

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MEETING WITH INDIAN AGENT IVER FOUNGER OF THE BALLA COOLA AGENCY

AT THE BOARD ROOM VICTORIA, September 10th, 1915

Mr Commissioner McKenna: You were already examined in regard to your Agency generally, were you not?

A. Yes.

Q. And you were sworn and you are still under oath, as this is a mere continuation of that examination. Now since you were examined is there any general matters affecting your Agency that you would like to give evidence on?

A. No, there is nothing new - I don't remember if I gave ^{much} evidence on the fisheries, still there is nothing new in regard to that matter.

Q. When you say that what do you mean?

A. I mean that I was not asked in regard to the fisheries - Of course I can't remember very well as to the questions I was asked, but I don't think I gave very much evidence about the fisheries.

Q. Have you in your mind the regulations affecting fishing?

A. Yes, as to the licenses affecting Indians.

Q. What is your view in regard to that?

A. Most of the Indians in my Agency are fishermen and the land is such that they cannot use it, and I doubt if they ever will be able to use it, and the fishing is of far more importance to them than the land.

Q. That is, the conditions of the country are such that the Indians there must depend mainly upon fish for their living?

A. Yes.

Q. And the land is only an incident?

A. Yes.

Q. And the land is of such a nature that they can only grow very little on it?

Yes.

Q. Have the Indians any particular complaint in regard to the fishing regulations?

A. They would like to get independent licenses the same as the whites - that is for gill nets.