

Return of Government Reserves, &c.—Continued.

Location.	Purpose.	Acreage.	Remarks.
Part of Flous Island		2,618	Clayoquot Sound.
Vargus Island		7,124	
Cape Beale		1,100	
Village Passage		350	Barclay Sound, site for lighthouse.
Deana Island		450	
E. of Cowichan Lake		800	Head of Alberni Inlet.
W. of do		320	
New Stamp Harbor		340	Chesath Village, Lomas River.
Near Alberni Settlement		230	
Lomas River		380	Above head of Alberni Inlet.
Apochesath		280	
Great Central Lake		600	Barclay Sound. On the coast south of Barclay Sound.
Village, Quoin, Shelter, Double and adjoining small Islands.		750	
Near Ship Channel		370	
Prett Nook		1,050	
King Island		300	
Helby Island		200	
Near Matinat Lake		2,356	
Bartlett Island		200	
Blunden Island		350	
Wakeennents Island		360	
Wakeennents Island		60	Clayoquot Sound.
Mchichits Island		4,000	
Peninsula opposite Templar's Channel	Lighthouse.	1	Straits of Georgia.
Race Rocks		1,200	
S. of Saturna Island		340	
S. part of Pendar Island		250	
Baltinac Island		1,680	
N. of Denman's Island, including Cape Lago.		250	
S. of Denman's Island		434	
Point Greg, New Westminster		300	
Atkinson Point		30	
Passage Island		180	
E. part of Hornby Island		320	North of entrance to Burrard Inlet.
Lumbo Island		500	
S.E. of Bowen Island			do do

N.B.—These reserves made by the marking their positions on the charts hung in Public Office, but not necessarily gazetted. (Information from B W Pearse, Esq.) The above quantities are approximate only, being calculated from the Admiralty charts.

OTTAWA, 9th April, 1885.

SIR,—In further reference to my letter of the 30th ult., with respect to the granting of Crown patents to pre-emptions of certain lands within the railway belt on Vancouver Island, described in the schedule to Mr. Trutch's letter of the 8th January, I am informed by Mr. D. W. Gordon, M.P., that it is within his own knowledge that the lands of some of the persons mentioned in the said schedule have not yet been surveyed. The question now arises as to the manner in which surveys in such cases are to be made under the Settlement Act, whether by the Local Government, the railway company or the Government of Canada. Mr. Gordon contends, and looking at the question as a layman, I am disposed to agree with him, that the duty of issuing the patent to the pre-emptors involves also the duty of making the survey, because, as a matter of fact, without the survey the tract or parcel of land affected by the patent has no legal existence. If, upon the reference made to you on the 30th March, you decide that it is in the power of the Minister of the Interior to issue patents to these pre-emptors, will you be good enough to say whether it is his duty (or whether, if not his duty, it is within his power) to cause unsurveyed lands