

## No. 6.

Is situated immediately north of the Inverness Cannery at the mouth of the north branch of the Skeena River, and contains 30 acres; it is well timbered but otherwise of no value except as a fishery.

## No. 7.

Known as Point Lambert is on the left bank of the Skeena River, and contains about 22 acres. The Indians were specially anxious to obtain this land as they said it was their intention to build a cannery here. Being hemmed in by steep mountains it cannot be enlarged.

## No. 8.

Containing 60 acres, is 7 miles above Essington at the mouth of the Kh-yex river, it is an old established fishing station and is well timbered.

## No. 9.

Kil-cuts-e-en is on the left bank of the Skeena 13 miles above Essington, this is also a fishing station and contains 22 acres.

## No. 10.

Kh-tah-da is a fishing station on the left bank of the Skeena river 14 miles above Essington; it contains 6 acres.

## No. 11.

Known as Scut-tsap, is a fishing station, at the head of tidal water, on the left bank of the Skeena, 17 miles above Port Essington. It contains about 8 acres of land of which one may possibly be cultivated. There is a good supply of excellent timber on this reserve.

The above reserves on the coast and on the tidal waters of the Skeena for a distance of 17 miles from its mouth, embrace all the fishing stations pointed out by the Indians, and mentioned to me by Mr. Duncan, of Metlakatla, who, I may here observe, rendered me valuable assistance in this matter.

There remain to be visited several islands adjacent to Fort Simpson, on which, I am informed, the Indians cultivate potato patches, and which I was unable to visit owing to stress of weather, and the short time at my disposal before the winter set in.

I carefully explained to the Nass and Tsimpsian Indians, that in assigning to them the several stations on the coast and tidal waters, no exclusive right of fishing was conveyed, but that they would, like their white brethren, be subject in every respect to the laws and regulations set forth in the Fishery Acts of the Dominion.

When I was on the Skeena River, Mr. Robert Cunningham stated to me that he was the owner of a place known as Port Essington containing 100 acres, and offered to give the Indians about 5 acres of his property on which he had allowed them to build a small church and some houses. He was anxious that I should make the same an Indian reserve, but this I declined to do on the ground that I had no power to deal with private property. I told him if he wished to confer it upon the Indians he could do so by a deed of conveyance properly executed, and that I did not think the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs would decline to receive it in trust for them, and this, I believe, he proposes to do.

Owing to the short time at my disposal I was unable to obtain a complete Census of the Tsimpsian tribe of Indians, this will be supplied after my return from the coast during the coming season.

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

P. O'REILLY,  
*Indian Reserve Commissioner.*