



Correspondence Between

A. 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.

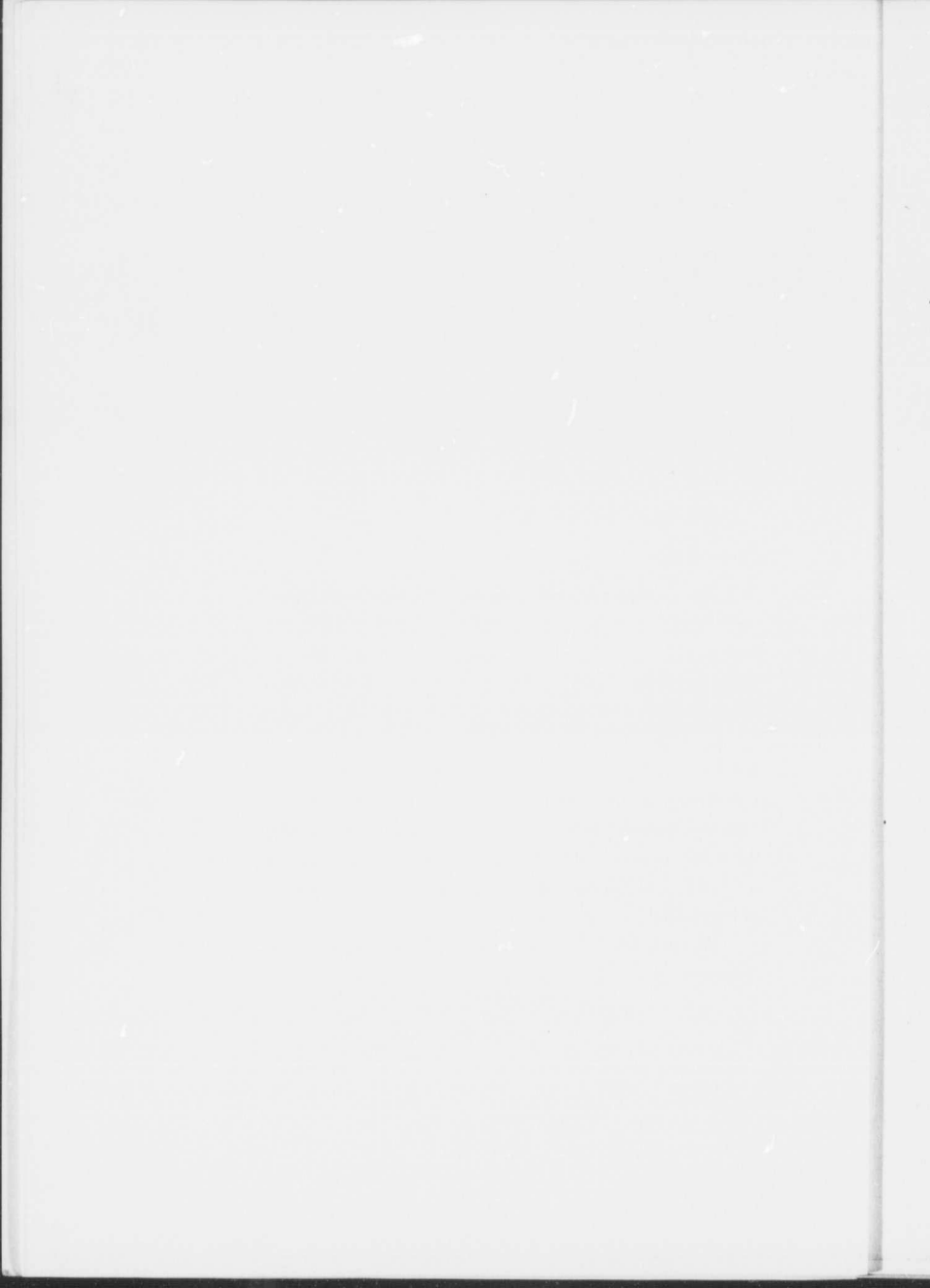
Honorable Sirs,

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.



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 White-men 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 Anton 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 Seymour 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 Machele. 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



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 Telegram)

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. Mean-

while 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 Gasto 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.

