

On the evening of Friday, 22nd April, 1910, in the Aberdeen School, Vancouver, under the auspices of The Art Historical and Scientific Association, Rev. Arthur E. O'Meara, B.A., delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Indian Land Situation in British Columbia." With him upon the platform were Mr. F. C. Wade, K.C., and Mr. H. W. C. Boak. Mr. Wade in introducing the lecturer, made reference to earlier associations with him during college days in Toronto and to acquaintance with his father, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, of Trinity College, Dublin, a gentleman who had always been a great friend of the Indians and had translated the Holy Scriptures into the language of the Indian. The present lecturer was also, he said, a strong friend of the red men and had made a special study of the question of their rights. It was rather a curious thing, he added, that so long ago as the time of Lord Dufferin it had been pointed out by that eminent statesman that in this Province we had overlooked the whole question of Indian land titles, notwithstanding the fact that there is reason for believing that the claim of the Indians of this Province is perhaps stronger than in the case of any other Province of the Dominion. He believed that British Columbia was the only Province in which the Indians rested their claim upon a proclamation issued by King George the Third which had never been repealed. He thought it important to remember that Indian reserves, as recognized by the British North America Act had never been adopted in British Columbia.

At the request of Mr. Wade, who was obliged to leave for the purpose of taking part in another meeting, Mr. Boak then took the chair.

The lecturer opened with a reference to the fact that he had been a missionary among the mining population of the Yukon Territory, and had had the privilege of doing something for the welfare of the Indians of that Territory and said: "Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,—The scope of the subject of this lecture is limited to the one matter of the Indian Land Situation in British Columbia, and I intend to treat the subject mainly by the historical method. I purpose mentioning the main facts and quoting from