

MEETING WITH THE FAHLTAN BAND OR TRIBE OF INDIANS AT TELEGRAPH
CREEK, JUNE 7th, 1915.

PAUKER TOMMY is sworn to act as Interpreter.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL explains to the assembled Indians
the scope and powers of the Commission, and

MR. G. D. COX on the request of Charlie Squash, the Chief, addresses
the Commission as follows:

AS FAR as the land question is concerned, it is something
new to these Indians - they are totally ignorant as to what your
object is. It is altogether different here - that is, the condi-
tions are different here to other places around the Coast where you
give them agricultural land. Of course this country is not suit-
able for that and they have had no chance of deciding on any part-
icular part of the country that would be suitable for them in time
to come for farming purposes and consequently that makes it hard
for these Indians to deal with that matter. What these Indians
want is to have your object for coming here thoroughly explained
to them.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Well I have done that - we are here
to set apart certain lands which will be Indian Reserves, and if
you can point out these places on the map we shall take into con-
sideration these places before making our final report.

MR. G. D. COX: These Indians have not decided what would be good
for them. In regard to the fishing and hunting reserves it is all
very well at the present time because they make their living that
way, but we hope things will change in this country and we hope
that the Indians will also change, and what would probably be suit-
able for the Indians now, might not be suitable for them in years
to come should there be a large influx of white settlers in
this part of the country. We are in hopes that the Indians will
advance.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: AS you are speaking for the Chief, sup-
posing now for a moment, these changes you refer to take place, what
piece of land would you wish to have for the Indians.