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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Commissioner held a meeting with Supt. Garrard and Walters and Dickinson at Nanaimo, after which:-

Jan. 17th - Garrard held meeting with Band.

Band signed resolution requesting contract go to Walters and Dickinson after a secret ballot.

Feb. 16th - Garrard held meeting with Toquaht Band.

He advised the Band that since he had not heard from the Department he presumed that the Department considered the Tidewater contract valid and that nothing further could be done about it. The Indians apparently agreed to this.

At the same meeting the Band signed a resolution to log by permit under contract to W. & D. their Reserve No.1, over one million feet. The Band were given the contract to consider and on March 1st they brought (the Chief and several members) the agreement to Mr. Garrard's office. W. & D. were there and the Band approved the agreement, although Mr. Garrard was not altogether satisfied that they were getting the best deal. This contract called for a 75-25 split in profit over the basic price - 75% to the contractor, whereas in the Tidewater agreement, the profit is split 50-50 and the Band are not satisfied?

However, Mr. Garrard is of the opinion that no one else would bid on the No.1 timber due to its location on open water.

While at Mr. Garrard's office with W. & D., the Indians again brought up the matter of the Tidewater agreement, wanting it changed to W. & D. The Indians have not approached him on the subject since. The Commissioner was advised by Supt. Garrard that the Band were in agreement to let Tidewater continue and therefore the operation was not stopped.

Supt. Garrard and myself interviewed Mr. Ridell, of Tidewater, at Nanaimo, on March 21st. Mr. Ridell advised that 500,000 was cut and boomed on the Reserve with an additional 600,000 cut and bucked but not boomed, due to the fact that Fisheries Department requested they not use the stream running through the Reserve for logging purposes until June.

I advised Mr. Ridell that the Dept. had ruled that since no permit was issued, the signed logging contract was null and void and if the Indians were not satisfied, and they apparently are not, that the operation be stopped and Tidewater would have to remove from the reserve. This information was also given

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