

constable. The Indian was under the influence of liquor and fought hard, whereupon the constable had called on four young men to assist him, and they were doing so when Chief Owahagaleese came along and harangued them, telling them that they ought to have clubbed the policeman instead of helping him. This incident he (witness) had reported to the Department and a special order-in-council had been passed deposing this man Owahagaleese from his chiefship, and he (as agent) was formally instructed not to recognize Owahagaleese as a chief during the period of his deposition. Owahagaleese was so informed at a potlatch and of course felt very much disgraced. This was why witness and Owahagaleese "did not know one another", as the Chief had complained. With respect to the complaint of a chief at Blunden Harbor that timber taken from the reserve had never been reported and also as to non-visitation by the Agent: He would deal with the timber matter shortly and when he did so would send in a special report to the Commission. As to non-visitation of those reserves -- the hostility of the Indians ~~was~~ in the matter of the potlatches had been so great that he had always, during the past two or three years, met these people at reserves other than their own, although he had visited their reserves at least once in every year. As to Mathcalthpe Sam's complaint with regard to a woman being ordered out of her house: Sam had told the Commission that it was three years after complaint had been made before action was taken. While at Alert Bay, Inspector Ditchburn and the witness had gone carefully into this matter, hearing the statements of Sam, Lucy Seaweed and others. The offence had occurred three years ago but there was no record of when complaint in regard to it was laid. His own diary showed that three several attempts had been made to reach the scene and investigate, but on all but the last occasion it had been impossible to make a landing on account of the unfavorable weather. On the third trial a landing had been made and it had been ascertained that the house from which the woman had allegedly been ordered was not on the reserve at all; but on the

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