

Indians have cultivated 1 acre of potatoes. Like nearly the whole of this valley it is subject to partial overflow during the summer freshets, but the soil is of excellent quality, and there are many places above high water mark which may be cleared and cultivated with advantage. The small island shown on the map is a valuable and favorite fishery, where an extensive drying house has been built. The Indians only frequent this place during the fishing season, and for the purpose of cultivating potatoes. There is a good supply of cottonwood on this land, and also a few spruce. The fishery on the left bank of the Nass, commencing at the mouth of An-de-gu-lay Slough and extending up stream half a mile, also the fisheries in An-de-gu-lay Slough for a like distance from its mouth, are reserved.

## No. 9

Contains 3,700 acres, and is situated at the head of tidal water on the Nass River, 22 miles from its mouth. On it stands the village of Lac-kal-tsap, the headquarters of the Wesleyan Mission; and here an excellent school and mission house have been built. This being a large reserve it includes the smaller villages of Kit-icks, Kit-an-kee-da and Wil-ski tum-wil-wil-i-kit, together with the sites of some old encampments, the members of which have been gradually absorbed by the mission. The total population is 302, viz.: 94 men, 109 women and 99 children; "Mountain" being the chief. Though this land is much divided by sloughs and water courses, and subject to overflow during the summer freshets, it possesses, nevertheless, many valuable tracts of land above high water mark, which, with little labor, may be cultivated and made to produce large quantities of vegetables and grain of all kinds except wheat. North of the river, some distance from the village, is a large tract of swamp meadow land, which will be of great advantage when the Indians carry out their intention of procuring cattle. Timber of all kinds is found on this reserve in abundance. Besides being an excellent salmon fishery, this is the highest point at which oolachan, or small fish, are taken. The old established fisheries on the Nass River within the limits of this reserve, as also the right to fish in the various sloughs running through it, are reserved for the use of this tribe.

It is to be regretted that a small patch of land containing 35 acres, immediately adjoining the principal Indian village of Lac-kal-tsap, is in the possession of Mr. James Grey, who purchased it from the Local Government, a Crown grant for which was issued to him on the 3rd January, 1878. The Indians object strongly to Mr. Grey being allowed to hold this land almost within their village, and believing his residence there to be very objectionable, I asked him what he would be disposed to take for his interest. He replied that having lived there for so many years (since November, 1874, the date on which he pre-empted), he did not wish to dispose of it. The piece of land now held by Mr. Grey was formerly the site of the Hudson's Bay Company's trading post, but was abandoned prior to its occupation by Mr. Grey.

## No. 10.

Stoney Point, five miles below the village of Lac-kal-tsap, on the right bank of the Nass River, contains 380 acres; it is a place of much importance, not only to the Nass River Nation, but also to many of the coast tribes, who resort there in the early spring, during the oolachan fishing season, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of grease from that fish, an article much prized by the Indians. Except for the purpose of fishing, this land is of little value, being swamp or mountain; there are, however, some 20 acres that when cleared and improved may be cultivated, while the hill side is well covered with timber.

As will be seen by reference to the enclosed plan, 10 acres on this flat, almost in the heart of the fishing ground, has been alienated by the Local Government, a Crown grant having been issued to Mr. J. J. Robertson, on the 22nd July, 1878, which rendered any interference on my part powerless. This transfer should never have been made, as the land is clearly a portion of the Indian fishing ground. Mr.