

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEETING WITH THE ATLIN BOARD OF TRADE AT ATLIN, B.C. on

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16th. 1915.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall addresses the meeting as follows:

Gentlemen of the Atlin Board of Trade: On the 17th. of February last, your Secretary, Mr Taylor wrote to the Secretary of the Royal Commission, stating that you were desirous of meeting the Commission when in your district, and on the 4th. March a reply was sent stating that the Commission would be here on or about the 16th. June, and I now have pleasure in meeting you on behalf of myself and brother Commissioners. There are five Commissioners, but on account of the size of the Province and the desire to have our work completed soon the Commission has divided; but at meetings of this sort, and in fact at every meeting we have so far had the pleasure of attending, all that is said is taken down by our Secretary and gone into carefully and thoroughly when the full Commission meets in Victoria, and when our final report is sent in to Ottawa and Victoria, both Governments will be furnished with full stenographic reports - consequently everything that takes place during the lifetime of this Commission will be on file. Now I understand from this letter of Mr Taylor's that the matter you wish to discuss is the question on the Indian Reserves in and around this district, and I shall be very much obliged if your Chairman will kindly start the ball rolling and tell me what it is you desire.

Mr Neville hereupon addresses the Commission as follows:

I think what our wish is about the Indians is that they should be moved to some further spot than where they are now because where they are now is part of the surveyed town and we think it is not desirable to have the Indians right what I might call the centre of the town because at some future date the place might be required for white people when the camp goes ahead, which we hope will be soon. There is lots of good mineral deposits around here and consequently when these mines are opened up it will naturally bring in a larger influx of

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