

the usual floodgates there is a 12 inch centrifugal pump, and an 18 horse power portable engine, though these are seldom used.

The maintenance assessment for 1912-13 was 5 cents per acre, 1913-14, 30 cents and this winter 10 cents to the present time. These assessments were, owing to an oversight, not included in the account rendered.

Reserve No. 3, Katzie Indians, contains 135 acres. The lines were re-run by me in 1897, I am therefore well acquainted with the conditions prior to its reclamation.

At that time the whole reserve was flooded to a depth of 5 to 6 feet, at highwater, which occurs about the month of June. Some of the ridges might possibly have been a foot or two above water, but practically speaking the whole reserve was worthless with the exception of what little grazing there might be at low water and even this was not taken advantage of by the Indians. Now, owing to the dyke, and also to the surface drains on the boundaries, made by the adjacent owners, the land is free of water, and about 30 acres is fenced and ready for the plough without the least effort on the part of the Indians.

There are about eighteen settlers on this island and it is surprising to see the amount of work they have done within the last two years; it is a most progressive settlement and consequently the value of land will increase.

I notice that at the meeting with the Royal Commissioners in April last the Indians stated that "there was a ridge between the public drain and the reserve land". As shown on the plan enclosed Mr. McKee has cut a ditch through two ridges on the western boundary and one on the eastern, and
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