

planation, but upon this explanation no discussion would be permitted.

AGENT HALLIDAY, not being sworn, said that at a public meeting of the Indians held at this Cape Mudge reserve, application had been made by this Band for permission to cut 40 acres of timber on this reserve for the sale of the logs. The Department of Indian Affairs, upon his recommendation, had given the desired permission, but had retained \$1.25 per M. royalty until the land should have been cleared. This \$1.25 per M. as soon as received by him had been transmitted to the Department. Men had been engaged in connection with the work, at \$3.00 per day, but as the Indians had no money wherewith to buy supplies while they were earning the royalty money, Mr Rendle, who was acting as bookkeeper for the Indians, had given orders on the Quathiaski Cove Cannery store for such supplies, afterwards furnishing a full statement to him (Mr Halliday). When the work was completed this statement was rendered. He (Mr Halliday) had out of his own pocket advanced the month's salary of the engineer. He had sent a statement to the Department shewing the balance due to each man engaged, and had asked that cheques be sent to Mr Rendle, these cheques being payable to the individual Indians, as he expected to be en tour with the Commission. As he had received his own reimbursement cheque in connection with this transaction two days before his leaving Alert Bay, he did not understand why the other cheques had not yet come to hand. They would probably be in with Thursday's mail. As to the right-of-way through Drew Harbor reserve that had been given the lumber company: The Abbott Timber Co. had wanted a right-of-way through the Indian Reserve at Drew Harbor and had offered to pay the Indians a rental of \$50 a year for a right-of-way 100 feet wide. They also were to pay for all the timber cut from the reserve in connection with the building of this right-of-way, and all their buildings on the reserve were on the completion of their logging to be left intact and to become

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