

St. Mary's, R. C.

Alert Bay, A.

Hesquiaht, R. C.

On account of the unhappy difficulties existing at Metlakahla, and the application of both the Church Mission Society and Mr. Duncan for the same allowance, the grant for \$500 provided for by Order in Council for that place has been temporarily withheld.

Applications have also been received from Cowichan, R. C., Kyukut, R.C., Kilwau-gahk, A., Kineoleth, A., and Bellabella, W., the reports of which have been forwarded to the Department for approval.

I much regret my inability to report in very favorable terms of the general results afforded by missionary day schools as at present conducted, the frequent changes of teachers and the want of experience and qualification in many of them for such a position, are the chief drawbacks to success.

The migratory habits of the Indians and the questionable utility of endeavoring to educate in this way children who attend most irregularly, and who spend much greater intervals amid the opposing but more attractive scenes of camp life, tend to frustrate the object in view.

In the absence, however, of industrial boarding schools in the Province, and the desirableness of extending some aid to various religious bodies, to maintain mission posts, which are attended with much expense, the withdrawal of these grants would, perhaps, be unwise.

#### FISH, FURS AND OIL.

The Indians take such a prominent part in the catch and canning of salmon that it may not be out of place to include a statement of the total product of the Province in this Report.

I regret to add that the export of furs is much less than in preceding years. The great falling off, however, in the price of furs and the more profitable employment in the mean time afforded Indians in many other industries and developments will fully account for the circumstance.

The product of fish oil is nearly, if not quite all, the result of Indian labor.

Salmon, canned.....	\$1,153,097
Salmon, salted.....	15,758
Other fish.....	5,037
Furs.....	123,805
Oil.....	23,146
	\$1,320,843

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

I. W. POWELL,  
*Indian Superintendent.*

INDIAN OFFICE,  
VICTORIA, B.C., 7th Nov., 1883.

The Right Honorable  
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to report my return to Victoria, after having made an extensive official visit throughout the interior, inspecting, *en route*, the Fraser, Kamloops and Okanagan Agencies and a large portion of the Lillooet District.

I left Victoria on the 24th of August, and having visited New Westminster, the headquarters of Mr. McTiernan, that officer accompanied me as far as the upper limits of his district at Yale.