

SQUAMISH TRIBE.

*Not intended to be in answer to the first part of the letter*

Before dealing with additional land applications it is the desire of the Squamish tribe, that the Governments Federal and Provincial, cause be allowed that the Indians procure areable land now covered by a timber limit, and that provisions be made for the tribe when and where necessary to provide them with a timber supply base, for them to procure fire wood.

ADDITIONAL LAND APPLICATIONS.

Stawamus Reserve members desire, an undefined area location not known, but will accept areable land that may be vacated by a timber limit.

Yekwaupsum members desire, an undefined area, location not known but will accept areable land now covered by a timber limit.

Kowtain members:- also as above.)  
Seeiachem members also as above.) *Both now are improved and cultivated.*

Kowtain, Seeiachem, and Skowishun members desire the land in lieu of land lost by erosion. (these matters are now already before the Department.)

Yekwaupsum, Kowtain, and Seeiachem members desire a timber reserve established as a firewood supply base adjacent to their respective reserves.

It is desired by the Squamish tribe that they at all times enjoy full privileges and rights, on that territory which has been lost by erosion as in the case of the Seymour Creek No. 2, the Seeiachem, Kowtain, Capilano, Skowishun and other reserves, that have or will lose parcels or portions of the reserve by erosion.

It is desired that the laws be so amended as to indicate without doubt the ownership by the Indians of all the foreshores of the several reserves at tidal and non tidal waters, and to also include as part and parcel of the reserves all the grass marsh lands fronting an Indian reserve of the tribe.

The Squamish tribe will ever pray for the <sup>1917</sup> repeal or annulment of the order in council of the 12th. of September, conveying to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners, the water lots in front of the Squamish Mission No. 1. reserve, the Kitsilano reserve, the Capilano reserve, the Seymour No. 2. reserve and the Burrard No. 3. reserve, which they claim is a part and parcel of the reserve, and was so at the time of allotment, together with other arguments on their behalf.

Land Claims.

Besides the claims of the Squamish Indians for the unsurrendered territories, which will be dealt with, together with the other tribes of B.C. there are some very special territory claims of reserves formerly allotted to them, which they have lost, through reasons unknown to them and otherwise.

It is alleged that the Squamish Res. No. 1. was formerly larger than it was when surveyed about the year 1860, and it is claimed that the Indians who accompanied the original surveyors are still alive and could point out the original locations of the stakes: it is further alleged that said reserve was decreased in size when the people were away at the fishing canneries, and had they been allowed to retain the original territories as per the first survey they would have derived the benefits to a greater area than they will now enjoy, and for that loss they want special compensation for the land they were deprived of for reasons unknown.

As a matter of record the Squamish reserve No. 1. when allotted had an area of 38 acres, (see schedule of reserves page 100). The area of this reserve as confirmed by the Commissioners is given at page 689 to be 33.62 acres.

*Myth of my P.S.E. schedule of land sheet*

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