

St. Mary's	-	-	-	-	-	Roman Catholic.
Metlahkahtla	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican.
Hazelton	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican.
Alert Bay	-	-	-	-	-	Anglican.

Other schools have been maintained during certain intervals, or with native teachers, by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Wesleyan Societies on the West coast of Vancouver, and north-west coast of the Mainland, to which no grant from the Government has been paid.

Many tribes, other than those living in the above localities, have expressed anxiety for schools, and if their educational necessities are to be promoted, considerable additional expenditure will have to be incurred under this item.

The present system of assisting Mission day schools is the most economical, so far as mere outlay is concerned—in this light it may be the best, but it quite fails, in my opinion, to meet requirements of the real object in view.

A glance at the Reports furnished from time to time, of those that are not abandoned, prove, in my opinion, that, after all, the expenditure is large for the small amount of benefit conferred.

Indian school children are so irregular, that a large attendance is required to ensure a small average for the whole quarter, add to this, the opposing impressions and vicious allurements incident to the daily return of the child from school to uncivilized camp life, and the failure of the system to accomplish much in the way of education may be readily understood.

The only scheme for meeting the difficulty appears to me to be the establishment of two or three industrial boarding schools in the Province, where, separated from native customs and modes of living, children would have opportunities of putting in practice what they are taught in school.

It is possible that such a system might be undertaken by some of the Mission Societies if proper encouragement were afforded them by Government.

Boys could then not only be taught various trades, but native teachers might be prepared, who would become effective civilizers on returning to their own people.

St. Mary's R.C., on the Fraser, is an industrial boarding school, but, from want of encouragement, is not so effective as it might otherwise be. About twenty pupils attend there now, but I believe they are half-breeds.

I understand the Right Reverend Bishop of the diocese to say, that the Institution would be made available for Indian boys, from different tribes, if requisite assistance could be obtained from the Government.

At present there are no Indian schools in the interior, and the establishment of another institution, of the kind referred to, at some central place like Kamloops or Nicola, is a necessity, if future appropriations for the educational wants of the Aborigines justify the same.

The Wesleyans at Fort Simpson are desirous of having a proper boarding school for girls, for which an additional building is necessary. With such limited convenience as they have, a beginning has however been made, and Mr. Crosby informs me, that at present fifteen girls are inmates of the Mission house, under the care and direction of Mrs. Crosby.

FISH, FURS, OIL, ETC.

I regret that I am unable to supply you with the information required in the tabular statement for those portions of the Province lying outside of the Agencies.

It should be remembered that the localities referred to are very extensive, many of them, indeed, have no white settlements.

Reserves have not, as yet, been allotted there, and no means exists by which the required data could possibly be obtained.