

few years and if the land were open for hand-logging the Indians would be able to earn as much by selling logs now as formerly -- the demand was much the same. Very little pretence of cultivating the land was made, these Indians being non-agricultural; some of their lands were, however, cultivable. The only assistance afforded in the way of encouraging agriculture among the Indians was in the nature of advice given by himself. He had also at one time asked the Department of Indian Affairs to give the Indians at Salmon River a team of horses. This had been done but he had later been forced to take the team away from them because the animals were nearly starved to death through neglect, the Indians going away and leaving the horses to take care of themselves. These Indians had had very little experience in the care of horses or cattle. They had had these horses a full year, being given them in the spring of one year and they being taken from them during the following year. It was in the second spring that they were neglected, being turned out on the tideflats to shift for themselves. A little hay was cut for these horses by the Indians but it was virtually wasted, the horses being allowed to help themselves from the stack and simply wasting the food. The Indians at Campbell River had also had a team of horses and one of these died ten days or a fortnight after delivery to the Indians. The animals in that case were driven very hard on the road and then instead of giving them water the Indians drove them into the sea and let them drink salt water, one of them dying. Lack of knowledge might be the explanation of the mistreatment of these horses. When the application for these horses had been made the Indians had said that they wanted to do farming with them. Some of the Indians at Campbell River had also had assistance in the way of fence wire given them to enclose plots of land for agricultural purposes. At Cape Mudge, too, they had had a donkey engine for clearing land. These Cape Mudge Indians had applied for permission to cut the timber from 40 acres

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