

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: I don't know what it means?

The Chief: <sup>at</sup> Atlin means BIG LAKE, and that is the place where we used to stay - that is the reason I used to think that the whites were not going to give me any trouble because they call us after this lake - they call us Atlin Indians because they know that I belong to this country.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: Have you any grievances against the Indian Department that you want to tell us about?

The Chief: I feel glad and just as happy as can be when I heard that the white people were coming in here and I used to make money out of the furs. I used to think I could get work from the white people but I never did. If the Government is trying to help us, it is better for the Government to help us this way by giving us some work so that we can make some money to feed our children with. This little piece of land that you are going to try and give us, it would not do us very good. These Japs over here we cannot do anything because they are working up on the creek and we cannot do anything. I am going to leave the talk for a while - I want you to speak to me.

THE CHIEF IS HEREUPON CALLED AND SWORN.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: You say you got no work from the whites?

A. No.

Q. And you say that the Japs got work from the whites instead of the Indians, do you?

A. Yes.

Q. And you want the Government to give you some work to do so that you can make a living for your children?

A. Yes. The Japs over here on the creeks; and I want the young fellows to make some money, but myself, I own this place and I don't want to do anything because I am the Chief.

Q. You want some work for your young people?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you like your young people to make their living in the same way as the white men make their living?

A. I don't want to work for miners - I want to go hunting fur because that is what I live on. I don't want to work for miners.