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CALGARY, [W. A. C. Bennett, Esq. M.L.A.]
16th June, 1942.

W. A. C. Bennett, Esq. M.L.A.,
Kelowna, British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have your letter of the 13th instant.

Several years ago, just about the time the Winfield Irrigation District was being formed, we endeavoured to interest the local growers in purchasing the irrigation system. We went so far as to call a meeting of the growers at the Winfield School, at which my late President, Mr. J. J. Warren, and myself were present. At that time, the District, being in the course of formation, the members did not feel like undertaking the responsibility of the purchase of the system, although I believe at that time we offered to sell it to them at \$150,000.00 and to take Bonds in settlement.

Since that time there have been occasional conversations with individual growers, but no further progress has been made, but I am still of the opinion that it would be to the interest of the growers in the District to own their own system, as practically every other system is owned in the Okanagan Valley.

If you felt that it would be worth while to arrange for a conversation with the offices of the Irrigation District, I would be very glad indeed to go down to the Valley at some convenient time and meet yourself and the offices of the District, or others if you felt it worth while bringing them in. Naturally, of course, we should have Mr. Marshall and Mr. Van Ackeren present also. If you are in agreement, I suggest that you endeavour to arrange such a conference.

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I quite understand your own position in the matter, but I think perhaps that you might perform a service to the District by endeavouring to negotiate a transfer. I have your letter of the 13th instant.

Several years ago, just about the time the Winfield Irrigation District was formed, we endeavoured to interest the local growers in purchasing the irrigation system. We were at a meeting of the growers at the Winfield school, at which my late president, Mr. J. J. Warren, and myself were present. At that time the District, being in its infancy, the members did not feel like undertaking the responsibility of the purchase of the system, although I believe at that time we offered to sell it to them at \$20,000.00 and to take bonds in settlement.

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Since that time there have been occasional conversations with individual growers, but no further progress has been made, but I am still of the opinion that it would be to the interest of the growers in the District to purchase the system, as they would be able to purchase it on their own terms.

If you felt that it would be worth while to arrange for a conversation with the offices of the Irrigation District, I would be very glad indeed to go down to the Valley at some convenient time and meet yourself and the offices of the District, or others if you felt it worth while bringing them in. Naturally, of course, we should have Mr. Marshall and Mr. Van Aalst present also. If you are in agreement, I suggest that you endeavour to arrange such a conference.

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