

- KWAWKOWLTH AGENCY.-

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Meetings with the Indians of the Kwawkowlt Agency and inspections of their principal Reserves occupied the Commission from the 28th May until the 10th June, 1914, Mr. Agent Balliday being subsequently examined on June 24th, 25th and 26th, 1914.

The Reserves of the Kwawkowlt Agency as described in the Official Schedule of 1913, number 91, with an aggregate area of 16,600.99 acres, giving a per capita acreage of 14.03 for the present Agency population of eleven hundred and eighty-three. The natural avocation of these Indians is fishing, but progressive members of certain of the Tribes of late have given earnest of desire to cultivate ^{land} and the Commission has, therefore, endeavored, insofar as possible to meet their reasonable requirement of cultivable lands. The Commission has also allotted as Reserves a number of fishing stations long used and occupied by the Indians but not heretofore formally set apart for their use and benefit.

In the case of the Hope Island Reserve of the Nah-witti Tribe, a reduction of 37.86 acres has been made to meet harbourage requirements of the white population, such reduction in no way impinging upon the necessary and reasonable requirements of the Indians. Two small Reserves of the virtually extinct Klaskine Tribe also have been cut off in their entirety, leaving one reserve of 12.50 acres, which is ample for the Indian requirement.

Action upon additional lands applications of the Agency has resulted in the creation, subject to approval, of 28 new Reserves, of a total area of 1787.29 acres, making the net total of Agency increase 1646.43 acres, and giving under the reconstitution and distribution a total of 117 Reserves of an aggregate area of 18,253.92 acres, or 15.45 acres per capita for the Agency.

With respect to the Turner Island or Klawatsis Tribe, and its special requirements, the Commission on the 29th February, 1916, placed itself upon record in the terms of the