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COPY FOR PAMPHLET RE NISHGA CLAIMS : -

1: Statement re Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians.

2: Nishga Petition.

3: Memorandum 5th May, 1914.

4: Order in Council 20th June, 1914.

5: Report of Interviews with Ministers 3rd & 4th February, 1915.

6: Reports of Interviews with Mr. Scott, 5th, 9th, 10th & 11th Feby., 1915.

7: Report of Interview with Hon. Dr. Roche Feby. 17th, 1915.

8: Letter Oct. 26/1914, Mr. O'Meara to Hon. Mr. Doherty.
Letter Hon. Mr. Doherty to Mr. O'Meara Nov. 14th, 1914.

9: Copies of letters between Mr. Newcombe and Mr. Scott, Feb.15th, 1915.

10: Copy of letter Hon. Dr. Roche wrote re bringing Indian claims before Royal Commission.

11: Letter J. M. Clark dated Feb. 8th, 1915.

12: Letter J. M. Clark dated Apr. 24, 1914.

13: Letter Hon. Dr. Roche to Hon. Mr. Doherty dated 3rd November, 1913.
Letter Hon. Mr. Doherty to Hon. Dr. Roche dated Dec. 17, 1913.

14: Letter Mr. Scott to Mr. Newcombe dated March 3, 1915, transmitting Supplementary Statement No. 2.
Mr. Newcombe's reply of March 11, 1915.

15: Report of Interviews March 25, 1915.

16: Supplementary Statement.

17: Supplementary Statement No. 3.

18: Proclamation of 1763.

19: Article 13 Act of Union.

20: Report of Interview April 6th, 1915.

21: Report of Interview April 27, 1915.

22: Letter dated April 13th, 1915, to Mr. Newcombe, with reference to the Proposals of the Nishga Indians, and Mr. Newcombe's reply of April 26th, 1915.

23. Interview Sept 3/1915

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## Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 20th June, 1914.

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The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Report from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, dated 11th March, 1914, submitting the accompanying memorandum from the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs upon the Indian claim to the lands of the Province of British Columbia, in which he concurs.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, advise that the claim be referred to the Exchequer Court of Canada with the right of appeal to the Privy Council under the following conditions:—

1. The Indians of British Columbia shall, by their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the Privy Council, decides that they have a title to lands of the Province, to surrender such title, receiving from the Dominion benefits to be granted for extinguishment of title in accordance with past usage of the Crown in satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered territories, and to accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia as approved by the Governments of the Dominion and the Province as a full allotment of Reserve lands to be administered for their benefit as part of the compensation.
2. That the Province of British Columbia by granting the said reserves as approved shall be held to have satisfied all claims of the Indians against the Province.

   That the remaining considerations shall be provided and the cost thereof borne by the Government of the Dominion of Canada.
3. That the Government of British Columbia shall be represented by counsel, that the Indians shall be represented by counsel nominated and paid by the Dominion.
4. That, in the event of the Court or the Privy Council deciding that the Indians have no title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians shall be governed by consideration of their interests and future development.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CANADA,
OTTAWA, March 11, 1914.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indians Affairs.

The undersigned has given consideration to the petition of the Nishga Indians to the Privy Council, with reference to the alleged claim of those Indians to title in the lands of British Columbia and to a like claim on the part of the other Indians of the Province. I find indications in the papers that the Government is not unwilling to submit this claim to the courts, but the difficulties which are inherent in the claim and which may have prevented its submission have so far not been overcome; the two main difficulties would appear to be:—

1. The refusal of British Columbia to consent to a stated case which would include any reference to the Indian title.

2. Uncertainty as to the extent of compensation which might be demanded by the Indians if they were successful before the courts, and if the Crown found it good policy to extinguish the title of the Indians.

With reference to the first difficulty I would propose that it be held that British Columbia has fully discharged its obligation to the natives by granting from the public domain of the Province reserve lands to be administered exclusively for their benefit, and that, if the Indian claim is found valid by the Court or the Privy Council, and, if it is thought advisable to offer anything further for extinguishment of title, the Dominion should assume the burden and compensate the Indians according to the past usage in such arrangements as have been made by the good-will of the Crown with the aborigines. The Dominion has interest in the lands in the Railway belt, and, to this extent, would benefit by extinguishment of the Indian title.

There are two Indian treaties which might be taken as prototypes for this divided responsibility, namely, the Treaty known as the Northwest Angle Treaty No. 3, and Treaty No. 9; both of these treaties are within the Province of Ontario. The first was negotiated when the Dominion Government thought the territory covered belonged to the Dominion. When by settlement of the boundary question it was discovered that most of the territory lay in Ontario, the Dominion claimed from Ontario for past expenditure and for the discharge of future liabilities. The case went to the courts and was decided in favour of Ontario. Ontario thereupon expressed her willingness to grant the reserves, and the Dominion bears the financial outlay for annuities and the other considerations.

Treaty No. 9 formed the subject of an agreement between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province of Ontario. Ontario agreed to furnish reserves and pay the annuities; the Dominion was to bear the cost of administration, education and the other provisions of the treaty.

Dealing with the second difficulty,—it would be a serious matter if the Dominion were to assume the undetermined liability which might arise if the Indians' claim were upheld by the courts. The erroneous view of the Indians as regards the nature of the aboriginal title is shown by a memorandum from the Nishga Nation, of which I attach a copy. I may quote here the sentences bearing on this point:—

"Some of the advantages to be derived from establishing our aboriginal "rights are:—

"1. That it will place us in a position to reserve for our own use and benefit "such portions of our territory as are required for the future well-being of our "people.

"2. That it will enable us to a much greater extent and in a free and indepen-"dent manner to make use of the fisheries and other natural resources pertaining "to our territory."

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"We cannot prevent the Province from persisting in this attempt, but we "can and do respectfully declare that we intend to persist in making our claim "against the Province of British Columbia for the following among other reasons:"

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"4. While we claim the right to be compensated for those portions of our "territory which we may agree to surrender, we claim as even more important "the right to reserve other portions permanently for our own use and benefit,

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"and beyond doubt the portions which we would desire so to reserve would "include much of the land which has been sold by the Province.

"We are not opposed to the coming of the white people into our territory, "provided this be carried out justly and in accordance with the British principles "embodied in the Royal Proclamation. If, therefore, as we expect, the aboriginal "rights which we claim should be established by the decision of His Majesty's "Privy Council, we would be prepared to take a moderate and reasonable position. "In that event, while claiming the right to decide for ourselves the terms upon "which we would deal with our territory, we would be willing that all matters "outstanding between the Province and ourselves should be finally adjusted "by some equitable method to be agreed upon which should include representation "of the Indian Tribes upon any Commission which might then be appointed."

From these words it will become apparent what fancies occupy the minds of the Indians when they think of the aboriginal title and its purchase.

The Privy Council, to which the Nishga Nation desire to appeal, has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title, describing it as "a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good-will of the Sovereign."

It follows that the Indian title, when acknowledged by the Crown, cannot be separated from what the Crown elects to grant. In appraising the Indian title we should go back to the time when the lands were a wilderness, when we find a wild people upon an unimproved estate. The Indian title cannot increase in value with civilized development; cession of Indian territory has always preceded the settlement of the country and whatever has been granted for the transfer has represented the good-will of the Crown, not the intrinsic value of the land at the time of the cession, and assuredly not the value enhanced by the activities of a white population. From the earliest times this beneficial interest has ever been appraised by the Crown, the Indians accepting what was offered, with, upon occasion, slight alterations in terms previously fixed by the Crown. It is optional when, if at all, the Crown may proceed to extinguish the Indian title, and, therefore, if it is decided that the Indians of British Columbia have a title of this nature, there can be no claim for deferred benefit from the Crown.

I would, therefore, propose that the claim be referred to the Exchequer Court, with right of appeal to the Privy Council upon the following conditions:—

1. That the Indians of British Columbia shall, by their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the Privy Council, decides that they have a title to lands of the Province, to surrender such title, receiving from the Dominion benefits to be granted for extinguishment of title in accordance with past usage of the Crown in satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered territories, and to accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, as approved by the Governments of the Dominion and the Province, as a full allotment of Reserve lands to be administered for their benefit as part of the compensation.

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That the remaining considerations shall be provided and the cost thereof borne by the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

3. That the Government of British Columbia shall be represented by counsel, that the Indians shall be represented by counsel nominated and paid by the Dominion.

4. That in the event of the Court or the Privy Council deciding that the Indians have no title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians shall be governed by consideration of their interests and future development.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT,
Deputy Superintendent General.

## STATEMENT OF THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

From time immemorial the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians possessed, occupied and used the territory generally known as the Valley of the Naas River, the boundaries of which are well defined.

The claims which we make in respect of this territory are clear and simple. We lay claim to the rights of men. We claim to be aboriginal inhabitants of this country and to have rights as such. We claim that our aboriginal rights have been guaranteed by Proclamation of King George Third and recognized by Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain. We claim that holding under the

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By reason of our aboriginal rights above stated, we claim tribal ownership of all fisheries and other natural resources pertaining to the territory above-mentioned.

For more than twenty-five years, being convinced that the recognition of our aboriginal rights would be of very great material advantage to us and would open the way for the intellectual, social and industrial advance of our people, we have in common with other tribes of British Columbia, actively pressed our claims upon the Governments concerned. In recent years, being more than ever convinced of the advantages to be derived from such recognition and fearing that without such the advance of settlement would endanger our whole future, we have pressed these claims with greatly increased earnestness.

Some of the advantages to be derived from establishing our aboriginal rights are:—

1. That it will place us in a position to reserve for own use and benefit such portions of our territory as are required for the future well-being of our people.

2. That it will enable us to a much greater extent and in a free and independent manner to make use of the fisheries and other natural resources pertaining to our territory.

3. That it will open the way for bringing to an end as rapidly as possible the system of Reserves and substituting a system of individual ownership.

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In thus seeking to realize what is highest and best for our people, we have encountered a very serious difficulty in the attitude which has been assumed by the Government of British Columbia. That Government has neglected and refused to recognize our claims, and for many years has been selling over our heads large tracts of our lands. We claim that every such transaction entered into in respect of any part of these lands under the assumed authority of the Provincial Land Act has been entered into in violation of the Proclamation above mentioned. These transactions have been entered into notwithstanding our protests, oral and written, presented to the Government of British Columbia, surveyors employed by that Government and intending purchasers.

The request of the Indian Tribes of British Columbia made through their Provincial Organization, that the matter of Indian title be submitted to the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council, having been before the Imperial Government and the Canadian Government for three years, and grave constitutional difficulties arising from the refusal of British Columbia to consent to a reference, having been encountered in dealing with that request, we resolved independently and directly to place a petition before His Majesty's Privy Council.

In following that course we desire to act to the fullest possible extent in harmony both with other tribes of British Columbia and with the Government of Canada.

We are informed that Mr. J. A. J. McKenna sent out by the Government of Canada has made a report in which he does not mention the claims which the Indians of the Province have been making for so many years, and assigns as the cause of all the trouble, the reversionary claim of the Province. Whatever other things Mr. McKenna found out during his stay, we are sure that he did not find out our mind or the real cause of the trouble.

We are also informed of the agreement relating only to the so-called reserves which was entered into by Mr. McKenna and Premier McBride. We are glad from its provisions to know that the Province has expressed willingness to abandon to a large extent the reversionary claim which has been made. We cannot, however, regard that agreement as forming a possible basis for settling the land question. We cannot concede that the two Governments have power by the agreement in question or any other agreement to dispose of the so-called Reserves or any other lands of British Columbia, until the territory of each nation or tribe has been purchased by the Crown as required by the Proclamation of King George Third.

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1. We are advised that at the time of Confederation all lands embraced within our territory became the property of the province subject to any interest other than that of the province therein.

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The above statement was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians held at Kincolith on the 22nd day of January, 1913, and it was resolved that a copy of same be placed in the hands of each of the following:—

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TERRITORY OF THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

The Humble Petition of The Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians

Sheweth as Follows : -

1. From time immemorial the said Nation or Tribe of Indians exclusively possessed, occupied and used and exercised sovereignty over that portion of the territory now forming the Province of British Columbia which is included within the following limits, that is to say:- Commencing at a stone situate on the south shore of Kinnamox or Quinamass Bay and marking the boundary line between the territory of the said Nishga Nation or Tribe and that of the Tsimpshean Nation or Tribe of Indians, running thence easterly along said boundary line to the height of land lying between the Naas River and the Skeena River, thence in a line following the height of land surrounding the valley of the Naas River and its tributaries to and including the height of land surrounding the north-west end of Mitseah or Meziadan Lake, thence in a straight line to the northerly end of Portland Canal, thence southerly along the international boundary to the centre line of the passage between Pearse Island and Wales Island, thence south-easterly along said centre line to the centre line of Portland Inlet, thence north-easterly along said centre line to the point at which the same is intersected by the centre line of Kinnamox or Quinamass Bay, thence in a straight line to the point of commencement.

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2. Your Petitioners believe the fact to be that, when sovereignty over the territory included within the aforesaid limits (hereinafter referred to as "the said territory") was assumed by Great Britain, such sovereignty was accepted by the said Nation or Tribe, and the right of the said Nation or Tribe to possess, occupy and use the said territory was recognised by Great Britain.

3. From time to time since assuming sovereignty over the said territory the Crown has by Proclamation and otherwise recognised the right of the said Nation or Tribe so to possess, occupy and use the said territory, and, in particular, by the Proclamation of His Majesty King George the Third issued on the 7th day of October, 1763, having the force and effect of a Statute of the Parliament of Great Britain, it was (amongst other things) enacted as follows : -

" And whereas it is just and reasonable, and
" essential to Our Interest and the Security of Our
" Colonies, that the several Nations or Tribes of In-
" dians, with whom We are connected, and who live under
" Our Protection, should not be molested or disturbed in
" the Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions and
" Territories as, not having been ceded to, or purchased
" by Us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their
" Hunting Grounds; We do therefore, with the Advice of
" Our Privy Council, declare it to be Our Royal Will and
" Pleasure that no Governor or Commander in Chief in any
" of Our Colonies of Quebec, East Florida, or West Flor-
" ida, do presume, upon any Pretence whatever, to grant
" Warrants of Survey, or pass any Patents for Lands be-
" yond the Bounds of their respective Governments, as
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" fall into the Atlantick Ocean from the West and North
" West, or upon any Lands whatever, which, not having been
" ceded to, or purchased by Us as aforesaid, are reserved
" to the said Indians, or any of them.

" And We do further declare it to be Our Royal
" Will and Pleasure, for the present as aforesaid, to re-
" serve under Our Sovereignty, Protection, and Dominion,
" for the Use of the said Indians all the Lands and Ter-
" ritories not included within the Limits of Our said
" Three New Governments, or within the Limits of the Ter-
" ritory granted to the Hudson's Bay Company, as also all
" the Lands and Territories lying to the Westward of the
" Sources of the Rivers which fall into the Sea from the
" West and North West as aforesaid; and We do hereby
" strictly forbid, on Pain of Our Displeasure, all Our
" loving Subjects from making any Purchases or Settlements
" whatever, or taking Possession of any of the Lands above
" reserved, without Our special Leave and Licence for that
" Purpose first obtained.

" And We do further strictly enjoin and require
" all Persons whatever, who have either wilfully or in-
" advertently seated themselves upon any Lands within the
" Countries above described, or upon any other Lands,
" which, not having been ceded to, or purchased by Us, are
" still reserved to the said Indians as aforesaid, forth-
" with to remove themselves from such Settlements.

" And whereas great Frauds and Abuses have been
" committed in the purchasing Lands of the Indians, to the
" great Prejudice of Our Interests, and to the great Dis-
" satisfaction

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" of the said Indians;

" In order therefore to prevent such Irregular-
" ities for the future, and to the End that the Indians
" may be convinced of Our Justice and determined Resolu-
" tion to remove all reasonable Cause of Discontent, We
" do with the Advice of Our Privy Council, strictly en-
" join and require, that no private Person do presume to
" make any Purchase from the said Indians of any Lands
" reserved to the said Indians, within those Parts of
" Our Colonies where We have thought proper to allow
" Settlement; but that if, at any Time any of the said
" Indians should be inclined to dispose of the said
" Lands, the same shall be purchased only for Us, in Our
" Name, at some Publick Meeting or Assembly of the said
" Indians to be held for that Purpose by the Governor or
" Commander in Chief of Our Colonies respectively, with-
" in which they shall lie; and in case they shall lie
" within the Limits of any Proprietary Government they
" shall be purchased only for the Use and in the Name of
" such Proprietaries, conformable to such Directions and
" Instructions as We or they shall think proper to give
" for that Purpose: And We do, by the Advice of Our
" Privy Council, declare and enjoin, that the Trade with
" the said Indians shall be free and open to all Our
" Subjects whatever; provided that every Person, who may
" incline to trade with the said Indians, do take out a
" Licence for carrying on such Trade from the Governor
" or Commander in Chief of any of Our Colonies respect-
" ively, where such Persons shall reside; and also give
" Security to observe such Regulations as We shall at
" any Time think fit, by Ourselves or by Our Commissaries

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" to be appointed for this Purpose, to direct and ap-
" point for the Benefit of the said Trade; and We do
" hereby authorize, enjoin, and require the Governors
" and Commanders in Chief of all Our Colonies respect-
" ively, as well Those under Our immediate Government as
" Those under the Government and Direction of Pro-
" prietaries, to grant such Licences without Fee or Re-
" ward, taking especial Care to insert therein a Condi-
" tion, that such Licence shall be void, and the Secur-
" ity forfeited, in case the Person, to whom the same is
" granted, shall refuse or neglect to observe such Regu-
" lations as We shall think proper to prescribe as
" aforesaid.

" And We do further expressly enjoin and require
" all Officers whatever, as well Military as Those em-
" ployed in the Management and Direction of Indian Af-
" fairs within the Territories reserved as aforesaid for
" the Use of the said Indians, to seize and apprehend
" all Persons whatever, who, standing charged with
" Treasons, Misprisons of Treason, Murders, or other
" Felonies or Misdemeanours, shall fly from Justice, and
" take Refuge in the said Territory, and to send them
" under a proper Guard to the Colony where the Crime was
" committed of which they stand accused, in order to
" take their Tryal for the same. "

4. The said Nishga Nation or Tribe is one of the nations or tribes of Indians mentioned in the said Proclamation as being under the protection of the Sovereign, and all members thereof are Your Majesty's loyal subjects.

5. No part of the said territory has been ceded to or purchased by the Crown, and no part thereof has been purchased from the said Nation or Tribe by the

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Crown or by any person acting on behalf of the Crown, at a public meeting or assembly or otherwise, or by any other person whomsoever.

6. No part of the said territory is within the limits of the territory granted to the Hudson's Bay Company.

7. By Statutes from time to time passed the Imperial Parliament, as Your Petitioners submit, recognised the territory now known as British Columbia as being part of the "Indian Territories," as appears from the Statute 12 and 13 Vict. cap. 48, entitled "An Act to " provide for the Administration of Justice in Van- " couver's Island," and earlier Statutes therein recited, and from the Statute 21 and 22 Vict., Cap. 99, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British " Columbia."

8. From time to time the Government of the Province of British Columbia and various persons acting in the name of the Crown, under the assumed authority of the "Land Act" of British Columbia, have made surveys of, granted records of pre-emption of, sold and issued patents for, various parts of the said territory.

9. Together with this Petition are presented two blue prints taken from maps of the said territory prepared in the office of the Surveyor-General at Victoria, in the said Province, showing the various transactions which on the 26th day of September, 1912, had been so entered into in respect of portions of the said territory as aforesaid.

10. Your Petitioners allege that the said transactions and all other similar transactions which have been entered into in respect of any part of the said

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territory have been so entered into in violation of the provisions of the said Proclamation of King George the Third and without competent authority.

11. From time to time Your Petitioners have delivered to surveyors of the said Government entering the said territory for the purpose of surveying portions thereof, and to persons entering the said territory for the purpose of pre-empting or purchasing portions thereof under the assumed authority of the "Land Act," written notices of protest, of which the following is one : -

" Whereas we, the Indian people of the Aiyansh
" Valley, Naas River, British Columbia, being the
" lawful and original inhabitants and possessors of
" all the lands contained therein from time imme-
" morial; and being assured in our possession of the
" same by the Proclamation of His Majesty, King
" George III, under date of October 7th, 1763, which
" Proclamation we hold as our Charter of Rights un-
" der the British Crown;

" And whereas, it is provided in the said Pro-
" clamation that no private person do presume to
" make any purchase from us of any lands so reserved
" to us, until we have ceded the same to the re-
" presentatives of the Crown in public meeting be-
" tween us and them;

" And whereas, up to the present time our lands
" have not been ceded by us to the Crown, nor in any
" way alienated from us by any agreement or settle-
" ment between the representatives of the Crown and
" ourselves;

" And whereas, our case is now before the Privy
" Council in England and we are expecting a settle-
" ment

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" of the difficulty at present existing between
" ourselves and the Government of this Province at
" an early date;

" We do therefore, standing well within our
" constitutional rights, forbid you to stake off
" land in this valley, and do hereby protest
" against your proceeding further into our country
" with that end in view--until such time as a sat-
" isfactory settlement be made between the repre-
" sentatives of the Crown and ourselves.

" Issued by the members of the Indians Land
" Committee elected by the Indians of the Upper
" Naas. "

12. On the 3rd day of March, 1911, delegates representing the said Nishga Nation or Tribe waited upon the Government of British Columbia, asserted the title of the said Nation or Tribe in respect of the said territory, and protested against the refusal of that Government to recognise such title.

13. Notwithstanding the facts stated in the last preceding two paragraphs hereof the Government of British Columbia and the various persons to whom reference has above been made, have persisted in the course set forth in paragraph 8 hereof.

14. Your Petitioners are aware of the provisions of the agreement made in the year 1871 and set out in Article 13 of the "Terms of Union," and they are also aware of the provisions of an agreement made between a Special Commissioner of the Government of Canada and the

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Premier of British Columbia on the 24th day of September, 1912, relating to the matter of the so-called reserves, and approved by the Government of Canada on the 27th day of November, 1912, subject to a certain modification mentioned in the Order in Council made on that day. Your Petitioners humbly submit that nothing contained in either of the said two agreements does or can take away any of the rights which they claim.

15. In view of all that has been hereinbefore stated Your Petitioners, claiming to hold a tribal title to the whole of the said territory both by aboriginal right and under the said Proclamation, and having no other recourse for securing justice, humbly place this Petition before Your Majesty as the source and fountain of all justice, having supreme authority over all persons and matters within Your Majesty's dominions, and possessing and exercising upon and with the advice of Your Majesty's Privy Council original judicial jurisdiction.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray that Your Majesty in Council may be pleased to take into Your Most Gracious Consideration the matters hereinbefore set forth, and in exercise of the original jurisdiction to which reference has above been made and all other jurisdiction relating to such matters possessed by Your Majesty in Council, and upon report made to Your Majesty in Council by a Committee of the whole of Your Majesty's Privy Council, or upon report so made by the Judicial Committee or other Committee of the Council to which Your Majesty in Council may see fit to refer the same, may adjudge such

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matters and determine all questions arising therefrom for decision.

In particular Your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Majesty in Council may be pleased :-

(1) To adjudge and determine the nature and extent of the rights of the said Nishga Nation or Tribe in respect of the said territory.

(2) To adjudge and determine whether, as Your Petitioners humbly submit, the "Land Act" of British Columbia now in force (Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911, Chapter 129), and any previous Land Act of that Province, in so far as the same purport to deal with lands thereby assumed to be the absolute property of the said Province and to confer title in such lands free from the right, title or interest of the Indian Tribes, notwithstanding the fact that such right, title or interest has not been in any way extinguished, are ultra vires of the Legislature of the said Province.

Your Petitioners also humbly pray that Your Majesty may be pleased, in pursuance of the above-mentioned provisions of the said Proclamation of King George the Third, to take such measures as may be found necessary for the protection of the said Nishga Nation or Tribe in the exercise and enjoyment of the rights so adjudged and determined.

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Your Petitioners also humbly pray that Your Majesty in Council may be pleased to grant to them such further or other relief in the premises as to Your Majesty in Your Great Wisdom shall seem meet.

Your Petitioners also humbly pray that all such orders or directions as to matters of practice or procedure may be made or given as to Your Majesty may seem meet.