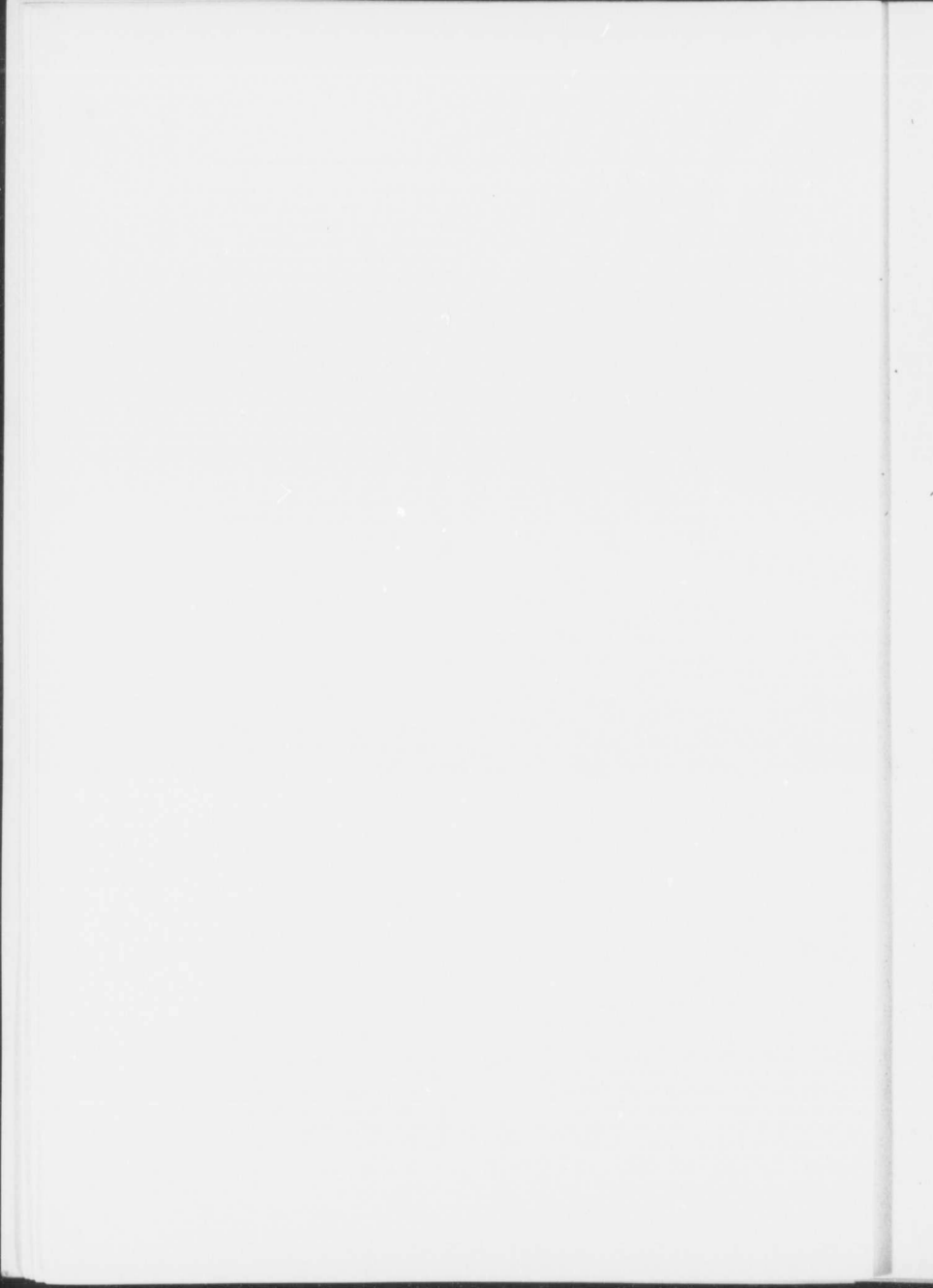
Armstrong, B.C., Aug. 24, 1916
The Deputy,
Minister Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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



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 proceeding, 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 and Johny two colts. Mrs. Edwards was given 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-



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 sentence, one continuous tissue of untruths?

The Hon. Senator, Jas. Loughheed, 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 spoliation 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 so complaint to make against the Chief.



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 that the 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 Megraw'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 amiable 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 execrable 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 granted 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, Johnny 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 business 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,

