

of their reserve, to sell the logs and clear the land at the same time, and in order to assist them in this the Government had appropriated \$5,500 to buy the engine and properly equip them with outfit for the logging. This money was in the nature of an advance, which the Indians subsequently repaid. When the piled slash was burned these Indians would have out of this 40-acre plot about 30 acres that would make pastureage the remaining 10 acres being very rough and stony, of such a character that the Department would not insist upon any attempt at its reclamation as farming land, as it would not be worth the time and labor. The 30 acres referred to was in an ideal situation for fruit farming, being benchland and well adapted to fruit growing. Two garden patches had been made in this tract during the present season. This was regarded as the only serious attempt at agriculture in his Agency. The small patches referred to were cleared about the time that he became Agent. Land had also been cleared at a number of the old Indian settlements, but when the Indians had made gardens about these they had failed to care for the gardens after going to all the trouble of putting in vegetables, etc., largely because of their going away for the fishing for the canneries. It was practically impossible for these Indians to combine gardening with their standard occupation of fishing for the canneries. In his opinion the fishing would continue indefinitely as an occupation for the Indians; he thought the Indians were now earning a little more by their fishing than eight years ago, chiefly because of the better price obtained for the fish. Besides fishing for the canneries the Indians spent from one month to six weeks every Fall, fishing for their own use, getting quite as many fish as before although not using as many, because of their having got into the habit during recent years of using white man's foodstuffs. They could if they so desired get as many fish as ever, although with perhaps greater effort than in the old

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