

(1) In the three States of Washington, Idaho and Montana, all adjoining British Columbia, Indian title has been recognized, and treaties have been made with the Indian tribes of those States. Under those treaties, very large areas of land have been set aside. The total lands set aside in those three States considerably exceeds 10,000,000 acres, and the per capita area varies from about 200 acres to about 600 acres.

(2) Portions of the tribal territories of four tribes of the Interior of British Columbia extend into the States above-mentioned, and thus portions of those tribes hold lands in the Colville Reservation, situated in the State of Washington, and the Flathead Reservation, situated in the State of Montana.

(3) By treaties made with the Indian Tribes of the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, there has been set aside an average per capita area of about 180 acres.

(4) For the five Tribes of Alberta that entered into Treaty No. 7, whose tribal territories all adjoin British Columbia having now a total Indian population of about 3,500, there was set aside a total area of about 762,000 acres, giving a per capita area of 212 acres.

(5) The facts regarding the Indian Tribes inhabiting that part of Northern British Columbia lying to the East of the Rocky Mountains shown in Interim Report No. 91 of the Royal Commission at pages 126, 127 and 128 of the Report show that the Royal Commission approved and adopted as a standard for the Indians of that part of the Province occupying Provincial lands the per capita area of 160 acres of agricultural land per individual, or 640 acres per family of five, set aside under Treaty No. 8.

(6) As shown by the facts above stated, all the Tribes that are close neighbours of the British Columbia Indians on the South and East have had large areas per capita set aside for their use and benefit, and the Indians inhabiting the North-eastern portion of British Columbia have also been fairly treated in the matter of agricultural lands reserved for them. Notwithstanding that state of affairs, the areas set aside for all the other British Columbia Tribes average only thirty acres per capita, or from one-fifth to one-twentieth of the acreage of Reserves set aside for their neighbours.