

INDIAN RESERVE COMMISSION.

VICTORIA, B. C., 15th March, 1882.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—In proceeding from Pemberton Meadows to Douglas, I visited several small encampments, inhabited by portions of the Douglas tribe; they have been attracted to these spots by the fisheries on the Lillooet River, and have made their homes on its banks, where they have cultivated every available nook.

No. 1.

The first of these, Sam-ah-quam, is a small hamlet situated on the Lillooet River, twenty-four miles from Douglas, on the old line of waggon road. I have made a reserve of 330 acres here, principally with the object of securing the valuable timber which is on it. Skin-te (Joseph), is the sub-chief. Only one acre here is under cultivation, consisting of a few potato patches; some seventy to eighty acres of good land might be utilized but the expense of clearing would be disproportioned to the benefit derived. The fishery extends the whole length of the reserve (about one mile), commencing at Too-was-soos Creek, near the eastern boundary.

No. 2.

A small fishing station, known as the Sach-teen, on the Lillooet River, between the twenty-one and twenty-two mile posts on the old Douglas waggon road. Three acres are under cultivation here, all that is capable of being worked to this I added twelve, which, however, is mostly rock.

The fishery immediately in front of the village, includes both banks of the river, and extends the length of the reserve.

Two Indian graveyards, about 200 yards west of the twenty-two mile post, have been reserved.

No. 3.

Is a small reserve of 40 acres, near the twenty-mile post on the old Douglas waggon road; here the Indians have erected a house, and cleared some potato patches; about ten acres along the bank of the Lillooet River is good land; the remainder, poor, wash gravel, on which stands some timber of small size.

No. 4.

A reserve of 540 acres, situated on the Douglas portage, between the eighteen and nineteen mile posts, known as Skookum-chuck. This is the headquarters of the Douglas Indians, and has a population of 150, with Ket-se-ah-in (Isidore) as chief.

An Indian reserve was made here on the 7th March, 1866, by Mr. J. B. Gaggin, then S. p. i. e. n. d. i. a. r. y Magistrate at Douglas; no acreage, however, is mentioned in the record, and the description of it is so indefinite, that I have not been able to ascertain its size; but I have taken the precaution to include all the land that is valued by the Indians. The Lillooet River here passes through a narrow gorge or canon, and forms rapids, in which the fisheries are situated. Apart from these fisheries, which are highly productive, this reserve is of little worth, being almost all rock. About four acres are under cultivation as potato gardens, which cannot be increased.

No. 5.

Is a plot of land eighty acres in extent, situated $13\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Douglas; it is a low, swampy flat on the banks of the Lillooet River, densely covered with pine