

it is obvious to us that the system of boycotting, which any one who leaves him has to endure, and the disadvantages to which he is subjected, make it very difficult for the people to follow the dictates of their own judgment and desires in making an election.

10. These difficulties are not so great as they were, as the action taken since the Government Commission sat has tended to restrain the unwarrantable regulations and penal acts of the present council, which on its present footing, without any legal constitution, becomes an engine of oppression and injustice, and in the absence of any stipendiary magistrate, or of any Indian agent, exercises its sway, only restrained when it so far exceeds the bounds of justice as to call for special interposition.

11. The Indians at Kincolith, who appear to be quite loyal, earnestly pleaded for some representative of Government to give effect to the arrangements as to the Reserve fixed by Mr. O'Reilly, with which they are quite satisfied, as in the absence of such functionary, especially during the season when there is a great concourse of Indians on the Naas for hoolican fishing, permanent residences are erected by Indians who have no claim to be on the Reserve, even on the gardens of the Kincolith Indians; and the case of one white man, whom Mr. O'Reilly warned to leave the Reserve, and who, after Mr. O'Reilly's departure, extended his appropriation of ground, was cited.

12. They also pointed out that the amount of firewood used by the concourse of Indians during the hoolican fishing, seriously told upon their own supply, and thus pleaded for some special forest-land on Observatory Inlet to be set apart to meet such abnormal requirements.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Signed) J. G. TOUCH.

” W. R. BLACKETT.

*Victoria, British Columbia,
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