

SQUAMISH TRIBE.

The only portions of this reserve that has been surrendered is a city street (Third St.) going through the reserve which occuppies an area of about 3 acres and which from 38 acres would leave a balance of 35 acres. (the other parts surrendered was the R.R. right of way through the foreshore.)

It is alleged that the city streets bordering on the east and west boundaries of the reserve encroaches on the reserve for which the members have not received any compensation, and which they have not surrendered, and while they now want special compensation from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver or who ever caused the roads to be established there; after the consent of the members has been taken.

It is further alleged by the Squamish tribe that there was formerly a reserve established for the use and benefit of the tribe at the place now known as English Bay bathing beach in the City of Vancouver and just about where the bath house of the beach is now built, and about where there was two Indian houses which were destroyed and the land lost by the Indians without their knowledge or consent, but which they well know was surveyed for them, and it is the prayer of the tribe that they receive special compensation for same.

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The reserve situated within the city of New Westminster which is alleged to be credited to the New Westminster Band, is claimed by the Squamish Indians to be one of their reserves, and it is alleged by the older ones that on the advice of the late Rev. Father Foquet OMI, they bought that parcel of land, and during some of the following years under the guardianship of the Missionaries they would collect money to further pay for the land or for taxes, but it is admitted that at a later date the money was refunded to them, and that they occupied that reserve while at New Westminster, and prior to the time the Mission was established at North Vancouver, and they now desire to receive any money from the sale or lease of that reserve.

RE CUT OFF BY COMMISSION.

It is the unanimous opinion of the tribe that before any cut off by the recommendations of the Royal Commission is carried out the consent of the tribe must first be had and taken before any portion of any of the Squamish reserves is cut off.

The members of the Capilano reserve and the entire tribe very strongly object to the recommendation or decision of the Commission to cut off 130 acres of the Capilano reserve.

Kitsilano Reserve.

The Squamish tribe are united in saying that the Kitsilano Indians were by questionable methods caused to vacate said reserve and it is the claim of the tribe that the Kitsilano reserve is yet one of the reserves of the tribe and must remain so till all the members have been compensated for the Kitsilano reserve before any industry is established on the said reserve, and for the fact that the tribe has been denied to build thereon or occupy the said reserve for any purpose they may have seen fit to do for their immediate benefit or for the future, the tribe be now given full compensation at the value of the land when the Indians were caused to vacate the said reserve. If the necessary compensation is not forthcoming the Squamish Indians should be allowed to again establish themselves on the reserve if they deem fit, and the threat of the Provincial Government removed or retracted, which forbids the Indians to occupy the reserve.

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It is desired by the chiefs and members of the tribe to have tribal ownership of all the reserves to the credit of the tribe and any reserve that may hereinafter be allotted to the tribe.

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