

white man wanted to take all the land away from the Indian and the latter was in consequence crowded "half way into the water". The Indian was "all the time getting into deeper water and it would not take much more to put him in the water altogether". Sometimes the Indians went out to get a few logs on the lands that had been their fathers' and were told that they were on white man's land and if they touched the timber they would be put in jail. He and his people held that all the land belongs to the Indian, since God had in the first place put the Indian among these hills and trees and given him the beasts in the woods and the salmon in the rivers for his food. Sometimes, too, in the old days, they had used the inner bark of the hemlock for food. Wherever there was a government post now the Indians could not work, and therefore according to his mind the conditions were far from good. He had heard that the Government now proposed to take the land and sell it. He did not want his land and the life of his people to be taken and sold, but they would like to lease it. He was speaking of all the land of the district, not the Reserves land particularly. The canneries were occupying lands the Indians claimed as their own and should pay rental to the Indians accordingly. These canneries had sprung up and he could not understand how they had got their lands. Did the Government sell the land to the canneries? All this land (from Quay to Owekane Lake) belonged to the Indian people but the Indians would be willing to sell or lease it to the white people for the benefit of their (the Indians') children. The Indians had a lot of little houses on the lake and there were now many posts put in as boundary marks of the whites where the Indians used to live. These posts marked timber limits taken up by white men. There was a house on Moses Inlet belonging to an Indian named Johnnie Carroll, and he (Chamberlain) had heard that white men had taken boards off this house and broken it up. If an Indian had done the same thing to a white man's house

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