Your Petitioners also humbly pray that upon consideration of this Petition by Your Majesty in Council or any Committee of the Privy Council Your Petitioners may be heard by their Counsel.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

This Petition is presented by the said Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians through their Agents, Messrs. Fox and Preece, of 15, Dean's Yard, Westminster, Solicitors, in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the said Nishga Nation or Tribe, held at the Village of Kincolith, situated on the Naas River in the Province of British Columbia, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1913.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TERRITORY OF THE
NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF
INDIANS.

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To the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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# P E T I T I O N

of

THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

FOX & PREECE,
15, DEAN'S YARD,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

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SAMUEL H. THOMPSON,
PROPRIETOR

Prince George
Hotel

Toronto, 24 Feb. 1915

Dear Mr. Scott
As requested I send
copy of memorandum
of 5 May 1914.
I have not by me
the heading which
was upon the original,
This you can get either
from the files of your
own department or
from the copy to be
found in Indian De-
partment.
Mr. Fetherstonhaugh sends
report of interview
of 17th inst.
Faithfully yours
E. D'Meara

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN LAND QUESTION

and

THE NISHGA PETITION TO HIS MAJESTY'S PRIVY COUNCIL.

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~~SOME RECENT PAPERS.~~

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MEMORANDUM PREPARED FOR GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

5th May 1914.

It is considered desirable to place in the hands of the GOvernment of Canada a memorandum stating some outstanding facts relating to the Nishga Petition to which special attention is requested at the present time.

This Petition was devised with a view to overcoming the constitutional difficulties encountered by reason of the refusal of the Government of British Columbia to agree to a reference, and also the difficulty arising from the declaration made by their Lordships of the Judicial Committee in the Companies Case in the spring of 1912, that answers to questions referred are not a judicial decision.

The Nishga Indians were advised to adopt that course after consultation with and with the approval of Mr. J.M. Clark, K.C. Counsel for the Indian Rights Association of British Columbia.

In August 1912, on account of the difficulties above mentioned, the Nishga Tribe resolved independently and directly to submit to His Majesty's Privy Council a petition asking for a determination of their rights and the protection of His Majesty.

In November and December 1912, the necessity of determining the rights of the Indians of British Columbia having been recognized at Ottawa, the question by what method this should be accomplished was discussed at some length in interviews had with the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and the Minister of

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Justice, in the course of which the decision of the Nishga Tribe was reported and explained to the Ministers.

In the course of the interviews above mentioned, the Minister of Justice stated that he could not recommend expending a large sum of money for securing a decision from the Judicial Committee until he had before him a more definite statement of the claims which the Indians are making.

As a result of the view then expressed by the Minister of Justice, the Nishga Indians assembled at Kincolith in January, 1913, and adopted a full statement and explanation of their claims, copies of which were sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Canadian Ministers.

In March, 1913, after preliminary interviews had with the Acting Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs (the Minister himself being absent on account of illness) and the Minister of Justice, the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians," had an interview with the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Justice, the main result of which was soon afterwards stated in a memorandum prepared for the Minister of Justice, as follows:-

> "In the course of an interview had on 27th March last with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice the last named Minister made a statement outlining the main points of the situation, by which in our judgment it was made perfectly clear that the only feasible method of securing a judicial determination of the rights of the Indians was that of bringing their claims directly before His Majesty's Privy Council."

In the course of the interview last mentioned, the Prime Minister stated, in answer to a question of the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" that in appointing Commissioners the Government of Canada is committed only to the investigation of the facts, and that it would, therefore, be open to the Government to hold over all actual dealing with the reserves until the rights of the Indians should have been judicially determined. The assurance thus given was shortly afterwards communicated to the

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Nishga Tribe.

On 15th April 1913, those representing the Council of Canada and the "Friends of the Indians," presented to the Minister of Justice "Reasons for Supporting Nishga Petition." One of those reasons was the following:-

> "In our judgment it is not possible to secure a determination of the rights of the Indians by the method proposed in 1911, and by reason of failure to secure the consent of British Columbua it is not possible to obtain a satisfactory determination by means of referring questions to the Supreme Court of Canada."

In view of the fact that the Minister of Justice himself has since suggested the possibility that the rights of the Indians of British Columbia might be determined by means of the method proposed in 1911, namely a proceeding instituted in the Exechequer Court of Canada, it may be useful to mention one of the reasons which then led us to express the opinion above set forth. In the spring of 1911, Premier McBride declared emphatically to the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" that the Province would fight "to the last ditch" against any attempt that might be made to bring the Indian land question before the Courts under any Dominion Statute, claiming that the Canadian Parliament has no jurisdiction to enact any legislation affecting the lands of the Province. There is no reason to believe that the attitude of the Provincial Government towards any such attempt is now different. It seems clear to us that the probability of such contention is, apart from other reasons that might be suggested, a conclusive reason against this method pf procedure.

Upon occasion of the interview of 15th April 1913, the matters involved were discussed at considerable length with the Minister, who at the close of the interview expressed the hope that the Government would at an early date reach a decision which he said would be communicated. No such communication was received.

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In pursuance of the various interviews which had been held with Canadian Ministers, and more especially those of March and April 1913, the decision of the Nishga Tribe was carried into effect on 21st May 1913, on which day the Petition of that Tribe was lodged in His Majesty's Privy Council.

The Nishga Indians took that step with the belief, based upon advice received both in Canada and in England, that in presenting such independent Petition, they were exercising a constitutional right, but with the desire expressed in their statement of January 1913 to act to the fullest possible extent in harmony with the Government of Canada.

Subsequently the London Agents of the Tribe received from the Lord President of the Privy Council a letter relating to the Petition and stating as reason for not immediately referring it to the Judicial Committee the alleged fact that "the whole matter raised by the Petition is at present under the consideration of a Royal Commission."

In September 1913, in reply to a Memorial presented by the Nishga Tribe the Commissioners stated that they were not considering and had no power to consider the aboriginal claims of the Indians, and further in effect stated that the Agreement under which they were appointed assumes that the Indians of British Columbia have not the aboriginal rights claimed.

In October, 1913, the Indian Affairs Committee adopted a resolution, again declaring the necessity of securing a judgment of the Judicial Committee, and earnestly appealing to the Government of Canada in every way possible to help the Nishga Tribe to secure an early reference of the Petition to the Judicial Committee, and to take action to that end at once.

On 29th October, 1913, the resolution above mentioned was presented to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and Hon. George E. Foster, representing the Government of Canada, when

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these Ministers expressed the hope that the Government would soon reach a decision.

In the absence of any such decision, those representing the Council of Canada and the "Friends of the Indians", conferred in London with the Agents of the Nishga Tribe, when it was decided to defer taking further steps in the Privy Council until another effort had been made to secure a decision at Ottawa.

On 7th January 1914, there was handed to the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" a copy of the opinion regarding the Nishga Petition which had been given by the Minister of Justice in the previous month, in the course of which that Minister, while condeding that the claim of the Nishga Indians has sufficient foundation to justify consideration by the Courts expressed the opinion that the Agreement of 24th September, 1912, "appears to evince a departure from the policy of the late Government", and that it might be considered incompatible with the intention of that Agreement that the Dominion should maintain cause of the Indians in respect of the aboriginal title.

At a meeting held on 23rd January 1914, the Indian Affairs Committee passed a resolution appealing to the Government of Canada not to reverse what the Committee understood to be the settled policy of Canada, and resolving to join the "Friends of the Indians" in seeking to have an interview with the full Canadian Cabinet as soon as it might be practicable to arrange for such interview.

In the course of an interview had on 6th March last with the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, that Minister assured us that the Government of Canada had by no means decided to reverse the previous policy, and that on the contrary the Deputy Superintendent General would soon present a memorandum making proposals with a view to bringing the claims of the Nishga Tribe and other Tribes before the Judicial Committee, under such

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conditions as might sufficiently safeguard the interests involved.

In the course of interviews since had, these proposals have been orally communicated and explained, and it has become clearly known that the main desire of the Government of Canada is, by Agreement with the Indians, to arrive at a basis of settlement to be used in the event of a favorable judgment. It has also been learned that the Nishga Indians have communicated to the Commissioners their unwillingness to make representations regarding reserves to the Royal Commission. In this connection, both the Minister and the Deputy Minister have expressed a strong desire that the Indians be advised not to persist in that refusal. Also in connection with these matters, we have been assured that the Government of Canada has no intention of pronouncing an opinion upon the merits of the Nishga Petition, and that these Indians should feel assured that making representations will not prejudice the rights claimed by them.

The Deputy Minister has also stated that if a basis of settlement be agreed upon the Government of Canada will in every way help the Nishga Tribe in securing a determination of their rights, and among other things will furnish all money needed for that purpose.

On 22nd April last, the Indian Affairs Committee, after very full consideration, declared that it was not possible for that Committee consistently to advise the Nishga Indians to make representations regarding reserves to the Commission "until arrangements have been made to refer the question of title to the Judicial Committee."

Since the Committee adopted that statement, two very important items of information have reached us from Ottawa, namely:-

1. That it has been informally agreed between the two Governments that no report will be made by the Commission dealing with the matter of reserves in any part of British Columbia until the Commissioners shall have completed their investigations and be

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prepared to make one final report regarding the whole Province.

2. That at present the Commissioners have not decided even approximately upon a date for visiting the Nass River.

Under the circumstances above outlined, we think there is hope of accomplishing two things at an early date/-

1. That a basis of settlement shall be agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Nishga Tribe.

2. That other Tribes which have already declared their general agreement with the Nishga Tribe, including important Northern, Southern and Interior Tribes, shall concur in such basis of settlement.

Before closing this memorandum, we desire respectfully to point out how urgently important it is that at an early date some definite word should go from the Government of Canada to the Nishga Tribe. In October last that Tribe, having constantly expected word from Ottawa and not having received such word, resolved to send four delegates to London, England, to wait upon His Majesty the King and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Being in England, and having received this information, we sent a cablegram advising the Indians to defer such action. Again in April the Indians assembled and expected word. On or about 20th June, these Indians will again assemble, and the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" has promised to meet them at that time.

In view of all that has been stated, we respectfully present the following requests:-

1. That before 15th June, there be placed in the hands of the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" either the proposal now under consideration or some other definite statement of the conditions upon which the Government of Canada will help the Nishga Tribe.

2. That the Government be prepared to consider representations that may be made by the Tribe and any alternative

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proposal. This we consider to be of great tactical importance with a view to attaining the result aimed at.

3. That the final report of the Commission be not adopted by the Government of Canada until after the Judicial Committee shall have pronounced judgment upon the Nishga Petition.

4. That the Commission be asked to defer visiting the Naas River until after an effort has been made to agree upon a basis of settlement.

5. That the desired interview with the full Cabinet be also deferred until after such effort has been made.

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# THE INDIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

Prepared by Rev. Dr. L. Norman Tucker, representing the Social Service Council of Canada, and Rev. Arthur E. O'Meara, representing the "Friends of the Indians of British Columbia."

5th. May 1914.

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On the 15th. April, 1913, those representing the Council of Canada and the "Friends of the Indians," presented to the Minister of Justice "Reasons for Supporting Nishga Petition". One of those reasons was the following:-

> "In our judgment it is not possible to secure a determination of the rights of the Indians by the method proposed in 1911, and by reason of failure to secure the consent of British Columbia it is not possible to obtain a satisfactory determination by means of referring questions to the Supreme Court of Canada."

In view of the fact that the Minister of Justice himself has since suggested the possibility that the rights of the Indians of British Columbia might be determined by means of the method proposed in 1911, namely a proceeding instituted in the Exchequer Court of Canada, it may be useful to mention one of the reasons which then led us to express the opinion above set forth. In the spring of 1911, Premier McBride declared emphatically to the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" that the Province would fight "to the last ditch" against any attempt that might be made to bring the Indian land question before the Courts under any Dominion Statute, claiming that the Canadian Parliament has no jurisdiction to enact any legislation affecting the lands of the Province. There is no reason to believe that the attitude of the Provincial Government towards any such attempt is now different. It seems clear to us that the probability of such contention is, apart from other reasons that might be suggested, a conclusive reason against this method of procedure.

Upon occasion of the interview of 15th. April 1913, the matters involved were discussed at considerable length with the Minister, who at the close of the interview expressed the hope that the Government would at an early date reach a decision which he said would be communicated. No such communication was received.

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In pursuance of the various interviews which had been held with Canadian Ministers, and more especially those of March and April 1913, the decision of the Nishga Tribe was carried into effect on 21st. May 1913, on which day the Petition of that Tribe was lodged in His Majesty's Privy Council.

The Nishga Indians took that step with the belief based upon advice received both in Canada and in England, that in presenting such independent Petition, they were exercising a constitutional right, but with the desire expressed in their statement of January 1913 to act to the fullest possible extent in harmony with the Government of Canada.

Subsequently the London Agents of the Tribe received from the Lord President of the Privy Council a letter relating to the Petition and stating as reason for not immediately referring it to the Judicial Committee the alleged fact that "the whole matter raised by the Petition is at present under the consideration of a Royal Commission."

In September 1913, in reply to a Memorial presented by the Nishga Tribe the Commissioners stated that they were not considering and had no power to consider the aboriginal claims of the Indians, and further in effect stated that the Agreement under which they were appointed assumes that the Indians of British Columbia have not the aboriginal rights claimed.

In October, 1913, the Indian Affairs Committee adopted a resolution, again declaring the necessity of securing a judgment of the Judicial Committee, and earnestly appealing to the Government of Canada in every way possible to help the Nishga Tribe to secure an early reference of the Petition to the Judicial Committee, and to take action to that end at once.

On 29th. October, 1913, the resolution above mentioned was presented to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and Hon. Geo. E. Foster, representing the Government of Canada, when these Ministers expressed the hope that the Government would soon reach a decision.

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In the absence of any such decision, those representing the Council of Canada and the "Friends of the Indians," conferred in London with the Agents of the Nishga Tribe, when it was decided to defer taking further steps in the Privy Council until another effort had been made to secure a decision at Ottawa.

On 7th. January 1914, there was handed to the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" a copy of the opinion regarding the Nishga Petition which had been given by the Minister of Justice in the previous month, in the course of which that Minister, while conceding that the claim of the Nishga Indians has sufficient foundation to justify consideration by the Courts expressed the opinion that the Agreement of 24th. September, 1912, "appears to evince a departure from the policy of the late Government," and that it might be considered incompatible with the intention of that Agreement that the Dominion should maintain cause of the Indians in respect of the aboriginal title.

At a meeting held on 23rd. January 1914, the Indian Affairs Committee passed a resolution appealing to the Government of Canada not to reverse what the Committee understood to be the settled policy of Canada, and resolving to join the "Friends of the Indians" in seeking to have an interview with the full Canadian Cabinet as soon as it might be practicable to arrange for such interview.

In the course of an interview had on 6th. March last with the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, that Minister assured us that the Government of Canada had by no means decided to reverse the previous policy, and that on the contrary the Deputy Superintendent General would soon present a memorandum making proposals with a view to bringing the claims of the Nishga Tribe and other Tribes before the Judicial Committee, under such conditions as might sufficiently safeguard the interests involved.

In the course of interviews since had, these proposals have been orally communicated and explained, and it has become clearly known that the main desire of the Government of Canada is,

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by agreement with the Indians, to arrive at a basis of settlement to be used in the event of a favorable judgment. It has also been learned that the Nishga Indians have communicated to the Commissioners their unwillingness to make representations regarding reserves to the Royal Commission. In this connection, both the Minister and the Deputy Minister have expressed a strong desire that the Indians be advised not to persist in that refusal. Also in connection with these matters, we have been assured that the Government of Canada has no intention of pronouncing an opinion upon the merits of the Nishga Petition, and that these Indians should feel assured that making representations will not prejudice the rights claimed by them.

The Deputy Minister has also stated that if a basis of settlement be agreed upon, the Government of Canada will in every way help the Nishga Tribe in securing a determination of their rights, and among other things will furnish all money needed for that purpose.

On 22nd. April last, the Indian Affairs Committee, after very full consideration, declared that it was not possible for that Committee consistently to advise the Nishga Indians to make representations regarding reserves to the Commission "until arrangements have been made to refer the question of title to the Judicial Committee."

Since the Committee adopted that statement, two very important items of information have reached us from Ottawa, namely:-

1. That it has been informally agreed between the two Governments that no report will be made by the Commission dealing with the matter of reserves in any part of British Columbia until the Commissioners shall have completed their investigations and be prepared to make one final report regarding the whole Province.

2. That at present the Commissioners have not de-

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cided even approximately upon a date for visiting the Naas River.

Under the circumstances above outlined, we think there is hope of accomplishing two things at an early date:-

1. That a basis of settlement shall be agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Nishga Tribe.

2. That other Tribes which have already declared their general agreement with the Nishga Tribe, including important Northern, Southern and Interior Tribes, shall concur in such basis of settlement.

Before closing this memorandum, we desire respectfully to point out how urgently important it is that at an early date some definite word should go from the Government of Canada to the Nishga Tribe. In October last that Tribe, having constantly expected word from Ottawa and not having received such word, resolved to send four delegates to London, England, to wait upon His Majesty the King and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Being in England, and having received this information we sent a cablegram advising the Indians to defer such action. Again in April the Indians assembled and expected word. On or about 20th. June, these Indians will again assemble, and the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" has promised to meet them at that time.

In view of all that has been stated, we respectfully present the following requests:-

1. That before 15th. June, there be placed in the hands of the Representative of the "Friends of the Indians" either the proposal now under consideration or some other definite statement of the conditions upon which the Government of Canada will help the Nishga Tribe.

2. That the Government be prepared to consider representations that may be made by the Tribe and any alternative proposal. This we consider to be of great tactical importance with a view to attaining the result aimed at.

3. That the final report of the Commission be not

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adopted by the Government of Canada until after the Judicial Committee shall have pronounced judgment upon the Nishga Petition.

4. That the Commission be asked to defer visiting the Naas River until after an effort has been made to agree upon a basis of settlement.

5. That the desired interview with the full Cabinet be also deferred until after such effort has been made.

6. That the appropriation of $5,000 for expenses connected with the British Columbia Indian Land Question, which has been standing for some years, be renewed, so that the Minister may have available the money needed for responding to any request of the Indians which may be approved by him.

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NISHGA INDIANS.

Report of proceedings at the meeting of the representatives of the Nishga Indian tribe with the Honourable Charles J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and Honourable W.J. Roche, Minister of the Interior, on the 3rd day of February 1915.

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The deputation, composed of Messrs. Lincoln, Derrick and Calder, representing the Nishga Indians, and Mr. Woods, Secretary and Interpreter, was introduced by Mr. A.E. O'Meara, Counsel for the Indians.

Mr. Lincoln, Chairman of the Deputation, presented the formal answer of the Indians to the proposals of the Government, contained in the Order-in-Council of the 20th June 1914, which statement is as follows:-

STATEMENT OF THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS

We have been informed of the Order-in-Council passed on the 20th June last and the attached Memorandum of the Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, and these papers have been fully explained to us.

We note with thankfulness that the Government of Canada has now formally recognized the fact that we make the claims set out in our statement attached to the Order-in-Council which was adopted in January 1913 and was embodied in our Petition brought before His Majesty's Privy Council in May 1913 and that the Government has by doing so taken an important step towards dealing justly with our claims.

We cannot, however, accept the proposals contained in the Order-in-Council for reasons which will be found in our former Statement and this Statement.

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The Deputy Superintendent General in his Memorandum attached to the Order-in-Council has expressed the opinion that our view regarding the nature of our rights is erroneous and has described as "fancies" the claims which we and the other Tribes of the Province have most earnestly made ever since white men began to come into our country.

The Order-in-Council is, as we submit, capable of being understood as approving the opinions above mentioned. We think this fact would seriously imperil our rights if decided under the Order-in-Council. Whenever our Petition may have a hearing before His Majesty's Privy Council or any other Court we do not want that it should be tied to a document declaring that its claims are unfounded. We do not want to have our hands bound and our mouths closed in this way, but wish to be free to speak and act in the Court.

It has been generally understood that the Government intended to propose that there should be a right of appeal from the Exchequer Court of Canada to the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council. We point out that the Order-in-Council contains no such words and is, as we submit, capable of being understood as providing for an appeal not to the Imperial Privy Council, the tribunal to which we have been looking with longing eyes for years and the only tribunal whose decision we are prepared to accept as final, but to the Canadian Privy Council.

While our Petition is now before His Majesty's Privy Council and we expect will in the end be decided by that tribunal, we are willing that first of all it shall be brought before a Canadian Court, if advised that we shall have before that Court the standing necessary for fully safeguarding our rights, and that a decision binding upon British Columbia can by that means be secured.

With a view to fully safeguarding our rights and securing a decision removing all grounds of dissatisfaction, we desire to be represented by Counsel chosen by ourselves, upon

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such financial terms as may be arranged.

With regard to the terms upon which it is proposed that we shall surrended our title, we think it very important first of all to point out the limitations under which lands will be set aside by the Royal Commission.--The Report of Special Commissioner McKenna presented in October 1912 makes perfectly clear that all such lands will be set aside out of Crown lands remaining undisposed of. We are therefore very sure that the land situation confronting us in the Nass Valley, explained in our former Statement, cannot be fully and justly dealt with under the Agreement of 1912. Even if the position were different and it were possible for the Commissioners to restore to us lands wrongfully disposed of by the Province of British Columbia in violation of the Proclamation of King George Third, we would claim to have a real voice in deciding what lands are to be reserved for our use and benefit. Moreover, while we are prepared to consider the findings of the Royal Commission on their merits when known to us, we are not prepared in advance to bind ourselves to accept such findings, not knowing what they will be, and not even knowing that any additional lands will be set aside.

The Government of Canada having promised to consider any proposals that we might make, we beg to make for consideration of that Government and the other Tribes the following proposals, without however saying that they are the only terms to which we would agree:--

1. That when the findings of the Royal Commission are known, each tribe that may consider such findings insufficient shall have opportunity of making application for additional lands to be reserved for the use and benefot of the Tribe for reasons to be stated in such application, and every such application which cannot be dealt with by conference between the Tribe and the two Governments shall be decided by His Majesty's Imperial Minister, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in pursuance of the Principle embodied in Article 13 of the "Terms of Union".

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2. That in fixing compensation regard shall be had to all the terms and provisions of any Treaty made between the Crown and any Tribe of Indians in Canada.

3. That in fixing compensation regard shall also be had to all restrictions and disabilities imposed upon Indians by Provincial Laws and those imposed by Canadian regulations relating to the Fisheries.

4. That all remaining matters including an equitable method of fixing compensation shall be adjusted by enactment of the Parliament of Canada.

And now we close this Statement wih renewed hope. We rely upon the honour of the British Crown pledged for the protection of our rights by the Proclamation of King George Third. We again place our case before the King's Great Court and confidently look for a decision justly determining what are our rights. We place our cause which is greater than our case before the whole people of Canada. We ask that they make known to the Government of Canada that this great and strong Dominion really wants to treat us, although few and weak, with full justice.

The above statement was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians held at Kincolith on the 4th day of December, 1914.

(sgd.) W.J.Lincoln

Chairman of Meeting.

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Mr. O'Meara, Counsel for the Indians, addressed the Ministers as follows:-

Honourable Gentlemen:-

What I have to say will be a few & short remarks:-

1. With regard to what is described in the answer of the Nishga Indians as the land situation in the Naas Valley, I wish to put before you some blue prints obtained from the Land Office of British Columbia. You will find that they show every transaction under the Land Act, that has taken place in the Naas Valley up to the present time.

I wish to mention that it is an important historical fact that when in 1867 the Senate and House of Commons presented an address to the Governor General, praying for the extension of the boundaries of Canada to the Pacific Coast, this promise was made : ( I am quoting from the Journals, Vol. 1, pages 67 and 68: "The claims of the "Indian tribes, ~~&~~ compensation for lands required for "purposes of settlement, will be considered and settled in "conformity with the established principles which have "uniformly governed the British Crown in its dealings with "the Aborigenes ".

I respectfully ask the attention to this, that the result of the important promise given is : that Canada already stands pledged to compensate these Indians for the lands which are shown by the blue prints to have been in a sense, taken for settlement, or at least disposed of . I speak of that because it is important to note that the proposal of the Government to compensate the Indian tribes of British Columbia is not a new matter, but the carrying out of a promise made in 1867.

I wish next to mention the provisions of the terms of the Union between British Columbia and Canada, and with which you are familiar. I respectfully point out

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that in the terms of article 13, under which lands were to be given to Canada for the use and benefit of the Indians of British Columbia, there are distinctly two classes of cases:-

The first was that in which the Government of Canada requested the lands and the Government of the Province was willing to grant those particular lands;

The second class of cases was that in which Canada requested the land but the Province was not prepared to agree.

