

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: What is that?
JAMES SMITH: I am speaking about the potlatch. A man receives maybe \$2.00 at the potlatch. That is not given to him for his death, but it is for his living.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: We heard all about the potlatch from the Indians at Alert Bay, where nine Tribes met. The potlatch is against the law and the Commissioners are under the law in the same way as the Indians are under the law. The duties of the Commissioners are in regard to the lands and they have no powers whatsoever concerning the potlatch.

JAMES SMITH, continuing, complained that white men took advantage of his being an Indian in his performance of his duties as a policeman. When he arrested a man and required a witness to attend he was required to pay witness fees out of his own pocket.

Agent Halliday explained that Smith had complained of this matter and his complaint had been referred through the Attorney General to the Superintendent of Police.

CHARLIE SEWENT: complained that he had made a garden at his place and had put in 200 strawberry plants. But the wind blew down a number of trees which fell on the garden and destroyed it, besides which cattle went in and ate everything up. The trees were always falling down and giving trouble and he was afraid to cut them down and make them into logs lest he should be arrested and put in gaol. He had spoken to the Agent about cutting down the trees and he had been told not to touch them.

Agent Halliday: He applied to me to cut the timber for sale, but he did not apply to me to cut falling trees. I will look into the whole

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