..	2	..	1	4	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	10	8	18
Vancouver	..	2	4	1	1	7	5	1	1	2	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	16	13	29
West Coast	3	1	3	1	..	1	12	8	4	2	5	4	9	2	1	..	..	36	41	67
Williams Lake	14	..	5	1	..	4	12	2	6	3	2	2	3	4	1	1	..	33	28	61
Total	71	20	24	17	3	41	89	37	34	24	33	24	36	32	8	2	2	250	247	497
Percent of all deaths	14.29	4.02	4.83	3.42	.60	8.25	17.91	7.44	6.84	4.83	6.64	4.83	7.24	6.44	1.61	.40	.40	50.30	49.70	-.-

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AGENCIES.	Epidemic, Endemic and Infectious Dis's.	General Diseases.	Nervous System.	Circulatory System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Non-Venereal Genito-urinary System.	Pueperal State.	Skin and Cellular Tissue	Bones and Organs of Locomotion.	Malformations	Early Infancy	Old Age.	External Causes	Ill-defined Diseases.	Totals.
Babine	8	2	2	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	22
Bella Coola	12	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	5	30
Cowichan	23	1	3	..	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	2	50
Kamloops	2	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	19
Kootenay	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	9	14
Kwawkewlth	3	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	12
Lytton	16	3	3	2	5	..	2	3	..	..	..	2	1	2	8	46
New Westminster	2	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	22
Okanagan	6	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	15
Queen Charlotte	5	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	13
Skeena River	26	2	..	7	5	1	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	3	3	55
Stikine	11	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	20
Stuart Lake	11	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	18
Vancouver	15	1	1	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	29
West Coast	30	2	2	2	13	1	2	4	..	..	..	3	4	1	3	67
Williams Lake	24	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	25	61
Totals	214	14	18	14	64	16	8	13	1	..	..	12	30	22	71	497
Per cent of all deaths	43.06	2.82	3.62	2.82	12.88	3.22	1.61	2.62	.20	..	..	2.41	6.03	4.42	14.29	-.-

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Babine	8	2	2	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	22
Bella Coola	13	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	26
Cowichan	32	1	2	..	7	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	2	56
Kamloops	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	12
Kootenay	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	6	14
Kwawkewlth	8	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	18
Lytton	12	2	2	2	5	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	6	40
New Westminster	8	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	28
Okanagan	6	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	15
Queen Charlotte	5	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	12
Skeena River	26	2	..	7	5	1	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	3	3	55
Stikine	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	20
Stuart Lake	11	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	18
Vancouver	15	1	1	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	29
West Coast	20	2	2	2	12	1	2	4	..	..	..	3	4	1	3	67
Williams Lake	24	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	25	61
Totals	214	14	18	14	64	16	8	12	1	..	..	12	30	22	71	497
Per cent of all deaths	43.06	2.82	3.62	2.82	12.88	3.22	1.61	2.62	.20	..	..	2.41	6.03	4.42	14.29	-.-

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND SPECIFIED DISEASES.

AGENCIES.	Typhoid Fever	Smallpox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping cough	Diptheria	Influenza (all forms)	Tuberculosis (all forms)	Cancer (all forms)	Bronchitis	Broncho-pneumonia	Pneumonia	Diarrhoea and Enteritis	Totals.
Babine	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	4	..	14
Bella Coola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	1	..	..	19
Cowichan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	1	2	6	..	31
Kamloops	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	3	..	10
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kwawkewlth	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	6
Lytton	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	13	1	..	3	2	..	22
New Westminster	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	5	..	14
Okanagan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	2	1	1	10
Queen Charlotte	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	6
Skeena River	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	22	2	..	2	3	..	31
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	..	..	..	..	..	11
Stuart Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	1	1	14
Vancouver	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	..	1	6	..	..	21
West Coast	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	21	1	1	3	9	..	44
Williams Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	15	..	..	..	4	..	27
Totals	1	..	2	..	3	1	27	175	8	3	20	40	2	282
Percent of all deaths	.20	-.-	.40	-.-	.60	.20	5.43	35.21	1.61	.60	4.02	8.05	.40	56.74

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES FROM TUBERCULOSIS

AGENCIES.	TOTAL DEATHS	DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS	PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS
Babine.....	22	7	31.82
Bella Coola.....	30	18	60.00
Cowichan.....	50	22	44.00
Kamloops.....	19	6	31.58
Kootenay.....	14	2	14.29
Kwawkewlth.....	12	2	16.67
Lytton.....	46	13	28.26
New Westminster.....	26	8	30.77
Okanagan.....	15	6	40.00
Queen Charlotte.....	13	4	30.77
Skeena River.....	55	22	40.00
Stikine.....	20	8	40.00
Stuart Lake.....	18	11	61.11
Vancouver.....	29	10	34.48
West Coast.....	67	21	31.34
Williams Lake.....	61	15	24.59
Totals.....	497	175	35.21

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATH RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF POPULATION.

POPULATION	DEATHS	PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS	1928 RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	1927 RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION
24,316	175	35.21	7.20	6.21

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS FROM T. B. BY AGES.

AGES	DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.	PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS FROM T. B. 1928.
Under 1 year.....	6	3.43
1 year.....	3	1.71
2 years.....	5	2.86
3 years.....	7	4.00
4 years.....	..	-.-
5 to 9 years.....	23	13.14
10 to 19 years.....	64	36.57
20 to 29 years.....	25	14.29
30 to 39 years.....	14	8.00
40 to 49 years.....	9	5.14
50 to 59 years.....	7	4.00
60 to 69 years.....	5	2.86
70 to 79 years.....	4	2.29
80 to 89 years.....	2	1.14
90 to 99 years.....	1	.57
100 years and up.....	..	-.-
Age not given.....	..	-.-
Totals.....	175	-.-

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS	JAN. TO JUNE 1928	JULY TO DEC. 1928	YEAR 1928
Single.....	169	120	289
Married.....	91	55	146
Widowed.....	29	27	56
Divorced.....	..	2	2
Not Given....	..	4	4
Totals.....	289	208	497

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN MARRIAGES BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS

AGENCIES.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Babine.....	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	5
Bella Coola.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Cowichan.....	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	6
Kamloops.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	1	2	8
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kwawkewlth.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3
Lytton.....	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	8
New Westminster.....	..	1	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	1	1	11
Okanagan.....	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	5
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	9
Skeena River.....	1	..	2	2	..	5	..	1	6	2	..	4	23
Stikine.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Stuart Lake.....	3	2	..	1	..	1	4	2	1	..	3	..	17
Vancouver.....	2	3	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11
West Coast.....	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	7
Williams Lake.....	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10
Totals.....	11	18	11	12	5	15	4	6	15	7	14	9	127

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Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of March 19th instant covering photostat copy of the Indian statistics for British Columbia for the year 1929.

I wish to say that I find these statistical tables very helpful for purposes of reference and your preparation of them is much appreciated.

It is noted that a copy of these statistics has been sent to Dr.Stone, at Ottawa. I am sure that he will find them very useful also.

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

P/HM.

Dr.H.E.Young,
Provincial Health Officer,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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March 19th, 1930

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

We are sending you, under separate cover, a photostat copy of the Indian statistics for British Columbia for the year 1929.

A copy of these tables is also being sent to Dr. Stone of the Federal Department, Indian Affairs.

Yours truly,

H. E. Young
PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER
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PRELIMINARY TABLE SHOWING INDIAN REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTH BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS.

Agencies.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Babine.....	1	3	..	13	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	23
Bella Coola.....	1	..	16	4	10	2	2	..	3	1	..	9	48
Cowichan.....	3	4	3	4	8	2	1	11	4	5	3	4	52
Kamloops.....	6	..	1	..	8	1	1	..	6	4	9	10	46
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kwawkewlth.....	1	..	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Lytton.....	5	2	2	7	..	2	9	4	3	10	..	2	46
New Westminster.....	1	2	4	1	..	1	1	1	2	1	..	2	16
Nicola.....	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	11
Okanagan.....	..	1	1	..	5	2	1	4	4	1	..	1	20
Queen Charlotte.....	5	1	2	..	3	1	1	..	8	2	4	2	29
Skeena River.....	7	3	3	10	6	3	2	1	1	2	..	10	48
Stikine.....	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Stuart Lake.....	..	5	3	6	5	3	..	..	3	1	..	2	28
Vancouver.....	4	6	1	2	1	2	4	3	3	2	2	7	37
West Coast.....	2	3	5	4	6	..	1	1	..	2	3	6	33
Williams Lake	1	..	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9
TOTALS.....	37	33	46	55	57	25	25	26	38	37	23	55	457

Male Registrations, 226. Female Registrations - 231.

8 Stillbirths - 1 January, 4 February, 1 March, 1 May, 1 August. (7 Males - 1 Females) not included in any tables.

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Agencies	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Babine	5	10	3	4	..	5	2	1	16	..	..	1	47
Bella Coola	1	5	7	2	6	1	1	..	2	2	..	7	34
Cowichan	5	..	7	6	6	3	5	2	7	2	4	2	49
Kamloops	2	..	3	..	14	3	2	3	1	4	..	4	36
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
Kwawkewlth	3	..	..	2	1	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	13
Lytton	13	8	3	2	5	4	3	5	2	2	..	5	52
New Westminster	4	..	5	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	..	4	30
Nicola	2	2	..	2	..	1	1	2	..	3	1	..	14
Okanagan	3	2	..	..	2	..	3	5	2	2	..	..	19
Queen Charlotte	2	2	..	..	4	1	2	..	..	1	2	2	16
Skeena River	2	8	9	6	13	5	2	4	2	6	2	7	66
Stikine	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stuart Lake	2	10	5	1	2	2	4	..	3	3	..	7	39
Vancouver	1	3	1	2	2	5	6	4	1	5	..	2	32
West Coast	8	5	5	5	5	3	7	13	3	4	2	6	66
Williams Lake	1	4	1	2	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	21
Totals	54	59	49	38	67	38	44	47	43	40	12	49	540

Male Registrations - 277. Female Registrations - 263.

7 Stillbirths - January 1 male - February 3 males - March 1 Male - May 1 male - August 1 male, not included in any tables.

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGES, AGENCIES AND PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS FOR EACH AGE GROUP.

Agencies.	Under 1 year	1 Year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 to 59 years	60 to 69 years	70 to 79 years	80 to 89 years	90 to 99 years	100 years and up	Age not given	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Babine	15	2	4	2	2	3	3	5	..	2	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	24	23	47
Bella Coola	7	4	1	..	..	1	8	4	..	1	2	..	5	..	1	..	..	14	20	34
Cowichan	11	1	1	1	1	7	4	5	..	2	2	4	5	5	..	..	..	23	26	49
Kamloops	11	2	4	..	..	..	1	5	1	2	3	2	3	1	..	1	..	17	19	36
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	5
Kwawkewlth	3	1	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	13
Lytton	11	4	2	2	..	..	8	5	3	4	4	1	2	5	..	1	..	23	29	52
New Westminster	10	2	1	..	..	..	5	3	1	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	17	13	30
Nicola	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	9	5	14
Okanagan	4	1	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	3	2	1	..	1	..	11	8	19
Queen Charlotte	..	1	1	..	1	1	5	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	9	7	16
Skeene River	10	6	1	..	4	11	7	1	2	5	2	8	4	3	1	1	..	39	27	66
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.1	..	.1	1
Stuart Lake	4	3	2	1	3	8	8	3	1	2	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	25	14	39
Vancouver	8	..	..	..	..	6	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	..	18	14	32
West Coast	16	10	1	..	..	5	6	6	2	2	4	5	4	3	1	1	..	32	34	66
Williams Lake	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	9	12	21
Totals	121	38	20	7	11	45	65	45	16	27	27	39	33	30	7	7	2	277	263	540
Per cent of all deaths	22.41	7.04	3.79	1.30	2.04	8.33	12.04	8.33	2.97	5.00	5.00	7.22	6.11	5.56	1.30	1.30	.37	51.30	48.70	-.-

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND SYSTEMS.

AGENCIES.	Epidemic, Endemic and Infectious Dis's.	General Diseases.	Nervous System	Circulatory System.	Respiratory System	Digestive System	Non-venereal Genito-urinary System.	Puerperal State	Skin and Cellular Tissue	Bones and Organs of Locomotion	Malformations	Early Infancy	Old Age	External Causes	Ill-defined Diseases.	Totals.
Babine	31	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	7	47
Bella Coola	18	..	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	1	3	34
Cowichan	16	2	3	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	1	6	49
Kamloops	8	1	..	1	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	2	5	36
Kootenay	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Kwawkewlth	5	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	13
Lytton	21	3	4	..	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	4	4	52
New Westminster	9	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	3	30
Nicola	4	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	14
Okanagan	3	1	1	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	19
Queen Charlotte	10	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16
Skeena River	31	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	2	4	6	66
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Stuart Lake	25	..	1	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	39
Vancouver	17	1	..	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	32
West Coast	32	1	6	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	4	2	66
Williams Lake	10	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	21
Totals	242	15	27	21	60	22	5	3	..	1	..	23	43	24	54	540
Per cent of all deaths	44.81	2.78	5.00	3.89	11.11	4.07	.93	.56	-.-	.18	-.-	4.26	7.96	4.44	10.00	-.-

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Bella Coola	18	..	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	1	3	34
Cowichan	16	2	3	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	1	6	49
Kamloops	8	1	..	1	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	2	5	36
Kootenay	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Kwawkewlth	5	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	13
Lytton	21	3	4	..	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	4	4	52
New Westminster	9	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	3	30
Nicola	4	..	2	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	14
Okanagan	3	1	1	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	19
Queen Charlotte	10	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16
Skeena River	31	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	2	4	6	66
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Stuart Lake	25	..	1	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	39
Vancouver	17	1	..	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	32
West Coast	32	1	6	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	4	2	66
Williams Lake	10	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	21
Totals	242	15	27	21	60	22	5	3	..	1	..	23	43	24	54	540
Per cent of all deaths	44.81	2.78	5.00	3.89	11.11	4.07	.93	.56	-.-	.18	-.-	4.26	7.96	4.44	10.00	-.-

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND SPECIFIED DISEASES.

AGENCIES.	Typhoid Fever	Smallpox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping-cough	Diphtheria	Influenza (all forms)	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.	Tuberculosis (all forms)	Cancer (all forms)	Bronchitis	Broncho-Pneumonia.	Pneumonia	Diarrhoea and Enteritis	Total Specified Diseases.
Babine	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	18	..	..	..	2	..	29
Bella Coola	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	1	11	..	..	..	2	..	20
Cowichan	..	..	...	..	1	..	..	1	14	1	..	1	4	..	22
Kamloops	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	3	7	3	21
Kootenay	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
Kwawkewlth	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	7
Lytton	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	15	3	..	..	2	2	26
New Westminster	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	4	4	..	16
Nicola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	6
Okanagan	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	5
Queen Charlotte	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	2	1	..	13
Skeena River	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	24	4	3	1	..	..	38
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stuart Lake	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	23	..	1	1	5	2	34
Vancouver	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	10	,1	..	1	1	2	22
West Coast	..	..	10	..	..	..	4	..	18	1	..	2	4	1	40
Williams Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	1	1	12
Totals	..	..	31	..	2	..	29	2	170	12	4	17	36	11	314
Per cent of all deaths	-.-	-.-	5.74	-.-	.37	-.-	5.37	.37	31.48	2.22	.74	3.15	6.67	2.04	58.15

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Agencies.	Total Deaths.	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Per cent of all deaths.
Babine.....	47	18	38.30
Bella Coola.....	34	11	32.35
Cowichan.....	49	14	28.57
Kamloops.....	36	6	16.67
Kootenay.....	5	1	20.00
Kwawkewlth.....	13	3	23.08
Lytton.....	52	15	28.85
New Westminster.....	30	6	20.00
Nicola.....	14	4	28.57
Okanagan.....	19	2	10.53
Queen Charlotte.....	16	10	62.50
Skeena River.....	66	24	36.36
Stikine.....	1	..	-.-
Stuart Lake.....	39	23	58.97
Vancouver.....	32	10	31.25
West Coast.....	66	18	27.27
Williams Lake.....	21	5	23.81
Totals.....	540	170	31.48

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Population.	Deaths	Per Cent of all deaths from Tuberculosis.	1929 Rate per 1,000 Population.	1928 Rate per 1,000 Population.
24,316	170	31.48	6.99	7.20

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS FROM T. B. BY AGES.

Ages.	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Per cent of all deaths from T. B. 1929.
Under 1 year.....	7	4.12
1 year.....	8	4.70
2 years.....	6	3.53
3 years.....	3	1.77
4 years.....	7	4.12
5 to 9 years.....	25	14.71
10 to 19 years.....	45	26.47
20 to 29 years.....	28	16.47
30 to 39 years.....	9	5.29
40 to 49 years.....	14	8.24
50 to 59 years.....	7	4.12
60 to 69 years.....	5.	2.94
70 to 79 years.....	3	1.77
80 to 89 years.....	2	1.18
90 to 99 years.....	..	-.-
100 years and upward.....	1	.59
Age not given.....		
Totals.....	170	-.-

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY CONDITIONS.