I simply point out that while to a very large extent class No. 1 has been dealt with and is being dealt with today through the Royal Commission, class No. 2 has not yet been dealt with, or at least, not dealt with upon principles embodied in the article.

I would next point out that the claims which the Nishga Indians are making are based upon a Proclamation of King George the Third. That Proclamation is manifestly an Imperial Document; it is more than that because it has been held in the Courts to have the force of a Statute. According to the contentions of the Nishga Indians, and I believe, of other tribes, that Imperial enactment upon which they rely, has not been repealed and was not affected by anything that was done at the time of Confederation.

I would next point out that if on the one side you put the very terms of the Proclamation of King George The Third, and then on the other side you put the terms of the statement of the Nishgas made in January 1913, every claim which is made by the Nishgas, I would respectfully submit, is borne out by the language to be found in the Royal Proclamation.

I would next remind you, Honourable gentlemen, that the claims of the Nishga and other tribes of Indians in British Columbia, were in the fullest sense, and one might say in an emphatic way, supported by the report of the Minister of Justice of 1875, which report as is well

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known, was adopted by the Governor General in Council. I would ask attention to these features of the report that speak of the territorial rights of the Indians. It says that it is impossible to deny the rights that they are claiming and it comes to the conclusion that these rights are an interest in the lands of British Columbia under the British North America Act. I must mention that the claims which have been spoken of are now before His Majesty's Privy Council in the form of a direct petition of the Nishga tribe. I will not at all argue the matter, but would point out the fact that the petition is a resort to the original jurisdiction of His Majesty's Privy Council. Moreover the latter has been acknowledged by the letter of the Lord President, addressed to the Solicitors for the Nishga Tribe. You, honourable gentlemen, are aware of the steps that were taken. It was thought by the Lord President that the Royal Commission was dealing with these claims, and that was the reason given for not referring the petition to the Judicial Committee, and you well know gentlemen that the matter was brought before the Royal Commission.

I next remind you, Honourable gentlemen, that the Nishga petition has been dealt with in an opinion by the present Minister of Justice, and I wish just to quote a few words of that:" Upon the merits, I think the "Indian claim is a very doubtful one, but I am not "prepared to say that it is without sufficient foundation "to justify consideration by the courts."

I wish to say a few words about the dealing with the petition by the Deputy Superintendent General, and I may be permitted to express my regret that Mr. Scott is not able to be here. I had hoped that he would be here when I spoke of these matters.

First, I respectfully submit that whatever may

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be the merits of Mr. Scott's opinion, it is in conflict with previous official , dealing with the matter of the claims of the Indians of British Columbia.

Second, I wish to draw attention to what I conceive to be manifestly an incorrect statement of facts contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum. I wish to be very clearly understood at this point that I am not discussing Mr. Scott's opinion. Mr. Scott has the same right as any other man has to his own opinion, even if every-one else holds different views. What I am speaking of is the main statement of facts contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum. After discussing the claims of the Nishgas, and expressing strongly his view that their views are erroneous, he winds up his opinion in these words:- "From these words it will become apparent what fancies occupy the minds of the Indians when they think of the aboriginal title and its purchase", and then Mr. Scott goes on to state that the Privy Council has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title. This is the statement of facts, which I respectfully submit is not well founded. Here is what their Lordships in delivering Judgment said, and that I may put the matter fairly, I will read the context of it :-

LORD WATSON.-

It was suggested in the course of the argument for the Dominion that inasmuch as the Proclamation recites that the territories thereby reserved for Indians had never "been ceded to or purchased by the Crown", the entire property of the land remained with them. That inference is, however at variance with the terms of the instrument which shew that the tenure of the Indians was a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good will of the Sovereign. The lands reserved are expressly stated to be "parts of Our Dominions and territories" and it is declared to be the will and pleasure of the Sovereign that "for the present" they shall be reserved for the use

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of the Indians as their hunting-grounds under his protection and dominion.

There was a great deal of learned discussion at the Bar with respect to the precise quality of the Indian right, but their Lordships do not consider it necessary to express any opinion upon the point. It appears to them to be sufficient for the purposes of this case that there has been all along vested in the Crown a substantial and paramount estate, underlying the Indian title, which became a plenum dominium whenever that title was surrendered or otherwise extinguished."

Now what I desire with all deference to put forward and ask consideration of is this: You will find that Mr. Scott's information that the Privy Council to whom the Nishgas desire to appeal, has already pronounced, is erroneous, and you will find Lord Watson's in explicit language to be the exact opposite. I just respectfully suggest that the Nishga tribe and other tribes interested, may reasonably ask that in further dealing with this matter of the Indian land question in British Columbia, there be a reconsideration of the ground upon which Mr. Scott has proceeded in his memorandum. I respectfully point out in this connection that the Government proposals are based upon the opinion of Mr. Scott and that the opinion of Mr. Scott is based upon what I respectfully submit is an incorrect statement of facts.

I wish just to add that having in view the opinion and strongly expressed advice of the Minister of Justice to which the full consideration due has been given, I have advised the Nishgas that while presenting in a formal way, their full answer to the Order-in-Council of the Government, they should proceed, after having any necessary information, they should proceed to discuss first of all the matter the Minister of Justice speaks of, that is the proposed terms of surrender, and I wish to

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point out that in that connection there is now before the Government for the first time a definite basis of settlement which has been proposed by an Indian tribe; I venture to think that this is a fact which may be of some service with a view to arriving at a just and satisfactory solution of the whole matter, such equitable solution as the Imperial Minister expressed his desire for in July 1911.

Mr. Woods:- I would like to read a letter addressed by Honourable Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, to Mr. A.E. O'Meara, under date 15th January 1915...

Mr. O'Meara.- I would like to explain that Mr. Woods is the Interpreter and Secretary of the delegation.

Mr. Woods then read the following letter:

Ottawa, Ontario,
15th January 1915.

Dear Mr. O'Meara,

In reply to your query as to the meaning of certain expressions used in the Order-in-Council passed on the 20th June 1914, I beg to say that where the term Privy Council is used, it is intended to mean the Imperial Privy Council, the Governor General in Council had no intention of expressing their views regarding the merits of the Nishga petition.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) W.J. Roche.

A.E.O'Meara, Esq.,
Prince George Hotel,
Toronto, Ont.

Mr. Woods:- Honourable Gentlemen, if you will permit Mr. Derrick will now say a few words:-

Mr. Derick.- I wont take up much of your time, Honourable gentlemen. I am glad that we have arrived here after a long trip. We came here after the Order-in-Council had been fully explained to us, and had noted the contents. We come here for an opportunity to express

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our views on the matter, and to show you that according to the Order-in-Council there is a clause which states that it was left in the hands of the Royal Commission to give the Indians lands. I wish to state that I am from the Naas River District myself and know that there are no lands there to be given to us, because they have already been taken up by preemption. You Gentlemen can see for yourself by looking at the blue prints that all the lands on the Naas River have been taken up by Whites. We asked the Surveyors to wait over until this important question had been settled; we did not want to cause any trouble, but they still went on surveying these lands. Now we wish to show you that we have nothing left for ourselves.

MR. CALDER.- I have taken up the matter, and wish to say that even if the position were different, that is even if it were possible for the Commissioners to restore lands that have been disposed of by the Province of British Columbia, we still claim to have a real voice in deciding what lands are to be reserved for our own use and benefit. Our intentions are friendly, but we came long ways to try and do our best to express our minds to you Honourable Gentlemen, and in a friendly way, so that we can come to some final agreement about this important question.

MR. LINCOLN.- We, Honourable Gentlemen, gave you our statement for you to look over; this expresses our minds, but we don't say that that is all that we are ready to discuss, that is the contents of the statement. We are prepared to consider any proposal that may be got up by the Government or by any tribe in British Columbia. We are ready to consider that. We have been informed that in time of Confederation, that an agreement was made that the Secretary of State for the Colonies would decide the question pf what lands were to be reserved for the Indians. As to our second proposal, I wish to say that we are willing that the treaties which have been

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made by the Government of Canada, with tribes of Indians in Canada, should be used as a guide.

About No. 3 of our proposals, I wish to show you why we worded it in this manner. The Provincial restrictions referred to mean the prevention of the purchase of lands by the Indians and citizenship which we are not allowed to take up. Honourable Gentlemen, we have trust in the Parliament of Canada. I wish to say that we are willing that they should pass a law to arrange for the fixing of compensation. We leave that entirely to them. Honourable gentlemen, I know that you are just as anxious as we are to have this question settled, and I respectfully request of you an opportunity for a fuller discussion of this question. I also respectfully request that some definite understanding be come to between us, that will lead on to dealing further with this matter successfully. That is all I wish to say.

MR. WOODS.- On behalf of the deputation, I myself wish to say that we desire to bring up the matter of fisheries for discussion, but we do not want to take up too much of your time; if it is desirable, we will leave the matter over to another opportunity of discussion. I just want to inform you that we are prepared to bring the matter up.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- If the matter of Indian claims were referred for determination by the Courts, would the Fisheries question be included ? We would be willing to listen to anything that is desired to be said.

MR. O'MEARA.- May I just explain, that in a sense, this matter of Fisheries is separate. The fact is that at the present time there are regulations for which under the recent decree, Canada is held responsible, because Canada has absolute control of fisheries.

HON. W.J. ROCHE.- From what I understand from Mr. O'Meara, the Indians, are not apparently, prepared to accept the reference to the Privy Council under the

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the conditions set forth in the Order-in-Council ?

MR. WOOD.- This is stated in our memorandum .

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- What I understand is that although there may be some other proposals, that in any case they would not accept the proposals contained in the Order-in-Council. I am not prepared to say that the Government would not make further proposals; no expression of opinion can be given by us today upon this subject; all we can do is to lay the matter before Council.

We shall be very glad to have an opportunity for further discussion. We are very sorry that we do not have the pleasure of discussing this matter with the gentlemen themselves, in their own language. We we would be very glad to consider any suggestion they desire to make, but we would like to know whether to consider that they positively refuse to accept the offer contained in the Order-in-Council, in the event of the Government not seeing its way to accept such suggestions or the suggestions that are made in the answer which is now before us.

MR. O'MEARA.- Honourable gentlemen: All that I feel justified in doing this morning is to point out that you have the statement of the Tribe before you and that it does not contain the expression of their refusal to accept anything, but simply states that for reasons therein mentioned, they are not able to accept. They do not speak of the future in one way or the other. Moreover, I might say that so far as I know the mind and spirit of the Tribe, it is absolutely a wish to consider the proposals of the Government and that the Government should consider the proposals of the Nishgas, and if possible to arrive at a settlement. I do not think the delegates would be in a position to go beyond that.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY. All I want to point out is this: The Government has made its proposals; it is for the Indians to accept or reject them; the Nishgas

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are now making theirs, it is for the Government to accept or reject. I would like to make clear whether the Government's proposals are rejected, so that if the Government does not see its way to accept the proposals of the Tribe and is not prepared to make any other proposal, the matter is at an end.

MR. DERRICK.- I wish to say that there are things contained in the Order-in-Council that are far from being satisfactory to us, and so we decided to get up a statement of our own; it seems to me that you gentlemen, will not take that, and yet you want us to commit ourselves. All I can say is that what we want is to have this question decided in Court. As long as this question is brought for decision before the Court, we will be satisfied.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- We shall be very pleased as far as Dr. Roche and myself are concerned, to consider what they said and submit it for consideration to our colleagues and intimate to them such answer as Council authorize us to make.

MR. O'MEARA.- If I might be allowed. It is advisable that the Government should know as fully as possible the minds of these Indians of the Naas Valley, and that as far as possible the Indians might know the thoughts of the Ministers. It is believed that this might lead to some result, and therefore the request was made for some further opportunity for discussion.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- If it is thought that any good can come out of a further interview, we will be very glad to receive the gentlemen and hear from themselves what they desire to say.

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UPON THE HEARING BEING RESUMED ON THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1915, MR. LINCOLN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF THE INDIANS:-

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF
THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

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The delegates having carefully considered the remarks made yesterday by the Ministers, beg to present this supplementary statement.

We found it very difficult to answer the question put to us by the Minister of Justice, whether the Tribe intended to finally reject the terms of surrender proposed by the Government. Now we wish to speak further in answer to that question.

We do not mean how to finally reject the Government's proposals. On the contrary, one purpose for which we were sent to Ottawa was to get from the Canadian Ministers all explanation and information relating to those proposals and all reasons supporting them that the Ministers might see fit to give to us. Our minds are open and we believe the minds of those whom we represent will be open to receive all such words spoken to us, which might possibly influence the Nishga Tribe in favour of the proposals. Moreover in any case we would not finally reject the Government's proposals before knowing more fully the mind of other Tribes regarding them.

We will state the present position as correctly as possible. The mind of the Nishgas as now known to us and expressed in their various statements and the mind of the Government of Canada expressed in the Order-in-Council, as now understood by us, are so far apart that at present we see no reason for expecting that the terms of surrender proposed by the Government will be accepted by the Nishgas.

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Having been clothed with full authority to arrive at an understanding with the Government, which it is the most earnest desire of the Tribe to do, we wish to lay before the Ministers and if possible before leaving Ottawa to secure their approval of, some plan which may be expected rapidly to lead on to definite results.

As is well known, our own plan has been to proceed with our Petition before His Majesty's Privy Council, and our hope has been that the Government of Canada would in every way possible, help us in doing so. This plan would still be our choice, and in carrying it out while we would ask the Government to advance the funds needed such advance if granted, would be made upon security of our Reserves in accordance with a resolution which was passed by the Tribe in July last.

We have been willing and are still willing that instead of our plan the Government's plan should be carried out, if terms of surrender and other necessary matters could be agreed upon.

We should explain how the matter of consulting other Tribes now stands. In July the Kitkahtla Band of the Tsimpsean Tribe sent to the Naas River delegates who conferred with the Nishgas and expressed approval of the main proposals which we have now brought before the Government. In August we met the Haydas and Kitisheans who passed resolutions approving our main proposals. For some length of time the Interior Tribes have proposed to hold a meeting at Spence's Bridge and have invited us to attend and explain our Petition and our proposals.

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This we have agreed to do, and this morning received a telegram stating that the meeting would be held on the 25th instant.

Following is the plan for the immediate future which we respectfully submit for consideration:-

1. That by means of the Report of the interviews now being held and by any other means thought desirable, the mind of other Tribes regarding both the Government's proposals and our own, be secured.

2. That as soon as it may be thought that the mind of other Tribes has been sufficiently secured, the Government, having before them such fuller information, either accept the proposals of the Nishgas, make such new proposals as they may decide upon, or help the Nishgas to proceed with their Petition.

There is one additional matter arising out of our Statement which we desire to take this opportunity of laying before the Ministers, namely the Fisheries. By reference to the resolution passed by the British Columbia Branch of the Fisheries Board, it will be found that the main reason given for not altering the Regulations relating to Northern British Columbia so as to allow Indians to take out independent licenses is the alleged policy of the two Governments. We understand that the Minister of Indian Affairs is convinced that the Regulations should be so altered. We ask that this matter of policy be soon dealt with so that the way may be opened up.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

(Sd) W. J. Lincoln

CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

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The hearing was resumed on Thursday the 4th instant, at 4.30 p.m., Mr. Scott also being present

MR. DERRICK.-

Honourable gentlemen, I know you have heard a lot about our claims for lands in British Columbia, but I myself don't think that you fully understand the situation, and if you will allow me, I would like to show you the blue prints of the Naas Valley and show you what state things are in up there. We handed in blue prints here yesterday. We know that every transaction dealing with lands in the Naas River Valley is a violation of the Royal Proclamation issued by King George the Third. Honourable Gentlemen, I ask you if what we have heard is true, that is that the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs can only deal with lands outside those that have been disposed of by the Government, and if that is the case, I will show you on these blue prints that I have here of the Valley, that it would not be dealing fairly with us, because there are no lands to mention of outside of those that have been disposed of in the Valley. The most important requestxxx that I make of you, Honourable Gentlemen, is that we should have a real voice in deciding what lands are to be reserved for our own use. I thank you Honourable Gentlemen, for your attention.

MR. CALDER.- Honourable gentlemen, I wish to convey to you, one matter contained in the Order-in-Council, or at least in the proposals attached to the Order-in-Council, to the effect that it was demanded of us to bind ourselves to an agreement, that is to agree to the findings of the Royal Commission, without our knowing whether the Royal Commission is prepared to give us any additional lands. Now, I wish to say that we are not prepared to jump in the dark, but we have left our statementhere and I think myself that it fully explains our minds upon the subject. One thing that I

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want to convey to you, Honourable Gentlemen, is that we have come a long ways to get you to understand our minds on the subject and we in return want to understand your minds, what you think of it and we want a final answer, that is of what you propose doing to help us out in our claims.

The conditions under which weare now living are bad enough, but after looking over the proposals attached to the Order-in-Council, I do not see that that will remedy the conditions any, and so I wish to tell you that the Nishga Nation have given us authority to act in any way that we think best; they have left everything in our hands to bring this thing to a final settlement if possible, and I want to say that we are prepared, if the Government is willing, if they want to change the proposals and make them a little more easy for us, we are prepared to look them over and we might come to some agreement. I want to ask you, Honourable Gentlemen, is we have been told is correct, that the Secretary of State for the Colonies is being given power to finally decide what lands are to be set aside for the Indians. I would like to get an answer to my last question.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- Whatever powers the Colonial Secretary has are set forth in the terms of Union. He has power to intervene, as far as my memory goes, in the event of the two Governments, that is Provincial and Dominion not agreeing with regard to lands. I cannot give any further answer than that at the present moment; one would have to look into the agreement to give a definite reply; it is perfectly clearly set forth in the terms of the Union, what his powers in the matter are.

MR. CALDER. I am satisfied and thank you for your answer, Honourable Gentleman.

Mr. Derrick ( In English) This is the map of the Naas Valley. All the land in the Naas Valley has been taken up by the white friends; not one inch is left for us;

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just a piece reserved; that is where the trouble is; because the land offered to us before for hunting ground the white friends take them all, and we do not trouble them, we do not stop them, but we stop the surveyors because we do not want trouble with them. Without friends we are looking to the Government; what is right they will do because they much good to us. That is what we came down here to see, about this land question. We do not want trouble with anybody; we want to see what you are going to do for us, for our own land. I hear some white friends say we stayed in Naas Valley last twenty or thirty years before, but I do not know, they live in the same place. Now I am 59 years old and my Father and my Grand Father did not tell me that there was any treaty with the Government, and today the great trouble is about the land, and our Government they make money in that land. They sell it all to white friends preemptors and some men come up in Naas Valley and they make money (in furs) in our place and some white friends make plenty of money. We cannot move outside the reserve under the Indian Act. That is why we come down to ask the Government to give us the right under the Indian Act so that we can move outside, and they give us the name of the reserve and we do not want that name, and last forty years we are talking about the land, but now we come down to see what the Government here will do and we would like to meet them here and they received us and we are satisfied with this. Our Government in British Columbia, Sir Richard McBride, he did not want to see us; although we gave him petitions at different times, we did not have any answer.

MR. SCOTT.- Have you any proposition to make ? Our experience has been that the Royal Commission have satisfied the Indians as far as they have gone and we had hoped that they would do so at the Naas River, because they have not reached there yet. They should be there this summer.

HON. W.J. ROCHE. That is what we hoped this

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Commission will do, when they reach your part of the Country, they would be able to adjust the reasonable expectations of the Indians with regard to land, because in other places they have been able to do so, not in Naas Valley, but in other parts of British Columbia.

Mr. WOODS-You Gentlemen can satisfy yourself that there are no lands to be given by the Royal Commission unless they are prepared to give us already disposed of land. There is no transportation up here (Looking at the blue prints).

Mr. SCOTT. You are out in a very young country up there. In 50 years from now it will be quite different.

Mr. WOODS-We thought we would be entitled to have first choice in the land and the white to go further up.

Mr. Scott-That is a point of view that should be placed before the Commission.

HON. W.J. ROCHE. They would have to decide whether there is sufficient land for your population

MR. WOODS - We would want about 100 square ft per man.

HON. DR. ROCHE.- What size are the villages in the Naas Valley ?

Mr. WOODS They are of different sizes. Apart from this Golden Valley, there is a village running to the water. You could put nothing in there. In fact, the village just fits in a little flat piece of land.

We got a wire asking us to attend a meeting at Spence's Bridge on the 25th of this month and we have answered that we would do so.

Mr. WOODS- May we expect that the Royal Commissioners will reach Naas Valley this summer ?

Mr.SCOTT.- Yes, by the end of this summer.

Mr. WOODS- Our Indian Agent came up there and told us to be prepared to meet the Royal Commission any time, and advised us what to do about the land. He said even if some of these lands have been taken among those that you desire to be reserved for your own use and benefit

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make a list of them, whether they have been taken up or not, and give them to the Royal Commission. From that we understood that the Royal Commission would be prepared to give us some of the lands taken up by the whites, and that is why we put the question up to you.

Mr. O'MEARA. There is no doubt at all from Mr. McKenna's report, that the reserve is to be set aside from lands undisposed of.

Mr. SCOTT. That depends on the conditions that the Royal Commission will find there.

Mr. O'MEARA.-The point is ~~that~~ whether they are to deal with the lands according to Mr. McKenna's statement that their powers are only with lands undisposed of.

Mr. ROCHE. What would be the solution then ?

Mr. O'MEARA.- There would be no solution whatefer, if Mr. McKenna's statement is right.

Mr. SCOTT. A few weeks after the Commission went to British Columbia, they found soecial conditions there, and sent in a report asking that they be authorized to go into these conditions, but the Government decided that they should confine themselves to the powers granted under their Commission.

Mr. ROCHE.- As I understand your suggestion is that if the Privy Council were to decide in your favour you want to open up the whole question again, if the Commission's report does not suit you. You want to keep yourself free to abide by the decision ?

MR. DERRICK.- I want to say this. The reason why this land question was brought up is that this reserve system was put on us, and this reserve system put a number of restrictions on the Indians. It is those restrictions that we want to have done away with.

HON. W.J.ROCHE.- You are opposed to the Reserve system. If the decision of the Privy Council were in your favour, and decided that you were to have more land, that would not please ?

Mr. DERRICK.- It is the law relating to the

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Reserve System, the restrictions placed upon us that we are fighting against, that we want to do away with. That is the main issue. I want to tell you now that it is hard for anybody to live on those reserves under the laws. You can see for yourself that we have taken your clothing, we are trying to duplicate your views and ways of living as much as possible; our food is the same, but things are different with us as against the Indians who live right in Vancouver, near the seat of the Government, that is the Government of British Columbia, and we feel that it is hardly fair that t we should be included in the laws in force against these Indians.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- What are the restrictions that you object to ?

Mr. DERRICK.- I am surprised that that question should be asked by you, gentlemen that are dealing with this matter. One of the restrictions is this: we live up in that country, but have we the power to take up a piece of land and cultivate it for ourselves ? But a white man, a foreigner will do so. That is one of the restrictions.

HON. C.J. DOHERTY.- Do I understand that your objection is that no matter what the size of the reserve is a particular Indian cannot acquire any particular part of that for his own use and benefit ?

Mr. DERRICK. Yes.

Mr. CALDER. There is more than one restriction put upon us. There are a number of them. We are just giving you these few to show you how much we are troubled in this matter. Another thing, we are living right on the River, but whites again come in and have a right to get independent licenses to fish in the River and we cannot get them. The conditions of everything are unsatisfactory, and we have handed in statements which I think explain these things pretty well, and those statements tell you what we desire, what we want.

HON. W.J. ROCHE.- In the past these licenses have



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been granted by the Province.?

Mr. WOODS.- They have been issued for the first time last year.

Mr. SCOTT. While the delegates are here, they might take up the matter of fisheries with the Department of Marine and Fisheries. I would be glad to take them over myself. We could satisfy them as far as we can about that. I do not know that it would make much impression on the Department, but they would hear what you have to say.

Mr. WOODS Thank you.

HON. Mr. DOHERTY.- I understand one of their objections is that they cannot individually hold property ?

Mr. SCOTT.- I think they cannot go outside of the reserve. The Provincial Land Act does not allow them to do that. They cannot homestead or purchase.

HON. MR. DOHERTY.- That is a Provincial thing and I do not very well see what we can do about it, but if I understood right, he said that they object to the whole reserve system, and I asked what were the restrictions they objected to and I suppose I misunderstood but I understood that the gentlemen's objection was that they could not do as the wite men do and each one for himself. I merely want to make myself clear.

MR. SCOTT.- If that were the objection, we could give them that.

