

FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION-ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

MEETING WITH THE GASQA TRIBE OR BAND OF INDIANS AT TELEGRAPH CREEK ON MONDAY, JUNE 7th, 1915.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL explains to the assembled Indians the scope and powers of the Commission, and,

PACKER JOHNNY addresses the Commission as follows:

I have a house at <sup>Laketown</sup> Lickton and I got a garden there and I would like you to fix it for us - about 100 feet square. And there is also a lake there where I catch fish and I catch fish there all the time.

PACKER JOHNNY is hereupon called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: What is your name?

A. Packer Johnny.

Q. Are you the Chief of the Gasqa Band?

A. No.

Q. You are one of the head men?

A. The Chief did not come up, but I came up to meet the Commission.

Q. How many Indians in the Gasqa Band?

A. I don't know.

INDIAN AGENT SCOTT/SIMPSON: They have a population of 63 or 64.

Q. (To witness) Where do you make your homes - where do you live principally?

INDIAN AGENT SCOTT SIMPSON: They go in the woods all over - and they live in tents. Some times they come to the store to do a little trading and go off again in the woods. I came down there once to see them but could not find anyone at home.

Q. (To witness) How do you make your living?

A. I fish and kill meat and work in the garden.

Q. Are there no other Indians of your Band who have houses?

A. Not very many.

Q. How many?

A. I don't know.

Q. You want the place you live at made into a reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And you also want a place for fishing?

A. Yes, right near the house.

Q. That is, you want a reserve large enough to take in the garden