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REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION TO METLAKATLA

(GENERAL TOUCH AND THE REV. W. R. BLACKETT).

1. Pursuant to the Committee's resolution of the 8th February last and the instructions in the address of the 8th March, we left Liverpool for New York on the 11th March. Sir Alexander Galt was a fellow-passenger on the *Germanic*, and strongly advised us to go to Ottawa *en route* to British Columbia, as the affairs of the Indians throughout British America were administered by Sir John Macdonald, as Superintendent-General of Indian affairs, and not by the Provincial Governments.

2. In accordance with that advice we proceeded to Ottawa. Sir John Macdonald was then too ill to see any one on business, but on a letter from the Lay Secretary, he had given instructions to his Deputy Minister, Mr. Van Koughnet, to write to the Honourable Mr. Trutch, agent for the Dominion Government at Victoria, and to Dr. Powell, the Indian Commissioner, requesting them to furnish us with all necessary information, and generally to assist us in the fulfilment of the object of our mission. We were accordingly furnished with letters to these functionaries, after an encouraging interview with the Deputy Minister, who expressed his interest in the result of our mission, and specially adverted with satisfaction to our effort to obtain a residence for our sole occupation while at Metlakatla.

3. On our arrival at Victoria, where we spent eight days, we conferred with Mr. Trutch and Dr. Powell, and with the Premier, and the several officers of the Provincial Government of British Columbia, who manifested every disposition to assist us with copies of Government records bearing on the Metlakatla troubles—heard our views on the question, as far as we were then in a

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