MR. O'MEARA.- I think you will find that originally these restrictions against preempting and purchasing are really a part of the reserve system. We have historically found that they are connected with the reserve system

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA February 16, 1915.

My dear Doctor Roche,-

Incl. I am inclosing you herewith the Minutes of a meeting which I had with the Nishga Indians on Thursday, last, the 11th instant. I have not had any conversation with them since. We had several interviews before Thursday, but no notes were taken of them. I consented to approve of a report of these meetings when it was presented to me, but I have not seen it yet.

I have no doubt that there will be a good deal in Mr. O'Meara's report which should not appear at all; I have been having a good deal of trouble with him to avoid useless discussion of procedure and law. You will remember that he has made a great point of an alleged misstatement of fact by me in my memorandum to you, which is now attached to the Order in Council. I submitted this point to Mr. Newcombe and have pleasure in sending you a copy of his letter. If it is possible to so deal with Mr. O'Meara and the Rev. Canon Tucker, I

Hon. W. J. Roche,
Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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would beg to suggest that the present position be maintained.

You have promised to consider any representations the Nishgas have made; they have made some representations and they are now under consideration. I am endeavouring to give the Indians the full facts, to answer all their questions and explain to them the purpose of the Order in Council.

I thought it proper to bring this matter to your attention and to express that opinion.

As this is the only copy of the Minutes of the interview which I have, I would be glad to have it returned.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Ottawa, 11th. February, 1915.

MEMORANDUM:

Re Delegation of Indians of Nass River Indians who visited the Department on 11th. February, 1915, consisting of:-

Mr. Lincoln ..... Chairman,

Mr. Calder

Mr. Derrick

Mr. Woods ..... Secretary,

Rev. A. E. O'Meara ..... Counsel.

The delegation have requested that our interviews should be recorded and that a memo. should be submitted containing the gist of the former interviews which would be subject to my approval before forming part of the record. I agree to this on the distinct understanding that anything that I may say will not be binding upon the Government, as I am bound by the Order of His Royal Highness in Council of the 20th June, 1914, dealing with the British Columbia matters. I would be able, however, to inform the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs of any representations which the Indians have made in

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these discussions in order that they may be fully considered.

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Mr. Calder: (through interpreter)- I want to express my thanks for your statement yesterday that you sympathize deeply with us after we had explained the conditions under which we were living on the Nass River. You expressed your sympathy with us; I want to ask you to go over your views attached to the Order in Council and explain the reasons why those views were given. (1) In one of our former discussions you said that the question was whether the proclamation applies in British Columbia but that would be a question to decide, and if it does apply we have the rights shown by that proclamation. I wish to state the words of the proclamation support every claim that we have made."

Mr. Scott- Under that proclamation we have dealt with Indian lands in other parts of Canada, but it has never become clear whether it applies to British Columbia. The exact legal position of the British Columbia lands would have to be decided, and that would be one of the useful purposes served by coming before the Courts.

Mr. O'Meara - I think that it is absolutely understood between yourself and the delegates now that the question to be decided by the Courts is whether the proclamation applies to British Columbia. Now then what the delegates want to get at is, if it be assumed that there should be in the future a decision of the Judicial

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Committee holding that that proclamation does apply, what are their rights under it?

Mr. Scott - That is the very class of question that I do not think I should pronounce upon. The Minister of Justice could elucidate that for them. But the opinion of a man who is not a lawyer would be inconclusive and might involve us in serious difficulties. I can tell them how other Indians had been dealt with, as that is of record. I summarized that action in the Order in Council. The Order in Council said nothing about the proclamation of 1763.

Mr. O'Meara: The petition does not base their claim entirely on the proclamation but upon the general aboriginal right.

Mr. O'Meara: Under ordinary circumstances I would advise the delegates to close the matter. I submit that it is a reasonable thing to discuss your view as to the wording of the proclamation. That proclamation is the main basis on which the Nishgas are basing their claim. These delegates wish to talk with you about the language used in the proclamation.

Mr. Scott: I can say how it has been applied in the past but not how it will be applied in the future. In my memorandum to the Superintendent General of the 11th March I state that in the past the Crown has decided what compensation should be given in each case and the Indians have agreed to it with slight modifications.

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Ottawa, February 11, 1915.

Mr. A. E. O'MEARA:-

To shorten and simplify the matter the delegates have asked me to open and point out to you the special matters on which they wish to address you. Let me quote these few words from what I have had the honour of saying to the Minister : -

" I would next point out that if on the one side " you put the ~~full~~ very terms of the Proclamation of George " III and then on the other side the terms of the " statement of the Nishgas ~~Indians~~ made in January, " 1913, ~~reviewing the~~ very claims which is made by the Nishgas, I " would respectfully submit ~~that this~~ is borne out by the language " to be found in the Royal Proclamation. "

We spread out before you, so to speak, the full words of the Proclamation, and we point out for your consideration three facts : -

1: That throughout that Proclamation the land to which it applies is described and treated as being the land of the Indians;

2: That the claim which is made by the Nishga Indians that under that Proclamation they are entitled to decide for themselves what lands shall be reserved for their use and benefit is entirely borne out by the expressed language, which shows that it is to be optional with the Indians whether they shall dispose of their lands at all. Upon that point I wish to quote a few words from the Proclamation : -

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Mr. A. E. O'MEARA:-

" We do, with the advice of our Privy Coun-
" cil, strictly enjoin and ~~request~~ require that no private
" person do presume to make any purchase from the
" said Indians of any lands reserved to the said In-
" dians within that part of our colony where we
" have thought proper to allow settlement, but that
" if at any time any of the said Indians should be
" inclined to dispose of the said lands, the same
" shall be purchased only for us in our names at
" such public meeting or assembly of the said In-
" dians to be held for that purpose, " etc.

3: The fact to which we ask your attention is that again and again by expressed language it is recognized in the Proclamation that it is a matter of purchasing the land from the Indians, and the delegates understand and the Nishga people understand that the result is that for such portions of their land as they shall agree to surrender actual compensation should be made.

Before sitting down, let me respectfully emphasize that I am not speaking now of a point of constitutional law or any other sort of law, but putting before you matters of fact upon which the delegates wish to make a few remarks to you.

Mr. DERRICK :- I am glad, Mr. Scott, that you have given us these five interviews, and I think we have conveyed our minds to you. We told you how hard it is for us to get on up on the Naas the way the laws are made, and, after you had heard us, you expressed your sympathy with us and said you would do everything in your power to right the wrongs if you could, but that you did not make those laws, they

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Mr. DERRICK :- were made by those in office before you.

I pointed out to other Ministers by the blue print what conditions we again on the Naas River. I think that we have made it plain to you how unsatisfactory conditions are with us there, and you stated your sympathy with us. I want to ask you if you still think our views in these matters are erroneous, quoting words from the memorandum attached to the Order in Council.

Ever since I was a little boy I remember when the first missionary came up in Northern British Columbia; he was Mr. William Duncan; then from that time on we would talk about the laws, the laws of England, those laws have been enforced on us and we have submitted to them. I do not see how it is that those laws could be enforced on us, but that this Proclamation would be left out everything else would be included in British Columbia but the Proclamation.

MR. SCOTT : - I would reply to those questions, at the same time I do not wish the Indians to take any harsh meaning out of my words because a word I used here regarding their ideas, calling them fancies, while, evidently it did not exactly displease them, it was not thought by them to be a sufficiently important word to use. I gathered from these statements, which I attached to my memorandum, that they were making what I considered extravagant claims, that is, they wished to partition the country, to use the fisheries without any reference to the laws that had been made by the Crown with reference to fisheries, and I thought and still think those claims extravagant if they make them; that is

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the reason I went on to explain in memorandum attached to the Order in Council what had been the usage of the Crown in dealing with Indians. We never could have made an arrangement with the Indians if they were allowed to make excessive demands which the Crown would have to meet. In my memorandum attached to the Order in Council I have set forth those ideas merely based on the past usage of the Department. In my memorandum I took the ground that British Columbia had done its share towards satisfying the Indian title by setting aside a great many acres of land for reserves, and, when the paucity of arable lands in the province is considered, I thought they had done their share towards satisfying the Indian claim and that the Dominion might come in then and offer certain other things to the Indians. The Dominion Government adopted that view and was willing to take up the obligation because they were undoubtedly anxious to have a settlement of the Indian land difficulties in British Columbia, but the Dominion has stated very plainly, and I think you ought to give weight to that fact, the extent to which it was willing to become obligated; it was willing, if the courts decided that the Indians of British Columbia were found to have a legal claim and to have title in the lands, to obtain cession, but not willing to pay any more for it than had previously been paid in all other transactions with Indians.

I think the action of the Dominion Government is valuable, because it enables the Indians to go to the courts with this case. I think the Indians ought to remember that no government would be likely to do more for them if the case were decided in their favour by the courts than the Dominion Government is offering to do now, that is to say that the title is considered an aboriginal one and would be extinguished according to past usage of the Crown.

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MR. O'MEARA:- While I agree that what you have been saying in the last five minutes is both interesting and important, I venture to point out that it is not the matter which the delegates brought before you, and they are desirous of having you answer the fundamental question - how you reconcile your opinion that "their ~~words~~ views are erroneous" with the words of the Proclamation.

Mr. SCOTT : - I look at the Proclamation and then the usage of the Crown under the Proclamation - not a separate matter. The Crown has acted in this manner invariably in taking the Indian title. All I can say about it is, that the Crown has taken cessions of Indian land throughout the country for more than one hundred years, always in the same way. When you ask me that question, I simply refer to the usage.

Mr. O'MEARA:- I think, to help us along when we meet again, I will put another question - how do you reconcile what you have just said with this statement of Lord Dufferin's made in 1876 at Victoria?

" From my first arrival in Canada I have
" been very much preoccupied with the condition of
" the Indian population in this Province. You must
" remember that the Indian population are not repre-
" sented in Parliament and consequently that the Gov-
" ernor-General is bound to watch over their welfare
" with especial solicitude. Now, we must all admit
" that the condition of the Indian question in Brit-
" ish Columbia is not satisfactory. Most unfortunate-
" ly as I think there has been an initial error, ever
" since Sir James Douglas quitted office, in the Gov-
" ernment of

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" British Columbia neglecting to recognize what is
" known as the Indian title. In Canada this has always
" been done; no Government, whether provincial or central
" has failed to acknowledge that the original title to
" the lands existed in the Indian tribes and communi-
" ties that hunted or wandered over them. Before we
" touch an acre we make a treaty with the chiefs re-
" presenting the bands we are dealing with, and having
" agreed upon and paid our stipulated price - oftentimes
" arrived at after a great deal of haggling and difficulty -
" we enter into possession, but not until then do we
" consider that we are entitled to deal with an acre.
" The result has been that in Canada our Indians are
" contented, well affected to the white man and amenable
" to the laws and government."

MR. SCOTT:- I am not here to reconcile the opinions of different persons and have nothing before me to show that Lord Dufferin, when Governor-General, had the full facts before him.

MR. DERRICK:- You have answered the questions I asked you. We have discussed more than one. We have shown you our grounds on the Nass (the map) and how far the hunting grounds extend. (We get our living from hunting.) We have told you that these have been taken up. We are not asking anyone for these lands, they belong to us, are all our own. Whites have come in and taken up our lands. The only thing we ask is to have this question placed before the Court, we do not care which one, but as long as we have been granted a right hearing in this matter we are satisfied. I do not see that our views are fancies, as you stated. I have a good deal more to say, but time is getting on and we had better leave over if you will give us another hearing.

Adjourned until the afternoon.

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AFTERNOON SESSION:-

CALDER : - In explaining your reasons for saying our views were fancies your explanations were not made plain to us; you took in the fisheries and other things that do not deal with the question of title and we thought you meant this question of title all the time you referred to this matter in your memorandum. Your explanation this morning did not make it clear.

Mr. SCOTT : - In dealing with the Indian title in my memorandum I was guided by some cases which had been before the Canadian courts and which afterwards went to the Privy Council, and by those cases, in my opinion, it was shown that the Crown had a paramount title. Then there is another title called the Indian title: the purpose of my memorandum was to show that the Crown had always dealt in a certain way with this Indian title. I simply stated in my memorandum that in all the treaties that had been made by the Government, the Government first decided what should be paid (or approximately the consideration,) for the Indian title. The Government never approached the Indians as if they had something to sell, but decided what they should give for a certain indefinable thing called the Indian title, that is the way we have negotiated all these treaties.

CALDER : - The Government took upon itself to decide what the amount to be paid the Indians should be without reference to the Indians?

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Mr. SCOTT : -

Yes. The Government decides and then discusses the matter with the Indians, and the two parties come together.

Mr. DERRICK : -

I have grasped your explanations in this matter of title which had never been put before us in that manner before; we are glad that you have done so. As I have explained to you before, we are not asking for anyone else's land, we are asking for the land we use ourselves and claim to be our own. We have no more of these lands that have not been taken up. The lands we are discussing now have all been taken up by other people and the way the conditions are now after all your explanations I do not see how it is possible for us to benefit, even if this case is judicially determined. As to these matters of reserves, we have not yet told you that we never agreed to that system. When George O'Reilly first went up there and surveyed these lands they call reserves our Chief stood up and protested against them, but it was forced on us. Of course, from the time these reserves were given, the Indian Act was forced on us; all the clauses of the Indian Act were not used, they did not altogether go by it, there were some parts of that favourable to the Indians, but it seems that just those parts that put restrictions on the Indians were enforced. You have explained your reasons why you worded your memorandum as you did and the meaning of the Order in Council and all

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Mr. DERRICK : - that. We have grasped it, but we see that we cannot come to an agreement according to the Order in Council as it is now. We do not see how it is going to benefit us; that is the reason we came here, but, after all your explanations, we do not see how it is going to benefit us if we agree to these terms.

Mr. SCOTT : - I would like to explain a little further the value of the title: you see the purpose of my memorandum was to draw the difference between what the Indians thought the title to be and what it really was. The Indian title cannot increase in value as the country settles up; it is always the same, no matter how well off your people become.

When the white people came into the unsettled districts they found thousands of Indians roaming over the country. For instance:- The Indians were savages or half civilized; they said to them we want your good-will, we want to occupy your territory, here is a barrel of flour. The good-will of the Indians and of the Crown passes, that is what I tried to make plain in my memorandum,- the difference between the two things,- your idea of the Indian title and what it really is.

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MR. SCOTT:- Where I thought the Indians were making a mistake was that they were looking at the Province of British Columbia as it stands today with all its cities, manufactories and wealth, and saying, our share in this is very valuable, and I want to point out to them that their share does not exist in that part of it at all; that is what the white men did when they came into the country. Their interest still continues to be the Indian interest. In my memorandum I said what had been the usage of the Crown, that is the Crown had decided what to give. I gave you the other day a volume of treaties showing what the Crown had given in all the treaties for lands just as valuable, if not more so, as the lands of British Columbia. I gave you a map showing what country each treaty covers so that you could see exactly the extent in acres or square miles, and what was given by the Crown in the way of annuities, special reserves, agricultural implements, education, etc.

MR. WOODS:- The Chief says he does not see any benefit that would accrue if he signed this agreement supposing they won the case.

MR. SCOTT:- I cannot agree with him. They would, I think, get benefits just as the Indians of other parts of the country got benefits out of the treaties. I will show him what they would get. In the first place, it would get rid of this trouble; we would go to the Courts, have the case disposed of once for all; we would see whether the Proclamation of 1763 referred to the Province of British Columbia, or not; that is the first thing we would get out of it. You would have Counsel to represent you and would present the case very fully to the Court. The Court would have all the facts fully before it, the Minister of Justice

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promised this in a letter to Mr. O'Meara. This first thing would be a great thing to accomplish. If the British Columbia Indians won this case, then under the agreement we would make treaties with the Indians a separate one for each tribe, under the usage of the Crown, that is the Crown would decide what to give the Indians for this title. I would hope that the Government would consider the circumstances of each tribe in making a treaty, and offer the Indians something of real value to them. The Indians of British Columbia have got now so far on in civilization that to offer them $5.00 per head per year is not necessary. It would not meet the needs of the case. There are other things they do want; civilization in its widest sense, schools, hospitals, medical attendance, many things to benefit them and improve their position, and I should hope that the Government in making treaties would consider the needs of each tribe. These are my reasons for saying I do not agree with Mr. Derrick when he does not see what benefit it would be; I would expect it to be of great benefit in every way for the reasons I have explained.

MR. DERRICK:- I want to ask you this:- If it is possible that we agree to the Order in Council, and after this case had been decided in our favour, would the Indian Act be abolished?

MR. SCOTT:- No, certainly not. The Indian Act is made by the Dominion Parliament, it is intended to be of benefit and protection to the Indians just as I tried to explain to you yesterday regarding reserves. Reserves benefit in one way, the law in another. We do not want the Indians to be under the Indian Act any longer than is necessary. There are clauses in the Act which make it possible for us to make

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citizens out of the Indians. When I handed you the Indian Act, I showed you the enfranchisement clauses.

To the Interpreter:-

Make it plain to him that the answer to his question regarding the Indian Act and the reserve system is practically the same. They both protect the Indian.

MR. DERRICK:- Even if this case is tried and was decided in our favour, I do not see how we are going to benefit in any way. What changes will be made?

MR. SCOTT:- You will have the treaty and certain things in exchange for the Indian title. As I stated before, the Government will consider each case by itself, each tribe in British Columbia separately. I do not say that the Government will never modify or change the law. Again we have the case of the Nishga Indians; if it found a lot of vicilized Indians like those before me, the Government might consider dealing with them in a different way. At any time the Nishgas can come and ask the Government for what they want; for instance, they might take advantage of the enfranchisement clauses. It is not necessary that they should sit down with their hands tied and do nothing.

MR. CALDER:- I want to ask that when all these treaties were made with the different tribes in Canada, was the action taken after a decision by the Court? Was their case up for trial at all?

MR. SCOTT:- No, the part of the country we were dealing with then came under the Proclamation of 1763, and the Government, when it decided to obtain a surrender of the Indian title over the western plains and Ontario, went ahead and did it, there was no controversy over the western plains.

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MR. CALDER:- I see now that we are involved deeper than ever in this. Before we can deal with this matter, it has to go before some Court and the way I see it is, that we cannot take these other treaties as an example because our case is different from that of these tribes that have already received the benefits of the treaty from the Government. The British Columbia question is different altogether from the tribes in Canada which have already gone into treaty.

MR. SCOTT:- I do not agree with you. If you have a title it is just the same kind of title, it is not different in any way, and it must be dealt with in the established way. British Columbia thinks it has dealt with the Indian title by setting apart reserves. The Dominion says in the Order in Council that British Columbia has done its share by giving the reserves according to the terms of union, but if the courts find that you have a further claim the Dominion says we will accept the additional obligation and satisfy it as we have done in the past with other tribes.

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CALDER : - Just as soon as that is decided whether the Proclamation applied to British Columbia then we will know what steps to take; we will know the different readings of the laws held by the Government referring to that question.

Mr. SCOTT : - Do you mean that then you will be prepared to sign the agreement?

CALDER : - You say after the courts find that out then they can go into these matters about the treaty.

Mr. SCOTT : - No. The Indians must sign the agreement first, the Government will not prejudice itself; no government could do better for the Indians than the Government has been doing. As you did not understand the true nature of the Indian title, the Government has explained it, and asks you to sign an agreement saying that you do now understand.

To the Interpreter: - Impress upon them that no government will do better than the Crown has always done for the Indians, that the Indian title is just of so much value to the Crown. That is all.

Mr. O'MEARA : - What about its value to the Indians.

Mr. SCOTT : - My view is that the question of title is not what the Indians consider it to be; it is something the Crown has recognized in its good-will. The Government will deal justly with the Indians.

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MR. WOODS:- I, myself, do not see what the Government is afraid of that they want to have this agreement signed by the Indians before they take action.

MR. SCOTT:- The Government wants the Indians to understand what is being done. The whole purpose of my memorandum is to have the facts thoroughly explained to the Indians and have them say they understand them; that is all you are doing by that document; you are saying we understand that the title is an aboriginal title.

MR. CALDER:- In our interview the other day with the Ministers, I asked the Honourable gentlemen whether they were prepared to modify the proposals; he answered that he did not have the power to represent the whole Government, he could not give me the answer I asked for, but he stated he would put this matter before his colleagues and they would decide whether they would modify it. I want to know what time we would get the answer as to that. We want to see their decision. I do not suppose he has handed it to you, has he?

Mr. SCOTT:- No. I hope it will not be very long. The Ministers are very busy now; Parliament is in session.

MR. WOODS:- Do you see why he brought that up?

MR. SCOTT:- Yes. I am not empowered by the Government to accept these proposals of yours; we could, perhaps, go over them in an informal way. We might go over

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Mr. SCOTT : - over them together. We might deal with them in that informal way and get a different set of proposals to submit to the Government.

CALDER : - Will notes be taken of the discussion if we do have it to-morrow?

Mr. SCOTT : - Yes. We will see if we can get together on these two statements. There are certain things we would have to strike out, others might be left in.

Mr. O'MEARA : - On page 8 of the report of Wednesday, last week, which I have before me, I note that I placed before the Minister that you had made an erroneous statement of fact; in order to support that I pointed out that Lord Watson had stated : -

" There was a great deal of learned discussion at
" the Bar with respect to the precise quality of
" the Indian right, but their Lordships do not con-
" sider it necessary to express any opinion upon
" the point. It appears to them to be sufficient
" for the purposes of this case that there has been
" all along vested in the Crown a substantial and
" paramount estate underlying the Indian title
" which became plenum Dominium whenever that title
" was surrendered or otherwise extinguished. "

May I just emphasize that it is not a question of opinion but of fact so far as we can see. You say the Judicial Committee decided in that case the nature of the Indian title: Lord

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MR. O'MEARA:- Watson in explicit language says that did not decide on the Indian rights.

The delegates would like an answer.

MR. SCOTT:- My answer is that this memorandum was submitted to the best legal advice I could get and passed by its authority, so that any phraseology I used received the support of the law officers of the Crown. This matter I was very careful to submit, because I would not and do not now give an opinion on any legal matter whatever; I simply state that I submitted the whole document to the best legal authority I could obtain, with the result that it was passed.

MR. O'MEARA:- Do I rightly understand that the Department of Justice confirmed your statement in that matter?

MR. SCOTT:- I do not say, but will have an extract made of this and submitted to Mr. Newcombe to see what he has to say. My memorandum was submitted on all points of law to the law officers of the Crown; they passed it. I still think I am right in stating what I did state.

MR. CALDER:- Did you say that you would put it before Mr. Newcombe?

MR. SCOTT:- Yes.

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MR. O'MEARA:- According to the best of our judgment, it is perfectly clear that Lord Watson, speaking of the good-will of the Sovereign in the case in which you quote, was referring to the Sovereign in his Imperial capacity. I point out that in the following paragraph of your memorandum, you in seven places use the expression "the Crown", and in one the "good-will of the Crown":-

" It follows that the Indian title, when ack-
" nowledged by the Crown, cannot be separated from what the
" Crown elects to grant. In appraising the Indian title
" we should go back to the time when the lands were a
" wilderness, when we find a wild people upon an un-
" improved estate. The Indian title cannot increase in
" value with civilized development; cession of Indian
" territory has always preceded the settlement of the
" country and whatever has been granted for the transfer
" has represented the good-will of the Crown, not the in-
" trinsic value of the land at the time of the cession,
" and assuredly not the value enhanced by the activities
" of a white population. From the earliest times this
" beneficial interest has ever been appraised by the
" Crown, the Indians accepting what was offered, with,
" upon occasion, slight alterations in terms previously
" fixed by the Crown. It is optional when, if at all,
" the Crown may proceed to extinguish the Indian title,
" and, therefore, if it is decided that the Indians of
" British Columbia have a title of this nature there
" can be no claim for deferred benefit from the Crown."

Will you kindly explain to the delegates what you meant by the Crown, in the different parts of your Memorandum.

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MR. SCOTT:- We will not burden this report with discussions on that point.

MR. O'MEARA:- I point out that the expression "the Crown" may mean the Sovereign of Great Britain, the Government of Canada, or the Government of British Columbia. The particular question the delegates wish you to answer is, when you used in seven places the expression " the Crown", what was the meaning of it?

MR. SCOTT:- Mr. O'Meara you should be able to answer that question yourself. You know that under the British North America Act, the Dominion is the only Government which has the power to legislate for Indians. The answer should be sufficiently clear.

MR. WOODS:- It was put before us to find out what it meant. We thought before that was put up to us in that way, that it referred to the Home Government.

MR. SCOTT:- Before it was put up to you by whom?