Conditions.	Jan. to June 1929	Jan. to Dec. 1929	Year 1929.
Single.....	171	152	323
Married.....	89	61	150
Widowed.....	43	22	65
Divorced.....	..	..	..
Not Given.....	2	..	2
Totals.....	305	235	540

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PRELIMINARY TABLE SHOWING INDIAN REGISTRATIONS OF MARRIAGES BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS.

Agencies.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Babine.....	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bella Coola.....	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
Cowichan.....	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	2	2	9
Kamloops.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	5
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kwawkewlth.....	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Lytton.....	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	3	12
New Westminster.....	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	7
Nicola.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Okanagan.....	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	4	2	1	...	...	10
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
Skeena River.....	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	11
Stikine.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stuart Lake.....	2	..	3	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	12
Vancouver.....	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	1	4	2	13
West Coast.....	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	12
Williams Lake.....	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	12
Totals.....	13	8	9	12	9	11	12	11	8	8	8	16	125

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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November 1st, 1929.

Sir:

The 57th Annual Report of Vital Statistics of British Columbia, for the year 1928, is now being prepared, and the mailing list checked. If you require a copy of this report, or any other publications that may be issued by the Department, kindly fill in the attached form, and return without delay.

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Please accept my thanks for copy of the above Survey. I understand that a copy has also been sent to Dr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, at Ottawa.

Yours respectfully,

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W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

H. E. Young, Esq.,
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Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Yours obediently,

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Registrar, B.D. & M.

JTM/CA.

Archambault has Parks instructions to see a copy has also been sent to Mr Duncan Scott Dept of Ind Affairs Ottawa

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April 8, 1929.

Dear Sir;-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 16th ultimo enclosing photostat copy of the Indian statistics for British Columbia for the year 1928.

Yours truly.

AVH.

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Dr. H.E.Young,
Provincial Health Officer,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

March 16th, 1929.

Acknowledged
Forth Thanks

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you, under separate cover, a photostat copy of the Indian statistics for British Columbia for the year 1928.

Yours truly,

H. E. Young
PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER.
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May 16th, 1928

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Supt., Indian Agencies,
P. O. Box 666,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Sir,

I am sending you by post photostat copies of our Indian returns in the Vital Statistics Branch.

These no doubt will be useful to you in connection with your Indian work.

Yours truly,

H. E. Young

PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER
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PRELIMINERY TABLE SHOWING BIRTHS BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS.

AGENCIES.	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Babine.....	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bella Coola.....	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	5	21
Cowichan.....	1	11	2	..	..	6	2	4	2	7	4	2.	41
Kamloops.....	3	..	9	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	18
Kootenay.....	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	7
Kwawkewlth.....	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	1	3	2	2	3	20
Lytton.....	2	1	..	5	5	2	1	1	..	..	7	1	25
New Westminster.....	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	6	..	13
Okanagan.....	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	4	1	..	3	12
Queen Charlotte.....	..	..	1	4	..	..	6	2	..	4	2	3	22
Skeena River.....	1	14	4	1	9	5	2	6	..	1	3	6	52
Stikine.....	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	2	..	..	..	1	10
Stuart Lake.....	1	11	6	3	2	..	2	3	1	7	1	..	37
Vancouver.....	..	1	3	12	6	1	1	..	3	3	3	3	36
West Coast.....	4	15	2	5	3	1	3	3	6	..	3	2	48
Williams Lake.....	..	4	28	9	..	1	20	3	..	..	15	..	78
Totals.....	14	61	67	43	29	27	49	29	26	26	46	30	447

6 Stillbirths. Registered in Febuary 1. May 1. June 1. September 2. November 1. not included in any tables.

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PRELIMINARY TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS.

AGENCIES.	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Babine.....	2	..	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Bella Coola.....	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	1	11
Cowichan.....	13	11	8	2	5	5	3	1	4	7	9	4	72
Kamloops.....	2	..	6	..	6	2	5	..	..	2	2	..	27
Kootenay.....	..	..	5	7	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
Kwawkewlth.....	..	1	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	2	16
Lytton.....	4	6	2	11	6	8	2	4	1	5	3	5	54
New Westminster.....	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	7	..	..	1	5	20
Okanagan.....	3	2	2	..	1	2	2	..	2	2	..	4	20
Queen Charlotte.....	1	..	3	3	..	..	5	1	2	2	1	..	16
Skeena River.....	2	6	10	..	3	6	3	3	10	6	4	3	56
Stikine.....	..	..	4	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	6	..	18
Stuart Lake.....	2	5	4	1	4	4	1	3	3	9	1	2	39
Vancouver.....	...	5	6	4	6	3	2	..	4	3	3	1	37
West Coast.....	12	15	6	5	3	3	4	4	6	2	6	2	68
Williams Lake.....	..	8	..	1	9	2	2	2	1	1	5	6	37
Totals.....	46	61	66	40	46	46	33	32	24	42	44	35	524

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES, AGES AND BY PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS.

AGENCIES.	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 to 59 years	60 to 69 years	70 to 79 years	80 to 89 years	90 to 99 years	100 years and Up	Age not given	Males	Females	Total deaths
Babine.....	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	9	14
Bella Coola.....	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	7	4	11
Cowichan.....	11	8	5	5	5	6	10	2	2	..	..	1	8	9	2	..	2	37	35	72
Kamloops.....	6	2	2	..	1	2	2	4	1	..	2	2	1	..	..	2	..	14	13	27
Kootenay.....	..	2	..	..	1	..	6	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	9	6	15
Kwawkewlth.....	5	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	9	18
Lytton.....	8	2	4	1	..	2	15	2	4	1	..	3	4	3	2	2	..	30	24	54
New Westminster.....	4	1	..	..	..	2	4	1	1	2	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	10	10	20
Okanagan.....	1	..	2	1	1	2	2	..	2	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	9	11	20
Queen Charlotte.....	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	2	2	..	1	..	8	10	18
Skeena River.....	12	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	2	1	2	6	5	2	..	..	..	24	22	56
Stikine.....	4	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	8	10	18
Stuart Lake.....	6	2	5	1	1	2	7	7	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	15	24	39
Vancouver.....	5	9	2	1	..	1	6	4	1	..	..	2	2	2	..	1	..	19	18	37
West Coast.....	11	5	2	2	1	2	8	5	5	2	6	4	5	5	2	1	..	37	31	68
Williams Lake.....	10	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	..	3	2	1	3	2	..	2	..	22	14	37
Total.....	89	46	27	18	12	32	76	45	24	13	16	36	35	35	7	12	2	274	250	524
Percent of all deaths	16.98	8.78	5.16	2.86	2.28	6.11	14.50	8.59	4.56	2.48	2.44	6.87	6.67	6.67	1.34	2.28	.38	52.29	47.71	-.-

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND BY SYSTEMS.

AGENCIES.	Epidemic, Endemic and Infectious Dis's.	General Diseases.	Nervous System.	Circulatory System.	Respiratory System.	Digestive System.	Non-venereal Genito-Urinary System.	Puerperal State.	Skin and Cellular Tissue	Bones and Organs of Locomotion.	Malformations	Early Infancy	Old Age.	External Causes	Ill-defined Diseases.	Totals.
Babine	9	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	14
Bella Coola	6	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11
Cowichan	42	..	3	2	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	9	4	3	72
Kamloops	14	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	27
Kootenay	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	5	15
Kwawkewlth	2	..	2	3	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	15
Lytton	22	1	2	1	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	8	2	5	54
New Westminster	10	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	20
Okanagan	12	1	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	20
Queen Charlottte	5	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	18
Skeena River	21	..	2	5	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	11	56
Stikine	10	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	18
Stuart Lake	18	4	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	2	1	8	39
Vancouver	22	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	5	2	1	..	37
West Coast	39	1	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	3	2	68
Williams Lake	7	..	1	1	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	12	37
Totals	247	9	24	17	61	6	7	4	1	..	1	21	49	27	46	524
Per cent of all deaths	47.14	1.72	4.58	3.24	11.65	1.52	1.24	.76	.19	---	.19	4.01	9.35	5.15	9.16	---

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES AND SPECIFIED DISEASES.

AGENCIES.	Typhoid Fever	Smallpox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping cough	Diphtheria	Influenza (all forms)	Tuberculosis (all forms)	Cancer (all forms)	Bronchitis	Broncho-pneumonia	Pneumonia	Diarrhoea and Enteritis	Totals.
Babine.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Bella Coola.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	5
Cowichan.....	..	..	4	..	..	..	17	20	..	1	2	4	..	48
Kamloops.....	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	4	..	19
Kootenay.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	7
Kwawkewlth.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	6
Lytton.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	16	1	..	4	4	..	30
New Westminster.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	11
Okanagan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	1	..	1	2	1	18
Queen Charlotte.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	..	1	..	8
Skeena River.....	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	12	..	2	2	2	..	27
Stikine.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	14
Stuart Lake.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	13	..	..	1	1	..	20
Vancouver.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	14	..	..	..	3	1	25
West Coast.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	16	1	..	1	2	..	42
Williams Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	1	1	8	..	17
Totals.....	..	..	8	..	15	..	64	151	4	6	18	38	2	306
Percent of all deaths	-.-	-.-	1.62	-.-	2.86	-.-	12.21	28.82	.76	1.15	3.44	7.25	.38	58.40

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY AGENCIES FROM TUBERCULOSIS

AGENCIES	TOTAL DEATHS	DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS	PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS
Babine	14	8	57.14
Bella Coola	11	3	27.27
Cowichan	72	20	27.78
Kamloops	27	10	37.04
Kootenay	15	5	33.33
Kwawkewlth	18	1	5.56
Lytton	54	15	27.78
New Westminster	20	7	35.00
Okanagan	20	11	55.00
Queen Charlotte	18	5	27.78
Skeena River	56	12	21.43
Stikine	18	7	38.89
Stuart Lake	39	13	33.33
Vancouver	37	14	37.84
West Coast	68	15	22.06
Williams Lake	37	5	13.51
Totals	524	151	28.82

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATH RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF POPULATION.

POPULATION	DEATHS	PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS	1927 RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	1926 RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION
24,316	151	28.82	6.21	5.59

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS FROM T. B. BY AGES.

AGES	Deaths from Tuberculosis.	Per cent of all deaths from T. B. 1927
Under 1 year.....	5	3.31
1 year.....	6	3.97
2 years.....	6	3.97
3 years.....	6	3.97
4 years.....	4	2.65
5 to 9 years.....	14	9.27
10 to 19 years.....	57	37.75
20 to 29 years.....	27	17.88
30 to 39 years.....	10	6.62
40 to 49 years.....	1	.66
50 to 59 years.....	3	1.99
60 to 69 years.....	6	3.97
70 to 79 years.....	4	2.65
80 to 89 years.....	1	.66
90 to 99 years.....	..	-.-
100 years and Up.....	1	.66
Age not given.....	..	-.-
Totals.....	151	-.-

TABLE SHOWING INDIAN DEATHS BY CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS	JANY TO JUNE 1927	JULY TO DECR 1927	YEAR 1927
Single.....	187	130	317
Married.....	77	55	132
Widowed.....	39	35	74
Divorced....	1	..	1
Not Given...	..	..	..
Totals.....	304	220	524

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TABLE SHOWING INDIAN MARRIAGES BY AGENCIES AND MONTHS

AGENCIES.	JAN	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Babine	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	5
Bella Coola	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	6
Cowichan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9
Kamloops	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Kootenay	4	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	10
Kwawkewlth	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Lytton	6	1	2	..	1	..	4	2	..	7	1	1	1
New Westminster	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Okanagan	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Queen Charlotte	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Skeena River	4	2	2	..	2	..	..	1	4	..	3	1	..
Stikine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Stuart Lake	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Vancouver	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	2	8
West Coast	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Williams Lake	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	10
Totals	26	7	11	9	6	6	5	9	4	12	9	9	113

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OFFICE OF
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
VICTORIA

February 20th, 1939.

1171/8021

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and, as requested, have forwarded under separate cover two copies of the "Marriage Act" of this Province.

Yours faithfully,

F. Hurley.

for Deputy Provincial Secretary

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

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7th Mar.,1939.

Dear Sir:-

I have to refer to your letter of February 1st, in which you draw attention to the British Columbia "Marriage Act" and the possible effect of its provisions should same be applied to the Indian population. While in Victoria recently I discussed the Act with the Honourable G. M. Weir, Provincial Secretary. The Minister informed me that the Act would come into force by Proclamation but that it would probably be some months before such action would be taken.

The B. C. "Marriage Act" applies to Indians as well as to Whites, but I feel that when it was drafted its application to the Indian population was not kept constantly in mind. Dr. Weir suggested a conference between Dr. D. H. Williams of the V.D. Clinic, Dr. McQuarrie and myself to see if some of the difficulties referred to with respect to the Indian population could be overcome. I may say that I found Dr. Weir quite prepared to give consideration to the representations made and I am hopeful that some plan covering the Indian population shall be worked out at the forthcoming conference that will be acceptable to the Minister and satisfactory to our own Department.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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H. E. Taylor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 69500.

OTTAWA February 14, 1939.

Dear Sir:

The Department has a copy of a letter written to you on February 1, by Mr. Taylor, Indian Agent at Williams Lake, in which he discusses the problem likely to be raised by the proposed amendment of the British Columbia Marriage Act, requiring that persons about to be married submit to a laboratory test for syphilis.

Mr. Taylor explains the matter so well that there is scarcely anything further to be commented on. It may be well, however, to say that the provincial law relating to marriage applies to Indians as well as to white people, and that this Department has no power to issue any dispensation or make any exception to it. This statement may clear the way for the discussion with the provincial authorities which, apparently, you will have to carry on. I should suppose that there must be white communities in British Columbia among whom it will be very difficult to apply the new law and that the Provincial Government will be called upon to consider their situation. It would be fair to ask that Government to give the same consideration to remote Indian communities.

Yours truly,

T. R. L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
P. O. Box, No. 70,
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117/8021.

February 18, 1939.

Dear Sir:

The question of the application of the B.C. Marriage Act to the Indians of this Province has arisen and I should like to have two copies of the Act for use in this office in connection with inquiries received and a conference with Dr. D. H. Williams of the V.D. Clinic suggested by Dr. Weir to me while I was in Victoria recently. May these be forwarded please.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Deputy Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Williams Lake, B. C.
February 1, 1939

Dear Sir:

I note that new ammendments to the B. C. Marriage Act require that a laboratory test for blood specimen must be made by both parties to a marriage before the ceremony can be performed.

Whilst these ammendments have not yet come into force it seems probable that they will become law in the near future, and I do not know if it has been brought to your attention that the effect will be far reaching in regard to the Indian population.

At present the custom among Indians is to await the semi-annual or sometimes the annual arrival of the missionary priest, and they take advantage of his short visit to get married. I can not see how Indians living in remote areas, perhaps 150 miles from a Doctor, can be expected to journey to town with their prospective wife, and undergo an examination and wait for the result of a laboratory test, all of which has to be done within twenty days prior to the performing of the marriage ceremony. It is safe to say that the majority of the outlying Indians will not comply with this regulation, and it is not reasonable to expect them to do so. As the Marriage Act provides for a heavy penalty for a minister who performs the marriage ceremony without the production of the required certificate of examination the only result can be that the Indians will not get married.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

 February 1, 1939

I note that under sub-section 2 of section 39 of the Marriage Act an area of the Province may be defined where a laboratory is not conveniently accessible, and that parties living in such an area may dispense with the required examination if they take a statutory declaration to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief they are free from syphilis in a transmissible form.

It may be that Indians living in remote areas will come under this alternative regulation, but even so I think the following point should be noted: Whereas under sub-section 1 of section 39 the known presence of syphilis is not made a bar to marriage, under sub-section 2 it would be a bar in the event of the two parties to the proposed marriage being willing to go through with it.

I would suggest that the application of these ammendments be discussed with the provincial authorities in regard to their effect upon the Indian population.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Taylor

H. E. Taylor
Indian Agent

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Major D. M. MacKay
Indian Commissioner for B. C.
Box 70
Vancouver, B. C.

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It will enable the child, later, to prove:

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR, BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

VICTORIA, B.C.

September 10th, 1930.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith a book of Marriage Licences containing the stubs of Numbers 191 to 200, which have been checked.

Thanking you for returning these,

Yours obediently,

J. Marshall

Acting Deputy Registrar,
Births, Deaths & Marriages.

JTM/CW

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TREASURY REG. No. 3465

PROVINCIAL TREASURY OFFICIAL CASH RECEIPT.

Amount $1.00

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One 100 *Dollars, on account*

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of Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B. C. *, this* Thirteenth *day of* August *, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Twenty nine *, and of His Majesty's Reign the* Twenty ninth

H. E. Ditchburn

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I *do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I,* Frank Nightingy *may not be joined in matrimony to* Susan Modeste *and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."*

Frank Nightingy

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria *, British Columbia, this* thirteenth *day of* August *, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* Twenty Nine

H. E. Ditchburn

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Marriage Licence

No. 191

for Indians only

Whereas *by an Act of the Legislature of this Province intituled "An Act to Regulate the Solemnization of Marriage," I am authorized to grant Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages:*

And Whereas Frank Nightime of Co-oose

and Susan Modeste of Koksilah Reserve

are determined to enter into the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and are desirous of having their Marriage publicly solemnized: in order that such their honest desires may the more speedily have the due effect, and that they may be able to procure the same to be lawfully solemnized without publication of Banns, I do hereby, for good causes, give and grant this Licence of Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B.C. , *this* Thirteenth *day of* August , *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* twenty nine , *and of His Majesty's Reign the* Twenty tenth .

