

June 11th 1931

Secretary,
Winfield & Ok. Centre I.D.
Winfield, B.C.

Dear Sir,

The Hon. J.W. Jones and the Hon. N.S. Lougheed recently met delegations from Irrigation Districts in the Okanagan Valley to discuss the suggestion of the Government taking over their storage reservoirs and the permanent portion of the main canals.

It was proposed that the Government take over the storage reservoirs and the main canals up to 60% of the capital debt of the District. For the time being the Government to only require payment of interest at the suggested rate of 4.75% on the balance of the debt. Each District to pay the Government for all water used, the annual rate to be fluctuating, depending on that seasons value and amount of production. Rate to be set by the Superintendent of Irrigation.

Districts to set up the necessary sinking fund to provide for renewal of all temporary structures. It was also ~~suggested~~ requested that the Government keep the Conservation Fund open.

Regarding the above proposal, I have been instructed to obtain the following information from your District. Upon completion of the requested information I would appreciate notification of same and I would then wish to meet your Board of Trustees to check over the details ~~of this~~ and discuss the scheme with them. -

1. Irrigable acreage.
 2. Possible acreage that may be abandoned on account of shortage of water supply.
 3. Total Storage facilities.
 4. Total average amount of water used during the past two seasons, flood and storage.
 5. Value of storage reservoirs and permanent portion of main canal.
 6. Replacement works programme for next five years, annual amounts only, details will be checked later.
 7. Sinking fund necessary to provide for replacement of temporary structures.
 8. Average operation costs for past five years.
 9. Present rate your Board considers that the users can pay the Government, per acre, for water, and the maximum rate.
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| 10. | <u>SUMMARY</u> | (a) Interest on \$ | @4.75% | |
| | | (b) Water charge to Govt. \$ | per Ac. | |
| | | (c) Operating Cost | | |
| | | (d) Sinking Fund | | |
| | | Total. | | |

signed ← F. G. de Wolff,
Superintendent of Irrigation.