

Notes by Mr Commissioner Macdowall on board S.S. "CLEANER"
on Friday, June 18th. 1915.

The Indians stated at their meeting on the 16th. June with the Commission that it would be impossible to carry on agriculture successfully in the Atlin district because the potatoes never ripened and turnips grew to the size of about one inch in diameter and nothing else would grow successfully. On enquiry being made from trustworthy sources by the Commissioners, they found there were two large gardens between Atlin and Discovery and two ranches on the lake. In the garden grew sweet turnips that would run as big as a man's head, also beets, carrots and onions grew well and lettuce grows to a very large size, also that barley grows a good crop and ripens on the ranches. On the 17th. June the Commissioners went by the steamer "SCOTIA" to inspect some land at what is known as Lowe Point or Five Mile Point, where they found a large and safe bay for anchorage both for big and small boats. The ground was covered with good poplars and spruce which would indicate good soil; at the same time there would be sufficient wood for both fuel and building logs, and they have instructed the local surveyor, Mr W. B. Rimmer, who has a recommendation of ability from Mr Dawson, the Surveyor-General of the Province, to submit an estimate of the cost of making a preliminary survey, and also a detailed survey of about 1,800 acres at this Point which would be suitable for the Indians. This estimate will be submitted to the Commission for such action as they deem expedient.

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