H. E. Dittebrandt

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Frank Nightime *may not be joined in matrimony to* Susan Modeste

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Frank Nightime

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria , *British Columbia, this* Thirteenth *day of* August , *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* Twenty Nine

H. E. Dittebrandt

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

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Amount $ 1.00

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One ..... 00/100 Dollars, on account

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Seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Twenty nine, and of His Majesty's Reign the Twenty

W. E. Ditchburn
Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Geo. Underwood may not be joined in matrimony to Irene Battleman and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Geo Underwood
Signature of Applicant.

Declared before me at Victoria, British Columbia, this Seventh day of August, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty nine.

W. E. Ditchburn
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Marriage Licence

No. 192

for Indians only

Whereas *by an Act of the Legislature of this Province intituled "An Act to Regulate the Solemnization of Marriage," I am authorized to grant Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages:*

And Whereas Geo. Underwood (East Saanich Reserve)
and Irene Bartleman (West Saanich Reserve) both Indians

are determined to enter into the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and are desirous of having their Marriage publicly solemnized: In order that such their honest desires may the more speedily have the due effect, and that they may be able to procure the same to be lawfully solemnized without publication of Banns, I do hereby, for good causes, give and grant this Licence and Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria, B. C., *this* Seventh *day of* August, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Twenty nine, *and of His Majesty's Reign the* Seventh

H. E. Hutchinson

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Geo. Underwood *may not be joined in matrimony to* Irene Bartleman
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Geo Underwood

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* Seventh *day of* August, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* twenty nine.

H. E. Hutchinson

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

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One ..... 00/100 Dollars, on account

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Twenty-First day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Twenty-nine, and of His Majesty's Reign the Twentieth.

Sgd. W.E. Ditchburn
Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Louis Jones may not be joined in matrimony to Mabel Modiste and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

his
Louis X Jones
mark
Signature of Applicant.

Declared before me at Victoria, British Columbia, this Twenty-First day of October, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine

Sgd. W.E. Ditchburn
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Marriage Licence

No. 193

for Indians only

Whereas *by an Act of the Legislature of this Province intituled "An Act to Regulate the Solemnization of Marriage," I am authorized to grant Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages:*

And Whereas Louis Jones Patricia Bay I. R.

and Mabel Modrick Koksilah I. R.

are determined to enter into the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and are desirous of having their Marriage publicly solemnized: in order that such their honest desires may the more speedily have the due effect, and that they may be able to procure the same to be lawfully solemnized without publication of Banns, I do hereby, for good causes, give and grant this Licence of Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B.C., *this* Twenty First *day of* October, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Twenty nine, *and of His Majesty's Reign the* Twentieth.

Sgd. W. E. Ditchburn

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Louis Jones *may not be joined in matrimony to* Mabel Modrick *and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."*

his
Louis X Jones
mark

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* Twenty First *day of* October, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* twenty nine

Sgd. W. E. Ditchburn

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One ..... 00/100 *Dollars, on account*

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE MAY 10 1930 VICTORIA

20th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and of His Majesty's Reign the twentieth

W.E. Ditchburn

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I, Gaston Lehoules *may not be joined in matrimony to* Dora Smith *and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."*

[signature]

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* 20th *day of* April, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* thirty

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THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Marriage Licence

No. 194

for Indians only

Whereas *by an Act of the Legislature of this Province intituled "An Act to Regulate the Solemnization of Marriage," I am authorized to grant Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages:*

And Whereas Jasper Charles of Beaton Bay Reserve

and Dora Smith of Beaton Bay Reserve

are determined to enter into the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and are desirous of having their Marriage publicly solemnized: in order that such their honest desires may the more speedily have the due effect, and that they may be able to procure the same to be lawfully solemnized without publication of Banns, I do hereby, for good causes, give and grant this Licence of Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B.C., *this* 20th *day of* April, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Thirty-*and of His Majesty's Reign the* Twenty-fifth

W. D. Scholefield

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I *do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I,* Jasper Charles *may not be joined in matrimony to* Dora Smith
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* 20th *day of* April, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* Thirty

W. D. Scholefield

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

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PROVINCIAL TREASURY OFFICIAL CASH RECEIPT.

Amount $ 1.00

RECEIVED from W.E. Ditchburn, Issuer of Marriage Licences, Victoria, B.C

One ..... 00/100 *Dollars, on account*

Marriage Licence No. 195 (Indian).

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Cashier [signature]

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the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B C, *this* Twenty-fifth *day of* May, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Thirty, *and of His Majesty's Reign the* Twentieth

W. E. Ditchburn

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I *do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I,* Sandy Jones *may not be joined in matrimony to* Catherine George *and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."*

Sandy Jones his X mark

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* 6th *day of* May, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* Thirty

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Marriage Licence

No. 195

for Indians only

Whereas *by an Act of the Legislature of this Province intituled "An Act to Regulate the Solemnization of Marriage," I am authorized to grant Licences for the Solemnization of Marriages:*

And Whereas Sandy Jones Indian

and Catherine Sedge Indian

are determined to enter into the Holy Bands of Matrimony, and are desirous of having their Marriage publicly solemnized: in order that such their honest desires may the more speedily have the due effect, and that they may be able to procure the same to be lawfully solemnized without publication of Banns, I do hereby, for good causes, give and grant this Licence and Faculty as well to them, the said parties contracting, as to all or every person or Minister, duly ordained or lawfully exercising his Ministry within the Province of British Columbia, to solemnize and perform the same: Subject, however, to the provisions of the "Marriage Act."

Given *under my hand at* Victoria B C, *this* 1st *day of* May, *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* Five, *and of His Majesty's Reign the* Fifth

H. Dalton

Issuer of Marriage Licences.

"MARRIAGE ACT"—SCHEDULE A.

Declaration.

I *do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance, why I,* Sandy Jones *may not be joined in matrimony to* Catherine Sedge
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Sandy Jones his X mark

Signature of Applicant.

Declared *before me at* Victoria, *British Columbia, this* 1st *day of* May, *A.D. one thousand nine hundred and* Five

H. Dalton

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March 12, 1932.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that Adeline May Cooper of Tsartlip Indian Reserve died on Friday, the 11th instant, at the reserve after being confined to St. Joseph's Hospital for about 8 months. This girl was 9 years of age and was the daughter of Martin and Esther Cooper.

This information is given you in order that you may make a note on your census.

The customary $20.00 has been allowed towards the funeral expenses, and a bill will later on be forwarded by the Sands Undertaking Parlors.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/AC

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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December 22, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Willie Lazar of Sooke died at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning. The Return of Death form will be sent to you by Messrs. Thomson & Fetterly, the undertakers.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

AVH/AC

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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October 26, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of the Death of the Indian child, Alfred Andrew Toms, seven year old son of Andrew Toms, of Discoery Island whose death took place at St. Joseph's Hospital on the 18th instant.

Also enclosed please find accounts from the B.C. Funeral Co., this city, for $25.00 each in the case of the burial of the above mentioned Indian child and also Mrs. Jim Clawiston, of Coal Bay. These expenditures were authorized by myself. Kindly, therefore, submit the same on a voucher to the Department for payment, with the necessary explanation.

Yours respectfully,

KD.

Enclosures:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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October 16, 1931.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that there died at the St. Joseph's Hospital this morning Alfred Tom, aged Seven years and two months. This is the son of Andrew Tom of Discovery Island. You will in due course receive the regular notice of death from Dr. Thomas.

However, I will give you this information so that you may make note of it in your census. The amount of $25.00 has been allowed for the purchase of a casket.

Your obedient servant,

WED/MH

W.E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/22601.

October 5, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith the Return of the Death of the Indian, Mrs. Jim Clowiston, of the Pauquachin Band, who died on the 1st instant.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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167/3/22588.

October 3, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you of the death of Mrs. Jim Clawiston, of the Paquachin Reserve, which took place on the evening of the 11th and was buried yesterday.

In line with the policy of the Department relief to the extent of $25.00 was granted for the purchase of a casket.

No doubt you will receive a Notice of the Death from Dr. Leiske, but in the meantime I am giving you this information for record in your census book.

From what I have heard from the Indians old Jim Clawiston appears to be in need of monthly relief and I beg to ask that you will give this matter your attention.

Yours truly,

WED/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/21364.

May 29, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of the Death of the Indian, Mrs. Tilda Smith, who died at Resthaven, Sidney, B. C., on the 28th instant.

Kindly make a notation of this death in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/20582.

March 20, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed Return of Death with respect to Billy Phillip Pilky, son of Phillip Pilky, East Saanich Reserve.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl.
AC.

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/20211.

February 7, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of Death of the Indian woman, Mrs. Mary Williams of the Esquimalt Reserve, who died on the 4th instant. Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

Enclosed also please find account for $25.00 from the Sands Funeral Company, this city, being amount authorized by this office for the burial of the above mentioned Indian.

Yours truly,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

KD.

Enclosures:-

H. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/19363.

November 3, 1930.

Dear Mr. Dougall:

I hereby beg to confirm my telephone authorization of today for you to make out a marriage licence to Patrick George of Kuper Island, who proposes to marry Louisa Ainee Jim, as I have been informed that there are no legal impediments in the way of this marriage taking place.

Yours respectfully,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/AC

J. Maitland Dougall, Esq.,
Government Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/18949.

September 23, 1930.

Dear Miss Robertson:

I am enclosing herewith Return of Death for the following Indian children:-

Susan Jimmy, aged 13 years, of East Saanich,

Baby Joseph, 6 days old, also of Saanich.

These are forwarded to you for the usual action.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl.
AVH/AC

Miss K. Robertson,
Indian Office,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/18599.

August 16, 1930.

Dear Miss Robertson:

Please find enclosed birth certificate of Charles Vincent Dick, son of Hutty Dick and Agnes John.

Yours respectfully,

Enc.

W.E. Ditchburn.

Miss Kate Robertson,
In charge, Cowichan Agency,
DUNCAN, B.C.

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117/3/18585.

August 15, 1930.

Dear Miss Robertson:

I beg to enclose herewith Certificate of Birth with reference to Caroline Roseanna Charles, daughter of Jasper Charlie Charles, Indian of the Cowichan Agency. This certificate was handed in at this office by the father, and is forwarded to you for your records.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl.
AC

Miss K. Robertson,
Indian Office,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/17878.

June 2, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Edward George, son of Ernest George, age 20 years, died at his home on the Kanipsin Reserve, Breed's X Road, on the 31st ultimo. Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/17797.

May 26, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with your sending in of vital statistics regarding Indians to the Registrar's office, in Victoria, I beg to inform you that the Cowichan Agency comes within Division Number One, and it is desired that you should show the Division Number on each return. In the event of an Indian's death taking place at a hospital within a city of one thousand population or over, or in the city itself, please, in future, be particular to supply this information as it is necessary to classify them as either rural or urban.

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/17749.

May 19, 1930.

Dear Sir;-

I have the honour to forward herewith Duplicate Indian Marriage Licence No. 195, together with fee of $1.00. This licence was issued by me to Sandy Jones, Saanich, and Catherine George, Songhees, both Indians.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

AVH.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure;-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Deputy Minister of Finance,
Provincial Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

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117/3/17702.

May 14, 1930.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of Death of Leslie Patrick Paul, of the Saanich Reserve, which occurred at St.Joseph's Hospital on May 12, 1930.

Will you kindly see that the above mentioned form is forwarded to the Registrar in the usual manner?

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

HM.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/17667.

May 12, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that on the 7th instant there died on Discovery Island Daisy Charles, age 16, of the Beecher Bay Reserve. She is the daughter of Tom Charles and Lucy Charles. I endeavoured to find out the cause of this girl's death, but could not elicit any information in this regard from the father or from Henry Charles, as they had had no doctor in attendance. I understand from Chief Michael Cooper that this girl was not well, when the family was residing on the Songhees Reserve last winter, but no doctor was called in, although Shaker meetings were held.

In connection with this death, I am herewith enclosing an account from the B.C.Funeral Parlours for $25.00 for the coffin which was authorized by this office. It was intended that the girl should be taken from Discovery Island and buried at Beecher Bay.

Please made note of this death in your census and make a return to the Provincial Statistics Branch as is customary, but you will not be able to state the cause of death as no physician was attending.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/17575.

May 3, 1930.

Dear Sir;-

I beg to inform you that I issued on April 30, 1930, a marriage licence No. 194, to Jasper Charles, Beecher Bay, and Dora Smith, West Saanich.

The parties stated that they intended to be married by a Priest as soon as they could make the necessary arrangements. You will doubtless be notified when this ceremony has been performed,

Yours truly,

AVH.

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/16608.

January 27, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of the Death of the Indian woman, Mrs. Martha Davis, of Songhees Indian Reserve, who died from injuries received in a motor car accident on the 10th instant. Kindly make the necessary notation of this death in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/16507.

January 14, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith "Return of Birth of an Indian" in respect to James Francis Cooper, son of George Laurence Cooper, of the Esquimalt band, and Susan Cooper, nee Susan Lazaar.

Yours truly,

AVH/KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/16508.

January 14, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to send you the following information for your records. Nancy Lazaar, daughter of the late Andrew Lazaar of Sooke, aged seventeen, was married on Saturday, January 11th, 1930, by Rt. Reverend Monsignor Leterme to Dick Papemberger aged eighteen, white man from Salt Spring Island. The parents of both parties consented to the marriage.

Nancy Lazaar, therefore, ceases to be an Indian, but her name should be noted as having an interest in the funds of the Sooke band.

Yours truly,

AVH/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/16229.

December 16, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find the Return of the Death of the Indian Mary Lazaar Paul, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, on the 10th instant. Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/16185.

December 11, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Johnnie Jackson, of La Push, Washington, but who claims to be a member of the Seshart Band at Alberni, called at this office and produced a certificate showing that he and Mabel George, daughter of Johnnie George, Songhees Band, had been married at Tacoma, Washington, by a Justice of the Peace on the 18th September last.

This information is forwarded in order that you may make the necessary entries in your records. If further particulars are received as to this Indian's nationality, you will be further advised.

Yours truly,

AVH/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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Copy for fyle No.117 - Cowichan Agency.

8/16184.

December 11, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

Johnnie Jackson, an Indian now living at La Push, Washington, called at this office and produced a Marriage Certificate showing that he was married on September 18th, 1929, at Tacoma, Washington, by a Justice of the Peace to Mabel George, a daughter of Johnnie George, of the Songhees Tribe.

Johnnie Jackson states he is on your roll as a member of the Seshart Band, Alberni. He says his mother was Bertha Johnson of Alberni who married his father, John Jackson, an American Indian of La Push, that his father and mother lived at Alberni for about 18 years but he himself was born at La Push, Washington. After his mother's death, his father returned to La Push and still resides there. If this statement is correct, there does not appear to be any reason why Johnnie should be considered a Canadian Indian as under Section 15 of the Indian Act his mother ceased to belong to a Canadian band on her marriage to an American Indian.

Kindly let me know if this Indian is shown on your roll and if there is any special reason why he is to be considered a Canadian Indian.

Yours truly,

AWH/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

E. E. Frost, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B. C.

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Kindly let me know if this Indian is shown on your roll and if there is any special reason why he is to be considered a Canadian Indian.

Yours truly,

AWH/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

E. E. Frost, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B. C.

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117/15455.

September 19, 1929.

Dear Sir;-

I beg to enclose herewith the Return of Death for Dan Charles, son of Henry Charles of Beecher Bay Reserve, who died at Songhees Reserve on the 16th instant from Heart trouble. This man was being attended by Dr. Thomas of Victoria.

AVH.

Yours truly,

Enclosure;-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/15338.

September 6, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching hereto death certificate of Robert Johns which was forwarded to this office by the Thompson Undertaking Parlours. This child was the illegitimate son of the late Simon John, of Sooke, and Caroline Roberts, of the Songhees Band. If this child's name has been entered on the census of the Sooke or Songhees Bands, it should now be crossed out with the notation.

I am also enclosing the death certificate of Andy Piell which was brought to this office to-day by the B.C.Funeral Co.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

HM.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/14559.

May 27, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith Return of Death of Adeline Sadie Joseph, of Songhees,, who died on the 24th May at St.Joseph's Hospital.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

HM.

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/3/14532.

May 23, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to inform you that William Robert, of the Songhees Indian Reserve, died last evening. Kindly make the necessary notation on your census roll.

Yours truly,

AVH/KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
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117/3/14386.

May 7, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith the Return of the Death of Daniel Joseph, of the Songhees Indian Reserve, who died from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, at St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, on the 4th instant.

Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
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117/14297.

April 29, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Mrs. Frances Brazil, of Saanich, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, on or about the 24th instant.

In connection with the above I am herewith enclosing account from the Sands Funeral Company, for $25.00 being this Department's share to the furnishing of a casket for the late Mrs. Brazil. I may say this expenditure was authorized by myself.

