

Kewasneweth Agency. B. C.

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Agents Report for June 1899.

Sir

During the first few days of this month I was superintending the repairing of the Dyke on the Salmon River Reserve. The work as far as it is completed has been done very well, but there is still some portion unfinished about which I have already reported on.

On the 12th 13th and 14th I was at the Village of the Soa-wangie-neth Indians at Qua-ee at the head of Kingcome Inlet. They had just finished their Oolachan fishing, which however has not been very good this year. They have enough for their own needs, but have very little to dispose of. They have had good success in hunting and trapping and this will compensate them somewhat for the small run of Oolachans. The school was fairly well attended on the date of my visit. On the 22, 23 & 24th I was at the So-nak-tash Indian Village at Soa-watti at the head of Knight Inlet. Here I found the catch of Oolachans had been very good and they would have a large quantity of oil to dispose of. These Indians had also had very good success in hunting and trapping, one man brought in five black bear skins on the day I arrived there. They were nearly all preparing to go to the Canneries on the Fraser River, where they have been offered good prices for salmon.

I have the honor to be

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Sir
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