

- Q. What is the character of the soil in the open land?
- A. Sandy
- Q. What use do they make of it. Do they grow anything?
- A. Round their homes some of them grow vegetables and have a few gardens, and all the other parts they use for pasture.
- Q. Speaking of three fourths of the Reserve, is that good or poor soil for crops?
- A. I should judge ~~that~~ that it is poor soil without fertilizing.
- THE CHAIRMAN: What would it be like if it was fertilized.
- A. Well then it would be very good.
- Q. This grass about here is a natural growth is it not?
- A. Yes it is a natural growth on top of old roots which have been there for years. I have a garden which has not been fertilized I grow small plants and fruits but they don't do too well. The Indians use seaweed, but it is not very good fertilizer.
- MR. MORSE: Do you mean Kelp, when you say seaweed?
- A. Yes.
- MR. YOUNG: Could grain crops be produced here on this particular reserve?
- A. I don't think so.
- Q. What are the climatic conditions for grain crops.
- A. I don't think they would be able to have it dry enough to cut wheat or oats or anything.
- Q. Do any of these Indians show any inclination to go into farming at all?
- A. Some of the older people have that inclination and do some raising of vegetables and other things. Some of them are getting right out now and planting potatoes.
- Q. Where?
- A. Well there is one man there who has cultivated a piece of land on an old settlement which is not on the reserve.
- Q. What is the quality of that timber land if the timber were removed?
- A. It is sandy land and gravelly.
- THE CHAIRMAN: You have a little more than an average fall of rain here in this island have you not?
- A. Well I have lived in Victoria and Vancouver and I have seen as much rain in Victoria as there is here.
- MR. SHAW: Do you know the precipitation of rain here?
- A. I do not.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Did I understand you to say that there is no more rain here than in Victoria?
- A. No. I would compare it with Seattle or Vancouver. There is less