Yours truly,

KD.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

Enclosure:-

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/14043.

March 28, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith the Return of the Death of the Indian child, Charles Charlie, son of Louie Charlie of Tsartlip Indian Reserve, Saanich, B. C. Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/13969.

March 15, 1929.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith the return of the death of the Indian Phillip Frenchy, of the Chemainus Band, who was drowned at Brentwood Bay on the 9th instant. Kindly make a notation of this in your census book.

Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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Yours truly,

KD.

Enclosure:-

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Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/3/12995.

November 23, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of the Death of Irene Kate Albany, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Albany of the Songhees Indian Reserve. This little girl died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B. C., on the 21st instant. Kindly make the necessary notation in your census book.

KD.

Yours truly,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/12057.

July 10, 1928.

Dera Sir;-

Enclosed please find Death Certificate for Christie Fisher, six month old Indian Boy who died in St.Josephs Hospital, July 4th, 1928. This has just been received from Dr. Thomas.

AVH.

Yours truly,

Enclosure;-

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

A.H.Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B.C.

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117/11366.

April 11, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith Return of the Death of the Indian, Sarah Colledge, of the Songhees Indian Reserve, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, on April 6th.

KD.

Yours truly,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/11125.

March 10, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of the Death of the Indian, Andrew Lazaar, of the Sooke Band, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B. C., on the 5th instant.

KD.

Enclosure:-

Yours obediently,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/11086.

March 6, 1928.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Andrew Lazaar, Indian of the Sooke Band, died last night at 11:45 P.M. at St. Joseph's Hospital, this city, the cause of death being heart and kidney trouble.

I am giving you this information in order that you may make the necessary notation in your census book.

KD.

Yours obediently,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/10533.

December 12, 1927

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Return of Death of the Indian girl, Amelia Charley, on the 11th instant at the Songhees Indian Reserve, Esquimalt, B. C.

Kindly make a notation of this in your census book.

KD.

Yours truly,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/8839.

March 9, 1927.

Dear Mr. Lomas:-

Enclosed please find the Return of the Death of the Indian, Robert Kamai, of the Songhees Indian Reserve, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital on the 26th ultimo. This Return was sent to this office by Dr. M.W. Thomas, the Department's medical officer.

KD.

Yours truly,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/8202.

November 22, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Old Mack, of the East Saanich Reserve, uncle of the late Gus Underwood, died on Malahat Reserve this morning, the 22nd instant, supposed to be 120 years of age. As assistance in the burial of this indigent Indian I have purchased a cheap coffin and Bertie Underwood will take it to the Malahat Reserve and bring the body over to Tsawout for interment in the Indian Cemetery.

Please enter this in your Census. The cause of death I suppose would be senile decay.

WFD/KD.

Yours truly,

W. F. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/8247.

November 29, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of the 25th instant reporting the death of Walter Jimmie, of Saanich, I beg to enclose herewith Return of Death of this Indian just forwarded to me by Dr. M.J. Thomas.

KD.

Yours truly,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/8235

November 25, 1926.

Dear Sir:

Walter Jimmie, son of Tommy Jimmie, of Tsawout, died Wednesday, 24th of November, aged 18 years.

This Indian was brought to St. Joseph's Hospital last evening by Rev. Father Scheelen, but died at 11 p.m.. I understand this boy was in a very advanced stage of tuberculosis.

WED/AMC. Yours truly,

W.E.DITCHBURN
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/6589.

February 6, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

Chief Cooper called at the office to-day to say that Alec. Peter's wife died last night at St. Joseph's Hospital.

KD.

Yours truly,

W. F. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/4837.

April 4, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

Rev. Mr. Tate called to-day and informed me that Sammy Jones, about 4 years of age, son of Peter Jones, of North Saanich, died quite recently.

He did not know the cause as the death occurred when the family were out picking seaweed.

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

A.H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
DUNCAN, B.C.

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117/4814.

April 1st, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Chief Michael Cooper called at the office this morning stating that the wife of Sam Qullamult died last Saturday. Kindly make a record of this in your Census Book.

WED/KD.

Yours truly,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
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117/4277.

January 2, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a Birth Certificate which Johnny James brought to this Office to-day, containing particulars of his child, Sylvester Robert, born on July 26th last.

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

HM.

A.H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
DUNCAN, B.C.

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117/4268.

December 30, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a Birth Certificate which Tom Charles brought to this Office to-day, with particulars of his child, Lanard Charles, born on March 3rd last

Your obedient servant,

W.E.Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

HM.

Enclosure:-

A.H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
DUNCAN, B.C.

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117/3407.

August 25, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto please find information with regard to the birth of a child to Mrs. Johnny James, of Beecher Bay, on the 26th ultimo.

Please make out your regular form and send it into the Vital Statistic Department of the Provincial Government.

Yours truly,

W.E. Litchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

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Indian Agent,
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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Duncan, B. C.

March 7th, 1924

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 592-V-2
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Your No. 117/2591

Sir,—

In reply to yours of the 6th, instant in regard to death certificate of late David Joe of Esquimalt Band who died June 7th, 1918. I would inform you that I have to-day forwarded certificate of his death to the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Victoria.

Obediently Yours,

(Alfred H. Lomas)
Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.
VICTORIA, B. C.

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117/2591.

March 6th, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I omitted mentioning to you the fact that the Registrar of Vital Statistics wishes to have the Form filled out regarding the death of the late David Joe, of the Esquimalt Band, who departed from this world of sorrow at Esquimalt on or about the 7th of June, 1918. The cause, I believe, was consumption. The late Agent neglected to send in this return. Please attend to the matter at your earliest convenience.

WED/D.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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25th January,1924.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that yesterday Michael Cooper, of the Songhees Reserve, called at this office and reported the death of Chief Charley, of the Beecher Bay Band, which took place at 8 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

Please make the necessary notation in your Census Book.

Yours sincerely,

WED/W.

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
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117/2020.

666, November 20th, 1923.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the Rev. C. M. Tait telephoned to me this morning stating that Sylvester Williams wife, of North Saanich Reserve, died yesterday. She was a daughter of Joe Souel, of Nanaimo. Please make a record of this in your Census Book.

WED/D.

Yours truly,

W. E. Ditchburn.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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117/819/R.

20th April, 1923.

Dear Sir:-

In replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, in which you forwarded a notification sent by Mr. H. F. Brench, District Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to Ernest Moses in connection with the registration of the birth of a child to his wife, I beg to inform you that the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages among Indians is attended to by Indian Agents, who are appointed District Registrars for the Province of British Columbia. It is noted that you state that Moses and his wife have not been living together for three or four years and it would therefore appear that the child mentioned is an illegitimate one. I have forwarded your letter with enclosures to Mr. Indian Agent Lomas at Duncans with instructions to attend to the matter.

WED/W.

Yours sincerely,

W.E.Ditchburn.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Mr. F. T. Allison,
Lightkeeper,
Portier Pass Station,
Retreat Cove, B. C.

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117/818/R.

20th April, 1923.

Sir:-

I am herewith enclosing a letter received from Mr. Frank T. Allison, Lightkeeper at Portier Pass, Retreat Cove, with regard to the registration of a birth of an Indian child to the wife of Ernest Moses. You will observe that Mr. Allison states that Moses and his wife have not been living together for three or four years. It would therefore appear that the child is illegitimate. However, you should ascertain all information in connection with the same and make notations on your census book. It is needless for me to inform you that Mr. H. F. Brench, the District Registrar, is not called upon to attend to the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages among Indians, this duty rightly belonging to Indian Agents who have been appointed District Registrars in the matter of Vital Statistics among Indians.

WED/W.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosures:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

A. H. Lomas, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncan, B. C.

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W.E.Ditchburn Esq

Victoria BC

Dear Sir.

"Re burial Indian Woman"

Inclosed please find particulars re burial of Mrs Adelaide Purser,an Indian woman from the Songhees reserve at Esqui--malt,which we hope you will find in order.

Yours faithfully

BC.Funeral Co

per R. Hayward

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117/714/0.

28th November, 1921.

Dear Sir:- Re---Mrs. Adelaide Purser.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, in which you enclose Return of Death of Mrs. Adelaide Purser, alleged to be an Indian of the Songhees Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that this woman was not an Indian under the Indian Act although she lived on the Songhees Reserve. She was formerly a Mrs. Fallardeau, an Indian, but having married a white man by the name of Robert Purser, lost her rights as an Indian. Since the death of Mr. Purser she has been allowed to live on the Songhees Reserve with George Fallardeau, one of her sons by her former marriage. I, therefore, consider it would not be proper for this Return to be filed by the Indian Agent and am herewith returning the same to you.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure:-

W. E. Ditchburn.
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The B. C. Funeral Co., Ltd.,
734 Broughton Street,
Victoria, B. C.

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117/88/K.

15th May, 1919.

Sir:-

Will you kindly send down one-half dozen each of the blue forms for the Registration of a birth and also the death of an Indian by return mail.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

W. R. Robertson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duncans, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Cowichan Agency

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 407 -N-2
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Duncans, B. C. May 16 1919

File No. 117/88/k.

Sir,—

Enclosed herewith you will find six (6) each of Blue forms for registration of Births and Deaths of an Indian, as asked for.

Yours obediently

W. R. Robertson

Indian Agent.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies
Victoria, B. C.

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SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE
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Vernon, B. C.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

427011-64

November 5, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I have to draw your attention to the following excerpt from your letter of the 19th Sept., with regard to the matter of Councillor Haskett of Salmon River, which was brought to the notice of the Department by Mr. A. D. Macintyre:-

"As Councillor Jim Haskett, who had been elected to that position some four years previous, with a view to smoothing over the Salmon River discontent, had chosen to act in this way, it was in order for them to choose another councillor for Salmon River who would be more in accord with the wishes of the general band. The Indians agreed with this view and dismissed Haskett, and my letter to him under date of Jan. 10th was his notice of dismissal. It was an occasion that demanded prompt discipline, etc. "

It is apparent from your statements hereinabove quoted that you are under the impression that the Indians have power to dismiss a councillor and that you as Inspector have power to confirm their action. If you will consult the Indian Act you will find that such action can only be taken by His Excellency in Council. It is very necessary that officials

A. Megraw, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vernon, B.C.

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should make themselves conversant with the provisions of the Act with regard to questions with which they are obliged to deal.

I may add that in the present case there does not appear to be any statutory ground that would warrant the Department in dismissing Councillor Haskett.

Yours truly,

Asst. Deputy Superintendent General.

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Nov. 15th, 1919.

File 427011-64

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th instant drawing my attention to the fact that the Indian Act does not give the power to a band to dismiss a councillor elected by them.

I regret that in this matter I over-looked the full import of Sections 93, 94 and 96 of the Indian Act. In doing so, however, I was misled by following the procedure in vogue during the time of my predecessor, for there were six councillors elected for the Head of the Lake Band, although subsection 2 of Section 93 specified that the proportion of councillors in a band should be two to every two hundred Indians, and the Okanagan Band had less than three hundred. Another circumstance which tended to lead me astray in the matter was that one of the charges made against the late Pierre Michel by A. D. McIntye (when Pierre was Chief) was, in the words of Mr. McIntyre:

> "That in the month of August A.D. 1912 the said Pieere Michel without the slightest reason therefor and against the wishes of the majority of the band dismissed the said Louis Chako, Peter Bessette and Sam Pierre from their positions as councillors of said band, and in their place and stead appointed Pierre Jack, Michel Spopowcheen and Herman Gregour".

There was not a word about it being contrary to statute and the most reasonable inference was that the sin of the Chief, in Mr. McIntyre's eyes, was in having dismissed them "against the wishes of the majority of the band". This matter was duly gone into in my report under date of April 4th, 1914, and the matter to be determined in dealing with it was whether the dismissal had been

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made "without any reason therefor" as alleged by Mr. McIntyre or "against the wishes of the majority of the band." Also, the Department's decision upon the McIntyre charges, as contained in their letter of April 17th, 1914, File 427011-64, made no reference to the dismissal of the councillors by the Chief, and did not draw my attention to the fact that the chief's action had been illegal.

I do not question the correctness of the ruling of the Department in interpretation of the statute, but I think the statute itself is at fault and creates a state of affairs that becomes unworkable. For instance, there are six councillors elected for a band which may work harmoniously for a few months until estrangements creep in, and in a year there is no council at all. Later on, the band think there should be a council and they elect another six or enough new men to make six; but according to the statute they have erred in thus filling vacancies that did not exist. This is not a hypothetical case, but is actually what has occurred in more bands than one; and I am of opinion that whether the chief may have been elected for an indefinite period or merely for three years, the councils should not be elected for more than three years.

Now, in the cases of James Haskett of Spallumcheen Band, there was no vacancy when he was elected, but he was merely chosen because others had lost interest and did not attend meetings of the council nor work with the chief. His election, therefore, would appear to have been quite as illegal as his dismissal. Under those circumstances, what is his status?

Also, what action should now be taken in the case of Councils of six members, when subsection 2 of

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Section 93 allots only two for every two hundred Indians? If a literal interpretation is given to the statute in one case, why should a departure therefrom be permitted in another?

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. V. Negraus

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

To:

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

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Sept. 20, 1919

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith my answer to the charges made by A. D. MacIntyre in reference to the dismissal of James Haskett by Spallumcheen band from the position of Councillor of said band.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE

VERNON, B.C. Sept. 20, 1919

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Sept. 19th, 1919.

Sir:

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All through this man has been a veritable Noah Claypole minus the humility and the Indians pennies were his "Kinchin lay" when pennies had to suffice but he preferred the pounds.

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Again in 1918, when I made special effort to increase the production on Indian lands and help win the war, and succeeded in getting a large acreage under crop by mutual arrangement between white lessees and Indian lessors, I had MacIntyre as usual against me in encouraging the Indians to oppose me in it. In only four cases out of all the cropping agreements made, was it necessary for me

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I have the honour to be,

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OTTAWA

September 4th. 1919.

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Yours very truly,

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James Haskett's place on the reserve and told him to get off the place". Now, my diary for January last, sent forward to the Department on February 1st, will show that I was not out of my office during the month of January except on the 7th, when I was at the Head of the Lake, the 9th when I was at Enderby, and the 23rd, when I was again at the Head of the Lake. Furthermore, I was not on the Salmon River reserve with any person between the 16th of October, 1918, and the 23rd of April, 1919, and no such conversation as set forth by McIntyre in his brief ever took place. On October 16th, 1918, I was at the house of Jimmy Felix on Salmon River Reserve accompanied by Indian Agent Brown and D. McDonald, Provincial Constable, The reason why I was there was that it had been reported to me that Jim Haskett and William Madeline (Nanisse) claiming to be Chief and Captain and accompanied by a number of other Indians had gone to the farms of George Portach and Jimmie Felix and driven off the lessees who were ploughing in their fields, although leases had been entered into between those lessees and the Indians whose lands they had rented by mutual agreement and all parties to the leases fully satisfied. It was clearly my duty to see that order was maintained on the reserve and that Indians who wanted to have their land worked should not be terrorized by ignorant Indians in the hands of a designing disturber like J. H. Christie. I was not at Haskett's place that day but I met him at Jimmy Felix' house and told him that as he had no interest in the lands leased by George Portach or Jimmy Felix he must not interfere with them, and told him that he was no chief. Moreover, I doubt whether any

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Indian made any such allegation as that contained in this paragraph of McIntyre's brief making the charge. It has every evidence of being a veritable ~~fragment~~ figment of his own imagination,- a characteristic MacIntyreism. The only time I was on Jim Haskett's place within the past year was on May 20th, 1919, when I was there with Indian Agent Ball, and we merely went to where Haskett was harrowing in his field and asked him where we would find Billy Felix.

This I think answers all there is in MacIntyre's brief. Now, it is a military maxim that the most effective defence is a counter-attack, and it is right and proper that the Department should be put in possession of a plain statement of a few of the many facts which could be given regarding the operations of this man MacIntyre and his relations with the Indians. Indeed, I am not sure whether it is not my duty to make such statement to the Law Society as well, for they are about the only body who are in position to deal with him as he should be dealt with.

His interference with Indian affairs began before I was connected with Indian work and one of the first duties I had to undertake was to investigate a list of charges which he had preferred against Chief Pierre Michel in 1914.

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One of the stool pigeons he used on that occasion was a half-breed named John Miller who hawked about the list of charges for signature among the Indians, but it is evident that they knew very little of what they were signing, for when the charges were read to them, the greater number of the Indians denied any knowledge of many of the charges made, and asked to have their names withdrawn. The investigation under oath showed how little foundation there was for the whole affair. The Department decided that there were not sufficient grounds for deposing the chief and as a result I had insulting letters from Mr. MacIntyre, one of which I sent to the Department as a sample. Miller who did some of the stool pigeon work for him in that matter wasafterwards a subject for complaint from Indians with whose wives he had been tampering. What the total amount of MacIntyre's levy upon the Indians was on that matter I do not know, but I learned that it cost one Indian $135.00.

All through this man has been a veritable Noah Claypole minus the humility and the Indians pennies were his "Kinchin lay" when pennies had to suffice but he preferred the pounds.

