

Commissioner also pointed out that the house in which the Commission held its meeting at Kamloops had been built by the Indians, although it was the chiefs' house, partly out of money received from fines and partly out of money paid the band for the Canadian Northern Pacific right-of-way.

THE WITNESS: That was engineered through the Agent.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The half-breeds spoken of were in many cases the illegitimate offspring of white men by Indian women; to remove these half-breeds from the reserve would in many instances create hardships. As matters were, they were not subject to the law as Indians on the reserve, and were a factor in the increase of the liquor trafficking. He thought it would be better to make the ^{than} members of a band to expel them from the reserve -- it would be better to make Indians of them. If the half-breed had lived only a short time on the reserve, and exercised an evil influence there, he should be expelled. A great majority of the half breeds to whom he had referred were commonly reputed to be Indians, and if removed from the reserves would not only lose their interest therein, but were liable to become vagrants and criminals, so that their admission was in the interests both of the Indians (as well as the half-breeds themselves) and of the general public.

MR. COMMISSIONER MacDOWALL: It is the low class of white man as a rule that provides Indians with liquor, is it not?

THE WITNESS: The low class white man and the half-breed.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The trafficking in