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WILD LANDS:

FARMS IN
BULKLEY VALLEY
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The Attorney General
V i c t o r i a
B. C.

Chinamen cannot pre-empt

Hon, Sir.,

On February 5th we wrote the Attorney General's Department in regard to a naturalized Chinaman acquiring land in the Province of British Columbia, and on March 7th, we were sent the following reply :

"Messrs Harvey & Davis
Hazelton B. C.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th ult.

There is nothing in the Land Laws of this Province that I am aware of that prevents a naturalized Chinaman from acquiring Crown Lands by pre-emption or purchase.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Deputy Attorney General.

On receipt of this letter, a Chinaman named Long Poyyou filed a pre-emption record on 160 acres of land near lot 363 Cassiar District. On this he built a cabin and made other improvements and went to considerable expense, but on August 10th, we received from the Government Agent's office the following

30th August 1910

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Letter : -

"Messrs Harvey & Davis,
Hazelton B. C.

Sirs,

With further reference to the application of Long Poyyou for a pre-emption record of 160 acres of land, situate in the vicinity of Lot 363 Cassiar District, I am now advised by the Department that Long Poyyou's application cannot be entertained, the reason that Section 127 of the Land Act prohibits the sale of Crown Lands to Chinese, or the pre-emption of Crown Lands by Chinese.

The naturalization of a Chinaman does not remove the disability imposed by said Section.

I return you herewith the application for a pre-emption record, together with fee of \$2.00.

I have the honour to be,

Sirs,

Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas W. Hearn

Acting Asst Commissioner of Lands

Now as this Chinaman has been to considerable expense and inconvenience in this matter and the Land Department refuses to take any further action therein, he feels that we are responsible for this trouble, and we would respectfully ask you what can be done in the matter.

Yours truly,

HARVEY & DAVIS

Per *[Signature]*