The next thing that came under my observation was at the Assizes in Vernon in June of that year, when he charged John Collochlin an Indian from the lower Similkameen $50 for appearing for him. The matter was decided in a few minutes by the Judge on evidence given by the Indian Agent quite apart from any defence put up by counsel. The MacIntyre fee of $50 broke the Indian with

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the result that he had nothing left to take him home and I had to lend him $10 which has never yet been paid back to me, although that was over five years ago.

The next matter was that concerning the Henderson lease of Alexander Chillihitza's land. My part in that matter was fully set forth to the Department in my letter of Dec. 16th, 1916, file 481652. Rentals of land have in many cases trebled since that time, but the letter above mentioned was a correct statement as to facts and also as to conditions prevailing at that time. Nevertheless, the straight course I pursued throughout the whole matter did not protect me from the slanderous tongue of MacIntyre, who told a party in Vernon, whom I would believe as readily as if I heard him say it myself, "that Alexander was being robbed and Dr. Henderson and Inspector Megraw were making $1000 a piece out of it". What Dr. Henderson's profits from his lease were I do not know and had no reason to care, but Alexander Chillihitza himself told that MacIntyre got $400 out of his connection with it. I have always felt that the Department acted on mistaken, unreliable information in cancelling the lease, and while I have never seen Mr. Ditchburn's report of his investigation held in July, 1917, I never thought he understood the matter for his investigation of it was too superficial to bring out the facts. MacIntyre, in my opinion, had an easy task in his handling of the late Dr. Mc Kenna and everybody suffered as the result of it except MacIntyre.

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Again in 1917, MacIntyre took money from an Indian named Seymour Paul to resist the retention of his godson, Harry Parker, who had enlisted in the B. C. Horse, having been recruited by his older brother Charlie Parker. The protest to the military authorities made by me was unavailing and the paid intervention by MacIntyre (whatever it may have consisted of) had no better success, for the boy was taken to Victoria, and later he deserted from there along with the other two brothers, Charlie and Christopher. All came back here and were in hiding, being harboured by various Indians on the reserve. The two older brothers surrendered and were leniently dealt with, but the younger one, who was Seymour Paul's godson, (although advised by his father and brothers to give himself up) remained in hiding by the advice of Seymour Paul who, it is to be presumed, was also acting on the advice of MacIntyre. The boy was at last persuaded by other friends to give himself up in June, 1919, and was sentenced to six months in jail, which sentence he is now serving. Had he not at last broken away from his ill-advisers his sentence would doubtless have been much more severe. It merely shows that opposition to the authorities can always be expected from Indians who seek the advice of MacIntyre.

Again in 1918, when I made special effort to increase the production on Indian lands and help win the war, and succeeded in getting a large acreage under crop by mutual arrangement between white lessees and Indian lessors, I had MacIntyre as usual against me in encouraging the Indians to oppose me in it. In only four cases out of all the cropping agreements made, was it necessary for me

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to employ the "War Measures Act", and in two of the four cases I had MacIntyre against me. I do not know how much he has been able to extort from these two Indians, Alex. Simla and Gaston Louis, but he joined forces with J. H. Christie on behalf of the latter and Christie was busy for weeks passing the hat around among other Indians who were asked to contribute towards Gaston Louis' law expenses. To these two men has been added another Indian litigant in the person of Michel Spopowcheen, who has retained MacIntyre to oppose the Department's decision in the Louis Jim Will case.

There are now four Indians on the Head of the Lake Reserve who defy the authority of the Department and every one of them is a client of MacIntyre, and for the past year I am satisfied that with what they have paid themselves, and collected from other Indians, their joint contributions to the MacIntyre exchequer will exceed considerably $1000.00. To each of these four, MacIntyre has evidently promised that he will secure the dismissal of the Inspector. At all events all of them have been telling other Indians that MacIntyre is going to accomplish that end.

As a concrete example of the injurious effects of MacIntyre's propaganda among the Indians I have only to point to the case of Alex. Simla who was obliged by Mr. Ball, Indian Agent, to sign an agreement last Spring that he would pay back to the Department the money advanced to purchase his seed grain. By signing the agreement he obtained the seed grain, but now he declares flatly

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that he will not pay and is urging other Indians not to pay for their seed. He tells them that he is going to employ MacIntyre who he says has more authority than the officials have. Unfortunately too a number of the Indians are beginning to believe that. In this way discipline is subverted and positive harm done among the Indians.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs, Ottawa

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Enderby, B. C.
August 27th, 1918.

J. R. Brown, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Summerland, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am credibly informed that Jimmy Hasket has received from Jimmy Date a paper which we believe to be a letter from you in reference to reservation business, but these two men refuse to give any information as to the nature of this document, and defy my authority as Chief, refusing to attend before me although twice summoned to do so.

Considerable ill-feeling has been stirred up on the Salmon River reservation, with a view to its separation from the Enderby reservation, the ringleaders being Jimmy Hasket and William Madelene, and in view of the conditions existing I am of opinion that I ought to be made acquainted with the nature of the alleged communication.

Will you kindly inform me, therefore, whether any official communication has been forwarded to Jimmy Date by you concerning reservation business, and if so let me have a copy of same, so that I may be advised, as Chief, of anything concerning the affairs of my two reservations which I ought to know, and so preserve my authority and assist me in maintaining order among my people?

Hoping to hear from you at an early date,

I remain,

Yours obediently,

Edward X His mark

Chief of Enderby & Salmon River Reservations.

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James Harriskett
and William Norris

Spences Bridge BC.

Salmon River BC. 2nd Aug. /18.

Dear Friends.

I received your letter and in answer may say I have not had any reply from Ottawa yet. As soon as I receive one I will let you know.

Re. Elie Felix I cannot say where he is. No doubt he has a chance to write if he wants to. He certainly should write home. If you want to get in touch with him at once I would advise you to ask Mr Brown the Indian agent to write to Military headquarters in Victoria or Vancouver and find out his number and address. Best regards from

Yours truly

J a Teit

P.S. I have a wire lately from the Ind. lawyer and he is to leave England about this time.

JAT

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BELLHOUSE

SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE
SEP 17 1919
Vernon, B. C.

Spences Bridge. B. C.
12th Sept. 1919

Dear Mr. Megraw.

Your letter of 10th inst. to hand. In reply I may say that at the request of Jim Haskett William Monise and I think also Chief Alexander Chilahitaa I wrote to the Deputy Sup. of Ind. affairs asking that they be allowed to elect a chief or a sub-chief for Salmon River. I do not remember the date when I wrote but I think it may have been July or August 1918. I received a reply from Ottawa which was favorable but did not exactly or at least definitely promise the request. I do not remember the language used but I think it was some thing in the nature of a half promise, and was certainly not against the request. I forwarded the letter to Jim Haskett and had an acknowledgement from him or from Monise (I think Jim) stating the letter had been received and they were pleased with it. I think I afterwards mentioned to Mr. Scott that the Indians were pleased with the reply they had received. No doubt you can

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procure from the Department copies a copy of the letter in question and all copies of my letters if you deem them of importance for any purpose. I do not now myself remember much about these letters excepting in a general way.

Yours very truly

J.A. Vaut.

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Summerland, B. C.

August 28th 8

Dear Cheif,--

I beg to enclose herewith the only communication that I have had from J. A. Teit of Spence's Bridge with reference to Elie Hasket, and was addressed to Jimmie Hasket and William Nonis or Madeline of Salmon River. I have not written to J. Teit on Band matters.

Yours sincerely,

Indian Agent.

Chief Edward Clemah,
Spallumcheen Reservation,
Enderby, B. C.

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Sept. 10, 1919

J. A. Teit, Esq.,
Spence's Bridge, B.C.

Dear Sir,-

Is it true that you wrote the Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs in July 1918, in behalf of Jim Hasket and William Manisse of Salmon River Reserve in the Okanagan Agency, asking that they be allowed to elect a Chief for Salmon River, and that you had received a reply from Ottawa granting the request and had forwarded this letter of authority to Jim Hasket?

Yours very truly,

Inspector of Indian Agencies

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Air Mail

Ottawa, October 20th, 1947.

J.V. Boys, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Hazelton, British Columbia.

In reply to your letter of June 3rd, 1947, your file 6-10-2, forwarded under cover of Commissioner MacKay's letter of July 25th, 1947, his file 1-10-1, you are advised that approval has been secured for the amalgamation of the Andimaul and Kitsegukla Bands in the Babine Indian Agency. The new name of the Band is to be Kitsegukla Band.

Steps will be taken to transfer Funds to the credit of the Andimaul Band into the Trust Account of the Kitsegukla Band. It is to be understood, henceforth, that all members of both former Bands are to share equally in the combined properties and monies.

D.J. Allen,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

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Air Mail

Your File 27151-2 (R.1)

July 25th, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Re: Proposed Amalgamation of Andimaul
and Kitsegukla Bands - Babine

I should appreciate being advised if the Department has reached a decision with respect to the proposed amalgamation of the above mentioned Bands, reference my letter of March 31st last and subsequent correspondence.

-EW

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Our file
5-10-2

Hazelton, B. C.,
July 21, 1947.

Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C..

Kindly refer to my 5-10-2 of March 3rd requesting an amalgamation of the Andimal band with the Kitsegukla band. I have heard nothing further in this matter to date and the Indians concern are anxious to know what decision has been made in the matter. Will you kindly advise me.

J. V. Boys,
Indian Agent.

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Babine Agency

Hazelton, B.C. June 3, 1947

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, Ontario.

Kindly refer to your file 27141-2 R.1 concerning amalgamation of the Andimaul Band with the Kitsegukla Band and particularly with reference to a letter received from Mr. Harold Sinclair of the Kitwanga Band who takes exception to the proposed merger. Mr. Sinclair was advised that the matter was under consideration and the date of its discussion at Kitsegukla was made known to him. He did not attend for discussion, however, and the Andimaul people were unanimous in their desire to unite with Kitsegukla. In view of this and the general unreliability of the complainant, I recommend that his protest be disregarded.

J.V. Boys,
Indian Agent.

JB/FA

c.c. Major D.M. McKay.

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May 28, 1947

J. V. Boys, Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B. C.

Re: Kitsegukla and Andimaul
Amalgamation.

I enclose herewith an exchange of letters with the Department regarding the protest of Harold Sinclair to the above.

It would be appreciated if you would advise the Department further in the matter if you have any additional information on the subject, forwarding a copy for my files.

for D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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May 28, 1947

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Your file 27151-2 (R.1)

I have for acknowledgement your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing copy of a letter dated March 8, 1947 by Harold Sinclair of the Kitwanga Band and Agent Boys' letter of February 21, 1947 addressed to him.

It is noted that Mr. Sinclair takes exception to the application of the Kitsegukla and Andimaul Bands for amalgamation on the grounds that the Andimaul Reserve was or should have been allotted to the Kitwanga Band as a fishing Reserve when Indian Reserves were first allotted in the district. He implies that the parcel was surveyed at that time with the other Reserves in the locality and that Chief Weget of the Kitsegukla Band, as the result of a quarrel with another Chief of the Band, applied to the Kitwanga Band for permission to settle on Andimaul Reserve.

This information is not in accord with what we have on record. Apparently there was no Reserve at Andimaul at the time of the visit of the Royal Commission to this Band and at that place on April 19, 1915 as a result of which they made a Minute of Recommendation dated May 30, 1916 that 1.085 acres to set aside for the Andimaul tribe for village site and general reserve purposes. My information is that those known as the Andimaul Indians were a division of the Kitsegukla Band resulting from a schism between the Salvation Army minority and the Methodist majority of the Band similar to a like division of the Kispiox Band resulting in the separation of the Glen Vowell Band from the parent tribe. Apparently the quarrel

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healed sufficiently for the Andimauls to move back to Kitsegukla and establish residence there with the exception, possibly, of two families settling on Kitwanga.

The meeting, at which the amalgamation was to be discussed, and its purpose were well advertised and Sinclair was advised personally by the writer that he or any other person could attend it and make such objections as they saw fit but could not vote on the matter without having a claim to membership in the two Bands concerned. He is a garrulous and unreliable individual much given to agitation. In this instance it is not considered that he has advanced any evidence that could be considered as valid objection to the proposal. However, the matter has been referred to Mr. Indian Agent Boys for any further observations he may wish to make.

:mh

for D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
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MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

Ottawa, May 22, 1947.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P. O. Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

I am enclosing for your attention a copy of a letter recently received from Harold Sinclair of Kitwanga, B. C.

for D. J. Allan,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

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Kitwanga, B. C.
March 8th/47.

Superintendent General
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir;-

I have been advised;-from our recent meeting. By our Chiefs & People of Kitwanga Band. To forward this Letter; attached, received from our Indian Office of Hazelton, B. C.

"For your Considerations," & Justice." Because the Kitwanga Band have found none, Satisfactory dealings into the question of Andimaul, B. C.

Which is now so called, Andimaul Reserve, and is considered, belonging to the Andimaul Band. And that only by a resolution by the surviving members thereof, that the Place be taken over, or claimed by the Kitsegukla Band. To that effect, we do definitely consider it to be, an unjust dealing, and of a purely falsehood claim, by the so called surviving members.

Thereof;- we have already given our explanations, & have pointed out our Reasons of Objections to the claim; To our Inspector of Indian Agencies, Mr. Jas. Coleman, who requested the Kitwanga Band, to draw up a resolution of objection, & as he stated, that he was to forward same into your Office, for final considerations. And that was about a month ago.

Apparently, to that effect, we have received this letter of reply as you will find from our Indian Agent, Mr. J. V. Boys.

And here is our point of reasons of objections as gathered from Kitwanga Band meeting.

1st Referring to the times when the first surveyors came through our Skeena District. Surveying all Reservations, & Land Property claims of each Band.

At that time the Head Chief Simideeks of Kitwanga Band, went out with the Surveyors, and pointed out the Land Property claim, of the

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Kitwanga Band, which was the very ancient Land Mark from the Ancestors. And the word, Andimaul, is an old ancient Indian wording of a name, of the ancient Fishing Camp, belonging to the Kitwanga Band.

The Chief of course pointed, with explanations of the place, thereby, the surveyors planted an iron post, as a land mark about ¼ mile east of the fishing ground, Chieftain Camp, of Kitwanga Band. And another iron post, was planted 150 yards west of Fiddler Creek, which is also Indian name, & Chieftain Fishing Ground property of the Kitwanga Band.

About a year after all was surveyed along this Skeena District, each Band of course according to their claims.

Chief Weget, who is the Head Chief, of the Kitsegukla Band. Was in a serious, & unsettled dispute with Chief Malkin, second Head Chief Kitsegukla Band. And through that cause, that Chief Weget came to Kitwanga Band's head Chief, and requested for a special permission, be granted to him, to build a dwelling place at Andimaul.

Of course the old Chief sympathized with him, & gave him a special permission.

Afterwards of course, Weget's own relatives, & of his wife's, came & lived with him, but not for to claim the land property.

A few years later;- The Royal Commissioners, from Ottawa, came through our Skeena District.

Who made the understanding, to each Band, that all Reserve, & land property claims, were both definitely sanctioned, in our Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa. At that time the said Royal Commissioners found out that Chief Weget was purely the head Chief of Kitsegukla Band. And that only by special permission granted to him that he had lived at Andimaul, B. C. To that effect, we have a true witness here, Mr. George H. Moore, who was the hired Interpreter, by the Royal Commissioners, at the time when they came through our District. On that reason we ask for a "just" dealing into the claim. As we do object that payments be made of the property, to the Kitsegukla Band, or through the false claim of the so called surviving members.

We do trust that the Surveyors maps & of the approvals of the Royal Commissioners are in your office.

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Our ground of objections is this---That it is unlawful to remove the land mark, of our neighbourhood, without first taken it into every considerations.

Thanking you Sir-for any assistance to our claim.

And we challenge that the Kitsegukla Band to prove their claim in the lawful way of evidence.

Awaiting for your reply, please--

Yours truly,

On behalf of the Kitwanga Band--

(sgd) Harold Sinclair

General Sectry. for
Kitwanga, B. C.

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Babine Agency File 6-10-2

Hazelton, B. C. February 21, 1947

Mr. Harold Sinclair,
Kitwanga, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 28th concerning the Andimaul Reserve. Please be advised that any transfer of this Reserve to the Kitsegukla Band would be effected by a resolution of the majority of surviving members of the Andimaul Band and will only be done at their request. It is purely for them to decide with whom they wish to amalgamate.

Yours truly,

(sgd) J. V. Boys.

J. V. Boys,
Indian Agent.

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March 21, 1947

AIR MAIL

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

I am enclosing Mr. Indian Agent Boys' letter of March 3rd and enclosures referred to therein in connection with the proposed amalgamation of the Andimaul and Kitseguecla Band, Babine Agency. It is understood that the Andimaul Reserve was allotted by the Royal Commission for use of a minority group of Salvation Army adherents of the Kitseguecla Band, but this group did not entirely enter into occupation of the Reserve. A number of them lived there for some time and cultivated parts of the Reserve but at the present time there are no permanent residents on the Reserve and the original members of the Andimaul Band and their decendants have been absorbed into the Kitseguecla Band.

