

Chief Andrew Frank gave the following information in regard to the Comox Band:

Membership - approximately 36
Voting members 8

Reserves - Comox #1 - 155 acres
Pentledge # 2 - 209 "
Graveyard # 3 - 14 "

Band Funds - Capital account of approximately \$5,600.00. Did not know amount in Interest account. Stated they had had a distribution of \$3 per capita about 3 years ago.

Revenue - Rental for lease on Reserve # 1 for booming ground of \$30 per annum.
All reserves logged off, could be used for farming.

Chief Moses Moon gave the following information in regard to the Salmon River Band:

Membership - 11
Voting members - 3

Reserves - Salmon River #1 - 329 acres.

Band Funds - No capital account.
Balance in Interest Account \$ 14.60.

Revenue and General - There is timber on Salmon River Reserve which is now advertised for sale and will be sold in a short time.
The Dom. Government Telegraph have a line crossing the reserve, for which an annual rental of \$46.20 is due the Band but has not yet been paid. They have also been billed for back rental in the amount of \$1108.80. This matter is before the Department at the present time.

Indian Agent Todd then stated this was the picture of the assets of both bands as at present. He said however, that the idea of amalgamation must be viewed as to its mutual benefits to both, and that if it went through and was approved by the Department, everyone must understand that from that time the assets belonged to both jointly and that there should be no feeling of how much each had contributed. All matters in regard to the amalgamation were again brought before those present, asking them to discuss the matter further and express their views. Discussion followed generally, and the two Chiefs then spoke on behalf of their people, as follows:

Chief Andrew Frank stated he had explained it to all his members, that they have discussed this matter for quite a long time, about two years, and that although there were three voting members absent from this meeting, they had expressed their approval and would place their vote by proxy. He further stated the Salmon River people and the Comox people are related by marriage and business interests; the former have lived among them for several years, and there has never been any trouble or disagreements between the two. He further stated as his band is small, he felt it would be of mutual benefit to amalgamate as they would then have a larger membership and it was his hope and that of his people that they would be able to get a Day School on their Reserve. He stated they would be pleased to have the Salmon River people build homes at their village so that they could be one people.

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