MR. WOODS:- Mr. O'Meara.

MR. O'MEARA:- When you had on behalf of the Government put in my hands the papers, the Order in Council and attached memoranda, to be placed before the Nishga tribe, I gave the matter very full consideration, and it was clear to me that it would be difficult to place your whole opinion before the assembled tribe. Therefore, for the sake of clearness and brevity, I prepared a summary of your opinion. I would like to place that before you, as, if it is correct, it becomes important that a similar summary be placed before the other tribes.

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MR. SCOTT:- In discussing this matter with the Nishga Indians you were not empowered to act for the Government. The memorandum was given you for your information. I cannot, therefore, admit your summary. When we come to the tribes we will have our own officers there to explain matters to them. We have not yet come to the tribes.

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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEWS BETWEEN THE NISHGA DELEGATES AND MR. DUNCAN C. SCOTT,

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

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At Ottawa, on the 5th, 9th and 10th February, 1915.

PREPARED BY THE DELEGATES,

APPROVED BY MR. SCOTT.

Present : - Mr. W. J. Lincoln, .....Chairman,
A. N. Calder,
T. L. Derrick,
R. S. Woods, .....Secretary & Interpreter,
Mr. A. E. O'Meara,.....Counsel.

Mr. Scott, having asked for information regarding that part of the statement of December, last, which relates to the choice of Counsel, the delegates placed in his hands the following : -

The general position regarding Counsel for the Nishgas is shown by resolution passed by the Tribe at Kincolith on 22nd January, 1913, as follows : -

" We desired that Mr. O'Meara who has full
" authority to handle the case of the Nishga Na-
" tion, should consult with Mr. Clark, as counsel
" for the Indian Rights Association of British
" Columbia so that we might act in harmony with the
" plans of the Association. We regret that Mr.
" C. M. Tate should have taken action interfering
" with this course.

" We authorize Mr. O'Meara to secure on our
" behalf the advice of Mr. Clark or any other coun-
" sel as he may decide to be necessary.

" We also authorize Messrs. Fox and Preece
" of London, England, to act as our agents and on
" our behalf to present a petition to His Majesty's
" Privy Council. "

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"W. J. Lincoln,"
Chairman of Nishga Delegation.

Mr. Scott having asked for an explanation of the reference to Reserves as security for money to be advanced by the Government, contained in the supplementary statement, the delegates quoted from the opinion of the Minister of Justice given in December, 1913, and explained that when the views then expressed had been communicated to the "Friends of the Indians" and the Nishgas themselves, the former decided if necessary to

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secure from Canadian citizens interested a total advance of $25,000.00 so as to enable the Nishgas to carry their case to the Judicial Committee, and the Nishgas passed a resolution agreeing that their Reserves should be deemed security for funds advanced in connection with the Nishga Petition either by the Government of Canada or by or through the "Friends of the Indians".

Mr. Scott points out that the Government had assumed under certain conditions the burden of paying the costs of the action by the terms of the Order in Council of the 20th June, 1914.

The correspondence with the Minister of Justice of October and November last was discussed and various matters contained in the letter of the Minister of Justice were explained by Mr. Scott, who specially emphasized the promise of the Minister that the matter of procedure would be fully considered and dealt with. Mr. Scott also assured the delegates that Counsel on their behalf would have full opportunity of discussing this matter.

In the course of the discussion regarding procedure it was pointed out by Mr. O'Meara that in deference to the view of the Minister of Justice, the Nishgas had upon his advice decided to let this matter stand over until the matter of terms of surrender had been dealt with. Mr. Scott, however, thought it important that procedure receive early attention, and upon his suggestion it was arranged that Mr. O'Meara would, as soon as possible place in the hands of the Minister of Justice a Memorandum dealing with those parts of the Nishga statement of December, last, which relate to procedure.

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In answer to Mr. Scott's question why a decision binding upon British Columbia is considered by the Indians to be necessary, the delegates made reference to the Nishga Statement of January, 1913, and the Naas River land situation as explained to the Ministers upon occasion of recent interviews.

The attitude of the Nishgas towards the Royal Commission and the correspondence relating to that matter which passed in April, 1914, were discussed at some length. The delegates explained that they felt serious difficulty in asking the Commissioners to set aside lands for them before a definite arrangement shall have been made for bringing their case before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Also in support of their attitude the delegates placed before Mr. Scott the Statement adopted by the Indian Affairs Committee on 22nd April, 1914, and then sent to the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Minister of Justice. In reply Mr. Scott recognized the importance of the points raised but strongly urged upon the delegates that with a view to protecting the interests of the Tribe, the Nishgas should bring all the facts relating to the land situation before the Commission.

Mr. Scott further stated it as his opinion that the Commission in dealing with the requirements of the Indians for reserves would deal justly with the matter and that if additional reserve lands were found to be needed for the Indians and so reported by the Commission they would in some way be provided.

Mr. Scott also stated emphatically that, as head of the Indian Department, he would not consider

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that a satisfactory settlement of the reserves had been arrived at unless any report of the Commission, recommending additional reserve lands, had been implemented.

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NISHGA PETITION TO HIS MAJESTY'S PRIVY COUNCIL.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING COUNSEL FOR MR. SCOTT.

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"W.J. Lincoln."

Chairman of Nishga Delegation.

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NISHGA PETITION TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

NOTES OF INTERVIEW WITH HONORABLE DOCTOR ROCHE.

At Ottawa on Wednesday, 17th. February, 1915.

With the Minister was Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General.

Those present were -

Rev. Dr. Tucker and Rev. Dr. Moore, representing the Social Service Council of Canada, the Nishga Delegates, and Mr. A. E. O'Meara, Counsel for the Nishga Tribe.

The Nishga Delegates presented a supplementary statement No. 2. This is printed on page

The Indians asked that the various matters mentioned regarding which explanation is sought, be referred for that purpose to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Woods read from the supplementary statement presented on 4th. February, the part relating to future plans.

Mr. Woods also stated that two of the delegates would soon return to the Naas River, while the other two would attend the meeting to be held at Spence's Bridge on the 25th. and then return to Ottawa for such further discussion with the Government as might be found necessary.

Rev. Dr. Tucker, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, said that the Social Service Council of Canada, which he represented, was not wedded to any particular mode of settling the Indian Land Question of British Columbia. The Council had repeatedly endorsed the proposal of a reference to the Judicial Committee because this is what the Indians had been looking forward to for years and nothing else was likely to satisfy them and because this had been promised them by the Government of Canada. But what the Council was extremely anxious for was that the question should be speedily and finally settled and that it should be settled on a fair and equitable basis, on a basis that would be reasonably satisfactory to the Indians and that could be looked back upon as creditable to the people of Canada.

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On behalf of the Indians Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada, we beg to urge the consideration of these matters.

THE MINISTER:

I think too much importance has been attached to the suggestions that the Order in Council may be read as approving the opinions expressed in Mr. Scott's memorandum. As I have already stated, there was no such intention. It should be clearly understood that the Governor-General in Council did not pronounce upon the merits of the Nishga Petition. The matters brought before us by the Nishga Delegates at previous interviews and today will be fully considered. I cannot promise that the Government will modify the position which has been taken as shown by the Order in Council, but can assure the Delegates that their proposals and any other suggestions they may make will have every consideration.

With regard to the subject of expenses, I recognize what has been done for the cause of the Indians, but there are difficulties in the way of granting the requests now made. The appropriation mentioned is not now in force, and would require to be renewed. I feel there might be objections to making an appropriation in order to provide

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NISHGA PETITION TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

NOTES OF INTERVIEW WITH HONORABLE DOCTOR ROCHE.

At Ottawa on Wednesday, 17th February, 1915.

With the Minister was Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General.

Those present were -

Rev. Dr. Tucker and Rev. Dr. Moore, representing the Social Service Council of Canada, the Nishga Delegates, and Mr. A.E. O'Meara, Counsel for the Nishga Tribe.

The Nishga Delegates presented the following supplementary statement:-

"Since our last interview with the Ministers, we have had six interviews with Mr. Scott which have served a useful purpose in enabling us to know more of Mr. Scott's mind, and we hope also in enabling Mr. Scott to know more of our mind.

"All that Mr. Scott has said to us we have listened to attentively and considered carefully. The main result is that now more strongly than ever we think that before any terms of surrender can be satisfactorily agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Nishga Tribe, the Privy Council must decide whether the Royal Proclamation applies to British Columbia and what are our rights under that Proclamation.

"This has always been our conviction. When, however, the Government desired that terms of surrender should be agreed upon in advance, we were willing to make an effort to meet the Government's desire and are now willing to make further efforts to do so, notwithstanding the view which we hold so strongly.

"If it could be shown to us that the opinions regarding our rights contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum are well founded we would look much more favorably upon the terms of surrender proposed by the Government, and might advise our Tribe to accept them if the matter of finally deciding the lands to be reserved were dealt with as suggested in our first proposal or by some other equitable method.

"Therefore, we think that the question whether the opinions contained in the memorandum are built upon a good strong foundation is a very important question. This consideration, which goes to the root of the whole matter, has led us to ask that a number of expressions of opinion to be found in the memorandum be explained. Mr. Scott's

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answers have not at all satisfied our minds. Moreover, Mr. Scott has said that his memorandum has in some sense been approved by the "Law Officers of the Crown". We, therefore, now ask that the Minister of Justice explain to us with as much fulness as reasonably possible, the matters which we have put before Mr. Scott and some other matters deeply affecting our rights, namely, the following:-

"1. Letters received last Spring from the Minister of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Scott, and the interviews which we have had with the Ministers and Mr. Scott since coming to Ottawa show that it is generally conceded that in some way the matter of restoring to us lands which have been disposed of by the Province, unlawfully as we claim, should be dealt with.

"2. Under the powers conferred by Article 13 of the "Terms of Union" upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, these lands, it seems to us, might have been set aside for us, and might still be set aside for us, notwithstanding the unwillingness of the Province that such lands be set aside. What we want to know is whether the powers of the Colonial Secretary still exist. In passing the Orders-in-Council adopting the McKenna Agreement, did the two Governments intend to take away the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or did they intend those powers should continue?

"3. If the two Governments did intend to take away the powers of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the next question is whether the Governments intended to create any other way of dealing with this same matter. Under the McKenna Agreement and the Orders-in-Council passed by the two Governments have the Commissioners power to restore to us these lands which have been disposed of by the Province?

"4. In view of the terms of the Royal Proclamation and especially those brought before Mr. Scott on 11th instant, why have the claims set out in our Memorial attached to the Order-in-Council of 20th June last been described in the Memorandum as "erroneous" and "fancies"?

"5. In view of the words of Lord Watson brought before the Ministers on 3rd inst. how is the Statement contained in the Memorandum that "The Privy Council, to which the Nishga Nation desire to appeal, has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian Title" to be explained? That the meaning of this question may be made clear we quote the following words of Lord Watson which we respectfully submit make exactly the opposite statement of fact:-

> "There was a great deal of learned discussion at the bar "with respect to the precise quality of the Indian right, but "their Lordships do not consider it necessary to express any "opinion upon the point."

"6. Mr. Scott, in his Memorandum mentions the words used by the Judicial Committee in referring to the Indian title, namely, "a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good-will of the Sovereign" and then says-

> "It follows that the Indian Title, when acknowledged by the Crown, cannot be separated from what the Crown elects to grant."

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What we want to have explained is why this "follows". When asked to explain what he meant by "the Crown" Mr. Scott was at first unwilling to give any answer, but finally said as we understood, that in the Memorandum he meant the Government of Canada. We have very great respect for the Government of Canada, every Minister and every Official of that Government. But we also have respect for the liberties and ancient rights of the Nishgas and the other Tribes of British Columbia, and feel it necessary to speak our mind plainly. We are claiming Imperial rights, - rights recognized and guaranteed by the Proclamation of King George Third, which had and we believe still has the force of an Imperial Statute, rights which existed before the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia came into being, and as we claim have never since been taken away. We wish to know at what time and in what way the power of the British Sovereign and British Parliament to deal with our rights under the Proclamation was handed over either to the Government of British Columbia or to the Government of Canada.

"All of which is most respectfully submitted.
W.J. Lincoln."
"Ottawa, February 17th, 1915. Chairman of Delegation."

They asked that the various matters mentioned regarding which explanation is sought, be referred for that purpose to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Woods read from the supplementary statement presented on 4th February, the part relating to future plans.

Mr. Woods also stated that two of the delegates would soon return to the Naas River, while the other two would attend the meeting to be held at Spence's Bridge on the 25th, and then return to Ottawa for such further discussion with the Government as might be found necessary.

The Nishga Delegates presented the following memorandum regarding expenses:-

"We desire to briefly mention that in the past, while the efforts which we have made in connection with the British Columbia land question have clearly, we think, been for the benefit not only of our own Tribe but also of all the other Tribes of the Province, a heavy burden has been carried by ourselves and those helping us. The "Friends of the Indians" have expended upwards of $17,500. We ourselves have expended upwards of $5,000. Our Counsel, Mr. O'Meara, who for nearly four years has been our chief adviser, and has acted as our Counsel in the matter of our Petition which is before the Privy Council, has given us legal services which, if given in a professional way would have cost us many thousands of dollars, without making any charge whatever, and in addition in order to help us through has advanced out of his own pocket towards expenses, upwards of $2,500.

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"The "Friends of the Indians have not asked, and we understand do not intend to ask, under any circumstances, that money expended by them be refunded. We ourselves, while at some future day we might ask that this matter be considered are not at present asking the Government to refund money expended by us. But, knowing that for some years Parliament has appropriated $5,000 for legal and other expenses connected with the British Columbia Indian Land question, no part of which as we understand, has been yet used, we think that the time has now come at which we can reasonably ask, and we do earnestly ask that the amount advanced by Mr. O'Meara be now refunded out of that appropriation, and that the balance remaining be available for future expenses of the same kind.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Lincoln,
Chairman of Delegation."

"Ottawa, 17 February, 191 .

Dr. Tucker.

* Rev Dr Tucker, Rector of St Paul's Cathedral, London, said that the Social Service Council of Canada, which he represented, was not wedded to any particular mode of settling the Indian Land Question of British Columbia. The Council had repeatedly endorsed the proposal of a reference to the Judicial Committee because this is what the Indians had been looking forward to for years & nothing else was likely to satisfy them & because this had been promised them by the Government of Canada. But what the Council was extremely anxious for was that the question should be speedily & finally settled & that it should be settled on a fair & equitable basis, on a basis that would be reasonably satisfactory to the Indians & that could be looked back upon as creditable to the people of Canada.

In regard to a question that had been mooted he would like to bear his personal testimony to the vast amount of work that Mr O'Meara had done in connection with this question, both in England & in Canada & the vast amount of information he had acquired regarding it. For years past his whole time & thought had been given without stint to the subject.

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"For nearly five years the "Friends of the Indians of British Columbia" have sought, by dealing with the Indian Tribes and the three Governments, to bring about an equitable settlement of the British Columbia Indian Land question.

"From March 1911 to the present time Mr. A.E.O'Meara, in addition to acting as representative of that Organization, has acted as honorary Counsel for the Nishga Tribe in relation to the Petition of that Tribe presented to His Majesty's Privy Council.

"By the various steps that have been taken in dealing with the Nishga Petition and in particular by seeking in pursuance of the Order-in-Council passed in June last, to ascertain fully the mind of the Nishga Tribe and other Tribes and ultimately to bring about an understanding between those Tribes and the Government of Canada, Mr. O'Meara has, in the opinion of those whom we represent, performed an important public service.

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"The facts above stated having been considered by the Committee of the Calgary Association of Friends of Native Races in consultation with the Chairman of the "Friends of the Indians" and afterwards upon suggestion of that Committee having been considered by the Winnipeg Provisional Committee of Friends of Native Races and the Indian Affairs Committee, it has been unanimously thought by those named for the reasons above indicated, that this matter should be brought before the Minister with the earnest request that the amount so advanced be refunded to Mr. O'Meara out of the appropriation mentioned."

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Mr. O'Meara.

I should state some further facts relating to the Spence's Bridge Meeting. The origin of this meeting was an invitation of the Interior Tribes assembled in June last conveyed to me by Mr. J.A. Teit of Spence's Bridge in the following month, asking that I should attend a meeting to be arranged and explain more fully the Nishga Petition and the steps which had been taken in connection with it. The meeting was proposed for last fall, but it was thought better to defer it until there had been opportunity of conferring with Mr. Clark, and until possibly the Nishga Delegates might be present. Mr. Teit is one of the best friends of the Indians of British Columbia. Also probably no other man to be found in the Province has a better knowledge of their mind, or is better able to advise them well. In common with myself, he has set before him as the object to be aimed at, an equitable solution of the land question.

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be brought before the Courts, there will be no hesitation in providing all necessary funds.

I have received from the Indian Rights Association a communication making a protest against the Nishga Petition and referring to another petition known as the Cowichan Petition, and claiming that this is what should be brought before the Courts. I do not know that this communication has a very material bearing upon the present interview, because it is intended to consult the other Tribes, but I mention the matter so that any explanation thought desirable may be given.

Mr. O'Meara.

I am in a position to state the main facts relating to the Cowichan Petition. That is the Petition which in the spring of 1909, at the request of the Cowichan Indians, I took to England, and presented to His late Majesty, and the then Secretary of State for the Colonies. The request was conveyed to me by means of a telegram from Mr. C.M. Tate who is the Secretary of the Indian Rights Association and from whom no doubt the protest has come.

In order to show clearly why subsequently the Nishga Petition was launched, I quote the following from the memorandum prepared for the Government of Canada by Dr. Tucker and myself on 5th May last:-

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"This Petition was devised with a view to overcoming the constitutional difficulties encountered by reason of the refusal of the Government of British Columbia to agree to a reference, and also the difficulty arising from the declaration made by their Lordships of the Judicial Committee in the Companies Case in the Spring of 1912, that answers to questions referred are not a judicial decision.

"The Nishga Indians were advised to adopt that course after consultation with and with the approval of Mr.J.M.Clark, K.C., Counsel for the Indian Rights Association of British Columbia".

The Nishgas and myself desired that the consultation with Mr.Clark thus begun should be continued. For this Mr.Clark was willing and in the Fall of 1912, as shown by letters in my possession, was prepared to co-operate in drawing the Nishga Petition. Suddenly and to the surprise of both of us, came a letter from Mr.C.M.Tate instructing Mr. Clark not to continue such cooperation. In the campaign against the Nishgas and myself then commenced and continued to the present time, Mr.Tate has professed to act on behalf of the Indians of the Province, but I believe without their authority. In my recent letter I briefly replied to this protest. Both the Nishgas and myself are prepared to

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give a further reply if necessary.

**Mr.Scott:**

It is important to point out that the whole purpose of my memorandum was to make clear to the Indians that their title is an aboriginal title.

**Dr.Tucker:**

Of course all agree that the title claimed by the Indians of British Columbia is aboriginal in character.

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Dept. of Justice,
Ottawa, 14th November, 1914.

Sir,-

It is in my view unnecessary to correct the narrative of your letter of 26th ultimo, because except in the two points which I am going to mention it is immaterial to any question now under consideration.

As to your remark that it has always been the view of those advising the Nishgas that the only feasible method of securing a judicial determination of the rights of the Indians of British Columbia is that of bringing their claims directly before His Majesty's Privy Council, I wish you would realize and endeavour to convince those whom you describe as advising the Nishgas that this Government has no power or authority to refer a question directly to His Majesty's Privy Council; that the only constitutional method of obtaining the judicial view of His Majesty in Council relating to a question limited to the internal affairs of Canada is by appeal from the local tribunals, and that His Royal Highness's Government is determined for these reasons, which have been so often explained to you and those whom you profess to represent, not to advise or concur in any proceedings looking to a decision in which the courts of the Dominion shall not have an opportunity to express their views. If, therefore, it be possible for me to make any statement here which can, consistently with the amenities of official correspondence, impress you with the futility of urging upon this Government a reference

The Reverend Arthur E. O'Meara, B.A.,
Prince George Hotel,
Toronto, Ont.

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direct to the Judicial Committee, I beg of you to consider that statement incorporated in this letter.

The policy of the Government with regard to the British Columbia Indian question is very clearly stated in the Order in Council of 20th June last, and you should, I think, be able to perceive that one of the conditions upon which further progress may be made is that the Indians shall come under the obligation defined by the first enumeration of the Order in Council. You state that the Order in Council has been brought before the Nishgas Indians, and that they will, as soon as possible, place their answer before the Government. So far it is well, but when you say that it is clearly necessary that before the Nishgas answer they should be advised regarding the procedure of the courts, and demand to be informed under the authority of what enactment and for what reasons a reference to the Exchequer Court is proposed, I may I trust be permitted to observe that the essential question for consideration of the Nishgas is as to whether, if their alleged title be upheld by the ultimate tribunal, they are willing to surrender that title in consideration of benefits to be granted in extinguishment according to the ancient usage of the Crown. I think it would be a pity that this question should be obscured or involved in the difficulties which you have encountered about the procedure, and which the Indians presumably would be no better able to understand. Therefore, without making any further attempt to explain the procedure which perhaps could not succeed within the compass of an ordinary letter, I suggest that the Indians should be permitted to consider the question in

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which they are really interested as submitted by the Order in Council. It is unlikely I should think that the Indians would concern themselves with procedure; they have I imagine sufficient discernment to perceive, if their deliberations be not influenced to the contrary, that a question of procedure is at present quite irrelevant; but if necessary you may unhesitatingly assure them that no point of procedure will be permitted to prejudice a decision upon the merits of the case, and that the Government will see to it that the proceedings are brought and conducted in such a manner as to provide for the admission of all the facts and arguments which are material to the controversy.

May I be allowed to add that in view of what I have stated I do not propose to consider the procedure until it is ascertained that the Indians have acquiesced in the conditions of the Order in Council which are preliminary to any procedure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[illegible],

Minister of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMORANDUM.

For
Mr Scott
The letter of
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R A Hoare

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Prince George Hotel,
Toronto, Ontario.
October 26th, 1914

Hon. C.J.Doherty,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Doherty,-

After conference with Dr. Tucker regarding our conversation of Wednesday last, I now on behalf of the Nishga Tribe, beg to place before you more fully and definitely the matter of procedure than discussed.

It has always been the view of those advising the Nishgas that the only feasible method of securing a judicial determination of the rights of the Indians of British Columbia, is that of bringing their claims directly before His Majesty's Privy Council.

Upon occasion of the interview had by me with yourself and the Prime Minister on 27th March, 1913, and that had by Dr. Tucker and me with yourself on 15th April following you were understood to hold the same view.

In pursuance of those interviews, the Nishga Petition was lodged in the Privy Council on 21st May, 1913, and was formally brought by Dr. Tucker and myself before the Government of Canada on 29th October following.

On 3rd November, 1913, Dr. Roche handed the Nishga Petition to you and requested your opinion upon the right of the Indians to present the Petition.

On 7th January last, Dr. Roche handed me copy of your opinion in course of which you say that the enactment of 1911 - "was devised to provide a means or convenient procedure for the determination by the courts of the questions which are raised by this Petition."

In pursuance of the understanding reached with the Government of Canada through Dr. Roche on 12th May last upon

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the basis of our memorandum of 5th May, copy of which was sent you, Mr. D. C. Scott at Calgary on 29th June placed in my hands the Order-in-Council of 20th June and attached papers to be brought before the Nishga Indians. This has since been done, and as soon as possible the Nishgas will place their answer before the Government.

It seems clearly necessary that before doing so, the Nishgas should be advised regarding the procedure proposed as well as the other proposals of the Government.

Both from your own opinion and from conversations had with Mr. Scott, I have understood that it was proposed to institute proceedings under the enactment of 1911.

On Wednesday, however, you stated that the proposed reference would not be made under the enactment mentioned and declared your inability to understand how any competent lawyer could think it possible that the reference contemplated should be made under that enactment.

I do not at present express any opinion regarding the reference to the Exchequer Court proposed as a substitute for a direct reference to the Judicial Committee. I simply ask on behalf of the Nishgas, to be informed under the authority of what enactment and for what reasons a reference to the Exchequer Court is proposed.

I have the honour to remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) - A. E. O'MEARA.

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Ottawa, 15th February 1915.

Dear Mr Scott;

Referring to your letter of 15th instant, the statement in your memorandum to which Mr O'Meara objects is, as I understand it, that the Privy Council has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title, describing it as "a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon "the good will of the Sovereign". This is a precise quotation from Lord Watson's judgment in the St Catharines case, and Mr O'Meara reads the very paragraph in which it occurs. I do not understand the meaning of his statement that Lord Watson's language is the exact opposite. I do not indeed find anything in Mr O'Meara's remarks which would suggest the propriety of any alteration of the statement in question.