It will be noted from the attached resolutions that a majority of the voting members of each Band are in favour of amalgamation of the two Bands and in view of the circumstances this procedure would appear to be advisable at this time before the identity of members of the Andimaul Band is lost with the resultant possibility that the Reserve would revert to the Province. The amalgamation is recommended and if approved, Andimaul Band funds account No. 83 should be combined with Kitseguecla Band funds account No. 352.

for D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Hazelton, B.C.
March 3rd, 1947

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

On Saturday February 1st, I attended a combined meeting of the members of the Andimaul and Kitseguecla Bands, at Skeena Crossing, held for the purpose of confirming member ship of the Andimaul Band and consolidation of the two Bands into the Kitseguecla Band. At that time the necessary resolutions were unanimously passed by a voting majority of the Andimaul Band (enclosed herewith in duplicate), but because of lack of a majotity at that time, the Kitseguecla resolution was necessarily postponed.

Another Meeting was held at Skeena Crossing on Wednesday, February 26th, when a voting majority of the Kitseguecla Band unanimously passed a resolution requesting the amalgamation. Two copies of this resolution, signed by the Chief and one of the two Councillors whose election was recently confirmed by the Dept., also signed by two interpreters, are attached hereto.

I may say that all the surviving members of the Andimaul Band have been living on the Kitseguecla Reserve for some years past, with the exception of a few months in the summer time when a few go to Andimaul to fish.

I recommend ratification of this amalgamation, and that the Band funds of the two bands be consolidated.

J.W.Boys,
Indian Agent.

JVB
Encls.

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ANDIMAUL Indian Reserve,

Skeena Crossing, 19

We, the undersigned, ~~Chief and Councillors~~ of the

Andimaul *Band of Indians owning the Reserve situated*

at Andimaul, near Kitwanga, *in the* Babine

Indian Agency, in the Province of British Columbia

at a council summoned for the purpose, according to the rules of the Band, and held on the said Reserve, this day

of, *A.D. 19*, *in the presence of the Indian Agent for the said Reserve, representing thereat the Minister of Mines and Resources for the Dominion of Canada;*

Do hereby for ourselves, and on behalf of the Indian owners of the said Reserve, ~~request that a sum not exceeding~~ certify that at a joint meeting of the Andimaul and Kitsegukla Bands it *~~Dollars, be paid out of money standing~~* was declared that the following are members or descendents *~~to the credit of this Band, for the purpose of~~* of members of the original Andimaul Band who have never been voted into or transferred to any other Band with the approval of the Indian Affairs Branch:
James & Wilfred Weget, Jeffrey & Wallace Johnson, David & Morris Williams, Moses & Jacob Brown, Phillip & Simon Turner, Matthew Jones, Arthur and Alfred McDames, Allen Johnson and their wives and children.

James + Weget
Wilf Weget
David S. Williams
Moses Brown
Jacob A. Brown
Arthur + McDames.
Alfred + McDames.
Morris Williams

Signed and sealed in the presence of

J. W. Byers
Indian Agent

, Chief.
, H. M.
, H. M.
, H. M.
, H. M.

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Indian Agency, in the Province of British Columbia

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Do hereby for ourselves, and on behalf of the Indian owners of the said Reserve, ~~request that a sum not exceeding~~ certify that a majority of the Band ~~Dollars, be paid out of money standing to the credit of this Band, for the purpose of~~

agreed to the amalgamation of our Band with

~~that of~~ the Kitsegukla Band

James + Wright

W T Wright

Signed and sealed in the presence of

J W Ps.
Indian Agent

W T Wright, Chief.
David S. Williams, H. M.
Moses Brown, H. M.
Jacob A Brown, H. M.
Arthur + McDames, H. M.
Alfred + McDames.
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KITSEGUKLA Indian Reserve,

Skeena Crossing, 19

We, the undersigned, Chief and Councillors voting members of the

Kitsegukla Band of Indians owning the Reserve situated

at Skeena Crossing, in the Babine

Indian Agency, in the Province of British Columbia

at a council summoned for the purpose, according to the rules of the Band, and held on the said Reserve, this day

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the Andimaul Band

Signed and sealed in the presence of

Indian Agent

Sam Wesley, Chief.

Edward Wesley, H. M.

, H. M.

Herbert Purnell, H. M.

Jonathan Wm Brown, H. M.

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FILE NUMBER 153/3.5 VOLUME 1

SUBJECT ELECTIONS

NEW WESTMINSTER.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM

TO

NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE

TO BE PLACED ON THIS FILE

NOTE: For subsequent correspondence relevant to the subject matter of this closed file see

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Same letter sent to Inspectors of Indian Agencies and
Indian Commissioner for British Columbia.
Circular made for information of Indian Agents. 3-5.

Ottawa, April 14, 1944.

RE: ELECTIONS

This matter is again being brought to your attention pursuant to instructions received.

On March 27th, 1941, we asked that you communicate with the Agents in your inspectorate and then advise as to the desirability of introducing the elective system of selecting chiefs and councillors as provided for in section 96 of the Indian Act. The replies received indicated a great divergence of opinion and some misunderstanding as to the provisions of the Act. No final action has been taken on such recommendations as were made and it is considered desirable to secure supplementary reports before a recommendation to Council is prepared for the Minister's consideration and signature.

It might be made clear at the start that few Bands in Western Canada come under part II of the Act and these are not involved in this inquiry. Part II provides for the annual election of councillors so that an elective system would already be in operation. There is no move at this time to bring any additional Bands under that part of the Act. If, however, there are some Bands which you think might be brought under part II please mention them and your reasons therefor.

It is suggested that sections 96 to 101, inclusive, of the Act be read carefully. Section 96 authorizes the Governor in Council to introduce the elective system at any time; states that any Band of at least 30 members may have a chief; and enables the appointment of headmen in the proportion of 2 for every 200 Indians, up to 15. This has been interpreted by the Departmental Solicitor as meaning that a Band of between 30 and 199 members would be entitled to a chief only, a Band of between 200 and 399, a chief and 2 councillors, and so on up to a total of 15 councillors. In some instances treaties may provide for chiefs and councillors where the Act would not, or may provide for a greater number than the Act. In such cases if the elective system is made operative the provisions of the Act rather than the treaty will govern. These factors should be kept in mind in recommending a change over to the elective system.

Section 97, s.s. 1, states that life chiefs and councillors now living may hold office until death, that is if action has not been taken under section 96 to provide for the elective system. If such action is taken then as mentioned in s.s.2 of section 97 they shall hold the rank only but shall not exercise any powers, the latter being exercised by the elected council. This section has nothing to do with the appointment of life chiefs (or chiefs appointed for indefinite terms, which is the same thing). In fact the Act does not mention anywhere the replacement of life chiefs and councillors by life chiefs and councillors and our authority for the continuation of the practice is custom only. The Act does not say that on death or vacancy for some other cause replacement must be under section 96 and it would seem to be clear we may continue to follow Band custom where such practice seems to be in the Band interest. This section, along with section 99, gives the only reasons for which properly appointed chiefs and councillors (life - chosen by Band custom,

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or elected) may be removed from office:- dishonesty, intemperance, immorality, or incompetency.

It should be clear from the foregoing that the department has not authority to select chiefs or councillors or reject those Indians properly chosen for the office by Band custom, although that "right" has been exercised in the past, and it has no such right under the elective system. However, this need not prevent an Agent from using whatever influence he has with the Indians to induce them to choose men who would likely provide proper leadership.

It would appear reasonable to assume, after a period of more than 50 years during which time nearly every Indian Band has been under more or less direct supervision of Government officials, that most Bands should be qualified and ready to take a more active part in running their local affairs. It is not necessary to continue to treat some of the Bands as if they were still in the very primitive state. Generally, the placing of responsibility on a person brings out some good in him and it is thought the same might apply to many Indians who through no fault of their own have not had an opportunity of taking part in directing the activities of the Band. The Act contemplates a progressive stage of local autonomy for the Bands and this should be our aim, subject, of course, to any special conditions existing which might make it unwise in respect to certain Bands.

In order to secure a measure of uniformity in replies a questionnaire has been drafted and a supply is sent you herewith. Will you please have the Agents fill in one for each Band, return them to you so that you may endorse your views thereon and then transmit them to this office? The form speaks for itself and its purpose is explained herein. In answering the question "Whether the Band is sufficiently advanced to introduce the elective system, and whether that step is recommended", it seems to me the Agents should not be overcautious so long as the Indians are considered to be capable of understanding what it is all about. Their sense of responsibility and ability to discharge it will develop with exercise. However it is not desired to make any change where life chiefs and councillors are satisfactory and have the support of their Bands.

Where there is good reason to doubt the advisability of making any change, action can be deferred for a year or more during which time discussion with and by the Indians of the proposal may serve a useful purpose.

Early replies will be appreciated.

Please have these forms made out by the Agents in quadruplicate, one copy for their file; one for your office; and two to be forwarded here.

Harold W. McGill

Director.

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Babine Agency

Hazelton, B.C.
July 4th, 1944

D.M. MacKay, Esq., Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

Your files - 169-9834, dated Jan. 22/44
" " - 169-3474, " May 17/44

In reply to the above two mentioned letters, I enclose, in duplicate, copy of my letter to the Department, regarding Chiefs and Councillors of Bands in this Agency. I also enclose a copy of my letter to the Department of December 16th, 1943, a copy of which, was mailed, I believe, to you at that time. No further changes have been made in the meantime.

S. Mallinson

S. Mallinson
Indian Agent

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With reference to the Chiefs of the different villages, I wish to report as follows:-

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cc for information of,

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FILE A-6-3

Hazelton B.C.
Dec. 16/43

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

I wish to refer to The Director's letter of August 17, regarding Chiefs and Councillors of this Agency, and to my letter August 9th.

Owing to the large number of Indians employed in numerous kinds of work away from their Reserves, it has been impossible to hold meetings of over 50% of the membership except at Fort Babine and Old Fort Reserves; however the following is a list of the Reserves of this Agency, with notations thereto:

Hazelton: No election or appointment to date, James White, late Chief, died December 1941

Kisgegas: William Jackson, this Indian is blind and now resides in Hazelton. Kisgegas village is practically deserted and only occasionally visited by a few of the members when out trapping.

Kitsegukla: Chief Stephen Morgan resigned from position as Chief of this village and advocated the appointment of Councillors, which was the unanimous desire of the members of Kitsegukla Band. Councillors first appointed and being still on trial are: Herbert Russell, Moses W. Jones, Arthur N. Sampare and Benjamin Woods.

Kitwanga: Chief Laknitz died in August 1939 and no successor was elected, however, on a majority vote of the members of the Band the following named Councillors were appointed and are still on trial: Wallace B. Morgan, Mathias Bright and George H. Moore.

Moricetown: Chief Jack Joseph resigned from his position, and on a majority vote of members following named Councillors were appointed and are placed on trial: Peter Alfred, James Morris, Johnny Mack and Tommy (Little) Michell.

Tsitsk: No one was elected Chief of this village on the death of David McKenzie who died in July 1937. As the members of this Reserve asked for the formation of a Council, Donald Grey was appointed sole Councillor, who is also on trial. The members of this Band were very disappointed that only one Councillor could be appointed.

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Glen Vowell:	Nil	No Chief has been elected to any of these Bands and no Councillors have been appointed.
Kispiox:	Nil	
Kitwancool:	Nil	
Meanskinisht:	Nil	

Fort Babine: Robert Abraham and George Joseph, Councillors on trial.

Old Fort: Alex. Joseph, Casemil Emil Williams, Councillors on trial.

While visiting Fort Babine in September last, meetings were held of Fort Babine and Old Fort Bands, and majority of members of each respective Bands being present. Chief Jock Williams of Fort Babine and Chief Pierre Michell of Old Fort expressed a desire to retire from their positions as head of their Bands and it was the unanimous desire that Councillors be appointed instead of new Chiefs being elected. The result of the voting by ballot was as above for the respective Bands, and the Councillors were placed on trial.

I trust the foregoing is the information you require.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER VANCOUVER, B. C. JUL 7 1944

S. Mallinson
Indian Agent

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 2-10

Cranbrook, B. C.
June 1st, 1944.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.,P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

Re: File No. 169-3474

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in which a request is made for a list in duplicate of the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the respective Bands in this Agency.

According to the ruling laid down in your circular of April 29th No. O-10-5, the largest Band in this Agency, namely St. Mary's, is entitled to a Chief only. In any event it is presumed that the Councillors elected by the Church, which applies to all Bands in this Agency apart from the Lower Kootenay, are not entitled to Departmental recognition. The list follows:

St. Mary's Reserve - Eustace, Chief
Little Stanley, Councillor
Lower Kootenay Reserve - Frank Basil, Chief
Sam P. Luke, Councillor.
Tobacco Plains Reserve - There is only one headman, namely Chief Paul David. The Councillor, Jack Ignatius, having died in January of this year. The smallness of this Band does not admit of the election of another Councillor.
Columbia Lake Reserve - Gustave Michel, Chief
Louie Joseph, Councillor
Shuswap Reserve - Baptiste Thomas, Chief
Joseph Eugene, Councillor

These names complete the list of Chiefs and Councillors for the above Reserves.

Andrew Irwin,
Indian Agent.

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FILE 2-10

Cranbrook, B. C.
June 1st, 1944.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.,P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

Re: File No. 169-3474

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant in which a request is made for a list in duplicate of the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the respective Bands in this Agency.

According to the ruling laid down in your circular of April 29th No. O-10-5, the largest Band in this Agency, namely St. Mary's, is entitled to a Chief only. In any event it is presumed that the Councillors elected by the Church, which applies to all Bands in this Agency apart from the Lower Kootenay, are not entitled to Departmental recognition. The list follows:

St. Mary's Reserve - Eustace, Chief
Little Stanley, Councillor
Lower Kootenay Reserve - Frank Basil, Chief
Sam P. Luke, Councillor.
Tobacco Plains Reserve - There is only one headman, namely Chief Paul David. The Councillor, Jack Ignatius, having died in January of this year. The smallness of this Band does not admit of the election of another Councillor.
Columbia Lake Reserve - Gustave Michel, Chief
Louie Joseph, Councillor
Shuswap Reserve - Baptiste Thomas, Chief
Joseph Eugene, Councillor

These names complete the list of Chiefs and Councillors for the above Reserves.

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169-3474.

17th May, 1944.

I do not appear to have received a reply to my Circular Letter No. 169-9834 of January 22nd, wherein you were requested to submit a list, in duplicate, of the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the respective Bands in your Agency.

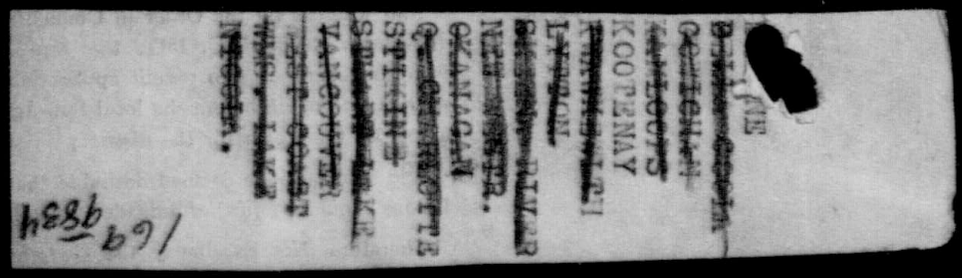
Please consider this matter urgent, and let me have your reply as soon as possible.

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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FILE 8-COC

Bella Coola, B.C.,
February 10th, 1944.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

Your file 169-9834, January 22, 1944.

Herewith list as requested:

Bella Coola - Chief Councillor (elected January 8th, 1944)	-	Mr. Joe Edgar Mr. Nathan Clalimen Mr. Albert King Mr. Joe Saunders Mr. George Nelson Mr. Willie Tallio
Bella Bella - Chief Councillor (elected May 19th, 1941)	-	Mr. Albert Humchitt
Deputy Ch.Coun.	-	Mr. Harry Humchitt Mr. Geo. N. Wilson Mr. Charlie Humchitt Mr. Willie Gladstone Mr. Sam Humchitt Mr. Johnny White Mr. Bertie Humchitt
Klemtu - Chief - (elected 1941) Headmen	-	Mr. Phillip Brown Mr. Andrew Robinson Mr. Abel Neasloss Mr. Arthur Neasloss Mr. James Robinson
Kitamaat - Chief Councillor - (elected 1941)		Mr. Richard Morrison Mr. Micah Shaw Mr. Don Grant Mr. James Duncan Mr. Jas. Clarkson Mr. Tim Starr
Oweekayno - Chief		Mr. Albert Harry
Ulkatcho - Chief		Mr. Charlie West.

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Listing of Chiefs and Councillors of respective Band
Cowichan Indian Agency-
January, 1944.

