

The same inequality in character of soil and climatic conditions exist in this Agency. In the Salmon Arm and Adams Lake districts the land is timbered, and when cleared will grow crops successfully without irrigation. All the reserves west of the Shuswap Lake require irrigation.

I can state from my personal observation in regard to the conditions of the Indians, which extend over a period of nearly thirty years, that no permanent or real agricultural advancement has been made in that time. Are we not, then, justified in seeking for and advocating a policy which we consider will advance the Indians both materially and morally?

I would advocate the closing of all small and isolated reserves, unless absolutely required for fuel purposes and so forth, and I would recommend placing the Indians on large reserves and give each head of a family an allotment. Competent farm instructors to be placed on these reserves who would have special qualifications in regard to conditions which would be met in different localities. For example; instructors on the Smil-kameen, Penticten, and Okanagan reserves would require to have competent and practical knowledge on irrigation. Instructors on the Spalunchean of Salmon Arm reserves should have up-to-date knowledge on staking clearing land, modern methods, and so forth.

Funds to carry out the improvements and advancement which I have in view could be obtained, to a great extent, from the sale of small isolated reserves, as these reserves to my knowledge are detrimental to Indian advancement.

EDUCATION.

In the Okanagan Agency there are 150 children within the school age. No educational facilities of any kind are provided for the children of the Okanagan band of Indians