

the property of the Indians; it was anticipated that the logging in that locality would be completed in five years or six at the outside. The logs had been sealed by an official government sealer, and the money received from the company as rental had been regularly paid and transmitted to Ottawa and appeared in the Auditor General's report.

THE WITNESS complained that Mr Halliday had assured the Indians that this money would come to the Indians and would be paid to them regularly, year by year.

AGENT HALLIDAY replied that he was bound by the Department's regulations, with which he had nothing to do.

THE WITNESS explained that his reason for bringing up this timber question was on account of an experience these Indians had had during Agent Pidcock's regime when a river claimed by the Indians had been blocked up, the Indians being promised compensation in the amount of \$100 a year. They had never received that money, and they had therefore brought up this question again so that other white men might not come in and do other damage. The blocking of the river to which he had referred had occurred fourteen or fifteen years ago.

With respect to the application for Tikya: The river at that place was wanted as a fishing place at Reid Bay, also the mountain near there, valued highly as a sacred place by these Indians, it having been there that their ancestors disembarked after the great flood. That river was the river flowing into Reid Bay, Topaze Harbor, off Sunderland Channel, Lot 661 apparently (Marked F1 on the map). The Band asked for the whole of that mountain, and also the old village site, about 20 acres on each side of the river -- in reality two old village sites, also the fishing rights. The mountain was of no use to the white man, being barren rock, without timber. In closing he would say that the Band would like to have the money that had been paid for the logging company's right-of-way through the reserve at Drew Harbor. He thought that it should come to the Indians as had been promised.

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