

votes against their own convictions.

MR. COMMISSIONER MacDOWALL observed that at Skidegate the chief would not make any statement to and rather repulsed the Commission. The younger men after the meeting had said that they did not agree with the course taken by the chief.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA, the witness said that in his experience the influence of the chiefs and elders of the bands was not so much exercised in the interests of progress as of that of law and order. He would not say that a good chief impeded progress, but that there best influence was for law and order. Some of the chiefs wished to keep to the old order of things, but this was largely the fault of the agents.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: *Illustration* There was a striking ~~illustration~~ of this in the Enderby and Penticton elders opposing the establishment of schools. As a matter of fact he believed that the chiefs and older men superimposed their views on the younger Indians.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: It would be possible to make regulations and provide for their enforcement without continuing the large powers of the chiefs; that would perhaps be the better way. The Indians were generally monarchical in their ideas.

MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA remarked that at Metlakale regulations ~~had been~~ framed under Section 98 of the Act had been regularly confirmed.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: As a matter of fact the Indians appear to have been following the spirit of this without the official confirmation provided for, but instances have occurred where the man penalized has complained to the authorities and it has been held that the chiefs were not acting within the law. The