RETURN

To an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between any Member of the Government, employee of the Lands and Works Department, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Manager of a Chartered Bank, C. F. Walmsley, W. E. C. Koch, and others, in regard to applications for timber leases on Little Slocan River, Little Slocan Lake and Slocan River, in West Kootenay District, between the 21st May, 1905, and the 29th January, 1906.

R. F. GREEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
15th January, 1906.

Slocan, B- C., May 24th, 1905.

To the Hon. R. F. Green,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

I have staked eighteen timber limits in the Little Slocan country, as per rough sketch enclosed. I have marked names of all applicants according to numbers. I have forwarded to-day to the B. C. Gazette, and also to the local paper, all advertisements of the locations. I hereby apply to the Government for licence to cut and carry away timber off said locations. I hope that my applications will be accepted by your Hon. Government at Victoria.

If I have made any error or have omitted anything in my application, I wish you would kindly advise me at once.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) Frank Provost.

I also enclose my 18 applications giving directions and bounds of limits.

June 14th, 1905.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, stating that you have staked 18 timber limits in the Little Slocan country; that you have forwarded to the British Columbia Gazette and local paper advertisements of the locations, and applying for licences to cut and carry away timber off the said locations; also enclosing copies of the notices, together with a sketch showing the limits.

It is found that your notices appeared in the Gazette for the first time on the 1st instant. After these notices have been published for thirty days and within thirty days after the last publication of the advertisement in the Gazette you should make application for the licences on the enclosed printed form and send it to the Government Agent for the District within which the land is situated, accompanied by a copy of the newspaper advertisement and a sketch plan of the limits, and a certified cheque payable at par in Victoria for the amount of the licence fees. I enclose herewith a print upon which kindly mark the location of the limits and attach it to your application. I also enclose a copy of the Timber Regulations for your guidance.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. Gore,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Frank Provost, Esq., Slocan, B.C.

SLOCAN CITY, June 9th, 1905.

To the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby give notice that I will, and do, advertise Frank Provost and W. E. Koch, and claim they have no legal right to get licence to cut and carry away timber off lands where they overlap a timber limit I located on May 24th, 1905, on the following grounds: First, Frank Provost was not on the ground when the C. & W. Reserve was opened, but planted his post several days ahead, affixing his notice and dating it also several days before the said reserve was open. Secondly, W. E. Koch located the limits in dispute eight days after I had located. Hon. Sir, I humbly pray that you will investigate this matter before issuing licence to Frank Provost or W. E. Koch. I am, etc.,

(Signed) HARRY TIPPING,
Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN CITY, B. C., June 9th, 1905.

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Victoria, B. C.

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(Signed) J. T. TIPPING,
Slocan, B. C.

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Honourable Sir, I humbly pray you will investigate this matter before issuing licence to Frank Provost or W. E. Koch. I am, etc.,

(Signed) WILLIAM HARRIS,
Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN, B.C., June 9th, 1905.

To the Honourable Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby give notice that I will and do advertise W. C. E. Koch and Frank Provost out, and claim they have no right to get licence to cut and carry away timber from timber limits which was staked honest and square on the 24th of May, 1905. Mr. Frank Provost was staking, and located and dated his before the 24th, and Mr. Koch eight days after he had a right, because it was not run out till the 3rd of June.

I wish your Honour to look this over, and oblige your friend.

(Signed) DONALD G. MCCUAIG,
Slocan.

SLOCAN CITY, June 18th, 1905.

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

HON. SIR,—I have enclosed four other adverses with my own for other parties. Trusting you will give this the attention for which we pray.

I am, etc.,
(Signed) J. T. TIPPING,
Slocan City, B. C.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., enclosing protests on behalf of yourself, Harry Tipping, John Hird, Wm. Harris and Donald G. McCuaig, against the staking of timber limits by W. C. E. Koch and Frank Provost.

In reply, I beg to say that these protests have been noted and will be borne in mind when the applications come before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

J. T. Tipping, Esq., Slocan, B.C.

SLOCAN, B. C., June 19th, 1905.

