

still considered theirs. They have continued to occupy it during these many years as a fishing station and now they are suddenly ordered to vacate it. As it has always been where they have gone to catch and dry their dog salmon and where they have had their garden patches, they feel that it is working a very great hardship upon them to now ask them to leave it, especially as the Sshahts never have gotten and are not likely to want the dog salmon that are to be gotten there, as they have their fishing station at Alberni. The Sshahts have at the present time their houses built on Equis, which is, as you will know, another portion of this No. 8 Reserve. They have more room than they can occupy there, so that it is not because they are desperately in need of it that lies behind their action.

Hoping that you may see your way clear to allow these Indians to remain in possession of this land, which has been passed down to them from their forefathers, I remain,

Sincerely yours
(sd) "Hugh W. Vander Veen,
Indian Missionary,
Ucluelet.