

had we been as we once were, we should have been tempted to fight; but no, we prayed to God to help us and waited, and now we do hope that you will see that we have at least two chains' width in our fishing claims on the Naas. All the Upper Naas people will agree to this, as they know it is our just right.

When Mr. Jemmet came here to our own village and commenced to survey, and took the line from Legaic's pole, we protested against it, and called him to a large meeting, and told him we did not wish him to go on with the survey. He said he would send our words to the proper quarter, and the matter would be attended to. In the meantime he went on with his work, and we never heard that any notice was taken of our protest.

Feeling that all our attempts to get a hearing had failed, and that some of our people were becoming exasperated, and desiring to prevent an outbreak, we decided to make one more effort; and calling a large meeting last January, we appointed a deputation, consisting of our missionary and two men of our tribes, to go at once to Victoria in company with Mr. Green and some Naas chiefs, to wait upon the Government. Though, in the midst of a great storm, our deputation proceeded, without delay to Victoria, when, strange to say, the Government did not wish to meet the missionaries, and would not allow them to be present at their interview with the Indians. We have not forgotten that yet. The Government promised that a Land Commission should be sent to put our land matters right. We expected it here in the spring, but instead of that, we were surprised in the early summer by the arrival of Mr. Tuck and a party of men to go on with the survey. A meeting was called of the few people at home, and we protested against his surveying the land. Mr. Tuck said, in reply, that he could not stop his work, but he promised that our words should be sent to the Government. And now you have come, we ask you to be good enough to take time to listen to our wishes, and hear the words of our chiefs; and we do hope that your visit will be the means of bringing peace and confidence to our hearts again. We welcome you to our village, and will do all we can to make your stay here pleasant and happy. And do not feel sorry if we have to say some words you do not like to hear.

We suppose you have all the papers concerning our land question, and our letters of protest before you, but we thought it well to call your attention, by this letter, to some of the circumstances of our grievance. As you are, no doubt, aware the Government have never had to send a war-ship to us, and although a judge lives here, he would have no work to do were it not that the Government has given the Hudson's Bay Company license to sell liquor, and bad white men come here and