Indian police. etc. The reserves had their own Government within a Government. The regulations referred to would have on the reserves something of the status of municipal by-laws, enforceable by law.

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MR. COMMISSIONER MacDOWALL: If an Indian were sentenced to thirty days, where would he be imprisoned ?

WITNESS: They have their jails on the reserves.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: During his thirty. years of constituen of the Indians of the Interior, he had known the powers of the chiefs to be abused.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The powers to ed which and refer/were those contained in the Indian Act. The regulations to which he referred were made under outhority of Section 98 of the Indian Act, but these would not have the force and effect of law unless confirmed by the Governor-General-in-Council, and such regulations had not been so confirmed in British Columbia according to his knowledge.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER MacDOWALL: The distribution of penalties of which he had spoken was not provided for under this Section 98 of the Indian Act.

MR. COMMISSIONER MacDOWALL remarked that he had reached the conclusion that the Indians as a body had very little to say as against the opinion as chiefs and councillors.

WITNESS: I believe that is correct. TO MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Among the younger men there is a feeling of subservienes to the chiefs. H did not know that this might at times influence their

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