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Upon the reference from the Department of the Interior (Indian Branch) relative to the power of the Provincial Government of British Columbia to open roads thro' Indian Reserves, I beg to state, that, in my opinion, notwithstanding any Provincial legislation, roads cannot legally be opened thro' Indian Reserves without the consent of the Supt General.

If the consent of the Superintendent



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Superintendent General be given
to the opening of a road
thro' a reserve, the Indians are
entitled to compensation in
the manner provided by the
20th section of "The Indian
Act 1876"

a power.

for Sol. J. A.