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3rd April, 1930.

The Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

On behalf of the Organization Committee of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Improvement District, I hereby apply for the permission of your Department to build a flume and ditch through the Duck Lake Indian Reserve for the purpose of conserving water out of Vernon Creek.

I enclose with this letter a rough sketch of the course of the proposed flume and ditch. This matter has been submitted to your local Indian Agent and I believe that he would be prepared to recommend that permission be granted upon the following terms:-

The Improvement District will when formed, be entitled to build and maintain a flume and ditch upon approximately the line shown on the enclosed plan through the Duck Lake Indian Reserve to carry water out of Vernon Creek for the purposes of the District.

In return the District will permit the water to which

water users on the Indian Reserve are entitled under their license, to be carried through the flume and ditch and to be passed out of the same at the three points marked on the plan but at two points only at any one time. The first point of diversion is the point marked "B" near Victor Borte's present intake from the Lot 118 ditch. The second point being point "C" is near the MacDougall intake from the Lot 118 ditch. The third point, being the point marked "D" on the plan is on the fence line running east and west through the Reserve.

The approximate location of the flume and ditch is that it will cross the Reserve on the north side of the fence line which now forms the north boundary of what is now known as the MacDougall property.

The District and the parties carrying water through the flume and ditch for the Reserve are to obey all the lawful orders of the District Engineer of the Water Branch of the Province of British Columbia in respect of the carriage and user of water and the maintenance of proper works, or any water bailiff appointed by the Water Branch.

The Organization Committee of the District is anxious to get this matter under way as soon as possible. I understand that the Indians are quite satisfied. If your Department will sanction the arrangement, I would suggest that the provisions

hereof be incorporated in an agreement to be executed by the Organization Committee or by the District if formed at that time, and by the proper officer of your Department.

Perhaps you will be good enough to let me know with whom, on behalf of the Indian Department, the agreement will be entered into. In the meantime I will be glad to hear from you that you consent to the arrangement so that the work of construction can be put under way at once. I would suggest that the term of the agreement be for such time as the District wishes to use the flume. The whole agreement would of course, be subject to the provisions of the Water Act of this Province.

The names of the members of the Organization Committee are as follows:-

John Seaton of Winfield

Frank Macdonald of Winfield

James H. Aberdeen of Winfield

C.A. Gray of Okanagan Centre

Russell Venables of Okanagan Centre.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Plan attached
to Report of
Com 6491

Conveyance

dated ~~[illegible]~~
16 Dec 1929