To the Honourable Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby give notice that I will and do advertise W. C. E. Koch and Frank Provost out, and claim they have no right to get licence to cut and carry away timber from timber limits which was staked honest and square on the 24th May, 1905. Frank Provost was staked, located and dated before the 24th of May, 1905, and W. C. E. Koch eight days after, on the ground that the reserve was not open until June 3rd, 1905.

Hoping that this will receive your consideration.

I remain, etc.,
(Signed) JOHN D. REID,
Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN, B.C., June 19th, 1905.

To the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

HON. SIR,—Frank Provost has located a timber limit in the name of Joseph Martin over my pre-emption, but I do not fear him, as he located on the 23rd of May and dated it the 24th of May. I had five men at his posts on the 23rd; also Frank Griffith, T. D. Woodcock, W. D. McGregor, W. H. Goodeve and G. A. Bachand staked on the 24th over my pre-emption. I would like to have some responsible man go over the ground. There are twelve pre-emptors out; they all staked over, and some of them have not 500 feet per acre, some 3,000 and 4,000, and several people that would take up pre-emption if they could get them recorded. Now, I don't think it is fair or helping out the country, and I would like to know what is going to be done about it. I have been out there for about two months, and it is too late to do anything this summer.

Yours truly,
(Signed) H. L. FIFE.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, objecting to the staking of a timber limit over your pre-emption.

In reply, I beg to say that your protest has been noted and will be borne in mind when the application comes before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

H. L. Fife, Esq., Slocan, B.C.

VICTORIA, B. C., 29th June, 1905.

SIR,—On behalf of Mr. William C. E. Koch, we beg to protest against any timber licences being granted for the following described lands, situate in West Kootenay District, to the applicants hereinafter mentioned, or any other person or corporation. We contend that inasmuch as these lands were formerly in what is known as the Columbia & Western Railway reserve, that they were not open for location for special timber licences until the 1st of June, 1905, and that our client, Mr. William C. E. Koch, was the first to stake after such reservation was open. The lands and the applicants are as follows:—

Commencing at a post marked "James Horrie, N. W. corner post," planted on the south side of Little Slocan River on bank, about 300 feet below or south-east of the Forks of the Little Slocan River and what is known as Four-Mile Creek; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains to point of commencement.

Applicant, James Horrie.

Commencing at a post marked "A. L. Plant, N. W. corner post," planted on the east side of the Little Slocan River about a mile south of the Forks of the Little Slocan River; thence east eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains to point of beginning.

Applicant, A. L. Plant.

Commencing at a post marked "E. A. McFadyen's S. W. corner post," and planted about sixty (60) chains from the bank on the east or north side of the West Fork of Little Slocan River; thence running north eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains to point of beginning.

Applicant, E. A. McFadyen.

Commencing at a post marked "A. T. Scott's S. W. corner post," and planted on the east side of the North Fork of the Little Slocan River, about a mile north of the Forks of the Little Slocan River; thence running east eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains to point of beginning.

Applicant, A. T. Scott.

Commencing at a post marked "A. T. Scott's N. W. corner post," and planted on the east side of the North Fork of the Little Slocan River, about a mile north of the Forks of the Little Slocan River; thence running east eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains to point of beginning.

Applicant, A. T. Scott.

Commencing at a post marked "Robert Horrie, S. E. corner post," planted on the north bank of the Little Slocan River about one (1) mile west of the Main Slocan River; thence running north eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains to point of commencement.

Applicant, Robert Horrie.

Commencing at a post marked "Daniel Robinson, N. E. corner post," planted on the south side of the Little Slocan River on bank about three hundred (300) feet below the Forks of the Little Slocan River and what is known as Four-Mile Creek; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains to point of commencement.

Applicant, Daniel Robinson.

Commencing at a post marked "A. L. Plant, S. W. corner post," planted on the east side of the Little Slocan River about a mile south of the Forks of the Little Slocan River; thence east eighty (80) chains; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty chains to point of commencement.

Applicant, A. L. Plant.

