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Revelstoke, B. C., September 30th. 8.

William Wenman, Esq.,
GOLDEN, B. C.

Sir:-

I have received the application that Mr. Hewitt made before you for patent for the S. W. of Section 4, Township 29, Range 22, West of the 5th M. This seems to be quite a family affair as regards the witnesses that have supported his evidence, as I understand that one of them, M. Avery, is Hewitt's father-in-law, while the other, B. H. Mitchell, is Hewitt's half brother. Such being the case, it is obviously impossible for me to recommend this application for patent unless Mr. Hewitt procures independent witnesses, in accordance with the requirements of the B. C. Lands Regulations. I am under the impression that you are already aware that relatives cannot be accepted as witnesses in these applications for patent but in the event of my being mistaken in this respect, I would refer you to Page 34 of the Regulations in question, which state that evidence must be taken only from disinterested witnesses who are not members of the entrant's family.

Yours obediently,

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Agent, Dominion Lands.