

their fisheries. The Indians here used to be able at one time to go out to "Seate Straits and bring back large hauls of "salibut and other fish, but the "Americans were allowed to come and steal the fish and have almost exhausted the fish supply. And what did the "Government do in the way of protecting the place. "He sent a small cruiser of about 8 knots to chase an "American vessel which was capable of doing 15 knots an hour with ease. It is a shame and disgrace that these things should be.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will hear you later Mr. Hogan, please don't interrupt now.

MR. MAGDONALL (Mr. Alfred Adams) Did I understand you to say that your "Councillors want to consult together today and put your grievances or requirements, in writing.

A. Yes.

Q. Then when you have put these grievances in writing you want to go down to "Hidgate and present these grievances to us there.

A. Yes.

MR. SHAW: Is there anything more to present to us here today than?

ALFRED ADAMS: Well, the "Chairman has been asking us questions and if you will hear our grievances again we shall be glad to give them. We are the "children of the "Government the same as the other "Indians of the "Province, and whatever they are getting from the "Government we want to get the same.

THOS BRASY (Indian Agent) We did not know anything about the "Scope of the "Commission until this morning and now it is going to take some time to get together all the information which you require. I might say that one great question with the "Indians here, is that some of the "Indians on other "reserves in "British Columbia have received large sums of money for reserves which have been sold for "railroad purposes etc and have also received other reserves in lieu of those which they sold. There is one "Indian girl at "Hidgate, from "Victoria (SQUAMISH INDIAN) reputed to be worth \$10,000.00. The "Indians here are of opinion that when a reserve is sold, the money received for it, should be divided equally among all the "Indians in the whole of the "Province of "B.C.

MR. SHAW: Is it their "idea that any money received from any sale of a reserve, in no matter what part of the "Province that "reserve is located, should be divided not between the people living on that reserve but between all the "Indians of the "Province?

A. Yes that is their idea.

MR. WHITE: Why, if that idea were carried into effect, the "Indians would not receive more than about 5 cents each.

CHIEF COUNSELLOR ADAMS, at this point handed in a further letter (Exhibit D, y)

THE CHAIRMAN: We will take this letter and file it and when we come to make up our report we will give it our consideration.

At the "Afternoon session, the "REVEREND WILLIAM HOGAN, addressed the "Commission as follows:

Mr. "Chairman, and members of the "Commission, it affords me very great pleasure to have the privilege of meeting you all here today. I wish to bear my testimony to the character of the "Haida "Indians, as long as I have known them. I am in my 21st year of service on this "Coast and during that time I have known a great deal of them. The progress shown by these "Haida "Indians during the time I have known them has been nothing short of wonderful. They are today and have been for many years living the lives of good true, and trustworthy men.