

Taku Arn after me. The Government say that they don't allow the Indians to kill grouse and bluegrouse and the birds that we used to live on and the Indians leave them alone, but the white men they kill them but us Indians we never touch them.

Q. The only time they don't want to be killed is when they are bringing up their young - because in killing one bird at that time you may be killing twenty. I am glad to hear, however, you are obeying the law.

THE CHIEF: Why is it the white men kill the birds?

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: They ought not to and the Judge should fine them or put them in gaol - The Constable should get after these people.

The Chief: Long before the whites came here we never killed any birds when they were laying eggs and we never killed beaver either in the close season.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: All that you have said here to-day has been taken down and copies of it will be sent to both the Ottawa Government and the Victoria Government so that they can read over what you have said here at this meeting. I am much obliged to you for meeting me here to-day - the other four Commissioners are in different parts of the Province among other Indians and when the Commissioners all get together in Victoria they will take these notes and read them over and they will know what to do then because they want to help the Indians wherever they possibly can, and as far as the Indians living in Atlin is concerned, this Commission has no power to move them.

THE CHIEF: Thank you.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: But of course while this Commission has no power to do anything like that, still the Governor-General-in-Council has power to do anything with either Indians or whites; so if the Governor General says to the whites "You will have to move away from this place" they have to move; and if he says to the Indians "You will have to move" well, they will have to move in the same way. If afterwards you talk among yourselves and you come to the conclusion that you want more land, you let Mr Simpson, your Indian Agent know and when he comes to Victoria