

Sliammou, May 21st / 1909

Mr R. C. McDonald

Indian agt.

New West-minster B.C.

Dear Sir,

We, the Indians of Sliammou would respectfully ask you to forward our petition to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, for permission to cut logs for sale on the Sliammou reserve.

We are willing to pay stumpage and abide by any rules the Department may lay down.

The timber we wish to cut at present is dead - it was killed by fire about five years ago - and worms are working in it now; in a year or two it will be valueless.

Wood logging has been our only means of making a living for a good many years, and each of us owns a costly outfit of tools for the business, but most of the available timber has been cut or taken under licence, so that we are facing a condition which means

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something like starvation for us, unless we are allowed to cut and sell the timber on the reserve.

Under proper rules, there is enough timber on the reserve to give us work for the next ten or fifteen years.

Trusting you will help us in this

We are sir

Your obedient servants
The Sliammon Indians

Thomas Timothy, Chief + his mark

Chief Charley + his mark

Harry George + "

Timothy + his mark

Jim Franks + his mark

Sandy Timothy + his mark

Peter + his mark

Bob George + his mark

Felix X his mark

Andrew Harry + his mark

Jackson Frank + his mark

Chief William + his mark

Alex Gann + his mark

Caspar Francis

George August + his mark

Jim Timothy + his mark

Witness J. W. L. Browne

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Indian Office, New Westminster, B.C.,

June 12th, 1909.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith an application, in duplicate, dated 21st ultimo, received from the Sliammon Indians, for permission to cut timber for sale on the Sliammon Indian reserve No. 1.

There is a very considerable quantity of dead and fallen timber on this reserve, and the Indians think it is too bad to see it rotting and going to waste, when they could, if allowed to cut and sell it, make a living for themselves and those depending upon them.

These Indians are taking a praiseworthy interest in the day school recently established on their reserve, and they fear that if they are compelled to leave the reserve to seek employment elsewhere, the school will suffer, as they will have to take their families with them; and one of their chief reasons for asking to be allowed to cut and sell timber from off the reserve, is in order that they can stay in their village and make a success of the school.

There is a large quantity of good timber on the other reserves belonging to the band, and the Indians would like to get permission to cut all the timber on the Sliammon Reserve No.1, which would give them employment, they say.

for

A. W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Superintendent, B.C.,

Victoria, B.C.



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for ten or fifteen years.

I would strongly recommend that, at the present time, they be given at least permission to cut whatever dead and fallen timber there is on the reserve, and dispose of it to the best possible advantage,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

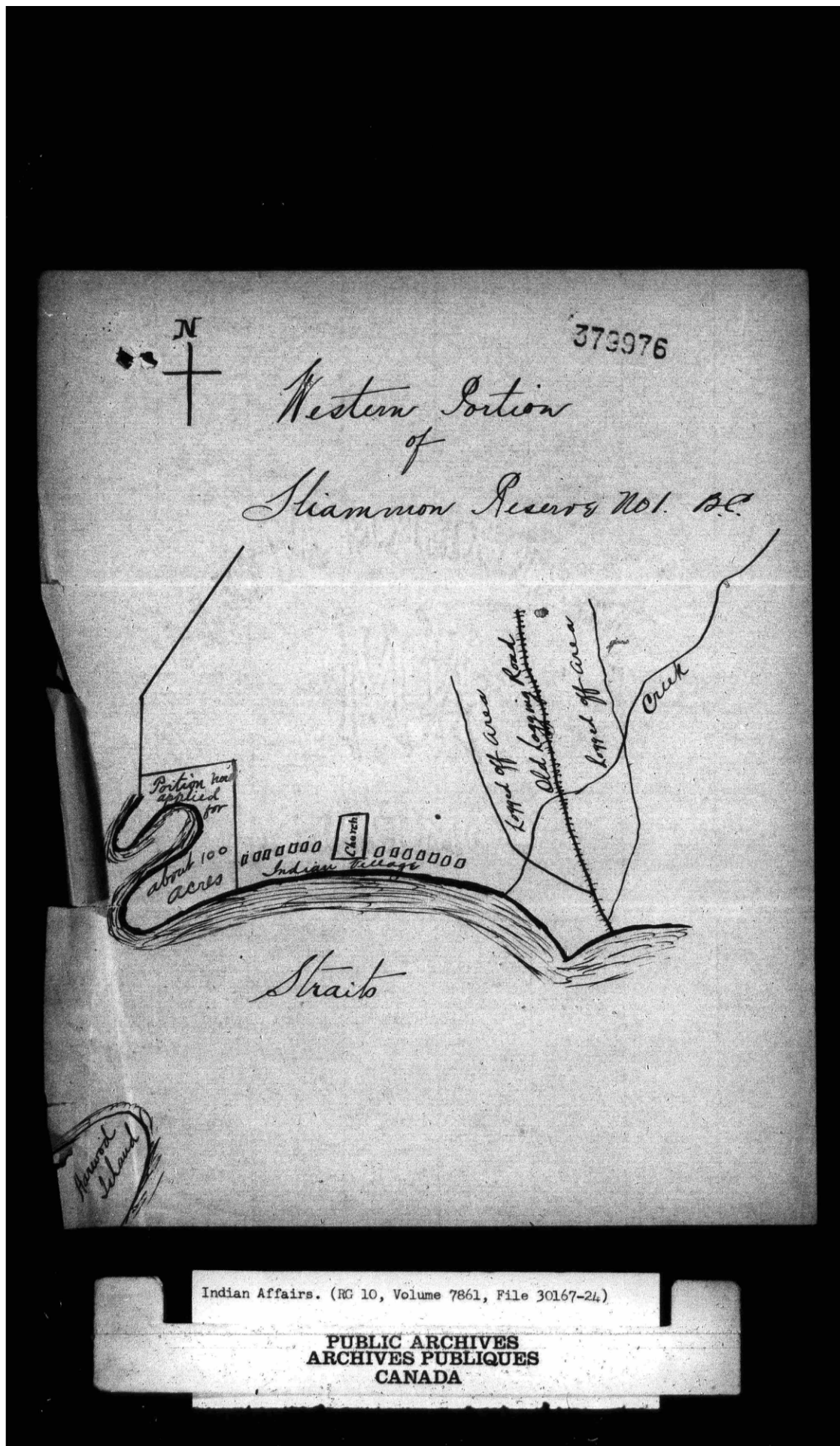
Your obedient servant.

R. McDonald

Indian Agent.

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Indian Office,

Victoria, June 16th, 1909.

Sir,-

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter, of the 12th instant, No. 568/I2, received from Mr. Agent McDonald, of the Fraser Agency, B. C., with the enclosure from the Indians therein referred to in regard to their wish to obtain the permission of the Department to cut certain timber for sale on the Sliammon Indian reserve No. I. As there seems to be a considerable quantity of dead and fallen timber on the reserve which is rapidly deteriorating and yearly becoming of less value, I would recommend that it be disposed of, as does the Agent, if the Department can see its way to grant the authority desired.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. W. Powell
Indian Superintendent, B. C.

per W. MacLaughlin

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, June 25, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, No. 392 P. 5, inclosing a communication from Mr. Agent McDonald submitting an application from the Indians of Sliammon Reserve, No. 1, for permission to cut timber for sale, and in reply to inform you that permits may be issued by the Agent to members of the Band to cut dead and fallen timber for sale free of Crown dues; No green trees to be cut on any pretence whatever.

Yours obedient servant,

J. D. McNEIL

Secretary.

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