Commencing at a post marked "J. P. Swedberg's S. E. corner post," planted on the north bank of the West Arm of the Little Slocan River, opposite the mouth of Russell Creek; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains to the point of commencement.

Applicant, J. P. Swedberg.

Commencing at a post marked "W. H. Swerdfeger's S. W. corner post," planted on the north bank of the West Arm of the Little Slocan River, opposite the mouth of Russell Creek; thence north eighty (80) chains; thence east eighty (80) chains; thence south eighty (80) chains; thence west eighty (80) chains to the point of commencement.

Applicant, H. W. Swerdfeger.

We have, etc.,
(Signed) BODWELL & LAWSON.

To the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

[A similar letter to the foregoing was sent to Mr. Chipman, Government Agent, Kaslo, dated July 7th, 1905.]

KASLO, B.C., June 29th, 1905.

The Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose for your consideration two applications for timber licence from George E. McLaughlin, for lands on the Little Slocan River.

As I understand the matter of timber licences is only dealt with at the Department, and that the fees should accompany the application, I have advised the applicants to at once forward the same to you.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. E. CHIPMAN,
Government Agent.

(Two enclosures).

August 9th, 1905.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th June last, enclosing the application of Geo. E. McLaughlin for two timber licences over lands on the Little Slocan River.

In reply, I beg to say that these applications should be made on the form provided for the purpose, and should be sent to the office of the Government Agent for the District, who will forward the same, together with his report thereon, to this Department.

I have to-day advised Mr. Frank Provost, who is applying for 15 licences on the Little Slocan River, to the above effect.

I have forwarded to your address a supply of forms of application for timber licences.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

E. E. Chipman, Esq., Government Agent,
Kaslo, B.C.

KASLO, 21st August, 1905.

W. S. Gore, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.,
Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, *re* timber licences, I beg to say that I have forwarded George E. McLaughlin copies of the new blank forms sent me, that he may comply with your instructions.

I do not know the address of Frank Provost, as I have had no correspondence with him. I do not think that he had any notices posted in this office. I cannot be sure of this, however, as there were a great many notices posted at the time of the opening of the reserve, but Frank Provost's name does not appear.

In the matter of my report in connection with these applications, you will kindly instruct me as to the lines upon which I am expected to give information? I assume that the date of staking, the date of posting notices, and if objections have been raised, would be essential. Are there any other points upon which you would desire a report from me?

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. E. CHIPMAN,
Government Agent.

SLOCAN, B. C. June 19th, 1905.

To the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

HONOURABLE SIR,—Seeing that my pre-emption is located over by A. T. Scott, A. L. Plant, W. H. Goodeve, and G. A. Buchand, each one of the above names mentioned as a timber limit, and also F. Griffith located over my pre-emption as a timber limit, while I am sure my pre-emption will not exceed 5,000 feet to the acre, I pray your Honour not to allow them their licence until you can send some one to cruise the ground over. I adverse them on those grounds.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN WELSH,
Slocan, B. C.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, objecting to the staking of certain timber limits over your pre-emption by Messrs. A. T. Scott and others.

In reply, I beg to say that your protest has been noted and will be borne in mind when the applications come before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Jno. Welsh, Esq., Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN, B. C., June 19th, 1905.

To the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

HONOURABLE SIR,—I hereby adverse the following:—

A. T. Scott, A. L. Plant and Mr. Provost (Frank Provost, agent) have located timber limits on my pre-emption located on west side of the Little Slocan River, about six miles from the mouth. I beg your Honour to see that justice is done in this matter and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) JAMES M. FARRELL.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, protesting against the staking of timber limits over your pre-emption by A. J. Scott and others.

In reply, I beg to say that your protest has been noted and will be borne in mind when the applications come before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

James M. Farrell, Esq., Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN, B. C., June 19th, 1905.

To the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

HON. SIR,—I hereby adverse the following:—

J. H. McGregor and Frank Griffith have staked timber limits over my pre-emption, situated on east side of the North Fork of the Little Slocan River.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) A. H. MCMILLAN.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, objecting to the locating of timber limits over your pre-emption in the names of J. H. McGregor and Frank Griffith.