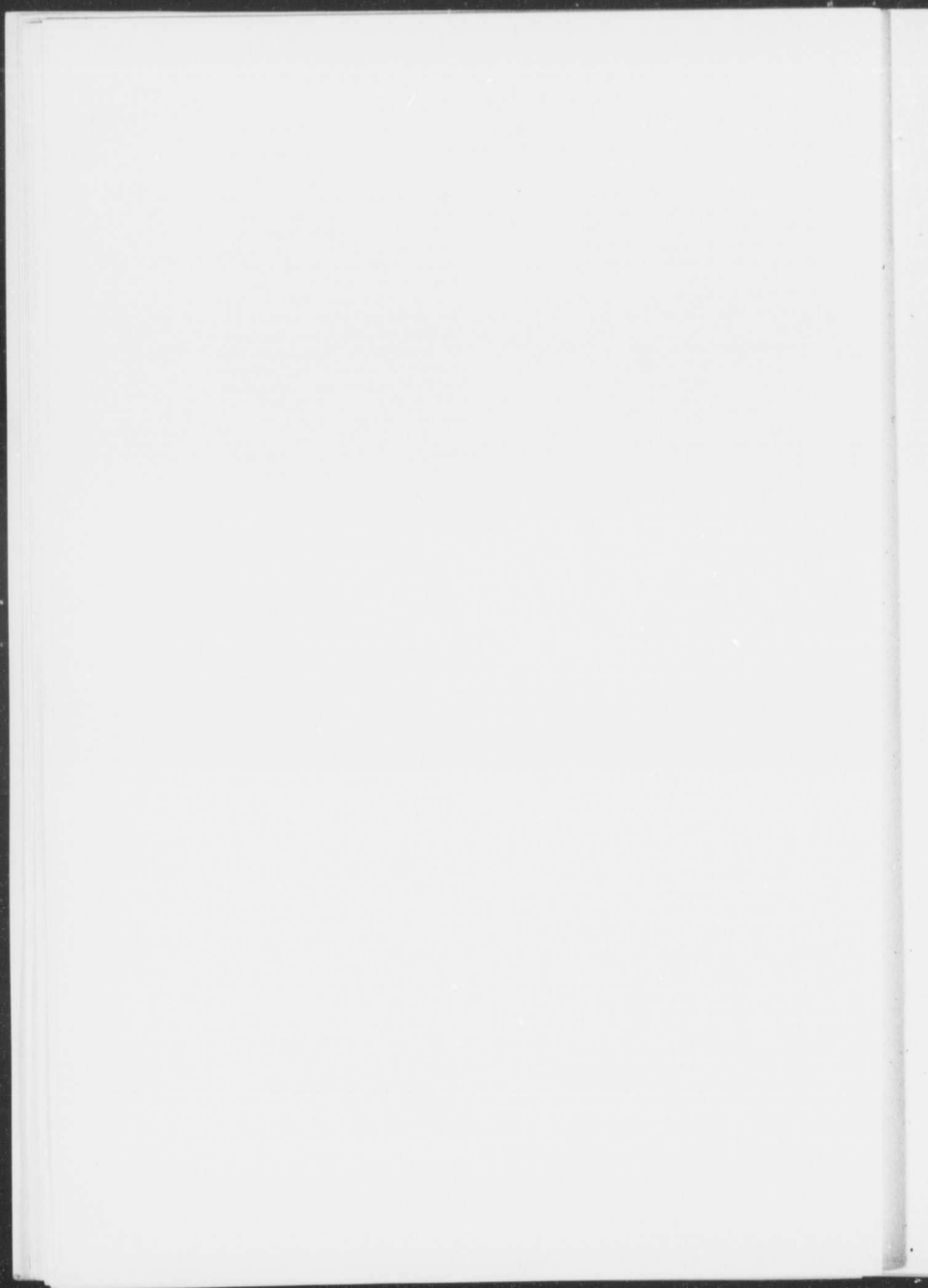
Your obedient servant,
Sec. O.I.R.D.L.

(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



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 con-

sent of the officials, entrusted with their affairs.

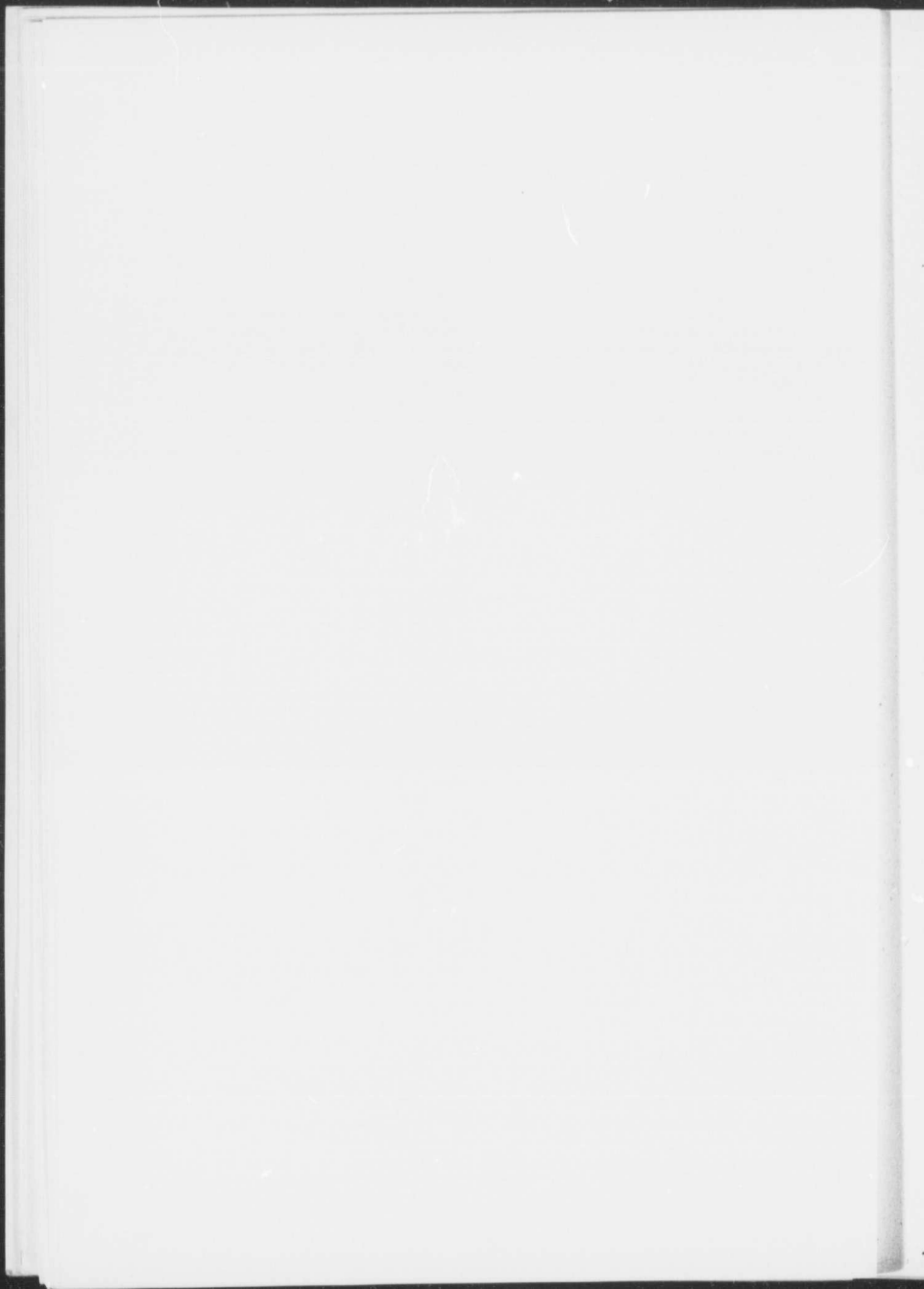
These worries, caused from the presence of human drift among the Okanagans, has been for years, an ever present source of irritation, hard to bear, and kick or complain as they might, there has been no redress. The limit of their endurance in the last straw as laid upon these people, when their inspector 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-



