

and what they were not, it is apparent that trouble would certainly arise unless we had our own regulations ready to be enforced and to supersede theirs.

I beg to append the letter of A. G. Anderson Esq: Fishery Agent, who accompanied me upon my visitation and whose long successful experience among the Indians of British Columbia entitles his opinion to great consideration. Mr Anderson lived among the Coast Indians as Agent for the Hudson's Bay Company more than forty years ago, and selected Fort Simpson as a site for a Fort before there was any Indian settlement there whatever. He has paid longer and more continuous attention to the character of the British Columbia Indian than any other gentleman in the Province and the emanations of his pen upon this subject have afforded valuable and abundant material to the author and scientist for many years past.

With the exceptions I have noted, I think I have shown that it would be a large and needless expense and one of doubtful utility to proceed at once to define and allot all their reserves, especially in the wilds of the Country where the Indians are savage and uncivilized,

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