

As to the five applications of the Campbell River Indians: At Tateose there was no reserve, but the land applied for was found to be alienated, some of it by crown grant and other parts by timber concessions, for which reason the application could not be recommended. At Klatsaskay the land was apparently open, and it was recommended that 40 acres be granted at the point marked "F10" on the map. As to Samama, he would recommend ten acres as quite sufficient for the requirements of these Indians, if the land were found to be available. He thought, however, that this land was covered by timber limits; it was at the extreme end of Beaver Creek, west of T. L. No. 14947. The Komayne application covered land which was a reserve already, and that for Ogwiltera could not be endorsed, the applied-for land being alienated.

This completing the record of land applications, the examination proceeded again on general lines, Agent Halliday stating that he had always found the Indian Department ready and willing to allow the Indians to cut timber on their reserves subject to the condition that the logged-off land be made fit for cultivation or so that it might be utilized as pasturage. He did not think that Indians should be permitted to engage in logging on their reserves except during hard times, when some special resource was necessary to carry them on. Logging the reserves would be of advantage to the Indians in a way, and under special conditions, but as a general rule it would be unwise to deplete the timber asset and leave the Indians nothing to fall back upon, as they now had in this asset. The policy pursued by the Department with respect to timber cutting was a limited one.

To Mr Commissioner Shaw: He had heard what had been said by the Indians as to the diversion of the water supply by the cannery company; steps to secure the domestic water supply of the Indians had never been taken, because never asked for. He thought that the water rights of the Indians should be secured and attention would be given to this matter.

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