

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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INDIAN AGENT

Alert Bay, B. C.,
June 16, 1930.

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Sir:-

I have to advise you that Mr. Alexander Cumming of 3666 Broadway West, Vancouver, with a partner, has bought a block of timber on Balaclava Island, which practically surrounds the Indian Reserve known as Glenglaouch Reserve No. 5 of the Nuwitti Indians, and contains only fourteen acres. A meeting was held of the Nuwitti Indians at Alert Bay on the 11th instant, a majority of them being present, and they passed the following resolution:-

"Resolved that the Indian Agent be empowered to dispose of all the timber on Glenglaouch Reserve No. 5 on Balaclava Island at the rate of two dollars per thousand, the proceeds of the said sale to be divided as follows: one-half to be divided per capita amongst the Indians of the Nuwitti Band, and the other half to be placed to capital account with the Department at Ottawa."

This was passed unanimously by the Indians, and I would recommend that the sale be consummated for the reasons as given in my letter regarding the Koskemo Indians. There are only a few Indians belonging to the Nuwitti Band, and at the present time they are all very hard up and there is no reason that I can see why they should not have the benefit of some of their own natural assets instead of being a burden on the ordinary tax-payer through the Department.

See memo June 30
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Your obedient servant,

W. M. Halliday
(W.M. Halliday)
Indian Agent

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The Secretary,
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