

## POPKUM.

This is a small village, the greater number of the band are very old, they are very good and do their best to make a living. Their houses are nice and tidy; they have a nice Methodist Church, and are very attentive to the teachings of their missionaries.

## SKOWALL.

The Indians of this band cultivated several patches of potatoes this year; the crop on this reserve is not as large as last year, in consequence of all the men being employed on the railroad.

## CHEAM.

This reserve is very good, and there are a good many of the band fine, able-bodied men, and, like the Hope Indians, very much liked by the railroad bosses as laborers, they are moral and industrious. Alixes, their chief, is a very good man; very intelligent; has great influence with all the Indians of the Lower Frazer; is very watchful of the interests of his people; allows no intemperance on or about the reserve; he is entirely opposed to the old superstitious practices; is a very industrious and hard-working man; he is very anxious to have a school established at his place; he and all the band are at present working at the fisheries; they will return to work on the railroad in a few days. They are thankful to Mr. Onderdonk and his foremen for the kind manner they have treated them, and the good pay they receive (\$2 per day). They are much better men to work than Chinamen.

## CHILLIWHACK.

I cannot well describe the destruction of almost all the Indian reserves, as well as the white men's farms, by the high water of last June. Crops of all kinds ruined, fences swept away and everything looking desolate. The Indians feel much discouraged; they are all down at New Westminster. All that are able are at work at the fisheries. There are, however, several old and disabled people among them who heretofore lived on potatoes and salmon, this year they have no potatoes or any other kind of vegetables, consequently I fear they will need assistance this coming winter. I regret this the more because the Indians of this district were progressing fast. On the 14th April last I held a meeting at Squah, where there was 23 chiefs in council with me. The Indians of Squah band agreed, as soon as their new Catholic church was finished this fall, to fit up the old church for a Town Hall. I fear that has to be abandoned for the present, in consequence of the misfortune to their crops in the whole district.

## SHOKALE.

This reserve and the one adjoining, Yack-y-You, in my opinion, are the best in my Agency. The Indians of both raise splendid crops. They are content and happy. Their houses and surroundings are comfortable.

## CUTTES LAKE.

This is a very good reserve, but it is very difficult to reach. The Indians have to swim their horses and cattle to get to or from the place, over the Chilliwhack River. Captain John, their chief, is a first-class man; devotes a great deal of his time to preaching and trying to advance his people; he is a great temperance man; both he and Alixes, Chief of Cheam, are doing a great deal of good by their counsels to the Indians; they do everything in their power to assist me in the performance of my duty.