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(Semiahmoo)

(6) The representatives of the band handed me a copy of a clipping taken from the "Columbian" of 13th Dec. 1921 as under:—

"Plans of the International Peace Memorial Arch Association for the location of two public parks on the Indian reserve at White Rock were submitted. One of these is of 90 acres, and the other close to the beach is of ~~4~~⁴ acres. The reserve is owned by the Dominion Government. Although not a Council matter each member of the body gave his approval of the scheme, and no objection will be raised when the matter is drawn to the attention of the Ottawa^{Govt} Government"

The representatives of the band ~~wrote~~ ~~stated~~ handed me written objection to the above namely as follows:—

"The above plan is objected to by all the Indians on this reserve

(signed) Chief Sam.

Semiahmoo Indian Reserve. White Rock. B.C.

15th Jan'y 1922."

The representatives further stated "at the time of the Peace Arch celebration a number of Whites broke into the Indian reserve, cut the wires of the Indian fence and made a place on the reserve for parking cars. although there were plenty of suitable places outside.

This was done without consulting the Indians. When asked about it these Whites stated that agent Burns had given them permission. We object to the whole attitude of the Whites, and of the agent in this matter. There seems to be a constant attempt to treat us Indians as if we had no rights, and requires no consideration. We should be consulted on all such matters.

We object to agents giving permission to people to break into our fences and use our lands without our consent. Some of our stock would have got out had we not noticed the big opening in time.

We object to any one laying out parks on our reserve, and the Government giving permission for such without our consent.

We also object to our reserve being the property of Government if this is true. We think we should be the owners."

(7) "In 1906 the Great Northern R.R. went through our reserve. We believe half of the right of way money went to the credit of the band at Ottawa. The other half amounting to \$1800⁰⁰ was placed by the Indian agent in a bank. The interest on this money was paid to Indians when McDonald was agent.

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