Yours faithfully,

D. Newcombe.

D. M. J.

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Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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February 15th. 1915.

Dear Mr. Newcombe,

I beg to send you herewith extract from an interview between the Hon. the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, the Hon. the Minister of Justice, the Indian delegates from the Nishga tribe, and Mr. A. E. O'Meara. This interview was held on the 3rd. February. You will observe that Mr. O'Meara declared that I had made an incorrect statement of fact in my memorandum of the 11th. March on the claim of the Indians of British Columbia to lands of the Province. This memorandum is attached to an Order in Council of the 20th. June, copy of which I beg to enclose. I would be glad to receive an expression of your opinion on Mr. O'Meara's statement.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

E. L. Newcombe, Esq., C.M.G., K.C.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Second, I wish to draw attention to what I conceive to be manifestly an incorrect statement of facts contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum. I wish to be very clearly understood at this point that I am not discussing Mr. Scott's opinion. Mr. Scott has the same right as any other man has to his own opinion, even if everyone else holds different views. What I am speaking of is the main statements of facts contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum. After discussing the claims of the Nishgas, and expressing strongly his view that their views are erroneous, he winds up his opinion in these words :- " From these words it will become apparent what fancies occupy the minds of the Indians when they think of the aboriginal title and its purchase," and then Mr. Scott goes on to state that the Privy Council has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title. This is the statement of facts, which I respectfully submit is not well founded. Here is what their Lordships in delivering Judgment said, and that I may put the matter fairly, I will read the context of it : -

LORD WATSON.-

It was suggested in the course of the argument for the Dominion that inasmuch as the Proclamation recites that the territories thereby reserved for Indians had never "been ceded to or purchased by the Crown," the entire property of the land remained with them. That inference is, however at variance with the terms of the instrument which shew that the tenure of the Indians was a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good will of the Sovereign. The lands reserved are expressly stated to be "parts of Our Dominions and territories" and it is declared to be the will and pleasure of the Sovereign that "for the present" they shall be reserved for the use of the Indians

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as their hunting-grounds under his protection and dominion.

There was a great deal of learned discussion at the Bar with respect to the precise quality of the Indian right, but their Lordships do not consider it necessary to express any opinion upon the point. It appears to them to be sufficient for the purposes of this case that there has been all along vested in the Crown a substantial and paramount estate, underlying the Indian title, which became a plenum dominium whenever that title was surrendered or otherwise extinguished."

Now what I desire with all deference to put forward and ask consideration of is this: You will find that Mr. Scott's information that the Privy Council to whom the Nishgas desire to appeal, has already pronounced, is erroneous, and you will find Lord Watson's in explicit language to be the exact opposite. I just respectfully suggest that the Nishga tribe and other tribes interested, may reasonably ask that in further dealing with this matter of the Indian land question in British Columbia, there be a reconsideration of the ground upon which Mr. Scott has proceeded in his memorandum. I respectfully point out in this connection that the Government proposals are based upon the opinion of Mr. Scott and that the opinion of Mr. Scott is based upon what I respectfully submit is an incorrect statement of facts.

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Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, April 22nd, 1914.

Sir,-

I have had under consideration the position taken by the Indians of Naas River with reference to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. I think it highly important that the Indians should not persist in their refusal to bring before the Commission as fully and clearly as possible their claim for reserve lands within the Naas district. I think they should be assured that the Dominion Government will not consider that such representations on their part would in any way prejudice the claim they have advanced to title in that portion of the Province.

I trust that the Indians will seize the opportunity of placing their claims for reserve lands before the Commission, which, as agreed between the Dominion and the Province of British Columbia is to adjudicate finally on these matters; otherwise they would appear to close all channels of action for the future.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Roche,

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Copies of this letter sent
to:- Mr. C. C. Perry, Indian Agent, Metlakatla,
Rev. A. E. O'Meara, and
Mr. J. Murray Clark.

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Toronto, Canada, Feby. 8th, 1915.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

re British Columbia Indians.

I am instructed that all the other Indian Tribes of British Columbia object to the action of the Nishga Tribe in presenting a separate petition on their own behalf on the ground that such separate action is not conducive to the best interests of the Indians as a whole and they prefer that the Petition originally presented on behalf of the Cowichan Tribe and adopted by the other tribes should continue to be dealt with for the purpose of having the question of the Indian title in British Columbia judicially determined.

I am,

Yours truly,

J. Murray Clark,

Counsel for the British Columbia Indians.

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Toronto, Canada,

April 24th. 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

re British Columbia Indians.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 17th. instant enclosing official letter from Hon. Dr. Roche, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Immediately upon receipt thereof, copies were sent to British Columbia and I am giving the whole matter most careful consideration. Meantime I desire to thank you for the trouble you have taken and to ask you to be good enough to express my thanks to the Minister also.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. Murray Clark.

Counsel for the British Columbia Indians.

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Ottawa, 17th. December 1913.

Dear Dr. Roche,

Petition of the Nishga Indians of British Columbia.

I have received your letter of the 3rd. ultimo, enclosing the petition of the Nishga nation or tribe of Indians of the Province of British Columbia to His Majesty in Council.

The claim of the Indians is based upon the proclamation of His late Majesty King George III issued on 7th. October, 1763, that is, shortly after the conquest of Quebec, a time, of course, long antecedent to the colonization, or even, it may be said, the discovery of British Columbia. It must, of course, be at least doubtful whether, under these circumstances, the general words of the proclamation which, it may be reasonably supposed, related only to Canada as then known, can be taken as having anything to do with the Indians of British Columbia. It is necessary for the petitioners' case, and in the seventh paragraph of their petition it is alleged, that the territory now known as British Columbia is all part of the Indian territories referred to in the proclamation.

You ask for my opinion as to the right of the Indians to present the petition, and as to what effect the support of the Dominion would have upon the legal questions involved.

I should be disposed to think that the Imperial Government would not be inclined to initiate proceedings for the determination of the Indian claim, if there be a remedy by proceedings, in the local courts, nor can I see any reason why the claim should not be determined

Hon. W. J. Roche, M.D., M.P.,
Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

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locally if the Government of Canada should determine to press it.

I may remind you that it was the declared policy of our predecessors in office to submit to the courts for decision the question of the aboriginal title which is the subject of this petition and has been for some years agitated in British Columbia. Questions with that object in view were framed for reference to the Supreme Court of Canada, but the proposed reference fell through because the Government of British Columbia would not agree to the submission. Afterwards the Indian Act was amended by the enactment of sub-section 1 of section 73A as it now stands under section 4 of Chapter 14 of 1911. By the provisions of this enactment it is competent to His Majesty to proceed in the Exchequer Court or in the Supreme Court of British Columbia to recover possession of lands for the benefit of the Indians, and the enactment was devised to provide a means or convenient procedure for the determination by the courts of the questions which are raised by this petition.

The agreement of 24th. September, 1912, between representatives of the Dominion and British Columbia, which was approved by Order in Council of 27th. November following, appears to evince a departure from the policy of the late Government. It is recited in the preamble that it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the province respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in British Columbia, and upon this recital the stipulations or proposals of the agreement are said to be agreed upon as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the province. The agreement, while it pro-

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vides for the ascertainment of the various Indian reserves and the disposal thereof, or confirmation of the titles in the manner therein provided, makes no reference to the aboriginal title, and it may be considered that it would be incompatible with the intention of the agreement that the Dominion should maintain the cause of the Indians in respect of the aboriginal title, seeing that this title is ignored by the agreement and that the proposals or stipulations of the agreement are declared to have been agreed upon as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province.

I think, therefore, that the policy of the Government in relation to the matter is a preliminary question to be determined. If the Government propose to maintain the claim of the Indians, it would be advisable to institute proceedings in a proper case under the statute to which I have referred, and the case could then be carried if necessary on appeal to the Judicial Committee with the advantage of the opinions of the local courts as in ordinary cases. If the Government do not propose to uphold the claim, I think that the inadvisability of making any reference of this petition should be represented to the Colonial Office; and the Indians would in consequence presumably be left without any intervention or support from this Government, and in face of the deliberate opposition of the Government of British Columbia, to pursue such legal remedies on their own behalf and at their own expense as the very meagre prospects of the situation might afford.

Upon the merits I think the Indian claim is a very doubtful one, but I am not prepared to say that it is not without sufficient foundation to justify

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consideration by the courts.

I am retaining the petition, of which I daresay you have another copy, but if you require it to be returned, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. J. Doherty.

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Ottawa, 3rd. November, 1913.

Dear Mr. Doherty,

I beg to enclose herein a copy of a petition of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians of the Province of British Columbia to the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council setting forth briefly that they claim an aboriginal right to a particular territory in the Province of British Columbia, that at the time Great Britain assumed the sovereignty over the said territory, and since, the right of the said Indians to possess, occupy and use the same has been recognized, that no portion of this territory has been ceded to or purchased by the Crown, that from time to time the Government of the Province of British Columbia has made surveys and granted patents of certain portions of this territory disregarding the claim of the said Indians. In view of the representations above set forth the said Nishga Indians petitioned His Majesty in Council to take into consideration the matters hereinbefore set forth and determine all questions arising therefrom, and in particular to determine the nature and extent of the rights of the said Nishga Nation or Tribe in respect of the said territory.

It appears that the Lord President of the Privy Council gave as a reason for not immediately referring this Petition to the Judicial Committee that the whole matter raised by the Petition was at present under the consideration of a Royal Commission. The said Indians accordingly presented a memorial to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia in reply to which the

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Royal Commission declared that it had no power to consider the claims set forth in the Petition to His Majesty in Council.

A few days ago I met the Rev. A. E. O'Meara and Rev. Dr. Tucker who espouse the cause of these and other Indians of British Columbia and they urged that the Dominion Government should see that right was done and that the Petition referred to should have the support of the Dominion.

I would be glad to have your opinion upon the right of the Indians to present the Petition and also as to what effect the support of the Dominion would have upon the legal questions involved. When I am favoured with your opinion I shall consult yourself and our Colleagues in Council as to the course to be adopted by the Government.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Roche.

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Ottawa, 11th. March, 1915.

Dear Mr. Scott,

re Nishga Indians.

Referring to your letter of the 3rd. instant, I have considered the document marked Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians, wherein certain enquiries are presented with a request for explanation by the Minister of Justice. I have been led to suppose by the correspondence and interviews which have taken place with regard to the Indian claims in British Columbia that the Indians are proceeding upon legal advice; that they entertain the view that they have legal claims to the surrendered lands of the Province which should be judicially determined, and that they realize that the legal quality of the claims which they set up is not free from doubt.

The Indians are, I think, moreover aware that the method of having these claims satisfactorily determined, having regard to all interests concerned, has been for some time under the anxious consideration of the Government. Several proposals have been made, considered, and for one reason or another rejected, and

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there has also been some legislation. A commission has been appointed, and more recently has come the proposal evidenced by your report of 11th. March last and the Order in Council thereon of 20th. June. It is remarkable, therefore, that the writer of this supplementary statement should at the present stage of the negotiations propound for the answer of the Minister of Justice a number of questions which the Minister has no quality to determine, in respect of which, if I am not misinformed, the Indians have a legal adviser of their own selection, and the authoritative answers to which so far as they are in anywise material, may to a considerable extent determine the questions in controversy. The motive of the submission of these questions might be understood if the Indians had expressed any disposition to be influenced by the Minister's view, but on the contrary they are pressing for the means of judicial determination, and I am sure that the Government quite sympathises with their wish to have the questions thus determined. Your department and mine are in fact still concerned in the effort to put these questions before the court upon a satisfactory footing and with the fullest scope for decision. In these circumstances it is quite an immaterial enquiry whether or not the

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Minister of Justice would uphold or deny the claims propounded by the Indians, and it does not therefore appear to the Minister that any useful purpose will be served by the expression of his opinion upon these questions, to which doubtless the Indians and their advisers have devoted much attention. The proposals of the Government are before the Indians upon the Order in Council of 20th. June, which presents the latest suggestion. The Indians do not complain of any obscurity in the proposals which requires to be elucidated or explained, and I can only say that I think the Indians would be better advised to comply with the conditions of the proposed reference than to waste further time over the consideration and debate of questions such as those formulated in the supplementary statement from which nothing conclusive can result.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Newcombe,

D. M. J.

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March 3rd. 1915.

Dear Mr. Newcombe,

I beg to enclose herewith supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott.
Deputy Superintendent General.

E. L. Newcombe, Esq., C.M.G., K.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice,
Department of Justice,
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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT NO. 2 OF
THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

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Since our last interview with the Ministers we have had six interviews with Mr. Scott which have served a useful purpose in enabling us to know more of Mr. Scott's mind, and we hope also in enabling Mr. Scott to know more of our mind.

All that Mr. Scott has said to us we have listened to attentively and considered carefully. The main result is that now more strongly than ever we think that before any terms of surrender can be satisfactorily agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Nishga Tribe the Privy Council must decide whether the Royal Proclamation applies to British Columbia and what are our rights under that Proclamation.

This has always been our own conviction. When however, the Government desired that terms of surrender should be agreed upon in advance, we were willing to make an effort to meet the Government's desire and are now willing to make further efforts to do so, notwithstanding the view which we hold so strongly.

If it could be shown to us that the opinions regarding our rights contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum are well founded we would look much more favourably upon the terms of surrender proposed by the Government, and might advise our Tribe to accept them if the matter of finally deciding the lands to be reserved were dealt with as suggested in our first proposal or by some other equitable method.

Therefore, we think that the question whether the opinions contained in the memorandum are built upon a good strong foundation is a very important question.

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This consideration, which goes to the root of the whole matter, has led us to ask that a number of expressions of opinion to be found in the memorandum be explained. Mr. Scott's answers have not at all satisfied our minds. Moreover, Mr. Scott has said that his memorandum has in some sense been approved by the "Law Officers of the Crown". We, therefore, now ask that the Minister of Justice explain to us with as much fulness as reasonably possible, the matters which we have put before Mr. Scott and some other matters deeply affecting our rights, namely, the following:-

1. Letters received last Spring from the Minister of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Scott, and the interviews which we have had with the Ministers and Mr. Scott since coming to Ottawa show that it is generally conceded that in some way the matter of restoring to us lands which have been disposed of by the Province, unlawfully as we claim, should be dealt with.

2. Under the powers conferred by Article 13 of the "Terms of Union" upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, these lands, it seems to us, might have been set aside for us, and might still be set aside for us, notwithstanding the unwillingness of the Province that such lands be set aside. What we want to know is whether the powers of the Colonial Secretary still exist. In passing the Orders-in-Council adopting the McKenna Agreement, did the two Governments intend to take away the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or did they intend those powers should continue?

3. If the two Governments did intend to take away the powers of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the next question is whether the Governments intended to create any other way of dealing with this

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same matter. Under the McKenna Agreement and the Orders-in-Council passed by the two Governments have the Commissioners power to restore to us these lands which have been disposed of by the Province?

4. In view of the terms of the Royal Proclamation and specially those brought before Mr. Scott on 11th instant, why have the claims set out in our Memorial attached to the Order-in-Council of 20th June last been described in the Memorandum as "erroneous" and "fancies"?

5. In view of the words of Lord Watson brought before the Ministers on 3rd inst. how is the Statement contained in the Memorandum that "The Privy Council, to which the Nishga Nation desire to appeal, has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title" to be explained? That the meaning of this question may be made clear we quote the following words of Lord Watson which we respectfully submit make exactly the opposite statement of fact:-

> "There was a great deal of learned discussion "at the Bar with respect to the precise quality of "the Indian right, but their Lordships do not con-"sider it necessary to express any opinion upon the "point."

6. Mr. Scott, in his Memorandum mentions the words used by the Judicial Committee in referring to the Indian title, namely, "a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good-will of the Sovereign" and then says:-

> "It follows that the Indian Title, when acknow-"ledged by the Crown, cannot be separated from what "the Crown elects to grant."

What we want to have explained is why this "follows". When asked to explain what he meant by "the Crown" Mr. Scott was at first unwilling to give any answer, but finally said as we understood, that in the Memorandum

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he meant the Government of Canada. We have very great respect for the Government of Canada, every Minister and every Official of that Government. But we also have respect for the liberties and ancient rights of the Nishgas and the other Tribes of British Columbia, and feel it necessary to speak our mind plainly. We are claiming Imperial rights, - rights recognised and guaranteed by the Proclamation of King George Third, which had and we believe still has the force of an Imperial Statute, rights which existed before the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia came into being, and as we claim have never since been taken away. We wish to know at what time and in what way the power of the British Sovereign and British Parliament to deal with our rights under the Proclamation was handed over either to the Government of British Columbia or to the Government of Canada.

ALL OF WHICH IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

"N. J. Lincoln"

CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

Ottawa,

17th February, 1915.

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March 3rd. 1915.

Dear Mr. Newcombe,

I am sending you a rough draft of the proposed answers to be given by the Minister of Justice to the Nishga Indians. You will, of course, make any alterations that you think advisable. Any answers that you approve, I would be glad to have over the signature of the Minister to be handed to the Nishga Indians.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Deputy Minister,
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TO THE NISHGA INDIANS : -

I am in receipt of your supplementary statement No. 2, in which you ask that I should explain to you certain matters set forth in the statement; I will deal with them categorically.

1: Letters received last spring from the Minister of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Scott, and the interviews which we have had with the Ministers and Mr. Scott since coming to Ottawa show that it is generally conceded that in some way the matter of restoring to us lands which have been disposed of by the Province, unlawfully as we claim, should be dealt with.

ANSWER : - I am not aware that there is any method of granting lands in the province of British Columbia to Indians, except they be reserves set apart in the way provided, which is at present by the action of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

2 : Under the powers conferred by Article 13 of the "Terms of Union" upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, these lands, it seems to us, might have been set aside for us, and might still be set aside for us, notwithstanding the unwillingness of the Province that such lands be set aside. What we want to know is whether the powers of the Colonial Secretary still exist.

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In passing the Orders-in-Council adopting the McKenna Agreement, did the two Governments intend to take away the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or did they intend those powers should continue?

3 : If the two Governments did intend to take away the powers of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the next question is whether the Governments intended to create any other way of dealing with this same matter. Under the McKenna Agreement and the Orders-in-Council passed by the two Governments have the Commissioners power to restore to us these lands which have been disposed of by the Province?

ANSWER : - I think it well to quote here Article 13 of the "Terms of Union" : -

" The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

" To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. "

The Dominion and the Province of British Columbia have appointed a Joint Commission to settle all differences between the Governments respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally. The duty of the Commission is to adjust the acreage of Indian reserves in British Columbia.

If the Governments disagree respecting the quantity of reserve lands, the matter would be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

4: In view of the terms of the Royal Proclamation and specially those brought before Mr. Scott on 11th instant, why have the claims set out in our Memorial attached to the Order-in-Council of 20th June

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last been described in the Memorandum as "erroneous" and "fancies" ?

ANSWER : - The meaning I attach to that portion of the memorandum of the 11th of March to which you refer, prepared by the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, is that Mr. Scott thinks you have erroneous views regarding the nature of the aboriginal title.

I would point out that it is not yet decided whether you have any title, aboriginal or otherwise, in lands in the province of British Columbia; - that is a question for the courts. Your case is not prejudicially affected by anything Mr. Scott has said, and, neither in that memorandum nor in the Order in Council to which it is attached, is anything said as to the validity of your claim.

5: In view of the words of Lord Watson brought before the Ministers on 3rd inst. how is the Statement contained in the Memorandum that "The Privy Council, to which the Nishga Nation desire to appeal, has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title" to be explained? That the meaning of this question may be made clear we quote the following words of Lord Watson which we respectfully submit make exactly the opposite statement of fact : -

" There was a great deal of learned discussion
" at the Bar with respect to the precise quality of the
" Indian right, but their Lordships do not consider it
" necessary to express any opinion upon the point. "

ANSWER : - This matter was already referred to the Deputy Minister of Justice by the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs on the 15th of February, 1915, and Mr. Newcombe replied on the same date; you will find both the letter and the reply herewith.

Incl.

As I am in accord with Mr. Newcombe's view, I need not say anything further.

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" It follows that the Indian Title, when acknowledged by the Crown, cannot be separated from what the Crown elects to grant. "

What we want to have explained is why this "follows". When asked to explain what he meant by "the Crown" Mr. Scott was at first unwilling to give any answer, but finally said as we understood, that in the memorandum he meant the Government of Canada. We have very great respect for the Government of Canada, every Minister and every Official of that Government. But we also have respect for the liberties and ancient rights of the Nishgas and the other Tribes of British Columbia, and feel it necessary to speak our mind plainly. We are claiming Imperial rights, - rights recognized and guaranteed by the Proclamation of King George Third, which had and we believe still has the force of an Imperial Statute, rights which existed before the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia came into being, and as we claim have never since been taken away. We wish to know at what time and in what way the power of the British Sovereign and British Parliament to deal with our rights under the Proclamation was handed over either to the Government of British Columbia or to the Government of Canada.

ANSWER : - While I think it quite unnecessary to give an interpretation of the memorandum of the 11th of March, to which reference has previously been made,

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the meaning and intention of which are sufficiently clear, it seems to me proper to say that Mr. Scott's view evidently is that whatever was given to the Indians at the time of obtaining cession of land represented the good-will of the Crown, and not the value of the property. He points out that in the treaties the Crown has fixed the compensation.

It appears to me that this is what is meant by the phrase : -

" It follows that the Indian title, when " acknowledged by the Crown, cannot be separated " from what the Crown elects to grant."

You ask me what is meant by the Crown in the memorandum. The British North America Act conferred upon the Dominion the power to legislate for Indians and lands reserved for Indians. The Dominion of Canada, therefore, has control of these matters and represents the Crown in all dealings with Indians.

It would appear to me that whoever drew up this supplementary statement for you wished to involve the terms of the Proclamation of 1763 with the procedure which may be taken in this case.

I endeavoured to impress upon the Rev. A. E. O'Meara, who has been present at the late interviews, by my letter of the 14th. of November, addressed to him, that "the only constitutional " method of obtaining the judicial view of His Majesty

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" in Council relating to a question limited to the
" internal affairs of Canada is by appeal from the
" local tribunals, and that His Royal Highness's
" Government is determined for these reasons, which
" have been so often explained to you and those whom
" you profess to represent, not to advise or concur
" in any proceedings looking to a decision in which
" the courts of the Dominion shall not have an oppor-
" tunity to express their views. "

I would refer you to this letter and the remarks which I made therein about procedure.

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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT NO. 2 OF
THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

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Since our last interview with the Ministers we have had six interviews with Mr. Scott which have served a useful purpose in enabling us to know more of Mr. Scott's mind, and we hope also in enabling Mr. Scott to know more of our mind.

All that Mr. Scott has said to us we have listened to attentively and considered carefully. The main result is that now more strongly than ever we think that before any terms of surrender can be satisfactorily agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the Nishga Tribe the Privy Council must decide whether the Royal Proclamation applies to British Columbia and what are our rights under that Proclamation.

This has always been our own conviction. When however, the Government desired that terms of surrender should be agreed upon in advance, we were willing to make an effort to meet the Government's desire and are now willing to make further efforts to do so, notwithstanding the view which we hold so strongly.

If it could be shown to us that the opinions regarding our rights contained in Mr. Scott's memorandum are well founded we would look much more favourably upon the terms of surrender proposed by the Government, and might advise our Tribe to accept them if the matter of finally deciding the lands to be reserved were dealt with as suggested in our first proposal or by some other equitable method.

Therefore, we think that the question whether the opinions contained in the memorandum are built upon a good strong foundation is a very important question.

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This consideration, which goes to the root of the whole matter, has led us to ask that a number of expressions of opinion to be found in the memorandum be explained. Mr. Scott's answers have not at all satisfied our minds. Moreover, Mr. Scott has said that his memorandum has in some sense been approved by the "Law Officers of the Crown". We, therefore, now ask that the Minister of Justice explain to us with as much fulness as reasonably possible, the matters which we have put before Mr. Scott and some other matters deeply affecting our rights, namely, the following:-

1. Letters received last Spring from the Minister of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Scott, and the interviews which we have had with the Ministers and Mr. Scott since coming to Ottawa show that it is generally conceded that in some way the matter of restoring to us lands which have been disposed of by the Province, unlawfully as we claim, should be dealt with.

