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Church Missionary Society,

Hazleton, Skeena River,

October, 1889.

To

N. Fitzstubbs, Esq.,

Stipendiary Magistrate,

Hazleton, Skeena River.



Dear Captain Fitzstubbs,

It is with the very deepest feelings of regret that I write a line to say good-bye to you.

In reviewing the history of the Skeena District, since your appointment as Stipendiary Magistrate and Gold Commissioner, some eighteen months ago, I feel amazed at the change that has come over the place.

The insulting defiance of the law, the hostile and threatening attitude of the Indians, the danger to which life and property were exposed, the daily commission of crime without fear of punishment have given place to respect for and submission to the wishes of the Government, to a civil and even conciliatory bearing of the people towards the whites, to a general feeling that life and property are as safe as they could be anywhere, and to the almost entire disappearance of gross crime, and the reduction of petty misdemeanors to a minimum, and this has all been affected by the wise policy which you have pursued, a policy which while it insisted

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Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3831, file 62,977)

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