In reply, I beg to say that your protest has been noted and will be borne in mind when the applications come before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

A. M. McMillan, Esq., Slocan, B. C.

SLOCAN, B. C., June 19th, 1905.

To the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

HON. SIR,—I hereby adverse the following:—

C. B. Winter (J. H. Christie, Agent), H. G. Lee (J. H. Christie, Agent), Joseph Martin (Frank Provost, Agent), and Frank Griffith, have staked timber limits over my pre-emption located on the West Fork of the Little Slocan River, at the mouth of the Fork. I beg your Honour to see that justice is done in this matter and oblige,

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) WM. HICKS.

June 22nd, 1905.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, protesting against the staking the timber limits over your pre-emption in the name of C. B. Winter and others.

In reply, I beg to say that your objection has been noted and will be borne in mind when the applications come before this Department.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Wm. Hicks, Esq., Slocan, B. C.

KASLO, B.C., June 29th, 1905.

The Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose for your consideration six applications for timber licences for lands in the Little Slocan River Valley, as follows: Byron E. Sharpe, Jennie Wright, Bruce White, Mary E. White, James Grant and H. T. Irvine.

As I understand the matter of timber licences is only dealt with by the Department, and that the fees should accompany the applications, I have advised the applicants to at once forward the same to you.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. E. CHIPMAN,
Government Agent.

(Six enclosures).

KASLO, B.C., June 29th, 1905.

The Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose for your consideration nine applications for timber licences for lands on the Little Slocan River; nine copies of the notices posted, affidavit of the agent, Harold J. Christie, and sketch of the lands applied for, from applicants as follows: C. B. Winter, A. LeDuc, G. A. Bachand, H. G. Lee, A. G. McCosh, O. Swanson, W. H. Goodeve, W. L. McMillan and A. F. Begagne.

As I understand the matter of timber licences is only dealt with by the Department, and that the fees should accompany the applications, I have advised the applicants to at once forward the same to you.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. E. CHIPMAN,
Government Agent.

KASLO, B.C., 11th July. 1905.

W. S. Gore, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.,
Victoria, B. C.

SIR,—I enclose herewith letter of Messrs. Bodwell & Lawson, being their protest on behalf of W. C. E. Koch against the granting of certain timber licences in the Little Slocan River Valley.

As this does not come under my jurisdiction, I refer it to you for consideration.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) E. E. CHIPMAN,
Government Agent.

LAND ACT.

Application for Timber Licence.

SLOCAN, B.C., July 19th, 1905.

To the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—As agent for Callex Bray, Alexander Martin, Peter Leduc, Zotique Leblanc, Paul Martin and W. Leduc, I hereby apply and tender the fee, $690, for six licences to cut and carry away timber from the land described in the attached notice, which was first published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 15th day of June, 1905, and in the daily newspaper on the 7th day of June, 1905. A sketch plan shewing the land referred to is attached to this application. And I do solemnly declare that I have staked the said land, and in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Land Act; that the same is unoccupied and unreserved Crown Land within the meaning of the Act, and does not form any portion of any Indian Reserve or settlement, or of any timber leasehold or other timber limit, or other alienation by the Crown. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

(Signed) FRANK PROVOST,
Address: Slocan, B.C.

Declared before me at Slocan, B.C., this 19th day of July, A.D. 1905.

(Signed) H. R. JORAND,
A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.

LAND ACT.

Application for Timber Licence.

SLOCAN, B. C., July 19th, 1905.

