

North Vancouver B.C. Oct-18-1922.

Mr. W. E. Ditchburn Esq:

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies

Victoria B.C.

Sir; (personnal)

Enclosed is my statement of expenditures since I left Victoria early in the month of August this year, which I submit is as correct as I am able to submit, unless there may be a mistake in adding.

A letter from yourself of an earlier date drew my attention as having being un-necessary to go to Esquimalt, but for your information I deem it my duty to give an outline, of the reasons of my visits to some of the places.

As is always a fact, there is generally some West Coast Indians working in the cannery at Esquimalt, whom I tried to see, I did see some there, but they were not Chiefs or leading men, but I was lucky enough to see one who was returning to his home on the West Coast, on my second visit to Esquimalt who, carried the information to the Chiefs on the Southern West Coast of the date I would meet them in Alberni, thus saving time and money in meeting all the Indians of that district in Alberni.

As I was going to be away from home for some time I made a hurried trip home to secure some necessary clothing, papers etc, which I thought I would require to do the work intelligently.

While at home I was greatly surprised to hear that some officials of the District municipality had been making advances to the Indians to purchase some of the reserves, with the authority of the Hon. Ghas. Stewart, especially the Seymour No. 2, and I made a trip by auto in an attempt to see the chief but he was not at home, my purpose was to try and offset the negotiations, and enter a denial that Hon. Stewart did not say that, to the knowledge of the Allied Tribes officials.

Arriving at Duncan, and having completed my work there it was just as economical to proceed to Nanaimo where it was possible to see some Indians from Comox, thus saving me the time to go to Comox, as the trains do not run every day to Alberni, I got the train from the Nanaimo the next day.

From Alberni I went to Kyuquot, then back to Alberni, then up the coast again to Nootka, and in order to catch the passenger boat on its way south to Alberni, it was necessary to hire a launch, so I could cover the reserves between Nootka and Glayoquot, before the steamer came back.

After securing groceries in case of emergency I left Nootka three o'clock in the morning in one that could stand the rough waters of the Pacific ocean, and having bought gasoline and oil sufficient to bring him back to Nootka and paid him for his time I arrived at Ahousat about noon the next day, and then made my tour of the reserves in that district.

Arriving back in Vancouver, I sent a wire to Alert Bay to have all the Indians' representatives at Alert Bay on my arrival so that I would not have to go all over that vast area, which was done.

The Indians were very nice in giving me a bed and providing me with my meals whenever possible, and saved considerable expense in that way. I would appreciate a check and also to be re-embursed for \$28.86 which I spent in addition to the \$200.00

Respectfully,

Arthur Paul

The St. James Hotel Receipt will be sent to you by the management.

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