

MINUTES OF A MEETING
BETWEEN SALMON RIVER AND COMOX BANDS
held at Campbell River, B.C.

September 13th, 1940

Present:

Salmon River Band

Chief Moses Moon
Harry Moon
David Moon

Comox Band

Chief Andrew Frank
Isaac Frank
Ernest Hardy
Edward NimNim
Henry Mitchell (5)

Absent: Nil

Robert Clifton
George Hardy
Jacob Frank (3)

Meeting called to order at 9.15 A.M. by Indian Agent M.S. Todd of Kwawkwalth Agency.

Indian Agent Todd explained the purpose of this meeting, that it had been called at the request of the Salmon River and Comox Bands to discuss the amalgamation of these two bands.

He expressed regret that it was not possible for Mr Indian Agent Moore to be present, but stated that a copy of the Minutes of the meeting and any other documents would be forwarded to him for his perusal as Mr. Moore's approval would be necessary before any action could be taken on the matter.

Mr. Todd explained fully to those present what amalgamation meant. He referred to three bands in his Agency which had amalgamated, the process which had been gone through to effect this, and the results of same, which had proved most satisfactory. He pointed out that amalgamation meant the joining of membership and all assets of both bands into one; that after it had been approved by the Department it was final and irrevocable. In this case, as the two bands concerned now belonged to different Agencies, there would be the matter of deciding into which Agency the amalgamated band would belong. He stated that in his opinion, the Department for purposes of administration would view the entry into the Kwawkwalth Agency more favourably than the Salmon River Band going into the Cowichan Agency, as it would only mean extending the boundaries of his Agency as far as Comox, whereas otherwise it would mean Mr. Moore's Agency being extended within the boundaries of the Kwawkwalth Agency to include Salmon River Reserve No. 1, which reserve is difficult of access and expensive to visit. He stated this was merely his opinion but that it could be worked out if the idea of amalgamation was agreeable.

General discussion followed the consensus of opinion being that the members were all in favour of amalgamation.

The assets of both bands were then discussed.

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