

Q. No. 9. (TANOO). 65 acres in extent. 46 miles south of Skidegate inlet. What about that reserve?

A. I remember that very well. There were some Totem poles and burial grounds there. It was almost deserted when I went there with Judge O'Reilly. The Indians said they wanted it because it was a good fishing station.

Q. What is the character of the land there?

A. Mossy. I should say that that reserve is no use for any purpose except fishing.

Q. It is an old burial ground, there are a great number of totem poles there, and it was an old Indian village. Is that correct?

A. Yes. The Indians deserted that place and Gunshewas the same. They said they would all move up to Skidegate to live together.

Q. What about the No. 1 reserve?

A. There is very little good land beyond where the village is. there is a little good garden land at the back. There are very large boulders there, and considerable gravel. On the first bench it is rather better land.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just where we rose up a short distance and ascended to the Church, that land did not appear to me to be rocky.

A. It is all gravel there except a little bit of rock. Further up, the mountain comes down very low, right to the village. Then it verges into the flat that the village is on. You could grow apples and things like that there, but it is not land that you could plough, as it is too steep until you get to the village. It is too steep to do anything with, but at the same time there is some vegetation there.

Q. Mr. Deasy told us that there was a good piece of open land on each side of the reserve.

A. There is very little down here (indicating on plan).

MR. YOUNG: When you say "down here", you mean towards the Oilworks?

A. Yes. There is little or nothing to speak of.

Q. As we approach the village, the mountain comes right down to the ground