2. Under the powers conferred by Article 13 of the "Terms of Union" upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, these lands, it seems to us, might have been set aside for us, and might still be set aside for us, notwithstanding the unwillingness of the Province that such lands be set aside. What we want to know is whether the powers of the Colonial Secretary still exist. In passing the Orders-in-Council adopting the McKenna Agreement, did the two Governments intend to take away the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, or did they intend those powers should continue?

3. If the two Governments did intend to take away the powers of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the next question is whether the Governments intended to create any other way of dealing with this

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same matter. Under the McKenna Agreement and the Orders-in-Council passed by the two Governments have the Commissioners power to restore to us these lands which have been disposed of by the Province?

4. In view of the terms of the Royal Proclamation and specially those brought before Mr. Scott on 11th instant, why have the claims set out in our Memorial attached to the Order-in-Council of 20th June last been described in the Memorandum as "erroneous" and "fancies"?

5. In view of the words of Lord Watson brought before the Ministers on 3rd inst. how is the Statement contained in the Memorandum that "The Privy Council, to which the Nishga Nation desire to appeal, has already pronounced upon the nature of the Indian title" to be explained? That the meaning of this question may be made clear we quote the following words of Lord Watson which we respectfully submit make exactly the opposite statement of fact:-

> "There was a great deal of learned discussion "at the Bar with respect to the precise quality of "the Indian right, but their Lordships do not con-"sider it necessary to express any opinion upon the "point."

6. Mr. Scott, in his Memorandum mentions the words used by the Judicial Committee in referring to the Indian title, namely, "a personal and usufructuary right dependent upon the good-will of the Sovereign" and then says:-

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ALL OF WHICH IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

"W. J. Lincoln"

CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

Ottawa,

17th February, 1913.

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Interview at the office of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, March 25th, 1915, between the Honourable the Superintendent General and Delegates of the Nishga Tribe.-

Present : - Hon. Dr. Roche,
Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. A. E. O'Meara, General,
Mr. W. J. Lincoln, and
Mr. R. S. Woods, Interpreter.

Mr. WOODS : - According to the plan approved by you, Sir, in our last interview, we have been to Spence's Bridge, and, after carefully considering everything that has happened since we arrived in Ottawa, we decided to present a third supplementary statement, for which we are here to-day.

{ Mr. Woods here reads supplementary statement No. 3, which is as follows : - }

Since our interview of 17th February two delegates attended the meeting of Interior Tribes held at Spence's Bridge on 25th, 26th and 27th February, and the other two delegates in returning to the Naas River stopped at Hazelton and informed the Kitishean Tribe of our Ottawa interviews.

At Spence's Bridge we fully discussed the situation with the assembled Indians, who freely expressed to us their mind and sent to the Minister a memorial dealing with a number of the matters discussed, from which it will be seen that the Interior Tribes have agreed with all our proposals.

Since returning to Ottawa we have very carefully considered the letter relating to the explanatfons requested in our last Statement which on 11th inst. the Deputy Minister of Justice, acting as we understand on behalf of the Minister of Justice, addressed

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to Mr. Scott.

We quite agree with the words of that letter, that we are pressing for the means of judicial determination. For that very thing we have always pressed, and are still pressing most earnestly. We feel that in doing so we are acting in complete accord with what has been done by Canada ever since the time of Confederation and more especially with what has been done by Canada since the claims of the Indians of British Columbia were placed before His late Majesty King Edward and the then Imperial Minister in the Spring of 1909. In 1910, the Department of Justice reported that the land question should be judicially determined. In the same year Sir Wilfrid Laurier came to Prince Rupert and promised our delegates and those of other Northern Tribes that this would be accomplished by bringing our claims before the Judicial Committee. It was in order to overcome the constitutional difficulties encountered in seeking to carry out the promise then made by Canada that our Petition was devised. It was after consultation with Canadian Ministers extending from November, 1912, to April, 1913, that our Petition was finally lodged in the Privy Council.

When in July last we began to consider the Order in Council, we understood that a new way of carrying out the promise made in 1910 had been brought forward and that if terms of surrender could be agreed upon the controversy which has existed between the Indian Tribes and British Columbia for half a century -- the whole controversy -- would with the help of Canada be brought for final decision before the Judicial Committee, that our rights -- all our rights -- would be determined by that Tribunal, and then finally in the light of such judgment determining the nature and extent of our rights the terms of surrender which had been agreed

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upon in advance would be carried into effect.

The letter which has now come from the Deputy Minister of Justice has made us more sure than ever that on this subject of judicial decision we have taken the right view. It is conceded that authoritative answers to the questions placed before the Minister of Justice, "may to a considerable extent determine the questions in controversy". The matters regarding which explanations were asked have all arisen from Mr. Scott's Memorandum and the proposals of the Government based thereon. We need authoritative answers before we can intelligently and with any satisfaction to ourselves decide about the Government's proposals. We are informed that the Minister is unable to give authoritative answers. To whom then shall we look for such answers affecting so vitally our rights and our whole future? We think we must look to the Judicial Committee and to that Tribunal alone.

Therefore, considering a judicial determination of all our rights to be fundamentally necessary and of paramount importance, we are glad now to be assured that the Government sympathizes with our wish to have all questions in controversy judicially determined, and we feel encouraged to hope that soon all needed further action will be taken to that end.

We desire to place before the Government as clearly as possible the point of view from which we look at our Petition, the terms of surrender proposed by the Government, and those proposed by the Nishga Tribe.

We have already before His Majesty's Privy Council humbly claimed the constitutional right of having this controversy judicially decided. We now most respectfully claim the same right before the Government Parliament and People of Canada. We well know that we

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who assert this right are few and weak and that the Governments are great and strong, but we have so great faith in British justice that we press on, using only constitutional and peaceable methods, but using such methods to the fullest possible extent, and hope at last to succeed in placing our case before the highest Tribunal of the Empire. We are now quite sure that in so pressing on we shall have behind us all, or nearly all, the Tribes of British Columbia.

Meantime we are willing to go a long way towards meeting the wish of the Government that terms of surrender shall be agreed upon in advance.

About the terms proposed by the Government, we will say what seems to us the best that it is possible for us to say. If it could be arranged that the matter of finally deciding the lands to be reserved should be dealt with by the method suggested in our first proposal or by some other method to be agreed upon, and if then the Judicial Committee should decide that the opinions regarding our rights contained in Mr. Scott's Memorandum are well founded, we would be satisfied with the terms proposed by the Government and are willing so to agree now.

If, on the contrary, the claims which we have made in our Statement of January, 1913, and our Petition should be upheld by the Judicial Committee, we think that the terms of surrender proposed by us would clearly afford a means of making an equitable settlement. At the same time we recognise that so long as Mr. Scott's Memorandum stands as the basis of action it is difficult for the Government to adopt our proposals.

After giving further careful consideration to the matters mentioned in paragraphs numbered 1, 2 and 3, of our last Statement and taking into account the

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fact that these matters have not been explained, we are more sure than ever that on the subject of the Royal Commission first we ourselves and afterwards the Indian Affairs Committee took the right view. Until it shall have been definitely arranged between the Government and the Nishga Tribe that the issues contained in our Petition shall be decided by the Judicial Committee, we do not see that any good purpose will be served by our meeting the Royal Commission.

In our Statement of December last we made brief reference to the matter of procedure. We are advised that no plan for bringing this controversy before a Canadian Court which is free from grave constitutional difficulty has yet been proposed. If, however, the Government should propose some new plan we are prepared to give it our very best consideration.

We are aware that, as stated by the Minister of Justice in his opinion of December, 1913, it may be considered incompatible with the intention of the agreement of September, 1912, that the Dominion should maintain the cause of the Indians in respect of the aboriginal title. Therefore, we do not expect the Government of Canada to help us as fully as if that agreement had not been made. But we request attention to the fact that in December, 1912, assurances were given by the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Minister of Justice that in passing the Order in Council adopting that agreement the Government of Canada had no intention of prejudicing our rights. We certainly think that if, by reason of the agreement mentioned, the Government should not help us in securing a hearing before the Judicial Committee and as result we should be hindered or delayed, our rights would be most seriously prejudiced. If that should happen it will be made clear

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that instead of helping us to overcome the Constitutional difficulties to which we have above referred, the Government of Canada by adopting the McKenna agreement created a new difficulty.

While, therefore, we are content that all responsibility for our Petition and every step taken in carrying it forward should continue to rest upon us, we confidently ask that the Government will help us to secure an early reference of the Petition to the Judicial Committee and, under Resolution passed by the Nishga Tribe at the meeting held at Kincolith from 30th July to 1st August, last, advance all funds needed charging such advances against the lands of the Nishga Tribe held in trust by the Government of Canada.

We believe the ideal which the Nishgas have set before themselves to be truly British. We want to be free men, to have free possession of so much of the territory of our forefathers as we require to keep for our own use, to be free to live independent lives and make full use of the fisheries and other resources of our territory, and to work out a future for ourselves. In order in the end to realise this ideal, we desire now to have full liberty of action and to be free to use our own resources, whether in our hands or held in trust by the Government of Canada, for the protection of our own rights.

In view of the fact that from March, 1911, to the present time all the most important steps taken in carrying forward our Petition have been taken after consultation with Canadian Ministers, and in view of the further fact that nine other Tribes have now formally declared themselves to be behind us, we ask that the requests regarding expenses brought before the Minister on 17th February be now granted. We also ask that an appropriation sufficient to provide for such expenditure and all additional expenditures that may be found

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necessary in connection with the land question during the coming year be asked from Parliament at the present Session.

We close this Statement with an earnest plea for the speediest possible action. We fully recognize the good will of the Government towards us. We fully recognize all the difficulties, but we ask the Government to realize that we are like a Nishga hunter waiting and watching at a certain spot and patiently enduring all hardship day after day sometimes for weeks, because he is sure that in the end the bear for which he is watching will come down from the mountain to that very spot. Just as this is often done for the small object of securing game, so for the very great object, a decision of the land question, the Nishgas and all the other Tribes have for many years been longing and waiting. That longing we seek by our Petition to satisfy. We want to take back word to every native village of all British Columbia that soon, very soon, what we have for so long a time striven to accomplish will actually be accomplished.

ALL OF WHICH IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

Ottawa, 25th March, 1915.

Dr. ROCHE : - Is it understood that all the tribes who met with you at Spence's Bridge are in accord with you and your proposals?

Mr. WOODS : - Yes, and through Mr. O'Meara's advice and our own efforts in explaining everything that had taken place in Ottawa and the interviews with the Minister and with Mr. Scott.

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MR. WOODS : - they decided and passed a resolution adopting the Nishga proposals. From that we feel very much encouraged and also from the fact that we have other tribes in the Province standing behind us, not only that, we have some very powerful Canadian organizations behind us that have promised they would do their best to help us obtain what we are now asking for, and, before we left Spence's Bridge, the Indians at the meeting told us in these words: "We are with you. " Go on. " That is all about the Spence's Bridge matter.

Dr. ROCHE : - As a result of your meeting at Spence's Bridge the basis of reference to the Privy Council, as laid down by the Order in Council which we passed, was not acceptable to the Indians who had assembled at Spence's Bridge; do I understand that?

Mr. WOODS : - They pressed very urgently that this case should be referred directly to the Privy Council without them being tied to any agreements or any promises, that is what they urged, but, after going into these interviews that I mentioned, and, through the advice of Mr. J. A. Teit, they decided to ease up a little on it, and, after me explaining the Nishga proposals, they decided that they would be satisfactory to them, although they did say that it was not quite as strong as they would like it put.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand, then, that they are agreeable to have the case brought before the Privy Council on the basis that we recommended; is that what you wish to convey?

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Mr. WOODS : - As I told you, they wanted this referred to the Privy Council without any agreement.

Dr. ROCHE : - They would prefer that?

Mr. WOODS : - Yes, from the speeches that were made.

Dr. ROCHE : - After being advised by Mr. Tait and further explanations you say they did consent to have the reference made on the grounds as set forth in the Order in Council?

Mr. WOODS : - On the basis of the Nishga proposals, and there is another question: I think the Government here have been given to understand that the Nishgas have always stood together in this matter, and that everything had been smooth sailing for the Nishgas, but I want to tell you that it was not always smooth sailing, there are a number of hotheads in that tribe that have wanted to take drastic action in keeping the whites out of the Naas Valley, but, through the efforts of the Nishga Land Committee, and especially Mr. O'Meara, since he undertook to advise the Nishgas, these hotheads have been persuaded not to cause any trouble; they have been kept under control. Now the Nishgas stand in this case quite as one man.

I would like to say a few words on this matter of the Royal Commission; we had gone into that very carefully with Mr. Scott in our discussions with him. We come to this, that, through the failure of the Government to help us, that is from what we understood of the letter written by Mr. Newcombe, the Deputy Minister of Justice, was that the Minister of Justice was not prepared to give us the information that we asked for and from that those questions that we did ask

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Mr. WOODS : - information on dealt vitally with this matter of the Nishgas meeting, the Royal Commission, we think, would do so or not, and, after going into that letter very carefully with the help of our adviser, Mr. O'Meara, we have come to the decision that the Nishgas will take the stand that they will not meet the Royal Commission, and that resolution has been approved by the Indian Affairs Committee.

Mr. SCOTT : - What is the Indian Affairs Committee?

Mr. WOODS : - The Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada, so, after that matter, the main responsibility now rests on the Minister of Justice.

Dr. ROCHE : - Did the Indians think their case would be prejudiced in any way by giving all the information necessary before the Royal Commission?

Mr. WOODS : - What they did think is that no benefit will be derived from it under the conditions now laid before it. We discussed this matter very carefully with Mr. Scott, but we needed proof that we would get what we wanted, but the Minister of Justice seems to have taken the stand that he is not going to give it to us, so the matter now rests with him.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand the character of the questions asked of the Minister of Justice was of a kind that were supposed to be decided by the courts, and, therefore, he did not wish to prejudge the case or give a legal opinion in advance of a decision of the courts.

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Mr. WOODS : - In any decision that we come to, any steps that we take in this matter, the meaning we derive from the Order in Council, the way we understand it, any questions of law to be brought up, why that is absolutely beyond us. We leave that entirely in the hands of Mr. O'Meara. We understood from the Order in Council thay we had to agree beforehand to be satisfied with the findings of the Royal Commission; that was plain enough to us, and, after our discussions with Mr. Scott, he was not able to change our minds on that.

Dr. ROCHE : - You are quite agreeable to abide by the Judicial decision of the Privy Council, but you are not agreeable to abide by the decision of the Royal Commission, a body that has been appointed by the two Governments for the allotment of lands. How, then, did you expect that the decision of the Privy Council would be carried out in the event of its being in your favour?

Mr. WOODS : - This Order in Council wants us to admit that our rights are those and those only. We say no. We want the Judicial Committee to decide what our rights are.

Dr. ROCHE : - The Judicial Committee would not have anything to do with the allotment of lands.

Mr. WOODS : - After our rights had been decided that question could then be brought up.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand the Judicial Committee would decide as to whether you had the Indian title or not.

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Mr. WOODS : - Yes, and to explain what title we have, but, if we agree to the Order in Council as it now stands, we have to admit that our title is an aboriginal one and that our rights are limited. Well, that is the thing that we don't want because that takes in this question of lands; we won't have a voice in deciding what lands we will keep for our own use, for ourselves. If it can be shown to us, proven that the Royal Commission is able to give us lands that have already been disposed of and some of those lands that the Indians on the Naas need, why this question of coming to an agreement with the Government would be easy, and our questions, asking the Minister of Justice for information, were based on that.

Dr. ROCHE : - You would not be satisfied with taking the other lands in lieu of them?

Mr. WOODS : - Well no , because, as we explained and show by that blue print we gave you in February, that there are no lands to be given outside of those that have been disposed of.

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Dr. ROCHE : - You mean in that Valley?

Mr. WOODS : - In that Valley, yes.

Dr. ROCHE : - Are not there other lands in the Province?

Mr. WOODS : - I suppose there are lands in the Province, but we are referring to the Nishga territory at present, and I know there are none in what we call the Nishga territory, unless you go away inland, as we showed you by the blue prints. Of course, that question was never put before the tribe in that way before. Another thing, we have been advised that the Governor General, as representing His Majesty, is trustee of Indian interests regarding unsurrendered lands, and that the Governor in Council, the Government of Canada acts as trustee of reserves, and we have been advised. Of course, this is a question that we Indians do not understand very well, but we have been advised that this is all trust, and it brings in this question whether the Canadian Government is at liberty to help the Nishgas to the extent that we expect them to. We have been advised that the Government is unable to do as much as they would wish to help the Indians, through this McKenna agreement, passed by an Order in Council here in Ottawa. What we ask is that if the Government is unable to protect the interests of the Nishgas to give us, the Indians, liberty to take the responsibility on our own shoulders of carrying this thing right on to a finish, taking the responsibility on ourselves to do it. We have been advised that that is the system generally adopted that when a person acting as a trustee, say, for a body of men here if he is unable to bring some question that is troubling this body of men before a court, why this body of men would have the right under British laws to take that question themselves before a court; that is what we

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Mr. WOODS : - are asking for now. Of course, our choice is now that our Petition would be referred directly to the Judicial Committee, but we are willing that the plan stated in our different statements we have presented will be carried out under the conditions stated in these statements, and I want to state I do not say that you, honourable gentlemen, have the impression that we are deriving pleasure in staying here in Ottawa, away from home. I do not say that, but I do not want you to think it, and I want to show you that Mr. Lincoln and myself, especially Mr. Lincoln, who is in business out there and his business demands his personal attention at the present time on the Naas, I, myself am working for Mr. Lincoln under wages and all the time that I am away from the Naas there is a stop of my pay, and, as a result, we are here at a financial loss to ourselves, but, even at that, if it is necessary, we have decided to stay here if advised that it is the best stand to take an indefinite time till something has been accomplished here in Ottawa.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I think that is all that I have to say.

Mr. W. J. LINCOLN : - (Mr. Woods acting as interpreter.)

If you will allow me, Sirs, I would like to give you a little information on the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Prince Rupert and the effect it had on the Indians that attended the celebrations on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's arrival in Prince Rupert. The different Indian Agents around that part of the Province sent out notices to the different Indian villages, telling them of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's coming to Prince Rupert, and he said that it was a good time to present something to him when he arrived about this Indian land question; it was an opportunity that should not be missed. The Indians did. There were hundreds

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Mr. LINCOLN : - of them gathered there in Prince Rupert and the chief plea was made by a Nishga delegate who took in this whole land question.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier after understanding it spoke to the Indians and said that he realized the difficulties that the Indians had met, and he said " from what I see to-day I do not see any Indians here " as I considered Indians. I considered Indians in " one way, and I was prepared to meet that kind of an " Indian, but I do not see any here to-day, they are " all whites as far as I know, and I do not see that " the conditions between you and the people that are " called whites should be different, and I will say " this that I think the only way to settle this ques- " tion that you have agitated for years is by a deci- " sion of the Judicial Committee, and I will take " steps to help you, and if there is anything else " that you want information on that you want done, why " refer directly to me. " He says that the Government of Canada is speaking to you now. "I am that Government. "

Well, the Indians, especially all those that took part in that meeting, and, of course, those that did not, heard of it, understood what Sir Wilfrid Laurier meant and to-day they understand that only.

There are a number of tribes in the Province that do not understand as much about this land question as the Nishgas do, although I admit we understand very little about it ourselves, but we have been interested in the case, we are the prime movers in the question; we understand a little more than the other tribes do, and when these Orders in Council and different explanations are shown and explained to them they would hardly understand the whole thing even after explanations; say if we went around to the Skeena Indians and told them what we had done in Ottawa, here, they

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Mr. LINCOLN : - would be interested, but hardly understand the whole meaning of it, but would come back to the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the biggest man in Canada as they see him, had promised that the only way to decide this question was that it should be decided by the Judicial Committee, the only satisfactory way of doing it; they will always bear that in mind, and, when they have been told that the Government, the present Government, has taken steps to settle this question, I know that is the only thing that they are looking to, because they heard from Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself that that is the only way to settle it. That is all.

Mr. O'MEARA : - First of all, let me just furnish a little information that may be of use. The question was asked by yourself how the Nishgas expect to have the decision of the Judicial Committee carried into effect; may I refer for a full answer to that to the statement of the Nishgas, adopted in January, 1913; that matter is there dealt with, and may I just refer to the fact that the main suggestion that was before them, the main proposal that they made by that statement, was that upon a commission that would ultimately deal with the lands the Indians themselves might be represented. The substitute for that as the matter stands now is proposal No. 1, that there should be final appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Another matter of information is the exact position taken by the interior tribes in the previous years. The delegates have brought before you the action taken at the recent meeting. First let

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Mr. O'MEARA:- me read these words from the statement of the interior Indians, adopted at Spence's Bridge on the 23rd of May 1913 : -

" We also assert our agreement with the state-
" ment of the Naas Indians made on the 22nd of Jan-
" uary, 1913, as their position, is the same as ours."

That is the concluding paragraph of their statement. Then let me read two short paragraphs from the statement of the same interior Indians, adopted at Spence's Bridge on the 5th of June, 1914 : -

" It now seems to us that this matter of our
" rights cannot be settled in Canada, but must come
" before the great court in England. Therefore, we
" respectfully urge that you will at an early date have
" our claims referred to the Judicial Committee of the
" Privy Council for settlement. Not only our claims,
" but also those of the Nishga Indians, as stated in
" their petition lodged with the Privy Council, as
" well as those of all other tribes.
" We further respectfully ask that you request
" the Imperial authorities to take up this matter, so
" that same may be dealt with by the Judicial Commit-
" tee as soon as possible, and we will ever pray. "

Those, Sir, are the concluding paragraphs of the statement of 1914. I also refer in a few words to this fact that these matters some of them are rather grave that the Nishgas have dealt with since their return to Ottawa have been the subject of full consultation with the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, before the Nishgas finally decided to bring them in their present statement before yourself.

I think from what I learned this morning from Dr. Tucker, himself, I understand he has placed a

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Mr. O'MEARA : -letter in your hands, and I would respectfully suggest that you might see fit to have that entered upon the record as coming from the Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee; would that meet with your approval ?

Dr. ROCHE : - I think it is just a formal letter commending what the Indians had to say to me, and I made a formal reply this afternoon.

Mr. O'Meara: - In addition, Dr. Roche, I have to say two things and regarding them to speak perhaps strongly; I intend to speak plainly and I hope it will be thoroughly understood that I am speaking most respectfully. The first is that in the statement of the Nishgas a promise of Canada has been treated as being mainly, at least, the promise of the previous Government of Canada. I think it is quite material that I should give you a little information that shows that practically the same promise was made by the present Government. In the month of May, 1912, the delegates of the Indian Affairs Committee and myself had the honour of having an interview with the Government of Canada at which were present the Prime Minister, the then Minister of Indian Affairs, the Hon. Mr. Robert Rogers, and other members of the Cabinet, including, I remember, Mr. Burrell. I have before me the official stenographic report of that interview, from which I will read a short extract. After I had made a statement on behalf of, first of all, the Friends of the Indians, and also specially on behalf of the Nishga Indians at their request, Mr. Rogers spoke as follows : -

" As far as the question of making an inquiry in
" regard to the different matters affecting the Indians
" of British Columbia is concerned I may say that we
" have already taken up and discussed this with Mr.
" Ross, a member of the Provincial Government who was

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Mr. O'MEARA : -" here the other day, and I am sending Mr. McKenna, " who is here this morning, to British Columbia as our " representative. He will be empowered to investi- " gate all matters that will necessarily arise as af- " fecting the conditions referred to. I do not see " that we would have any objection to having the mat- " ters undisposed of finally referred to the Judicial " Committee of the Privy Council, and I am in hopes " that we may be able to arrive at an arrangement " whereby a stated case may be agreed upon between the " Province and the Dominion. We will, of course, en- " deavour to find out as quickly as possible whether " we can agree upon a case which will be satisfactory " to the Province of British Columbia. "

On, I think, the following day, Dr. Tucker and myself, desiring to have a most explicit expression of the Minister's mind on the question of a stated case before the Judicial Committee, waited upon Mr. Rogers, and I have before me the notes of that interview prepared by Dr. Tucker and myself, a copy of which was at the time placed in the Minister's hands. From that I read the following paragraph : -

" The general question of Indian title would " unquestionably have a place in the case to be agreed " upon for an adjudication between Canada and British " Columbia. "

I wish on the present occasion to avoid anything in the nature of an argument, but I wish to point out what seems to us to be an exact result of the adoption of the McKenna agreement, and that is that the whole question of the aboriginal claims of the Indians of British Columbia was the thing that has remained undisposed of finally, and there it has stood since the fall of 1912.

