

New Town Vanarsdal Skeena River

B.C. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1877

Dear Sir:

I am glad to enclose the reply of His Royal Highness, the Governor General of Canada, to an address of the Indians presented to him at North Vancouver:-

" Chiefs:

I am very happy to receive your address of welcome, and also your words of loyalty to the Throne, which I shall have great pleasure in transmitting to His Majesty King George V.

I am glad to hear expression of satisfaction at the conditions in which you live, and I trust that the enquiry now being conducted by my Commissioner may result in justice being done and general satisfaction ensuing.

It is ever the desire of the King and the Imperial Government as of myself and of my Government, to treat all British subjects fairly and to their best advantage. Circumstances sometimes cause dissatisfaction among certain sections of the population, but provided the public maintain - as you have done - their belief in the good faith of their rulers, the matter of complaint will quickly be adjusted in accordance with justice and the law of the land.

I thank you for your good wishes to myself and my family on our long journey, and pray that the Indians of British Columbia may always continue to be happy and prosperous in this beautiful country, which has been the home of their ancestors for so many generations.

I have no report from Commissioner McKenna yet, but public opinion is growing stronger in favor of the Indians, good progress is being made.