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Qualicum	Nil	Nil
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Nanaimo	Paul White	(Edward Brown, (Alec J. Fraser (Weldon Wesley (H. Wanser.
Chemainus	James Mitchell	Certain Head men.
Penelakut	Moses Johnny	" " "
Lyackson	Nil	" " "
Halalt	Peter Louie	
Malahat	Alec Peter	Nil
Tsartlip	Nil	Certain Head Men
Tsawout	Louie Pelkey	Eddie Underwood and Certain Head Men.
Pauquachin	Walter Williams	Certain Head Men
Tseycum	Edward Jim	Nil.
Songhees	Percy Ross	George Cooper, Tommy George
Esquimalt	Edward Jim	Nil
Sooke	Nil	Nil
Beecher Bay	Jasper Charles	Nil
Cowichan Lake	Nil	Nil
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File 169-9834

Kamloops, B. C.
January 26, 1944.

Kamloops Indian Agency.

D. M. MacKay, Esq., Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

Reference your circular letter of the 22nd, the following is a list of the Chief and Councillors of the Bands in this Agency.

BAND	Chief	Councillors
Ashcroft	Jimmy Bagoosh	None
Bonaparte	Tony Basil	Johnny Gaspard Antoine William
Deadman's Creek	Edward Ignace	Abel Sam (absent-Army) Mack MacNab
Kamloops	Alex Thomas	Joe Jules Petel Paul
North Thompson	David Casimir	Antoine Matthew Alex Joseph
Little Shuswap	Peter Tomma	Charlie Francois Barnaby William
Neskainlith	William Pierrish	Ben Alexander J.D. Manuel
Adams Lake	Francois Sampolio	Michel Anthony Alex Joseph(Arnouse)

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Feb. 1st, 1944.

Indian Commissioner for B. C., Department of Mines
and Resources, Vancouver, B. C.

This will acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of January 22nd last, file #169-9834, and the following list consists of the names of the Chiefs of the various Bands in the Kwawkewlth Agency.

BAND.	CHIEF.
Ahwhamish	Herbert Johnson
Campbell River	John Quocksister
Cape Mudge	John Chickite
Comox	(Andy Frank (Acting)
	(Moses Moon
Klowitsis	Henry Speck (Acting)
Kwawkewlth	Tom Johnson
Kwawwawaineuk	Fred Williams
Kwiakah	John Guss
Kwicksutaineuk	Wm. Scow (Acting)
Mamalillikulla	Harry Mountain
Matilpi	Sam Matilpi
Nakwakto	Chief George
Nimpkish	Jos. Harris
Nuwitti	James Humchitt
Quatsino	(Chief Johnny
	(Chief Charlie
Quawshelah	George Walkus
Tanakteuk	Bob Harris
Tsawataineuk	Dick Webber

There are no Councillors in any of the Bands.

Extra c.c. enclosed.

(M. S. Todd)
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LIST OF CHIEFS AND COUNCILLORS - LYTTON AGENCY.

JANUARY, 1944.

ANDERSON LAKE BAND:

Chief Tommy Jack. Councillors: Arthur Thevarge
Isaac Charlie.

BOOTHROYD BAND:

Chief Paul Machelle. Councillors: John McCarty
John Andrews.

BOSTON BAR BAND:

Chief Vacant until decision made.
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Antoine McHalsie

BRIDGE RIVER BAND:

Acting Chief Eneas Dave.
Councillors: Eneas Dave
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Dan Peters.

CAYOOSE CREEK BAND:

Chief Moses Frank Councillors: Baptiste Frank
George James

CHEAM BAND:

Chief Harry Edwards Councillors: Louis Victor
Daniel Murphy

SISKA BAND:

Acting Chief George Wish
Councillor: William Munro

FOUNTAIN BAND:

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Adrian Bob
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Harry Thom
James Stone
Jimmy Justice

SEABIRD ISLAND BAND:

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Harry Joe
Johnnie Bobb

PAVILION BAND:

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Councillors: None.

POPCUM:

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Conncillors: (None)

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Alex Peters

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 12-9-1

Prince Rupert, B.C.
January 27th, 1944

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

As requested in your Circular letter 169-8634 of the 22nd inst., I list hereunder the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the various Bands in this Agency:

Kincolith - Elected on December 7th, 1943.

Herbert Doolan	-	Chief Councillor
W.H. Stevens	-	Councillor
George Bolton	-	"
Samuel Lincoln	-	"
Paul Clayton	-	"
William S. Stewart	-	"
W.G. Barton	-	"

These names have already been approved of by Ottawa.

Aiyansh - Elected on December 17th, 1943.

W.J. McMillan	-	Chief Councillor
John Morven	-	Councillor
Abel Derrick	-	"
Stephen Clayton	-	"
Adam Nisyok	-	"
Henry McMillan	-	"

The Department has been advised of this election.

Port Simpson: - Elected January 10th, 1944.

Ernest Dudoward	-	Chief Councillor
Tom Gosnell	-	Councillor
Joshua Bryant	-	"
James McKay	-	"
William Kelly	-	"
Samuel Hughes	-	"

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Henry Kelly - Councillor
John Sankey - "
Moses J. Wesley - "
James Lawson - "
Eli Pollard - "
Johsua McKay - "

The Department has been advised of this election.

Kitkatla - Elected January 18th, 1944.

Joseph Innes - Chief Councillor
Matthew Hill - Councillor
James Lewis - "
Norman Lewis - "
Solomon Brown - "
Henry Brown - "
Lawrence Innes - "
William Ridley - "
William Gladstone "

The Department has been advised of this election.

Metlakatla - Elected January 24th, 1944.

William Leask - Chief Councillor
William F. Rudland - Councillor
Josh S. Ryan - "
David E. Ryan - "
George D. Ryan - "
Cecil Ryan - "

The Department has been advised of this election.

Greenville - not yet elected. The late Councillors are:

Johnson Russ - Chief Councillor
George Martin - Councillor
Leonard Douglas - "
Samuel McKay - "
John McNeil - "
John G. Nelson - "
Herbert Robinson. - "

Kitselas - Elected 3 years ago- Names are as follows:

Silas Bevan " Chief Councillor
Benjamin Seymour - Councillor
Walter Wright - "
John Cecil - "
Solomon H. Bevan -

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The new Council for this year should be elected but at present there are not enough people in the village.

Hartley Bay - Elected January 8th, 1942. The names are as follows:

Lewis Clifton	-	Chief Councillor
Heber Clifton	-	Councillor
Robert Reece, Jr.	-	"
John Eaton	-	"
Edward Clifton	-	"
William Robinson	-	"
Weiler Robinson	-	"
Simon Reece, Jr.,		"
Arthur Robinson, Sr.	-	

Port Essington- The Kitsumkalum Band living at Port Essington elect what they call an Executive Committee of the Port Essington Special Reserve. Last year's executives are as follows:

L.L. Starr	-	President
Joseph Roberts	-	Vice President
Ed N. Bolton	-	Secretary
Moses Stewart	-	Asst. Secretary
Mrs. Rebecca Bolton	-	Treasurer.

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

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Joshua Bryant	-	"
James McKay	-	"
William Kelly	-	"
Samuel Hughes	-	"

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Henry Kelly	-	Councillor
John Sankey	-	"
Moses J. Wesley	-	"
James Lawson	-	"
Eli Pollard	-	"
Johsua McKay	-	"

The Department has been advised of this election.

Kitkatla - Elected January 18th, 1944.

Joseph Innes	-	Chief Councillor
Matthew Hill	-	Councillor
James Lewis	-	"
Norman Lewis	-	"
Solomon Brown	-	"
Henry Brown	-	"
Lawrence Innes	-	"
William Ridley	-	"
William Gladstone	-	"

The Department has been advised of this election.

Metlakatla - Elected January 24th, 1944.

William Leask	-	Chief Councillor
William F. Rudland	-	Councillor
Josh S. Ryan	-	"
David E. Ryan	-	"
George D. Ryan	-	"
Cecil Ryan	-	"

The Department has been advised of this election.

Greenville - not yet elected. The late Councillors are:

Johnson Russ	-	Chief Councillor
George Martin	-	Councillor
Leonard Douglas	-	"
Samuel McKay	-	"
John McNeil	-	"
John G. Nelson	-	"
Herbert Robinson.	-	"

Kitselas - Elected 3 years ago- Names are as follows:

Silas Bevan	"	Chief Councillor
Benjamin Seymour	-	Councillor
Walter Wright	-	"
John Cecil	-	"
Solomon H. Bevan	-	"

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The new Council for this year should be elected but at present there are not enough people in the village.

Hartley Bay - Elected January 8th, 1942. The names are as follows

Lewis Clifton	-	Chief Councillor
Heber Clifton	-	Councillor
Robert Reece, Jr.	-	"
John Eaton	-	"
Edward Clifton	-	"
William Robinson	-	"
Weiler Robinson	-	"
Simon Reece, Jr.,		"
Arthur Robinson, Sr.-		

Port Essington- The Kitsumkalum Band living at Port Essington elect what they call an Executive Committee of the Port Essington Special Reserve. Last year's executives are as follows:

L.L. Starr	-	President
Joseph Roberts	-	Vice President
Ed N. Bolton	-	Secretary
Moses Stewart	-	Asst. Secretary
Mrs. Rebecca Bolton	-	Treasurer.

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE I-2.

Vernon, B.C.,
January 28, 1944.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver,B.C.

In reply to your circular letter of the 22nd instant, File 169-9834, I would advise that the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the various Bands in the Okanagan Agency are as follows:-

Okanagan Band:

Chief - Pierre Louis, Okanagan I.R.1,
Councillors - Ernest Brewer, "
- Jimmy Bonneau "

Spallumcheen Band:

Chief - Johnny Clemah, Spallumcheen I.R.2,
Councillors - Alex Jones, "
" - Harry Jones, "

Osoyoos Band:

Chief - Narcisse Baptiste George,

Upper Similkameen Band:

Chief - Charlie Allison,

Lower Similkameen Band:

Chief - Joseph (Susap) Louis.

Penticton Band:

Chief - vacant. (Michele Jack is referred to as Chief by the Penticton Band, but not appointed officially).

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-2.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
January 25th, 1944.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

Your File No.169-9834.

In reply to your letter of January 22nd, the following is a list of the Chiefs and Councillors in this Agency:-

Aitchelitz, Skwah, Skway, Squiala, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt	Chief Harry Stewart. Councillors-Jones Mussell and William Coombes.
Chehalis	Chief Michael Peter. Secretary- William Harris. (No Council).
Douglas	Chief Anatole Charlie No Councillors
Katzie	Chief James Adams. Secretary- Simon Pierre. (No Council).
Langley	No Chief or Council.
Matsqui	Chief Louis Julian No Council
New Westminster	No Chief or Council.
Pemberton	Chief Paul Dick Secretary- William Pascall. Councillors- Baptiste Ritchie, Johnny Andrew and Nicholas Joe.
Samahquam	Chief Harry Peters Secretary- Charles Peters. (No Council).
Scowlitz	Chief Joe Hall No Council
Semiahmoo	No Chief or Council.
Skookum Chuck	Chief Tommy Dan Secretary- Sam Paul (No Council).
Skulkayn	No Chief or Council.
Sumas	No Chief or Council.
Sumas Lakahahmen	No Chief or Council.
Soowahlie	Chief Albert Cooper (No Council).
Tzeachten	Chief John Hall. (No Council).
Tsawwassen	No Chief or Council.
Yakweakwioose	Chief Albert Louis (No Council).

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 71-7224

Q.C.I.
Massett, B.C.

January 31st, 1944.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.Vancouver, B.C.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Circular letter dated January 22nd, 1944 asking for a list of Chiefs and Councillors of the respective Bands in this Agency,and have attached herewith lists in duplicate as requested.

For your information I may add that I have already sent in single copies of the above to your Office,the originals being forwarded to Ottawa for their approval.

B.T. Phillips

B.T.Phillips,
Indian Agent.

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FROM
INDIAN OFFICE
MA[illegible]ETT, B.C.

CHIEF and COUNCILLORS

of the

SKIDEGATE INDIAN RESERVE

for 1944.

RUSS, William	Chief Councillor.
McKAY, James	Councillor,
BROWN, Dwyer,	"
JONES, James	"
PRYCE, William	"
YOUNG, Henry	"

B.T.Phillips
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FROM
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MASSETT, B.C.

CHIEF and COUNCILLORS of the

MASSETT INDIAN RESERVE

for

1944.

MATTHEWS, William	Chief Councillor
EDWARDS, Albert	Councillor
KELLY, Godfrey	"
WHITE, Geoffrey	"
ADAMS, Oliver	"
SMITH, Thomas	"

B. T. Phillips

B.T.Phillips,
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 4-10G

Stikine Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
March 13, 1944.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

Replying to your letter of January 22nd, file 169-9834, received here March 3rd, I beg to advise that the names of the Chiefs and Councillors on the Bands in this Agency are as follows:

Atlin-Teslin Lake Band -	Chief John Jack Councillor Billy Williams " David Johnson
Casca Band -	Chief Mike Johnny Councillor Allick Chief
Liard & Francis Lake Band -	Chief to be elected.
Nelson River Band -	Headman Dan Loots.
Tahltan Band -	Councillor Harry Carlick. (Chief to be elected)

As instructed in your letter, you will be advised of future changes.

R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE C-10-123

Stuart Lake Agency,
Vanderhoof, B.C.,
January 27/44.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Your File - 169-9834.

Complying with your request of the 22nd instant I beg to enclose herewith a list of Chiefs and Councillors for Stuart Lake Agency as at the above date. In future I will advise you of any changes in this connection.

R. Howe,
Indian Agent.

RH/H

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LIST OF CHIEFS & COUNCILLORS

STUART LAKE AGENCY

Jan. 27/44.

Blackwater	Band		None - insufficient membership.
Burns Lake	"		Chief Tibbetts
Decker Lake	"		None - insufficient membership.
Maxim Lake	"		" " "
Cheslatta	"		Chief Louis
Euchinico	"		None - insufficient membership.
Francois Lake			" " "
Fraser Lake	"		Chief Maxime George
Fort Connelly			None - election pending
Fort George	"		Chief Frank Seymour. Councillors - Fred Pius and Allen Seymour.
Fort Grahame	"		Chief Alex Pierre
Grand Rapids	"		None - insufficient membership.
Kluskus	"		Chief Morris
McLeod Lake	"		Chief Edward Solonas
Nazko	"		Chief Jackey James
North Takla	"		Chief Antoine Teegee
Pintcee	"		Chief Dominic
Stellaquo	"		Chief Isadore
Stoney Creek	"		Chiefship vacant due to resignation of Chief Joe Antoine Sept. 22/43. Councillors - Felix Peter and Toby Patrick.
Necoslie	"	(Stuart Lake)	Chief Alex McKinnon. Councillor - Duncan Sam. Councillor elect - Bob Sagalon.
Tatcee	"		Chief Justa Hanson
Tsislainli	"		None - insufficient membership
Yacutcee	"		Chief John

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416 Federal Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
February 18th 1944.

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re: File No. 169-9834

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Burrard Band - Chief J. Lewis George

Musqueam Band - Chief James Point

Sliammon Band - Chief Tom

Homalco Band - Chief Tommy Paull

Klahoose Band - Councillors Charlie Jimmy, William Mitchell and Dan Dominick (an election for a Chief will be held here shortly)

Sechelt Band - Chief Tom, Chief John, Dan Paul, Reggie Paul, Jimmy Johnson, Louie John, Louie Johnny, and Pat Julius

Fred J C Ball

(F.J.C.Ball)
Indian Agent

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 9981/44/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
January 26, 1944.

D. M. MacKay, Esq., Indian Commissioner, P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

Your file: 169-9834.

With reference to your letter of January 22nd, herewith please find list of names of Chiefs and Councillors of Bands of this Agency.

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

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WEST COAST INDIAN AGENCY

BAND	CHIEF	COUNCILLOR
Ahousaht	McPherson George	Richard Benson
Chaiclessaht	Jack George	W. Oscar
Clayoquot	Edward Joseph Sr.	Jimmy Jim
Ehattesaht	Frank Savey	Joseph Smith
Hesquiaht	Benedict Andrews	S. Charleston
Kyuquot	Emil Jules	Dominic Peter
Keltsomaht	Chester Charlie	George Sye
Moachaht	Napoleon Maquinna	Capt. Jack
Mutchelaht	Louie George	Dismis Jim
Nuchatlahts	Felix Michael	Peter Brown
Nitinaht	Peter Dick	Morris Dick
Ohiet	Arthur Peter	Kenneth Joe
Opetchesaht	William Tatoosh	Hamilton George
Pacheenaht	Willie Jones	Charles Jones
Sheshaht	Jacob Shewish	Tom Shewish
Toquaht	Cecil Mack	Jimmy MacKay
Uchucklesaht	Charlie Jackson	Fred Couttes
Ucluelet	Vacant	Charles McCarthy

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Nuchatlahts	Felix Michael	Peter Brown
Nitinaht	Peter Dick	Morris Dick
Ohiet	Arthur Peter	Kenneth Joe
Opetchesaht	William Tatoosh	Hamilton George
Pacheenaht	Willie Jones	Charles Jones
Sheshaht	Jacob Shewish	Tom Shewish
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Williams Lake, B.C.,
February 5, 1944.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver.