plaint made, presumably 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 Pur chases."

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. Circumstances 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.

Sommerland, 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.



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 Wilfred 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.

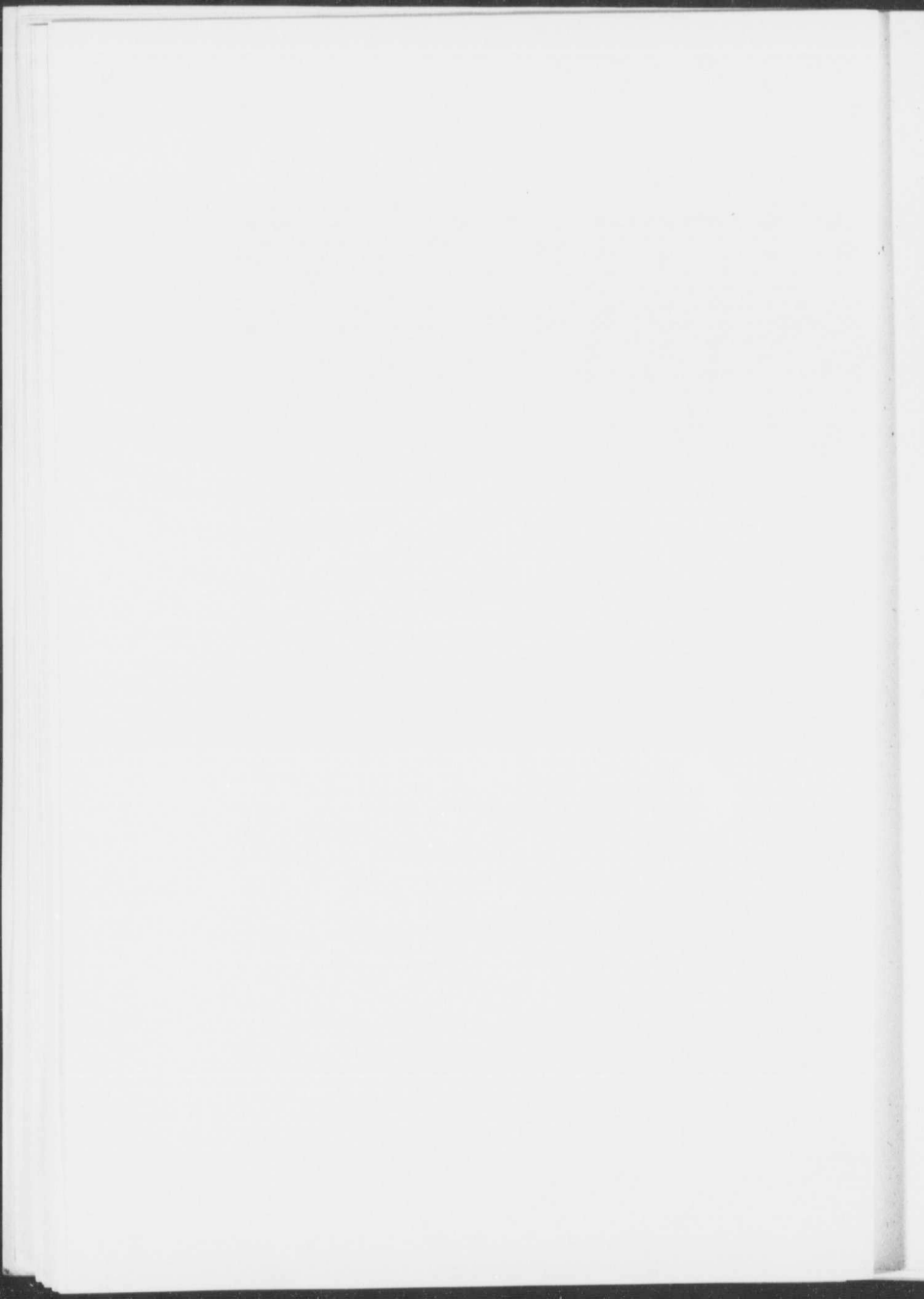
I would much appreciate a copy of the Royal Commission Report on Indian affairs in B.C.