To the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

SIR,—As agent for Percy Millman, A. D. Hardie, Clair Mabee, C. Harsine, Frederick Cooper, F. French, Paul Provost, Charles Provost, Narsise Legrod, M. Provost, Peter Leblanc, Joseph Lalonde, Eli Provost, William Currie and Joe Saulter, I hereby apply and tender the fee, $1,725.00, for 15 licences to cut and carry away timber from the land described in the

attached notices, which was first published in the British Columbia Gazette on the 1st day of June, 1905, and in the daily newspaper on the 26th day of May, 1905. A sketch plan showing the land referred to is attached to this application. And I do solemnly declare that I have staked the said land and in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Land Act; that the said is unoccupied and unreserved Crown land within the meaning of the Act, and does not form any portion of any Indian reserve or settlement, or of any timber leasehold or other timber limit, or other alienation by the Crown. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

(Signed) FRANK PROVOST.
Address: Slocan, B. C.

Declared before me at Slocan, B. C., this 19th day of July, A. D. 1905.

(Signed) H. R. JORAND,
A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.

SLOCAN, B. C., July 19th, 1905.

To the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find applications for ten timber licences in the Little Slocan, and also six applications for licences on Lemon Creek. A sketch of the limits and a draft for the amount of the licence fee is attached to each application. Hoping that you will forward me licences for same at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
FRANK PROVOST,
per W. R.

August 19th, 1905.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 19th ultimo, I beg to advise you that on the 14th June last I wrote you, asking you to make your applications for timber licences through the Government Agent for the District, and enclosed the forms, together with a sketch plan for your guidance. Several of the claims cannot be located from the sketch furnished by you.

On receipt of the applications on the proper forms, the same will be submitted to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Frank Provost, Esq., Slocan, B.C.

SLOCAN, July 28th, 1905.

W. S. Gore, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of L. & W., Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of 14th June, and acknowledging receipt of 15 applications for timber licences. I may say that I had also enclosed six applications for licences on Lemon Creek, making a total of 21 applications, and you have not mentioned anything about the six on Lemon Creek. Kindly let me know if you have received same.

Yours truly,
(Signed) F. PROVOST.

ROSSLAND, B.C., July 3rd, 1905.

Mr. W. S. Gore,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B.C.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find cheques No. 100 to No. 108, inclusive. These cheques are to cover the following applications for timber licences:

A. Leduc, Locator; J. H. Christie, Agent; May 24th, 1905.
W. L. McMillan, " "
C. B. Winter, " "
O. Swanson, " "
W. H. Goodeve, " "
H. G. Lee, " "
A. G. McCosh, " "
G. A. Bachand, " "
F. A. Begagne, " "

The above are gazetted in the Gazette of June 8th, 1905.

Trusting that everything is satisfactory,

I remain, etc.,
(Signed) J. H. CHRISTIE,
Per J. S. Deschamps.

NELSON, B. C., 28th July, 1905.

Hon. R. F. Green,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—I hereby apply for timber licences to cut and carry away timber on behalf of Messrs. James Horrie, Robert Horrie, Daniel Robinson, W. H. Swerdfeger, and J. P. Swedberg. These licences are sought for lands situate on or near the Little Slocan River, and I also enclose sketch plans showing areas applied for and cheque duly certified for $575, being licence fee for the first year.

I request that such licences, when issued, be sent to me.

Yours faithfully,
(Six enclosures.) (Signed) A. M. JOHNSON.

NELSON, B.C., July 28th, 1905.

Hon. R. F. Green,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

SIR,—Enclosed find applications of Messrs. Bruce White, W. T. Irvine, B. E. Sharp and James Grant, and Mrs. Jennie Wright and Mrs. M. E. White, for timber licences on the west fork of the Little Slocan River; also a cheque for six hundred and ninety ($690) in payment of licence fees.

I think everything is in order, and I would be very glad if you would have these licences issued, and forwarded to me at your earliest convenience. Do not delay this matter, as it is important I should have them as soon as possible.

Trusting that Mrs. Green and the family are very well, and congratulations for your good work in the Alberni bye-election.

I have, etc.,
Box 222. (Signed) HARRY WRIGHT.

VICTORIA, B.C., July 31st, 1905.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 28th instant, I beg to enclose herewith Timber Licences Nos. 5,563 to 5,568, inclusive, in favour of Byron E. Sharp *et al.*

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Harry Wright, Esq., M.P.P.,
P. O. Box 222, Nelson, B.C.

