

If the Government came see their way to it, having a Central ^{Home} school erected on the Island, where both Eskimoes and Massets can have technical education, or if not, that the Mission School at Metlakatla should be set in motion again. We have several men here today who are representatives of that school and examples of what that institution did under the guidance of an earnest and capable man - Mr. Scott. The Government closed that School, for lack of funds. I think it is a disgrace that they should ever have done ~~xxx~~ so. I would like to see an institution established at Tow Hill, and if the Government cant see their way to do that, then they should again set in operation the Metlakatla School.

There is just one other thing before I close gentlemen, and that is that these Indians should not be deprived of getting timber for their own use, or for logging either. It is a shame an an anomaly that timber men can sit in their offices in Chicago and curtail all the woods from Haden Harbour to the ~~xxx~~ Yakoun River. It is not fair or just it is not fair dealing. Gentlemen, we do not want for anything for these Haida Indians but what is fair and just. That is all I have to say.

THE CHAIRMAN: We wish to get some information with respect to these Reserves, who will testify?

CHIEF COUNCILLOR ALFRED ADAMS: The Indian Agent knows the character of these reserves in full.

THOMAS DEASY INDIAN AGENT FOR THE QUEEN CHARLOTT ISLANDS AGENCY, was sworn and examined by Mr. McGregor Young:

Q. You are the Indian Agent for the Queen Charlotte Islands Agency? And are familiar with the reserves and their character?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen them all?

A. All but two

Q. You produce a plan showing here which is a Certified plan of the Reserves of the Agency. Take No. 1. It is shown as containing 729 acres, and the Indian village is situated there, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And the Indians have been concentrated upon that reserve from various other places where they lived, formerly?

A. Yes., for many years.

Q. Could you give us a general idea as to the number of houses in the village, 60 or 70?

A. We have statistics here submitted to the Department, showing everything in connection with the houses?

Q. And from these statistics you say, that at the time they were prepared, there were how many houses?

A. 50 frame dwellings, 1 log, 10 shanties 3 barns, 3 horse stables, 1 milk house, 1 church, 1 school, 1 parsonage, Agents Office and Residence, school teacher's residence and adjoining barns?

Q. Were these buildings all erected by the Indians themselves?

A. Yes to the best of my belief they were?

Q. Are there any carpenters amongst the Masset people here?

A. Quite a number.

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