

Naas District Agency,

Indian Office,

Metlakatla, B.C.

May 15th, 1910.

The Secretary,
Dept of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith, a brief recapitulation showing the average condition throughout this agency as a whole of the following matters viz:-

HEALTH. The health of the Indians throughout the agency has been fairly good during the year.

Fishing. The seasons run of salmon was small, but an abundance of halibut, oolachan and other fish have been caught and good stores laid up by the Indians for food purposes, and much has been sold to the various canneries.

Hunting and Trapping. The number of fur bearing animals continues to decrease as the Northern country is peopled, and the revenue obtained from the sale of furs is very small. On account of the scarcity of mink martin and sea-otter, prices for these valuable skins are high.

Morality. In this connection I regret to report that very undesirable conditions are prevalent. As new cities spring into existence here and there the natives find their way to the new settlements of the white race, and there Indian women prostitute themselves and these together with the male members of their race get hold of liquor in any quantity.

Venereal diseases are thus carried to and from the reservations. Drastic measures were taken in one case in March of the present year, when I had a prostitute young married Indian woman of the Haida tribe arrested