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.



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 "Lama Fierre 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 complaints 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 through 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-



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 Pecos Lake, 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 Lake, 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 Swavell 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,



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 official 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 white man 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 the action 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



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 conditions 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 should he do so, he would have him put in jail, this would imply that the Department has approved of the deflection of the 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 Okaugan 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 Okaugan 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



not been chief of the Okanagan Band since he was deposed for 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 concerned influence inimical Band welfare only reason for delay. Requests Department notify agent and Band definite date for election. Strict sec-

recy 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 people 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 half-breed, 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.



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.

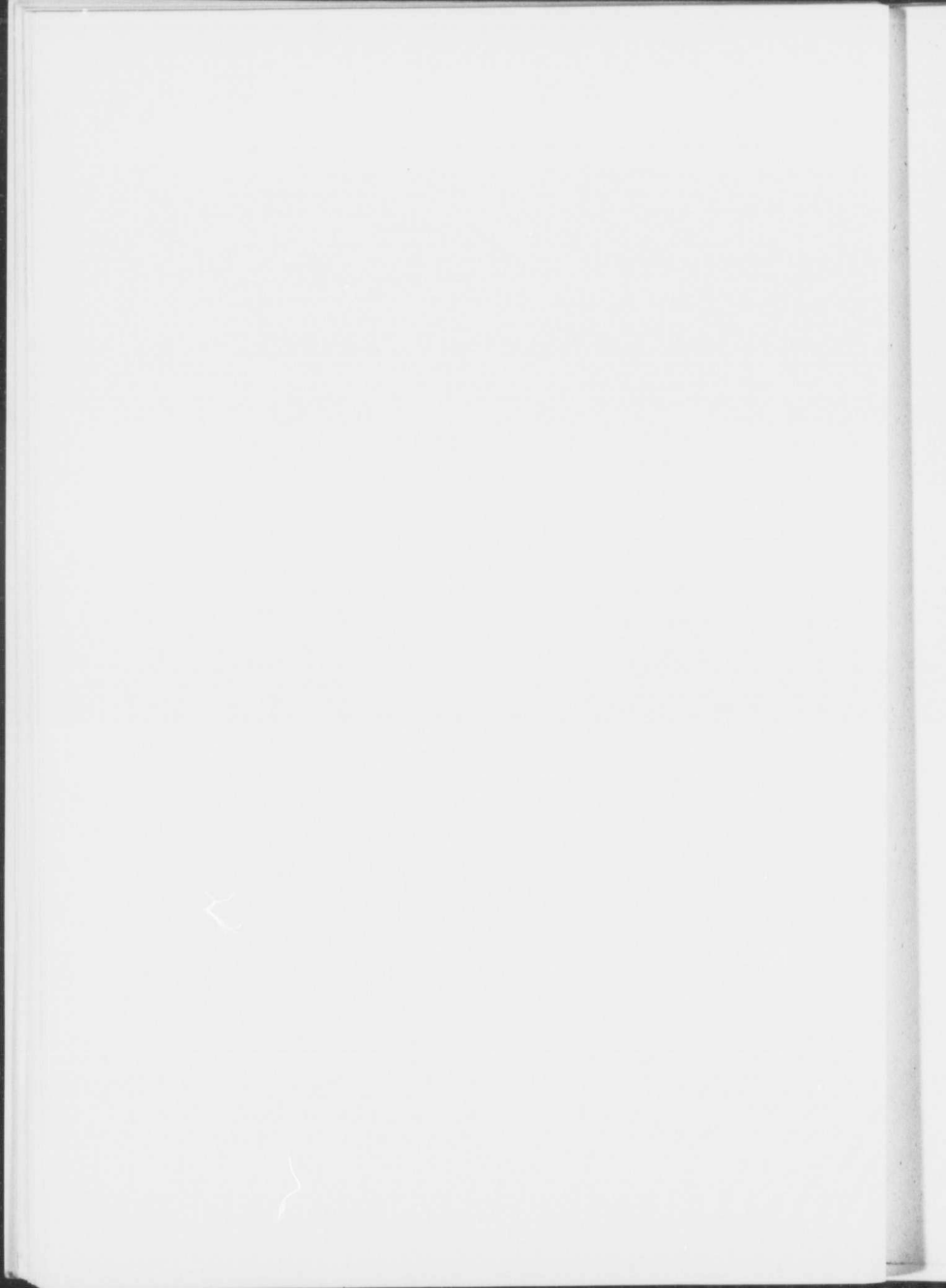
To date the Department of Indian Affairs has taken no steps to remedy the many serious charges that have been made against your conduct of the affairs of this Band.