[TELEGRAM.]

July 31st, 1905.

Harry Wright, M.P.P., Nelson, B. C.

Sending you licences to-night's mail.

(Signed) W. E. GREEN.

[TELEGRAM.]

VICTORIA, 4th August, 1905.

Harry Wright, M. P. P., Nelson.

Chief Commissioner insists on the return of the six timber licences Bruce White and others, sent you thirty-first July.

W. S. GORE.

August 5th, 1905.

SIR,—I beg to confirm my telegram to you of yesterday's date, as follows:—

"Chief Commissioner insists on the return of the six timber licences Bruce White and others, sent you thirty-first July."

It appears that these licences were issued in error, as there are other applicants for timber licences covering the same ground, namely, Joseph Lelond, Eli Provost, Charles Provost Narcissi Legrod, W. H. Swordfeger, and J. P. Sevesberg.

Their notices appeared in the Gazette of the 1st of June, 1905, and appear to have been located on the 24th May. The same dates apply to the applications of Bruce White, Byron E. Sharp, H. T. Irvine, Jennie Wright, James Grant and Mary E. White.

The applications of Joseph Lelond *et al.* were found to have been in this office a few days prior to the issuance of the licences sent to you, but were overlooked.

The Department desires that licences Nos. 5,563 to 5,568, inclusive, be returned, in order that the whole matter may receive consideration.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) R. F. GREEN,
Chief Commissioner of L. & W.

H. Wright, Esq., M. P. P.,
Nelson, B. C.

September 13th, 1905.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner to advise you that Timber Licences Nos. 5,583 to 5,588, in the names of Byron E. Sharp, H. T. Irwin, Bruce White, Jennie Wright, James Grant and Mary E. White, must be returned to this Department within ten days, otherwise he will be compelled to cancel the same.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Harry Wright, Esq., M. P. P.,
Nelson, B. C.

September 13th, 1905.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner to advise you that Timber Licences Nos. 5,583 to 5,588, inclusive, in the names of Byron E. Sharp, H. T. Irwin, Bruce White, Jennie Wright, James Grant, and Mary E. White, must be returned to this Department within ten days from this date, otherwise he will be compelled to cancel the same.

I might say that Mr. Harry Wright has been written to to the above effect.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

W. E. Koch, Esq., Nelson, B. C.

NELSON, B. C., September 26th, 1905.

W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria, B. C.

SIR,—In reply to your letter requesting me to return Timber Licences numbered 5,583 to 5,588, inclusive, I have to say, that I am not in a position to comply with your request, and do not consider that there is any proper reason for asking me to do so.

In the first place, these licences are held by the Bank of Montreal as collateral security, and my solicitor advises me that the Chief Commissioner has no power to cancel them.

