

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

BOARD ROOM, VICTORIA, B. C.,

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MR. ASHDOWN H. GREEN, B.C.B. S., was examined by Mr. Young:

Q. Mr. Green, we want to get some further information from you in regard to the character of the Skidegate reserves. You have visited all the reserves, have you?

A. Yes. A long time ago, and I cannot say I went over them well. I looked at them from the beach. One can generally tell from the beach what the character of the land is.

Q. And then you have refreshed your mind from the field notes?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have them with you now?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know No. 3 reserve, Deena, at the head of South Bay, Skidegate Inlet?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the soil there?

A. The northern part is grass, flooded.

Q. Do you mean that it is overflowed at times or always?

A. At very high tides.

Q. What about the southern part?

A. That is heavily timbered.

Q. What sort of timber?

A. Principally hemlock.

Q. What is the quality of the land if the timber was taken off?

A. That one can hardly tell because it is all covered with moss except where the rock is. In all probability it is sandy and gravelly underneath.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is hemlock good for merchantable purposes?

A. No, hardly. They are beginning to turn some of it into pulp now, I believe, but generally speaking it is not much used.

MR. YOUNG: You are now reading from the Field Notes, in which it