The Chief will advise you that until these charges are openly investi-

gated 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 grandiosely and peremptorily demanded that the Chief Gaston Louis 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 particularly advantageous terms, or was it as the Indians opine, attitudinal to the lack of common business sense on the part of the local offici-



als? This can hardly be the case as you are fully aware that other oddments 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 exercised 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 plaintiff 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-telegram of the 23rd and 26th of November.

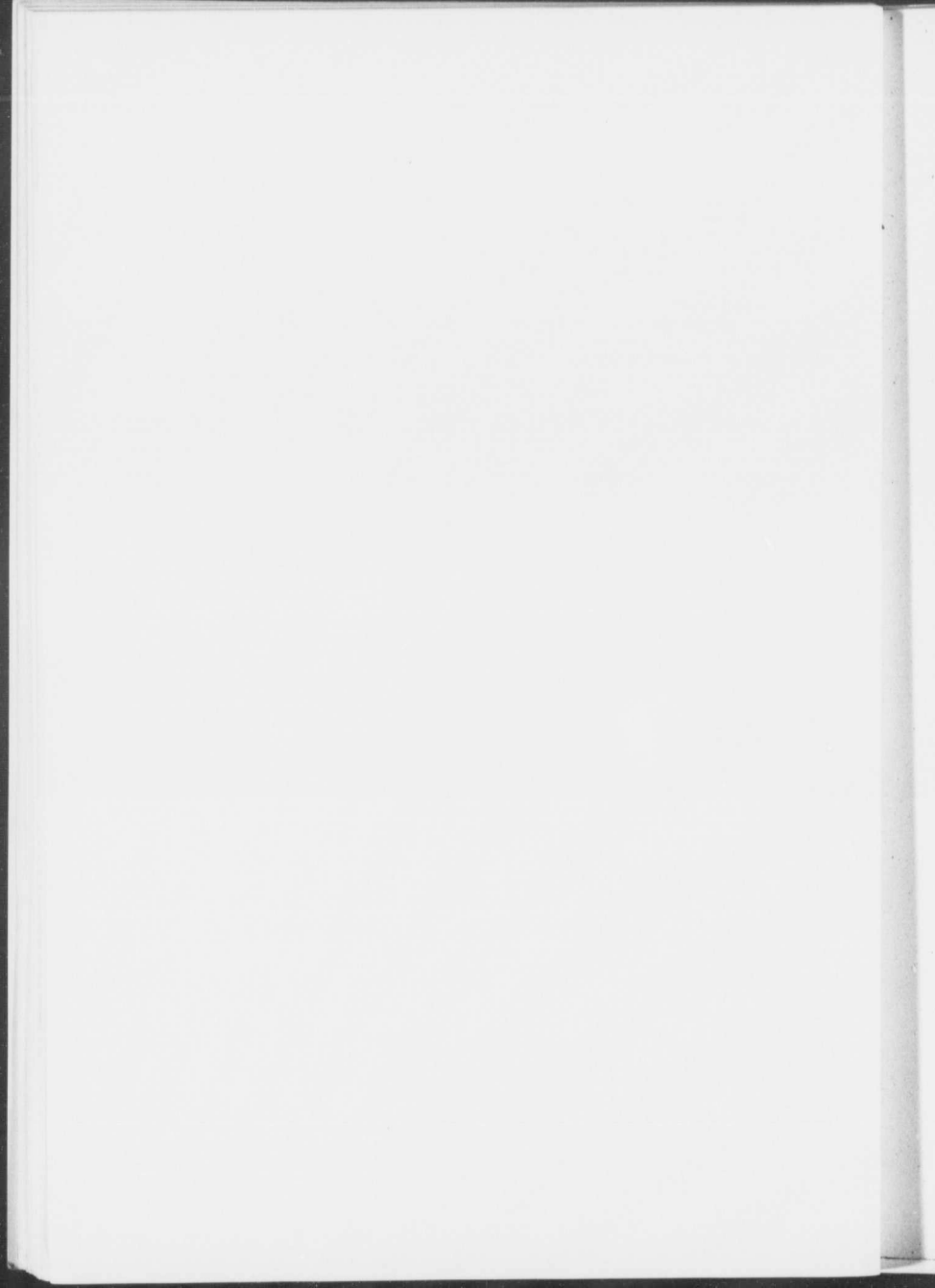
I explained the matter of the purchase of an Experimental Farm to the Pentleton Indians through Mr. J. A. Tait, of Spence's Bridge, on the 22nd of April 1915; the Department of Agriculture expropriated this property under the 46th clause of the Act. In case you should not have by you a copy of the Indian 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 Affairs
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,
Would you please have copies of all reports from J. R. Brown, agent.



and also all reports of Inspector McGraw, 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, Pentieton 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.



