RETURN

To an Order of the House giving the following information:—

The number of settlers in the Bella Coola Valley comprising the Colony on 31st December, 1895; the number of those who have left the Bella Coola Colony since September, 1894; the terms upon which these settlers were placed upon the lands.

Also, a Return showing the number of bonâ fide immigrant settlers at Quatsino, and the number of those who are embraced in the settlement and who are not immigrants in the true acceptation of the word; the terms under which the settlement was made, and the money expended in surveys or otherwise on both these settlements up to 31st December, 1895.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
7th April, 1896.

Number of settlers in the Bella Coola Valley comprising the Colony on 31st Dceember, 1895 64
Number of those who have left the colony since September, 1894 2

The terms upon which these settlers were placed upon the lands are specified in the accompanying form of Indenture.

Number of bonâ fide immigrant settlers at Quatsino 17
Number of those who are embraced in the settlement and who are not immigrants in the true acceptation of the word 2

The terms under which the settlement was made are set out in the accompanying form of Indenture.

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON BELLA COOLA COLONY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

Upon surveys and superintendence	$ 2,694 27	
Incidentals	179 45	
Construction of trail	3,027 25	
Construction of road, bridges and wharf (estimated) ...	15,000 00	
		$20,900 97

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON QUATSINO COLONY.

Surveys, etc	$ 2,272 80	
Incidentals	189 00	
		$ 2,461 80
		$23,362 77

THIS INDENTURE made the day of , A.D. 189 , between the Honourable James Baker, Minister of Immigration for the Province of British Columbia, acting under authority of an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, approved on the day of , 189 , (hereinafter called the Grantor) of the first part, and , (hereinafter called the Grantee) of the second part;

WHEREAS the grantee is a member of a group of intending settlers in British Columbia, which includes thirty or more families, who, with their families, are hereinafter referred to as the "Colony," and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for the purpose of encouraging immigration, has agreed to make a free grant from the public lands of the Province to each head of

a family in the said Colony, upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned, which conditions have been accepted by the Grantee as well as by the whole Colony.

NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the performance by the Grantee of the covenants and stipulations to be observed and performed by and on the part of the said Grantee, the said Grantor, acting herein on behalf of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, as aforesaid, and as far as the Crown hath power to grant the same, but not further or otherwise, doth hereby covenant and agree upon the termination of five years from the date hereof, that the said Grantee shall receive a Crown Grant of all and singular that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the District of , in the Province of British Columbia, and being composed of lot number in the said District, containing by admeasurement acres of land, be the same more or less, and which may be more particularly described as follows:—

Which said grant shall be subject to and in the form provided by the Land Laws of the Province for the time being in force.

And the said Grantee doth hereby for himself, his executors, administrators and assigns, covenant with the said Grantor in manner following, that is to say:—

That the said Grantee possesses in cash the sum of three hundred dollars and is worth that sum over and above what will pay and after payment of all just debts of the said Grantee.

That the said Grantee will, within from the date hereof, enter upon the said land and bonâ fide occupy and improve the same to the satisfaction of the Grantor, and will continue to reside thereon with his family and to occupy and improve the same during the term of five years from now next ensuing.

That the said Grantee shall, at the termination of the said period of five years from the date hereof, have made improvements upon the said land to the value of five dollars per acre thereof.

That the Grantor may at any time during the said five years, by himself, his servants or agents, enter upon the premises and view the state of the property and the improvements theretofore made.

That the Grantee will observe and obey all such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made by the representatives or managers of the said Colony for its good government and internal administration, provided the said rules and regulations have been first submitted to and approved by the Grantor.

That the Crown Grant herein provided for shall be conditional upon the continued residence and performance of the conditions of similar leases, issued concurrently herewith, by the other members of the Colony to the number of not less than thirty, it being the intention that the said Colony shall remain entire and be of a number of not less than thirty at the conclusion of the period of five years when the issue of Crown Grants is provided for.

Provided that in case of non-performance by the Grantee or by the Colony of the terms of this agreement to his satisfaction, the Grantor may, by notice published in the British Columbia Gazette, cancel this agreement and enter upon the aforesaid premises.

And the Grantor hereby covenants that so soon as each member of the Colony, to the number of thirty in all, has erected a dwelling house upon the land comprised in the respective leases, or so soon as the said Grantor has satisfied himself of the bonâ fide settlement of the Colony upon the lands allotted to the members thereof, there will be made and constructed a waggon road through the land occupied by the Colony.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Honourable the Minister of Immigration for the Province of British Columbia, in the presence of

Signed, sealed and delivered by the within named in the presence of

VICTORIA, B. C.
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