

another matter which has not been touched upon yet, and that is a great many of the Indians make this their headquarters when they come down for their potlatch, and generally they are accompanied by a great number of starving curs - we have tried to get them to feed their dogs, but they seem to follow the line of least resistance and let them rustle for themselves. If you happen to leave a window open in the house they will take your kitchen. I have seen them come right into my own place and my wife would have a roast on the table ready to cook or perhaps to serve and these half starved curs would jump right up on top of the table and be off with it and out through the window before you could do anything. I have seen them go right into a house and take a hot soup pot right off the stove and walk off with it, and I have witnesses here who will bear me out in this statement. They come into town here with droves of curs but they don't feed them and naturally they have to rustle where they can get it, and it is one of the biggest pests we have and it certainly is not pleasing.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: I beg to thank you for your attendance here this evening, and I can assure you, gentlemen, that all that you have said will have the careful attention of the full Commission on our return to Victoria. I might say I went to the Lands Office to-day with Mr. Fraser, your Government Agent, who showed me the Government maps, and I discovered that the Indian houses are mostly located on Lot 5 - there are 3 houses on Lot 6 and about 2 on Lot 4. On Lot 6 the three Indians who are located there made an application to purchase but this application has not as yet been acted upon. I learned further that Lot 5, on which there are some Indian houses, is the private property of the Rev. Father Buno - I believe that Lot was purchased by Father Allard and was later turned over to Father Buno as his private property of the property of the Roman Catholic Church. Being the private property of Father Buno or the Roman Catholic Church, it is beyond the jurisdiction of this Commission, and we cannot order anyone off private property as they have the same liberty as anyone else. I am very pleased that you have made the suggestion regarding Five Mile Point, and while, of course, I cannot express any opinion now, I can assure you that on our return to Victoria where