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 Godfroz, 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 Godfroz 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 would 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 of 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, Prosecutor of Clint Hill, 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 was 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-



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 handed 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 acknowledging 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. McKenna.



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 5th 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, 490091, 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 4th 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's 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 initialed by me, (2) "Penitence 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 summoned, three pages initialed by me, and (5) brochure entitled "Indian Affairs in British 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



this communication to the Deputy Superintendent General for his information and copies each to Mr. Christie, Mr. Agent Brown and Mr. Inspector McGraw,

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 to 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 be 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 serious mistake indeed. This is the matter I would call your serious attention 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 De-

partment would some day clean up these reserves, and give them some chance to live clear of the burden of the invading hordes of criminal parasites, preying upon their reserve.

For an official to hold the opinion that these people are but so many conjunctual 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.

Respectfully,
J. H. Christie,

Ottawa, Jan. 22nd, 1917.

Sir,

Dr. McKenna has been placed upon the retired list and it will be necessary to appoint 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 this 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.



Duncan Scott,
Indian Dept.

Your suggestion incompatible with self respect. An early line 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 awaiting settlement in the Okanagan district, are awaited with a very deep interest by many of the Indian Bands far beyond 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 reserves, looks to them suspicious and news and views travel far and fast among the Indians.

Hence the following 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 consistent with securing a remedy for the complaint made.

4. That I have no personal feeling against Inspector McGraw or your agent Brown, notwithstanding views to the contrary.

5. That should you desire that these matters be amicably settled in a great measure, without the dragging of officials through days of in-errimination 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



chance for success, would place me personally in a position where I could offer my service among those people, unreservedly, 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 dragged 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.

*Winds-Charges found
Reporting conditions
on Reserve and the
conduct of officers
Pages 24-26
enclosure
JHC*



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 Cummisskie'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 Cummisskie having been one of the interested parties to this deal, which deal was reputed by Ramsdean McDougall, Commissioner.

4. That the election of Pierre Michell, conducted by Inspector Cummisskie, 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.

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 by Inspector Cummisskie, 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 presence 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 recalled 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 personal



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.

Witness, 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 whom 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 con-

fort 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 50 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.

Chief and Band.

Witnesses, Band.

All reports regarding any claim of 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, Cummins'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 Cummins allowed encroachment on our Reserve at Priest's valley, surveying portions of Reserve to adjoining property.

2. That Reserve at Severn Lake



has been encroached on by adjoining owners.

Chief and Band.

Original surveys.

Eleventh Charge.

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, Helken 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 Godfresen, 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 Charge.

That Mary Nicholas of Head of the Lake I.R., charges John 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 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, an 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, advice 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.I.

Interpreter.

Signed, George Wilson.



WEST BANK

Charge

1. That one, Galeately, has with the apparent approval of our agent Mr. Brown, and Inspector Megraw, diverted, taken from our Reserve, by name, all the water which we have used for the purpose of irrigation on the Reserve, from Cedar Creek. That fume was built over and part in the ditch, constructed by us 45 odd years since. That our agent was on the ground and designated point from head of fume. 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 permitted 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 Baptist Logan.
2. Action of Pere Michell.
3. Inspector's reports. Josephine Edward's Horse Stealing.
4. Inspector's reports. Henderson Lease Case.
5. Inspector's reports. Incompetency of Chief Gaston Louie.
6. Reports and authority for distribution of Band Funds to non-members of Band. (Okanagan).
7. Accounts for all timber purchased from Head of Lake, I. R. Okanagan, by Kelowna Saw Mill accounts, to whom paid.
8. All reports or information of deflection of water from West Bank, I. R., by Galeately.
9. Reports Inspector Megraw's meetings regarding the surrender, or expropriation of Trout Creek, Experimental Farm.
10. Ramsdell McDougall, 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 Michell,
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,
Jinnie Steward,
Anton Elie,
Louie Michell,
Narcissa Tasket,
Joe Felise,
J. Bono,
Victor,
Jimmy Antwine,
Harry Parker,
Bazell McLeod,
Seymore Swail,
Francis Quanakiss,
Joseph Nichols,
Donald Able,
Johny Andrews,
Johny Lawrence,
Alex. Simlaw,
Johny Issac,
Edward Manuell,
Joseph Perrie,
Chas. Williams,
Narcisse,
William Manuell,
Pere Manuell,
Michel Lizard.



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 Goddreson,
Jimmy Marchell,
Willie Ashton,
Louise Brasere,
Frank Marchand,
Pere Louie,
Alex Sen.
Johny Martins,
Narcisse Baptist,
Luke,
Pere Luke,
John Ophenheimer,
Jos Parker,
Ernest Brewer,
Bono,
Alexander,
Alex Edward,
Billy Brewer,
Billy Lixard,
Francois Gregoir,
Paul Nelson,
Basil Smithins,
Issae Harris,
Jimmy Logan,
Scottie,
Louie Chacko,
Pere Michell,
Billie Swallow.