In addition to which I wish to say, that when the Government advertised that the reserve covering this ground would be lifted on the 24th of May, the question rose as to the proper date for staking, and as I could not get the information here, I went to Victoria to see Mr. Green; but at Vancouver I was told that he had come here, so I went to the Attorney-General and asked him the law, when he read the Statute and said that I would have to find when the notice cancelling the reserve was published in the local newspapers, and also stating that he would have to inform Mr. Green of the fact. Afterwards I met him here and told him the same thing, and he then gave me a list of the newspapers that the notice was published in. After consulting my attorney, we came to the conclusion that the ground would not be open until the 2nd of June last, when I staked and made my application for licences. Prior to this you had written to the Government Office here, advising that the reserve was open on the 24th of May, and as I knew that there is a section in the Act giving the Chief Commissioner certain powers in regard to issuing any licences whatever, and as Mr. Green had told me positively that he would not recognise my June staking, I arranged with Messrs. Swerdfegger, Swedberg, Hollie, and Robinson for their five locations and bought them out. About the 5th of June, Mr. Bruce White and I got into a heated argument in regard to the different applications, but he subsequently withdrew his remarks concerning his limits and the others in discussion. After a month or so, Sharp & Irvine, stock brokers, came to me and wanted me to buy them out, when I told them that I could not and would not, unless they actually produced the licences, and after considerable discussion from time to time, they finally agreed that I should not pay over the money until they were able to hand over the licences. I do not think I saw them again until about the 26th of July, when they again wanted to know what I intended to do, as they had another purchaser, etc., and either that night or the next morning Mr. Harry Wright came to me and wanted to know what I was going to do about these licences, because this money had to be telegraphed to Victoria on time, and if I did not make up my mind at once some one else would take them. He further said that the money was in the office to pay the licence fees, and that my applications were not worth the paper they were written on, and that he, Wright, had everything arranged to have these licences issued, for the simple reason that they had not been protested against. I spoke to him about the Swerdfegger and Swedberg locations, and he said that the attorneys had neglected to file any protest against the White combination, and as there was no protest, Mr. Green would issue them as soon as the money was sent in. I consulted with my attorney and told him all that Wright said, but I could hardly believe that I would be treated in such a manner; but as I had already spent $1,200 in the matter, I then made an agreement that I would give them a marked cheque, payable to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, so that if what Wright had said should turn out not to be true, then my money would be returned; the balance of the purchase money was to be paid as soon as they produced the licences. On August the first or second, my solicitor telephoned me that Sharp & Irvine had deposited the licences with him and would sign the necessary transfers as soon as they got the purchase money. I went and examined the licences and compared them with my old ones and found they were in the same old form, although I had expected to find them different, on account of the way the Government had issued the oil licences. The only thing left was for me to pay the total money, $2,500, which I borrowed from the bank and hypothecated the licences. You can, perhaps, imagine how I felt under these circumstances, having my applications ignored and these licences costing me, with the survey, $3,700. I paid my money on the morning of the 3rd of August and afterwards met Mr. Wright again and asked him to go to Victoria with me and help me to get the other licences and prevent any others issuing over the same ground, and asked him to wire Mr. Green that I was going down and not to issue any more licences until then. I reached there Sunday night, the 6th, and went to Mr. Green's office with Wright on Monday, the 7th, when I was informed that he had gone North. I wanted, also, to see a

map showing the licences of the Yale-Columbia Company, as I had an option on them and was then taken into another Mr. Green and got the information I wanted, and by accident overheard him talking to Wright about a letter and telegram to the effect that the Chief Commissioner wanted those licences returned, and I inferred that it was the very licences that I had bought. I asked Green about them and he told me that these licences conflict with the Swerdfegger and Swedburg locations, and that Provost had a conflict with the same, and that the Chief Commissioner wanted to give all a fair shake. I then went to Mr. Bodwell and got him to go over to Mr. Green, who then said that everything was in order and that Wright would get the licences anyway, only that the Chief Commissioner wanted to have a hearing, and now, as I owned the Swerdfegger and Swedberg locations, that the trouble was all over, as Provost had not complied with the law, etc., and there were no other conflicting claims. On this understanding, and in order that nothing might be said against your office, I deposited my cheque for the locations made June 2nd, and as the Chief Commissioner has power to issue licences to whom he thought would be the best to the country's interests, and as there could be very little question as between myself and Provost, one a *bona fide* mill-man and the other a prospector, simply staking to sell out, and the Government running the chance of fire destroying the timber in the meantime. There is only one man who has located limits in that vicinity who has not offered to sell out to me, and he, I believe, is on C. P. R. land. It was at the suggestion of the settlers that I concluded to put up my mill at all and arranged with the Government Agent at Kaslo to purchase timber on their land, of course, paying the Government royalty. In finding that they did not have as much as they said, I got options on the Yale-Columbia Limits, giving me five to six million feet, and all the money necessary for me to spend was about $2,000 extra, as I had an engine and boiler. After arranging all this, the Government announces the cancellation of the reserve, and then the idea of putting in a larger plant occurred to me and I arranged with the bank to give me financial assistance, and altogether I have put into the lumber business $15,000; but if your office had not issued these licences I would probably not have spent anything until I found out what was going to be done, and three or four thousand dollars is the most I would have spent on the small plant; and if I have to surrender these licences now, it means financial ruin to me. However, it seems to me, that in order that your Department may be satisfied with what has been done, you can have an inquiry and ascertain all the circumstances in regard to the different applicants, when you will probably find that no other person has any right whatever.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Wm. C. E. Koch.

