

DR. M. KENNA: How does this last census compare with that of the previous year.

A. I think the last one is lower.

MR. YOUNG: What is the general condition of health here?

A. Good, with the exception of some tuberculosis.

Q. Is that very prevalent here?

A. Quite a number of them have died from tuberculosis.

Q. Are the sanitary conditions good?

A. Yes, better than any Indians I have seen except the Skidegate, and I have seen the Indians pretty well all over the Province.

Q. What are the present supplies of firewood and building timber on the Reserve?

A. They have sufficient for the present but not for the future.

Q. Why do you say that?

A. Well 354 people use a good deal of timber.

DR. M. KENNA: Well suppose they were confined strictly to the Reserve for all their supplies, what is your estimate of their future needs?

A. They are practically confined to the reserves.

Q. Yes, but suppose they stuck strictly to the law, and were confined absolutely to their reserves.

A. Well they would have a long way to go to fetch timber if they were to go to some of their other reserves. I don't know how they would get it down here. Then again they might start a mill here as they have talked of doing.

MR. MACDONALL: Well, just as things are now, how long do you think this timber would last them both for firewood and building purposes?

A. Well, I have here in my statement that they have 1600 acres of wood land altogether.

MR. SHAW: Do you know about how much of that land has been depleted of timber during the last year?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Ten acres?

A. No, I don't think so.

Q. About how many months in the year do the Indians live here.

A. Well this is their home village. They go to the Canneries and then they also go to North Island.

Q. How long are they engaged in fishing at the Canneries?

A. Two or three months.

Q. And they go in the fall of the year and catch fish for their own use. How many weeks are they away then?

A. About two or three weeks. Then they also go berrying together.