Pentieton Charges

Delegates: Michel Jack, and Cosmos at Clithfil, Dec. 28th, 1916.

1. That the Band, requires an investigation regarding the irregularities 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. Tresspass on and deflection of all water from Reserve adjoining townsite.

Michell Jack,
Cosmos Sam.

Witnesses, Band.

Pentieton

Members of Band who endorse delegates:

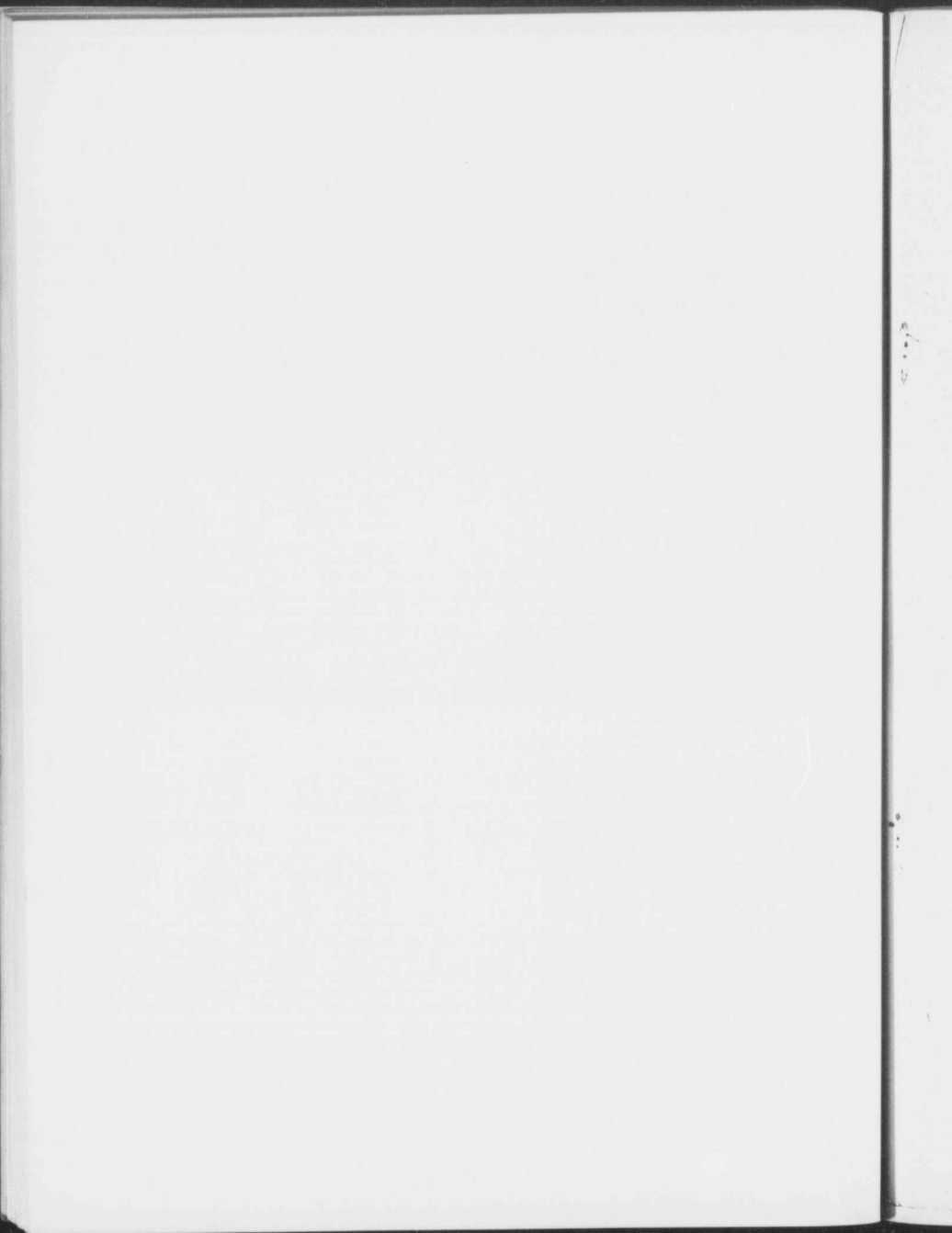
Merhell Jack
Cosmos Sam,
Manuel Bazil,
Lowl Quartzel,
Edward Jack,
Bapt. Jos Toudshet,
Tomy Puckles, Peach,
Eaneas Saul,
Francois Kalmalka,
Joe Kalmalka,
Geo. Lijard,
David Sam,
William Sam,
Eaneas Joseph,
Thomas Jack,
Peter Jack,
Bazill Jack,
Baptist Seymore,
Chas. Turmurkiano,
Comino Jack,
Casmir Perrie,
Jack Perrie,
Jamie Jack,
Joseph Jack,
Alex. Eancoos,
Willie.

SPALLUMCHEEN

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 impracticality 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 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,

Me Phillips,

Dan Phillips,

Dennis Jim,

Harry Bill,

Billie Felix,

Andrew George.