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YAKOUN COAL FIELDS, GRAHAM ISLAND,

QUEEN CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

Victoria, B. C., October, 1892.

MR. WM. WILSON,

SIR,—As per instructions received from you, I left Victoria by steamer, the evening of the 16th of March, with a party consisting of Mr. Robertson, myself, four white men and four Japanese to explore and develop properties belonging to you, Mr. Robertson and others, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, for coal.

We arrived at Skidegate, Graham Island, midday on Saturday, the 19th of March, and remained there over Sunday. On the 21st of March we obtained a large canoe and five Indians, and moved to the mouth of the Honna river, about four miles from Skidegate, where we camped for the night. The following morning we started for Camp Robertson, which is on Section 20, Township 5, where the coal outcrop discovered by Mr. Robertson is situated.

The trail from the mouth of the Honna follows the river north for $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles; it then leaves the valley and strikes north-west along the flank of a range of hills for $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, making the distance of Camp Robertson from the mouth of the Honna river about 8 miles. The formation along the trail is sand-stone; the only exception being at the highest point on the hills, where we met with Conglomerate.

To place Camp Robertson in condition for work took us until the end of the month.

Mr Robertson here gave me the following instructions:—

"You will use every effort to explore and develop the most easy and what will appear in your best judgment the best coal seams included in what is shown to you on the sketch map of that part of Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Island District, marked inside the red lines. You will thoroughly explore the different sections for other outcroppings, besides those already discovered, and when you have good reason to believe coal can be found with your present party's labor, you will do so if your other work will permit, but develop the best and most easy first.

"Also examine the most advantageous route for a Railway from the coal fields to the nearest and best shipping point, including the Skidegate Inlet and Rennel's Sound.

"Report on coal and formation, timber, soil and every item of information that may be interesting to capitalists who may be inclined to invest in or purchase the property.

"Keep a record of all work done and the men employed on the different points of the work, and return same with your general report; also account of men's time and their accounts.

(Signed) W. A. ROBERTSON,

"for self and other proprietors of the land in question."