October 11th, 1905.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, replying to mine requesting you to return Timber Licences Nos. 5,583 to 5,588, inclusive.

I have carefully perused your letter, and in reply I must again call your attention to the fact that I think it would be more in your interest to return these licences, in order that the matter as to whom they should issue might be adjudicated upon.

The statement that Mr. W. E. Green remarked that the Chief Commissioner only wanted to have a hearing and that Mr. Wright would get the licences in any case, is, I think, not quite accurate, or, at any rate, if Mr. W. E. Green made any such remark he certainly had no authority for so doing.

The question will undoubtedly be dealt with on the merits of the different applications and I must again counsel you to return the licences.

I have, etc.

(Signed) W. S. Gore,

Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

Wm. C. E. Koch, Esq., Nelson, B. C.

VICTORIA, August 7th, 1905.

SIR,—Herewith we enclose cheque for $1,380, in payment of licence fees for twelve timber licences applied for by W. C. E. Koch on West Fork and Little Slocan River, and duly advertised in B. C. Gazette of June 8th, 1905.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) BODWELL & LAWSON,
Solicitors for W. C. E. Koch.

To the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,
Victoria.

SPOKANE, WASH., 19/8, 1905.

Mr. R. Green:

HONOURED SIR,—I am in the dark in regard to locating mineral springs in B. C. Province, and as there is one I prefer to locate, I would like your advice in regard to locating and the law on the proposition; and another favour I will ask, and if you can give me information of how many of our timber limits were granted, located by Charles Walmsley, Charley Street and J. M. Burch, last May and June, in the Slocan District, if you please.

All favours thankfully accepted.

Sincerely yours, etc.,
(Signed) J. M. BURCH,
Spokane, Wash., 528½, *Riverside Ave.*

October 3rd, 1905.

SIR,—Replying to your letter of the 25th ult., I beg to inform you there is no special law in this Province with respect to acquiring mineral springs. The "Water Clauses Consolidation Act" deals with the acquisition of water rights for domestic, agricultural and power purposes. The question of acquiring mineral springs would be dealt with, according to circumstances, under the provisions of our Land Act, and would be included in a grant of land embracing the same.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

J. M. Burch, Esq.,
528½, *Riverside Ave., Spokane, Wash.*

SLOCAN, B. C., Dec. 11th, 1905.

Hon. R. F. Green,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

Please forward to Mr. W. T. Shatford, at Penticton, B. C., amount of drafts which I sent you with applications for timber licences on Lemon Creek, $690, and the Little Slocan, $1,725; total, $2,415. Please forward this amount to Mr. Shatford at once and oblige.

(Signed) F. PREVOST,
Per B. S.

SLOCAN, B. C., Dec. 11th, 1905.

Hon. R. F. Green,
Chief Commissioner of L. & W., Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose you order asking you to forward the $2,415 which was sent you with my applications for timber licences in the Little Slocan country and Lemon Creek to Mr. W. T. Shatford, Penticton, as some licences covering my ground have already been issued to other people. I will send you another draft for my limits which I may desire to have, but kindly forward to Mr. Shatford the $2,415 at once

Yours truly,
(Signed) F. PROVOST.
Per W. A. L.

December 15th, 1905.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., to the Honourable the Chief Commissioner, enclosing an order in favour of Mr. W. T. Shatford for $2,415, deposited in the Department with your application for certain timber limits on the Little Slocan River and Lemon Creek.

This matter will receive the attention of the Department.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Neil F. Mackay,
Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

F. Provost, Esq., Slocan, B. C.

Received of the Lands and Works Department twenty-four hundred and fifteen dollars ($2,415), as per request of Mr. F. Provost

(Signed) W. T. Shatford,
Per L. W. Shatford.

22nd January, 1906.

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