

Aboriginal Title:—Concluded.

- If this question of aboriginal title were removed, either by proving that there was a claim, or proving to the Indians that they had not such claim, it would go very far towards more satisfactory working out of the administration of affairs by the department, 187.
- Tribes far away in the interior not interested in the question of aboriginal title, 189.
- Mr. O'Meara produces documentary evidence in support of Indians' claims (see Appendix G), 209-210.
- Claims that in 1875 the Minister of Justice in a report to the Governor-in-Council acknowledges Indians' aboriginal title to lands of B.C. (See Appendix A) and that Section 109 of the B.N.A. Act bears this out, 211-216.
- Absence of documentary proof in support of aboriginal claims, 216-232.
- Claims made that Article 13 of the "Terms of Union," destroys title of Indian lands and that Section 109 of the B.N.A. Act has been ignored, 219.
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- Indians do not receive any annuities or "Treaty Moneys," from the government, 25, 188.

Appendices:

- A. Statement of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia, dated June 1916, filed by D. C. Scott, 31-38.
- B. Excerpt from Dominion and Provincial legislation 1867-1895, page 1024, Report of the Minister of Justice to the Governor-in-Council dated 23-1-1875, 39-44.
Excerpt from Dominion and Provincial legislation 1867-1895, page 1038, Report of the Minister of Justice to the Governor-in-Council dated 6-5-1876, 44-45.
- C. Excerpt from British Columbia papers relating to the Indian Lands question, page 160, 1875-1878, Report of the Acting Minister of the Interior to the Governor-in-Council, dated 10-11-1875, 46-49.
- D. Statement of expenditure on account of Indians in B.C. from 1871-1926, by the Department of Indian Affairs, 50-51.
- E. Copy of Order-in-Council No. 1081 dated 17-5-11 together with annex to the Order-in-Council being a memorandum on the British Columbia Indian Land Situation, 52-54.
- F. Copy of Order-in-Council No. 751 dated 20-6-14 together with a memorandum to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs from Dr. D. C. Scott, dated 11-3-14 and a statement of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians dated 22-1-13, signed by W. J. Lincoln, as Chairman of the Meeting, outlining their claims, 55-60.
- G. Copy of Privy Council decision 59, 335-4A of 16-12-18, 61.
Copy of letter to A. E. O'Meara from Minister of Justice, dated 14-11-14, 61-62.
Copy of letter to A. E. O'Meara from the Secretary to the Governor General, dated 25-9-16, 63.
Copy of letter to A. E. O'Meara from the Secretary to the Governor General, dated 17-3-20, 63-64.
- H. Memorandum from the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to the Minister of the Interior *re* meeting of Council of Indian Tribes and various government officials, dated 29-10-23, 65-71.

Article 13, Terms of Union, British Columbia and Dominion of Canada:

- Indians claim that this Article destroys the title of Indian lands, 219.
- When interpreting Section 109 of the B.N.A. Act the Article above mentioned should be taken into consideration, 26, 219.
- Indians have tried to live up to the provisions of this Article, but they find it is inadequate in its terms, as there was not sufficient land put aside for reserves, 99.
- Article 13 establishes the relations between the Government of B.C., the federal government and the Indians, 4-7.

British North America Act:

- References made to Sections 109 and 146 applicable to British Columbia, read in connection with disallowance of Land Act in the course of evidence given, 148, 211, 216, 219.