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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 counsel 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 1896"

A. Power

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