Your File: 169-9834

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2.	Alexis Creek	Chief Charleyboy Batiste Charleyboy Long Andy
3.	Alkali Lake	Chief David Johnson Charlie Spahan Charlie Thomas
4.	Anaham	Chief Casimir Bob Little Charlie Freddie Gilpin
5.	Canim Lake	Chief Joe Christopher George Daniels Jacob Archie
6.	Canoe Creek	Chief Edward Billy Pascal Adams
7.	Clinton	Chief Jimmy Gabel Eddie Le Bourdais
8.	High Bar	Chief Joe Moses
9.	Nemiah Valley	Chief Lashway Lulua Capt. George
10.	Soda Creek	Chief Antoine Peeps Isadore Phillips
11.	Stone	Chief Louis Quilt Petel Quilt

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12	Toosey	Chief James Baptiste Willie Isnardy
13	Quesnel	Chief Frank Charlie Dominic Charlie
14	Williams Lake	Chief James Louie Capt. Bob

Wm. Christie,
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 2-12-1/185

Nicola Agency
Merritt B.C.
March 13th 1944

Major D.M.MacKay Indian Commissioner for B.C. Vancouver B.C.

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No.1 & 2	Quilchena		Edward Shena George Pete

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CIRCULAR TO ALL INDIAN AGENTS.

Please forward to this Office a list, in duplicate, of the names of the Chiefs and Councillors of the respective Bands in your Agency.

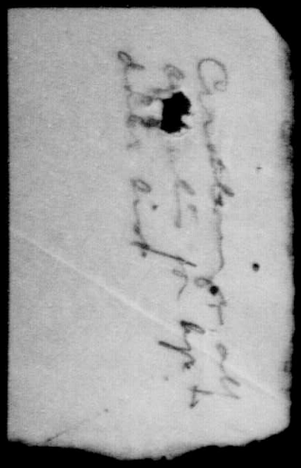
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January 7th, 1944.

Q.C.I.
Massett, B.C.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept of Mines & Resources, Ottawa, Ont.

I have the honour to submit for your approval, names of the newly elected Chief and Councilliors for the Massett Band of Indians, in the QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY, for the year 1944.

MATTHEWS, William (Chief Councillor),
EDWARDS, Albert (Councillor)
KELLY, Godfrey "
WHITE, Geoffrey "
ADAMS, Oliver "
SMITH, Thomas "

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B.T.Phillips,
Indian Agent.

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February 28, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter, dated the 24th instant, received from the Department, approving of the inclusion of the Comox Band in the Kwawkewlth Agency and its amalgamation with the Salmon River Band.

Please advise the Indians concerned.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 600557

OTTAWA February 20, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Re - Your File 3/35 regarding
amalgamation Salmon River Band,
Kwawkewlth Agency and Comox Band,
Cowichan Agency.

In reply to your letter of January 28, I have to advise you that the approval of the Minister has been obtained to the amalgamation of Salmon River and Comox Bands. The new band will be known as Comox and the band funds of the Salmon River Band will be transferred to Comox Trust Account No. 342. The combined band has been placed in Kwawkewlth Indian Agency.

I shall be pleased if you will notify both Agents and make the necessary arrangements for the affairs of Comox Band to be taken over by Indian Agent Todd.

Yours very truly,

T.R.L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Encl
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D. M. MacKay.
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January 14, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands of Indians.

This matter has been submitted to the Department and I will advise you in due course of their decision.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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January 14, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands of Indians.

This matter has been submitted to the Department and I will advise you in due course of their decision.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Alert Bay, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE_____

Alert Bay, B.C.,
8th January, 1941.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to your letter of December 20th last, file 3-9446 in connection with the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands, I do not think there is anything I can add to my original recommendations or those of the Indians as set forth in the application and resolution.

From an administrative point of view, in my opinion there would be very little difference no matter which Agency these bands were placed, provided Mr. Moore did not have to visit Salmon River Reserve No.1 at Salmon River. It would not be possible to transfer this reserve to another band in the district as the Salmon River Band would not consider giving it up. So far as I am concerned, it makes no difference to me which Agency administrates the amalgamated band, and my recommendation that it be placed in the Kwawkewlth Agency was purely from the point of view of economy and convenience, also knowing that as Mr. Moore's Agency is already much larger than mine, I felt it would be hardly fair to increase his responsibilities and territory.

Insofar as the Comox Band having a Capital Account against which the Salmon River Band have none, this matter was very carefully discussed at the meeting, and it was pointed out the Salmon River Indians only have a membership of eleven, the Comox Band consisting of forty-eight, and if the assets of both bands including reserves and cash on deposit were worked out on a per capita basis for each band, I feel we would find a fair distribution to both bands.

The Indians carefully discussed all phases of the matter and are aware of what they are doing, and voted unanimously in favour of amalgamation. I personally feel it would be in the best interests of both bands as well as of the Department, and would therefore recommend it accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

(M. S. Todd)
Indian Agent

Major D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Vancouver, B.C.

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January 6, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I am awaiting a reply to my letter of the 20th ultimo with reference to the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands.

Kindly let me have this as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Alert Bay, B.C.

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Your File No. 3/9447

Duncan, B. C.

December 30th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, file number above noted, I beg to submit herewith in duplicate a signed resolution by the Comox Band agreeing to the amalgamation of the Salmon River Band, in the Alert Bay Agency, with their own.

Trusting that this resolution is now satisfactory and that the matter can be proceeded with.

Yours obediently,

R. H. Moore

(R. H. Moore)
Indian Agent.

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Comox # 1. Indian Reserve,

December 11th., 19 40.

We, the undersigned, Chief and Councillors of the

Comox. *Band of Indians owning the Reserve situated*

at Comox., *in the* Cowichan

Indian Agency, in the Province of B. C.

at a council summoned for the purpose, according to the rules of the Band, and held on the said Reserve, this 11th. *day of* December, *A.D. 1940., in the presence of the Indian Agent for the said Reserve, representing thereat the Minister of Mines and Resources for the Dominion of Canada;*

Do hereby for ourselves, and on behalf of the Indian owners of the said Reserve, request [illegible]

that approval by the Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, be given to the Amalgamation of the Comox Band, in the Cowichan Indian Agency with the Salmon River Band in the Alert Bay Agency, and that all Reserves, Band funds and other Band property be amalgamated and made the property of the entire membership.

That all other provisions mentioned in our Resolution dated September 13th. 1940. be approved of.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

R. S. Moore
Indian Agent

Andy Frank, Chief.
Isaac Frank, H. M.
Ernest Hardy, H. M.
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December 20, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant in reference to the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands, I would advise that no action can be taken in the matter until I receive the written resolution of the Comox Band agreeing to amalgamation of Bands, funds and Reserves,as requested in my letter of September 24, 1940.

It is noted that the Salmon River Band have already built two substantial houses on the Comox Reserve, which is contrary to the provisions of the Indian Act and should not have been permitted until the proposed amalgamation had been approved by the Department. If it fails to go through it will be necessary to effect removal of these Indians.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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December 20, 1940.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the proposed amalgamation of the Salmon River and Comox Bands, I would advise that Mr. Indian Agent Moore held a meeting with the latter on the 11th instant and they agreed to the proposal, but as he omitted to forward the resolution of the Comox Band, I am unable to proceed with the matter until this is forwarded.

Meanwhile I have given the matter some consideration and it would appear that some tentative observations could be made on the subject.

I cannot say that I am entirely satisfied from an administrative viewpoint that the advantages of transferring the Comox Band into your Agency would compensate for the disadvantages. The Comox Reserve is quite accessible from Duncan by automobile whereas, if handled from Alert Bay, it would be necessary to travel by bus from Campbell River and possibly hire transportation in the locality. However, this may present no great difficulty. On the other hand, it would not appear feasible to include the Salmon River Reserve in the Cowichan Agency, unless the Reserve was transferred to another Band in the neighborhood.

As at March 31, 1939, the Salmon River Band had $12.45 in their Interest Account, but no Capital Account, and the Comox Band had $5,677.25 Capital and $108.26 Interest. Presumably the question of these funds have been fully considered by both parties, but against this should be considered the value of the Salmon River timber. It is noted that the Salmon River Band consists of eleven persons and the Comox Band of forty-eight persons.

Pending receipt of the Comox resolution from Mr. Moore I would appreciate further information on the foregoing observations.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Todd

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D.M.MacKay,
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Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Your File No.
3/8002 Dated Sept. 24, 1940.

Duncan, B. C.

December 16th, 1940.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter, date and file number above noted, regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Comox Band of this Agency and the Salmon River Band of the Alert Bay Agency, as outlined in my letter of September 20th last, I wish to advise that I called a meeting of the Comox Band for Wednesday last, December 11th, at Comox Indian Reserve, to discuss the various points mentioned in your letter.

After full discussion of all matters pertaining to the amalgamation, it was unanimously decided by the members present that they wished the amalgamation to proceed without delay.

There are a total of eleven souls belonging to the Salmon River Band and already they have completed the building of two good, substantial houses on the Comox Reserve and unofficially have already taken up residence on that Reserve. I would, therefore, recommend that this amalgamation be approved.

Yours obediently,

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(R. H. Moore)
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I consider it most important to have a separate resolution of the Comox Band in this matter and have so advised Mr. Indian Agent Moore. When this resolution is received the proposal will be given consideration.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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M.S.Todd, Esq.,
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Re Salmon River Tribe. IR No 1

Table A. 329 ors. Laichkwiltach Tribe
Kelkahmatsis or Wawlutsum
on map shown as No 1 of Laichkwiltach Band.

Public dock.
Principal village of potlatch participants, now largely in timber
Halliday's valuation: —
269 ors @ 10" —— 2.690
40 " " 5" —— 200
$ 3.090

Table B
Indian store small proportion soil good,
balance rocky stone
agric. - Portion partly flooded reclaimed by diking - enclosed soil being sick alluvial soil.
Gardens.
40 ors cleared
Potatoes only, small patches oats.
Merchantable timber Laichkwiltach

Table C
Pop. 26
Fishing trapping logging
Comfortably well provisioned & industrious

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Duncan, B. C.

September 20th. 1940.

Dear Sir:-

Some few days ago Mr Indian Agent Todd called at this Office in connection with a request made to him by the Comox and Salmon River Bands of Indians' at a joint meeting recently held at Campbell River, and which I was asked to attend, regarding the amalgamation of these two Bands, and their use of the Comox No. 1. Reserve as their home Reserve.

I received a copy of the Minutes of that meeting from Mr Todd and have also been fully informed by him on the principal reasons why these Bands wish to amalgamate. While the matter has never been discussed with me by the Comox Band at any of the meetings I have had with them since coming here, it would appear from the list of those attending the joint meeting that practically all of them were at that meeting and certainly were in the majority to the voting members of the Salmon River Band, so that there is not much fear that the members of the Comox Band were coerced into doing something which they did not want to do by the members of the other Band.

It might be well to point out here that the Comox Indians are fishermen and to a large extent earn their lilihood from the sea, although some of them work as Boom men at certain times of the year around Comox Harbour, and for that reason spend a great deal of their time fishing in and around the waters adjacent to Mr Todd's Agency and really come in contact almost entirely with the Indians of his Agency.

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held at Campbell River, B.C.

September 13th,1940

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Indian Agent Todd then stated this was the picture of the assets of both bands as at present. He said however, that the idea of amalgamation must be viewed as to its mutual benefits to both, and that if it went through and was approved by the Department, everyone must understand that from that time the assets belonged to both jointly and that there should be no feeling of how much each had contributed. All matters in regard to the amalgamation were again brought before those present, asking them to discuss the matter further and express their views. Discussion followed generally, and the two Chiefs then spoke on behalf of their people, as follows:

Chief Andrew Frank stated he had explained it to all his members, that they have discussed this matter for quite a long time, about two years, and that although there were three voting members absent from this meeting, they had expressed their approval and would place their vote by proxy. He further stated the Salmon River people and the Comox people are related by marriage and business interests; the former have lived among them for several years, and there has never been any trouble or disagreements between the two. He further stated as his band is small, he felt it would be of mutual benefit to amalgamate as they would then have a larger membership and it was his hope and that of his people that they would be able to get a Day School on their Reserve. He stated they would be pleased to have the Salmon River people build homes at their village so that they could be one people.

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In regard to which Agency the amalgamated Band should belong, Chief Frank stated on behalf of his people that they did not mind under which administration it was placed, but he felt the same way as Mr. Todd, that the transfer of Comox would cut off approximately 45 miles from Mr.Moore's district which would at the same time only add about 25 miles to that of Mr. Todd. However he was perfectly willing to leave this to the Department to decide.

Chief Moses Moon, on behalf of the Salmon River Band, expressed the reasons why his people had not lived on their own reserve at Salmon River. He stated they have no homes there, and it is necessary for them to go away for employment as there is no means of earning a livelihood in that district. He stated the idea of amalgamation had been discussed with these two bands for several years, and that he had himself discussed it some time ago with his Indian Agent. They are all willing to amalgamate and would like to make their permanent homes at Comox. He concluded by saying they too were willing to leave the matter of agency headquarters to the Department.

A resolution, according to the wishes of those present was then framed, as follows:-

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Signed for Comox Band:
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I. Frank
Henry Mitchell
Edward NimNim
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By proxy - George Hardy
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Signed for Salmon River Band
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Harry Moon
David Moon

Carried unanimously.

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Both Chiefs requested that the matter be taken up immediately with the Department asking for their early attention. Indian Agent Todd stated he would contact Indian Agent Moore so that he could obtain his views and lay a joint recommendation before the Department.

Meeting adjourned at 11.45 A.M.

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RESOLWTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT A
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Indian Agent Todd then stated this was the picture of the assets of both bands as at present. He said however, that the idea of amalgamation must be viewed as to its mutual benefits to both, and that if it went through and was approved by the Department, everyone must understand that from that time the assets belonged to both jointly and that there should be no feeling of how much each had contributed. All matters in regard to the amalgamation were again brought before those present, asking them to discuss the matter further and express their views. Discussion followed generally, and the two Chiefs then spoke on behalf of their people, as follows:

Chief Andrew Frank stated he had explained it to all his members, that they have discussed this matter for quite a long time, about two years, and that although there were three voting members absent from this meeting, they had expressed their approval and would place their vote by proxy. He further stated the Salmon River people and the Comox people are related by marriage and business interests; the former have lived among them for several years, and there has never been any trouble or disagreements between the two. He further stated as his band is small, he felt it would be of mutual benefit to amalgamate as they would then have a larger membership and it was his hope and that of his people that they would be able to get a Day School on their Reserve. He stated they would be pleased to have the Salmon River people build homes at their village so that they could be one people.

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In regard to which Agency the amalgamated Band should belong, Chief Frank stated on behalf of his people that they did not mind under which administration it was placed, but he felt the same way as Mr. Todd, that the transfer of Comox would cut off approximately 45 miles from Mr.Moore's district which would at the same time only add about 25 miles to that of Mr. Todd. However he was perfectly willing to leave this to the Department to decide.

Chief Moses Moon, on behalf of the Salmon River Band, expressed the reasons why his people had not lived on their own reserve at Salmon River. He stated they have no homes there, and it is necessary for them to go away for employment as there is no means of earning a livelihood in that district. He stated the idea of amalgamation had been discussed with these two bands for several years, and that he had himself discussed it some time ago with his Indian Agent. They are all willing to amalgamate and would like to make their permanent homes at Comox. He concluded by saying they too were willing to leave the matter of agency headquarters to the Department.

A resolution, according to the wishes of those present was then framed, as follows:-

"We, the following members of the Comox Band of the Cowichan Agency, and the Salmon River (Kahkahmatisis) Band of the Kwawkewlth Agency, hereby request the Indian Affairs Branch to approve of the amalgamation of our bands under the following arrangement:-

1. That the two bands, when amalgamated, shall be known as the "Comox Band", all business and correspondence relating thereto to be henceforth done in the name of this band.

2. That Chief Andrew Frank, present Chief of the Comox Band, and Chief Moses Moon, present Chief of the Salmon River Band, shall remain as Chiefs of the combined Band, with equal powers and responsibilities.

3. That the reserves of the two bands shall be amalgamated under the ownership of the new Comox Band.

4. That Trust Account No.331 of the Salmon River (Kahkahmatisis) Band shall be transferred into the present account of the Comox Band, the combined accounts henceforth to be the property of the two amalgamated bands.

5. In regard to the administration of the amalgamated Comox Band, we feel for this purpose it would be better to have this new band included in the Kwawkewlth Agency, as that would merely extend the boundaries of this Agency to Comox, whereas the Cowichan Agency would have to be extended within the territory of the Kwawkewlth Agency to include Salmon River Reserve No.1.

We hereby sign the above resolution signifying our agreement thereto and request the Indian Affairs Branch to approve of same at their early convenience."

Signed for Comox Band:
Chief Andrew Frank
I. Frank
Henry Mitchell
Edward NimNim
Ernest Hardy
By proxy - George Hardy
Robert Clifton
Jacob Frank.

Signed for Salmon River Band
Chief Moses Moon
Harry Moon
David Moon

Carried unanimously.

MSD.

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Both Chiefs requested that the matter be taken up immediately with the Department asking for their early attention. Indian Agent Todd stated he would contact Indian Agent Moore so that he could obtain his views and lay a joint recommendation before the Department.

Meeting adjourned at 11.45 A.M.

Certified Correct.
W J Head
Indian Agt

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