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Settlement of Land Question
Federal Ratification of agreement concerning
Indian Reserves
(By Canadian Press)

No. 1.

July 29 - The Indian reserve question an outstanding issue since B.C. entered federation, has been finally settled, Hon. T. D. Pattullo was officially informed yesterday. Action by the Federal Government ratifying the agreement on the matter with the Provincial Government. The agreement is based on the report of the royal commission on Indian affairs and sets out what lands the Indians of the Province shall hold as reserves.

No. 2.

Reply to my inquiring as follows.

Minister of Lands

Province of British Columbia.

Mr. L. Edgar.

August 11, 1924

Vanarsdol, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of Aug. 6th regarding the Indian reserve question, if you will give me any details which you wish to know as to any particular area, I will be glad to furnish you the information. The general question of the land reserves between the Dominion and the province has been adjusted. The report of the Royal Commission which was appointed some years ago has been accepted in full with some few exceptions. As the work is very voluminous it is impossible to forward you all details, but if there is any special point you wish to know I will be glad to have it looked up for you.

Faithfully yours,

No. 3. L. Edgar
Vanarsdol, B.C.

Sept. 3, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 25th ult. regarding the Vanarsdol Indian reserve I have inquired into the matter of the two parcels you refer to which are indicated on the sketch accompanying your letter.

I find that the parcel on the north boundary of reserve No. 4. Kish-isk marked "Graveyard" comprising approximately ten acres, has been reserved for the Indians of the Kitselas Band in furtherance of an addition made to the report of the Royal Commission of Indian affairs.

Vanarsdof
March 20, 1925.

Dear chief:-

I remember stating in my previous letter that I would furnish you of what report I have. So you will note on article No. 1. what I have received. The reason why I wrote in regarding to this. Which a copy No. 2. you will find the reading of same. No. 2. reply to my inquiring. And No. 3. also reply to my inquiring regarding the graveyard. The white people had a strong impression to take up the said land even put up a post to obtain it. So I made inquiries about it. And now we understand that the Kitselas people will not have any more trouble about their graveyard. If anything I can do to help you & your people in this line I'll be very glad to do so. You know I am not a Kitselas member but I am always ready and willing to help my native people. Providing if they ask me to do so.

Re- Graveyard.

This is one of the subjects that was put before the commission some years ago of which caused dissatisfaction amongst the Kitselas people since they found out that their graveyard was outside of the reserve boundary. This report might help you a little. These reports don't hurt to know. No doubt you may have more important reports than this. But every little bit helps. I will be very glad to hear from you.

soon. Hoping you + family + your
people are in the very best of
health

Yours truly,

L. E. Edgar.