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Mr. O'MEARA : - Now I wish to read a very short extract from the opinion given by the Minister of Justice in December, 1913, in the course of that opinion he said : -

" If the Government do not propose to uphold the " claim, I think the inadvisability of making any re- " ference of this petition should be presented to the " Colonial Office. "

Now, Sir, may I most respectfully ask this question: in view of all that has happened, before the year 1912 and in view of the assurance given by the Minister of Indian Affairs in May of that year, how is it conceivable that the Dominion of Canada should send a despatch to the Colonial Office, saying it is not advisable to refer the Nishga petition to the Judicial Committee.

The next matter is the principle upon which the Nishgas'definite request for practical action has been based, that has to some extent been placed before you, Sir, but I feel that it would hardly be fair for me not to add a few words to that. I have advised the Nishgas that there are two matters, one these reserves that have been set aside under Article 13 of the Terms of Union, and the other matter is the territory unsurrendered. With regard to the territory unsurrendered, I have given to them as the best of my judgment that the Sovereign of Great Britain should be considered to be under the Royal Proclamation trustee of the Indian interests in the unsurrendered lands of the Province. I admit that that is dealing with a very large constitutional matter, but that is the best of my judgment. The other matter is very plain and simple; the words of Article 13 most explicitly make Canada the trustee of the lands set aside before Confed-

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Mr. O'MEARA : -also under Article 13, and so the whole matter is a matter of trust, and I have advised the delegates and have advised the Nishgas that the proper position for them to take, the sound position for them to take is not to say to Canada, help us in a complete way, but say to Canada that we recognize the McKenna agreement must be taken into account.

We ask you, however, to remember that the whole of this matter is one of trust, and we ask you to do those things which if an individual were acting as a trustee those interested could come into court and compel him to do. I am perfectly conscious in saying that, that it is a strong thing for the Nishgas to place before this Government, but they do it respectfully and I do it respectfully. We perfectly recognize that what persons can compel an individual to do they cannot expect to compel a government to do, but that is the principle upon which they are deliberately proceeding, and, therefore, they are proceeding most definitely to take all the responsibility and also to take action practically at their own expense, thus complying with what is said in the opinion of the Minister of Justice on that point.

Dr. ROCHE : - You made the remark about the Government of Canada sending a dispatch to the Home Office.

Mr. O'MEARA : - I stopped short in my statement out of, perhaps, excessive respect. To make my meaning quite clear, let me ask you to imagine that the Nishgas come by their counsel before a special committee of His Majesty's Privy Council with their petitions and that there comes, either directly or through the Colonial Office, a communication from Canada stating the inadvisability of

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Mr. O'MEARA : -referring that petition to the Judicial Committee, and also imagine that the Nishgas are in a position to quote from the official record of the interview of May, 1912, what is distinctly said that Canada would not object to that question coming before the Judicial Committee.

Mr. SCOTT : - Have you a copy of Hon. Mr. Doherty's letter to you, I think it was dated in December, last, I think it completely answers your present argument.

Dr. ROCHE : - I do not know that I can give any further information than I gave when the gentlemen were here the other day; there is not anything, at least, upon which I could make any recommendation. The only thing I could report to my colleagues is that the Indians are not satisfied to have the reference under the terms of the Order in Council. After consulting with their colleagues out at Spence's Bridge they come back and report that they are not satisfied to abide by the decision of the Royal Commission so far as the allotment of land is concerned should the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council decide in their favour.

Now, under those circumstances, I cannot pledge my colleagues that they are going to reverse their decision. I cannot state to these gentlemen that and I think an intimation was thrown out by Mr. Woods that they were prepared to remain here until they got a satisfactory answer, until this question was cleared up. Now, it is utterly impossible for us to say how soon that can be cleared up. In the event of my colleagues not looking favourably upon any other reference save under the terms of the Order in Council passed, they might stop here a very indefinite time. I presume all they want, though, is either yes or no.

Well, it may

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Dr. ROCHE : - be that we may be able to give that decision in the very near future, but it would not be necessary for these gentlemen to remain for that purpose. I think they have had a very good opportunity of putting their views before us, and I think we pretty thoroughly understand their viewpoint, and all I can say is that I am prepared to bring it once more before Council with a view of seeing if they are willing to have a reference on the ground suggested by the Indian tribes, but, while we have not got the consent of the British Columbia Government to our present method of settlement, we are not having their opposition, and I fear that to give that case to the courts on other terms we would meet the opposition of the British Columbia Government, and that was the stumbling block in the way of Sir Wilfrid Laurier carrying out his promise. Sir Wilfrid has been quoted on a number of occasions here as stating it ought to be decided by the Judicial Committee; well, I believe he is quite right, that is what this Government says, but, at the same time, Sir Wilfrid did not devise any plan to have the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council pass upon it; he never got it before them, and the reason he did not, so far as my understanding, is that the British Columbia Government would not consent, and, while he intimated that if it were possible to devise some other method of bringing it before the courts, he would do so, still, he never did devise any other method. Now, this Government has devised a method, and, I think, a fair one, and we had hoped the Indians would accept.

Mr. O'MEARA : - May I just point out, without going into it, that there are some very practical matters, first of all, when the four delegates were here we came

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Mr. O'MEARA : -to the point at which we would have naturally gone on to discuss the Nishga proposals. It was thought by the Nishgas that they should reserve that matter completely until they got the hoped-for explanations from the Minister of Justice. Now the Nishga delegates are prepared to have any discussion on their proposals that you think might be of any service.

Dr. ROCHE : - In my opinion the great point is, as I have intimated on several occasions, the Indians have been striving for a long time to get their case referred to the Privy Council. This Government has settled that they are willing to have the case go through the courts to the Privy Council, notwithstanding the fact that the British Columbia Government are opposed to it. Now we have an Order in Council passed, stating that we are quite agreeable to have this reference on certain conditions which, in the opinion of the Government, would be proper conditions, and it is a question whether the Indians will be agreeable to accept or reject, apparently they reject those terms. Now, it is up to the Government to say whether they will go further or not.

MR. O'MEARA : - Let me point out the position with regard to the whole of the proposals: the Minister of Justice very explicitly told the delegates in February that the Cabinet would consider their proposals, and also any further suggestions they might make in the future. That is the position in regard to proposals, and yet their proposals have not yet been discussed between Mr. Scott and themselves; it stopped

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Mr. O'MEARA : -short of that. If the Minister thought that something might be gained by a discussion of the Nishga proposals with Mr. Scott, the delegates are quite prepared to have that discussion, but, of course, it would be part of the record.

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Present : - Hon. Dr. Roche,
Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General,
Mr. A. E. O'Meara,
Mr. W. J. Lincoln, and
Mr. R. S. Woods, Interpreter.

Mr. WOODS : -

According to the plan approved by you, Sir, in our last interview, we have been to Spence's Bridge, and, after carefully considering everything that has happened since we arrived in Ottawa, we decided to present a third supplementary statement, for which we are here to-day.

Copy presented to the Minister.

(Mr. Woods here reads supplementary statement No. 3)

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Dr. ROCHE : - Is it understood that all the tribes who met with you at Spence's Bridge are in accord with you and your proposals?

Mr. WOODS: - Yes, and through Mr. O'Meara's advice and our own efforts in explaining everything that had taken place in Ottawa and the interviews with the Minister and with Mr. Scott,

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Mr. WOODS: - they decided and passed a resolution adopting the Nishga proposals. From that we feel very much encouraged and also from the fact that we have other tribes in the Province standing behind us, not only that, we have some very powerful Canadian organizations behind us that have promised they would do their best to help us obtain what we are now asking for, and, before we left Spence's Bridge, the Indians at the meeting told us in these words: "We are with you. " Go on. " That is all about the Spence's Bridge matter.

Dr. ROCHE : - As a result of your meeting at Spence's Bridge the basis of reference to the Privy Council, as laid down by the Order in Council which we passed, was not acceptable to the Indians who had assembled at Spence's Bridge; do I understand that?

Mr. WOODS: - They pressed very urgently that this case should be referred directly to the Privy Council without them being tied to any agreements or any promises, that is what they urged, but, after going into these interviews that I mentioned, and, through the advice of Mr. J. A. Teit, they decided to ease up a little on it, and, after me explaining the Nishga proposals, they decided that they would be satisfactory to them, although they did say that it was not quite as strong as they would like it put.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand, then, that they are agreeable to have the case brought before the Privy Council on the basis that we recommended; is that what you wish to convey?

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Mr. WOODS: - As I told you, they wanted this referred to the Privy Council without any agreement.

Dr. ROCHE : - They would prefer that?

Mr. WOODS: - Yes, from the speeches that were made.

Dr. ROCHE : - After being advised by Mr. Teit and further explanations you say they did consent to have the reference made on the grounds as set forth in the Order in Council?

Mr. WOODS: - On the basis of the Nishga proposals, and there is another question: I think the Government here have been given to understand that the Nishgas have always stood together in this matter, and that everything had been smooth sailing for the Nishgas, but I want to tell you that it was not always smooth sailing, there are a number of hotheads in that tribe that have wanted to take drastic action in keeping the whites out of the Naas Valley, but, through the efforts of the Nishga Land Committee, and especially Mr. O'Meara, since he undertook to advise the Nishgas, these hotheads have been persuaded not to cause any trouble; they have been kept under control. Now the Nishgas stand in this case quite as one man.

I would like to say a few words on this matter of the Royal Commission; we had gone into that very carefully with Mr. Scott in our discussions with him. We come to this, that, through the failure of the Government to help us, that is from what we understood of the letter written by Mr. Newcombe, the Deputy Minister of Justice, was that the Minister of Justice was not prepared to give us the information that we asked for and from that those questions that we did ask

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Mr. WOODS: - information on dealt vitally with this matter of the Nishgas meeting, the Royal Commission, we think, would do so or not, and, after going into that letter very carefully with the help of our adviser, Mr. O'Meara, we have come to the decision that the Nishgas will take the stand that they will not meet the Royal Commission, and that resolution has been approved by the Indian Affairs Committee.

Mr. SCOTT : - What is the Indian Affairs Committee?

Mr. WOODS : - The Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada, so, after that matter, the main responsibility now rests on the Minister of Justice.

Dr. ROCHE : - Did the Indians think their case would be prejudiced in any way by giving all the information necessary before the Royal Commission?

Mr. WOODS : - What they did think is that no benefit will be derived from it under the conditions now laid before it. We discussed this matter very carefully with Mr. Scott, but we needed proof that we would get what we wanted, but the Minister of Justice seems to have taken the stand that he is not going to give it to us, so the matter now rests with him.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand the character of the questions asked of the Minister of Justice was of a kind that were supposed to be decided by the courts, and, therefore, he did not wish to prejudge the case or give a legal opinion in advance of a decision of the courts.

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Mr. WOODS :- In any decision that we come to, any steps that we take in this matter, the meaning we derive from the Order in Council, the way we understand it, any questions of law to be brought up, why that is absolutely beyond us. We leave that entirely in the hands of Mr. O'Meara. We understood from the Order in Council that we had to agree beforehand to be satisfied with the findings of the Royal Commission; that was plain enough to us, and, after our discussions with Mr. Scott, he was not able to change our minds on that.

Dr. ROCHE : - You are quite agreeable to abide by the Judicial decision of the Privy Council, but you are not agreeable to abide by the decision of the Royal Commission, a body that has been appointed by the two Governments for the allotment of lands. How, then, did you expect that the decision of the Privy Council would be carried out in the event of its being in your favour?

Mr. WOODS : - This Order in Council wants us to admit that our rights are those and those only. We say no. We want the Judicial Committee to decide what our rights are.

Dr. ROCHE : - The Judicial Committee would not have anything to do with the allotment of lands.

Mr. WOODS : - After our rights had been decided that question could then be brought up.

Dr. ROCHE : - I understand the Judicial Committee would decide as to whether you had the Indian title or not.

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Mr. WOODS : - Yes, and to explain what title we have, but, if we agree to the Order in Council as it now stands, we have to admit that our title is an aboriginal one and that our rights are limited. Well, that is the thing that we don't want because that takes in this question of lands; we won't have a voice in deciding what lands we will keep for our own use, for ourselves. If it can be shown to us, proven that the Royal Commission is able to give us lands that have already been disposed of and some of those lands that the Indians on the Naas need, why this question of coming to an agreement with the Government would be easy, and our questions, asking the Minister of Justice for information, were based on that.

Dr. ROCHE : - You would not be satisfied with taking the other lands in lieu of them?

Mr. WOODS : - Well no, because, as we explained and show by that blue print we gave you in February, that there are no lands to be given outside of those that have been disposed of.

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Dr. ROCHE : - You mean in that Valley?

Mr. WOOD : - In that Valley, yes.

Dr. ROCHE : - Are not there other lands in the Province?

Mr. WOOD : - I suppose there are lands in the Province, but we are referring to the Nishga territory at present, and I know there are none in what we call the Nishga territory, unless you go away inland, as we showed you by the blue prints. Of course, that question was never put before the tribe in that way before. Another thing, we have been advised that the Governor General, as representing His Majesty, is trustee of Indian interests regarding unsurrendered lands, and that the Governor in Council, the Government of Canada acts as trustee of reserves, and we have been advised. Of course, this is a question that we Indians do not understand very well, but we have been advised that this is all trust, and it brings in this question whether the Canadian Government is at liberty to help the Nishgas to the extent that we expect them to. We have been advised that the Government is unable to do so as much as they would wish to help the Indians, through this McKenna agreement, passed by an Order in Council here in Ottawa. What we ask is that if the Government is unable to protect the interests of the Nishgas to give us, the Indians, liberty to take the responsibility on our own shoulders of carrying this thing right on to a finish, taking the responsibility on ourselves to do it. We have been advised that that is the system generally adopted that when a person acting as a trustee, say, for a body of men here if he is unable to bring some question that is troubling this body of men before a court, why this body of men would have the right under British laws to take that question themselves before a court; that is what we

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Mr. WOODS : - are asking for now. Of course, our choice is now that our ~~objection~~ petition would be referred directly to the Judicial Committee, but we are willing that the plan stated in our different statements we have presented will be carried out under the conditions stated in these statements, and I want to state I do not say that you, honourable gentlemen, have the impression that we are deriving pleasure in staying here in Ottawa, away from home. I do not say that, but I do not want you to think it, and I want to show you that Mr. Lincoln and myself, especially Mr. Lincoln, who is in business out there and his business demands his personal attention at the present time on the Naas, I, myself am working for Mr. Lincoln under wages and all the time that I am away from the Naas there is a stop of my pay, and, as a result, we are here at a financial loss to ourselves, but, even at that, if it is necessary, we have decided to stay here if advised that it is the best stand to take for an indefinite time till something has been accomplished here in Ottawa.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I think that is all that I have to say.

Mr. W. J. LINCOLN : - (Mr. Woods acting as interpreter.)

If you will allow me, Sirs, I would like to give you a little information on the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Prince Rupert and the effect it had on the Indians that attended the celebrations on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's arrival in Prince Rupert. The different Indian Agents around that part of the Province sent out notices to the different Indian villages, telling them of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's coming to Prince Rupert, and he said that it was a good time to present something to him when he arrived about this Indian land question; it was an opportunity that should not be missed. The Indians did. There were hundreds

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Mr. LINCOLN :- would be interested, but hardly understand the whole meaning of it, but would come back to the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the biggest man in Canada as they see him, had promised that the only way to decide this question was that it should be decided by the Judicial Committee, the only satisfactory way of doing it; they will always bear that in mind, and, when they have been told that the Government, the present Government, has taken steps to settle this question, I know that is the only thing that they are looking to, because they heard from Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself that that is the only way to settle it. That is all.

Mr. O'Meara:- First of all, let me just furnish a little information that may be of use. The question was asked by yourself how the Nishgas expect to have the decision of the Judicial Committee carried into effect; may I refer for a full answer to that to the statement of the Nishgas, adopted in January, 1913; that matter is there dealt with, and may I just refer to the fact that the main suggestion that was before them, the main proposal that they made by that statement, was that upon a commission that would ultimately deal with the lands the Indians themselves might be represented. The substitute for that as the matter stands now is proposal No. 1, that there should be final appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Another matter of information is the exact position taken by the interior tribes in the previous years. The delegates have brought before you the action taken at the recent meeting. First let

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me read these words from the statement of the interior Indians, adopted at Spence's Bridge on the 23rd of May, 1913 : -

" We also assert our agreement ~~that~~ with the " statement of the Naas Indians made on the 22nd of " January, 1913, as their position, is the same as ours." That is the concluding paragraph of their statement. Then let me read two short paragraphs from the statement of the same interior Indians, adopted at Spence's Bridge on the 5th of June, 1914 : -

" It now seems to us that this matter of " our rights cannot be settled in Canada, but must come " before the great court in England. Therefore, we " respectfully urge that you will at an early date have " our claims referred to the Judicial Committee of the " Privy Council for settlement. Not only our claims, " but also those of the Nishga Indians, as stated in " their petition lodged with the Privy Council, as " well as those of all other tribes.

" We further respectfully ask that you " request the Imperial authorities to take up this mat- " ter, so that same may be dealt with by the Judicial " Committee as soon as possible, and we will ever pray."

Those, Sir, are the concluding paragraphs of the statement of 1914. I also refer in a few words to this fact that these matters some of them are rather grave that the Nishgas have dealt with since their return to Ottawa have been the subject of full consultation with the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, before the Nishgas finally decided to bring them in their present statement before yourself.

I think from what I learned this morning from Dr. Tucker, himself, I understand he has placed a

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Mr. O'MEARA:-
letter in your hands, and I would respectfully suggest that you might see fit to have that entered upon the record as coming from the Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee; would that meet with your approval?

Dr. ROCHE : - I think it is just a formal letter commending what the Indians had to say to me, and I made a formal reply this afternoon.

Mr. O'MEARA ; - In addition, Dr. Roche, I have to say two things and regarding them to speak perhaps strongly; I intend to speak plainly and I hope it will be thoroughly understood that I am speaking most respectfully. The first is that in the statement of the Nishgas a promise of Canada has been treated as being mainly, at least, the promise of the previous Government of Canada. I think it is quite material that I should give you a little information that shows that practically the same promise was made by the present Government. In the month of May, 1912, the delegates of the Indian Affairs Committee and myself had the honour of having an interview with the Government of Canada at which were present the Prime Minister, the then Minister of Indian Affairs, the Hon. Mr. Rogers, and other members of the Cabinet, including, I remember, Mr. Burrell. I have before me the official stenographic report of that interview, from which I will read a short extract. After I had made a statement on behalf of, first of all, the Friends of the Indians, and also specially on behalf of the Nishga Indians at their request, Mr. Rogers spoke as follows : -

" As far as the question of making an in-
" quiry in regard to the different matters affecting the
" Indians of British Columbia is concerned I may say that
" we have already taken up and discussed this with Mr.
" Ross, a member of the Provincial Government who was

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" here the other day, and I am sending Mr. McKenna, who
" is here this morning, to British Columbia as our re-
" presentative. He will be empowered to investigate
" all matters that will necessarily arise as affecting
" the conditions referred to. I do not see that we
" would have any objection to having the matters undis-
" posed of finally referred to the Judicial Committee of
" the Privy Council, and I am in hopes that we may be
" able to arrive at an arrangement whereby a stated case
" may be agreed upon between the Province and the
" Dominion. We will, of course, endeavour to find out
" as quickly as possible whether we can agree upon a case
" which will be satisfactory to the Province of British
" Columbia. "

On, I think, the following day, Dr. Tucker and myself, desiring to have a most explicit expression of the Minister's mind on the question of a stated case before the Judicial Committee, waited upon Mr. Rogers, and I have before me the notes of that interview prepared by Dr. Tucker and myself, a copy of which was at the time placed in the Minister's hands. From that I read the following paragraph : -

" The general question of Indian title
"would unquestionably have a place in the case to be
"agreed upon for an adjudication between Canada and Brit-
"ish Columbia. "

I wish on the present occasion to avoid anything in the nature of an argument, but I wish to point out what seems to us to be an exact result of the adoption of the McKenna agreement, and that is that the whole question of the aboriginal claims of the Indians of British Columbia was the thing that has remained undisposed of finally, and there it has stood since the fall of 1912.

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Mr. O'MEARA:- Now I wish to read a very short extract from the opinion given by the Minister of Justice in December, 1913, in the course of that opinion he said: -

" If the Government do not propose to up-
" hold the claim, I think the inadvisability of making
" any reference of this petition should be presented to
" the Colonial Office. "

Now, Sir, may I most respectfully ask this question: in view of all that has happened, before the year 1912 and in view of the assurance given by the Minister of Indian Affairs in May of that year, how is it conceivable that the Dominion of Canada should ~~xxxxxxx~~ send a despatch to the Colonial Office, saying it is not advisable to refer the Nishga petition to the Judicial Committee.

The next matter is the principle upon which the Nishgas definite request for practical action has been based, that has to some extent been placed before you, Sir, but I feel that it would hardly be fair for me not to add a few words to that. I have advised the Nishgas that there are two matters, one these reserves that have been set aside under Article 13 of the Terms of Union, and the other matter is the territory unsurrendered. With regard to the territory unsurrendered, I have given to them as the best of my judgment that the Sovereign of Great Britain should be considered to be under the Royal Proclamation trustee of the Indian interests in the unsurrendered lands of the Province. I admit that that is dealing with a very large constitutional matter, but that is the best of my judgment. The other matter is very plain and simple; the words of Article 13 most explicitly make Canada the trustee of the lands set aside before Confederation, and

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also under Article 13, and so the whole matter is a matter of trust, and I have advised the delegates and have advised the Nishgas that the proper position for them to take, the sound position for them to take is not to say to Canada, help us in a complete way, but say to Canada that we recognize the McKenna agreement must be taken into account.

We ask you, however, to remember that the whole of this matter is one of trust, and we ask you to do those things which if an individual were acting as a trustee those interested could come into court and compel him to do. I am perfectly conscious in saying that that it is a strong thing for the Nishgas to place before this Government, but they do it respectfully and I do it respectfully. We perfectly recognize that what persons can compel an individual to do they cannot expect to compel a government to do, but that is the principle upon which they are deliberately proceeding, and, therefore, they are proceeding most definitely to take all the responsibility and also to take action practically at their own expense, thus complying with what is said in the opinion of the Minister of Justice on that point.

Dr. ROCHE : - You made the remark about the Government of Canada, ~~asking~~ sending a dispatch to the Home Office.

Mr. O'MEARA : - I stopped short in my statement out of, perhaps, excessive respect. To make my meaning quite clear, let me ask you to imagine that the Nishgas come by their counsel before a special committee of His Majesty's Privy Council with their petition and ~~with their expe~~ that there comes, either directly or through the Colonial Office, a communication from Canada stating the inadvisability of

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
referring that petition to the Judicial Committee, and also imagine that the Nishgas are in a position to quote from the official record of the interview of May, 1912, what is distinctly said that Canada would not object to that question coming before the Judicial Committee.

Mr. SCOTT : - Have you a copy of Hon. Mr. Doherty's letter to you, I think it was dated in December, last, I think it completely answers your present argument.

Dr. ROCHE : - I do not know that I can give any further information than I gave when the gentlemen were here the other day; there is not anything, at least, upon which I could make any recommendation. The only thing I could report to my colleagues is that the Indians are not satisfied to have the reference under the terms of the Order in Council. After consulting with their colleagues out at Spence's Bridge they come back and report that they are not satisfied to abide by the decision of the Royal Commission so far as the allotment of land is concerned should the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council decide in their favour.

Now. under those circumstances, I cannot pledge my colleagues that they are going to reverse their decision. I cannot state to these gentlemen that and I think an intimation was thrown out by Mr. Woods that they were prepared to remain here until they got a satisfactory answer, until this question was cleared up. Now, it is utterly impossible for us to say how soon that can be cleared up. In the event of my colleagues not looking favourably upon any other reference save under the terms of the Order in Council passed, they might stop here a very indefinite time. I presume all they want, though, is either yes or no. Well, it may

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Dr. ROCHE : - be that we may be able to give that decision in the very near future, but it would not be necessary for these gentlemen to remain for that purpose. I think they have had a very good opportunity of putting their views before us, and I think we pretty thoroughly understand their viewpoint, and all I can say is that I am prepared to bring it once more before Council with a view of seeing if they are willing to have a reference on the ground suggested by the Indian tribes, but, while we have not got the consent of the British Columbia Government to our present method of settlement, we are not having their opposition, and I fear that to give that case to the courts on other terms we would meet the opposition of the British Columbia Government, and that was the stumbling block in the way of Sir Wilfrid Laurier carrying out his ~~terms~~ promise. Sir Wilfrid has been quoted on a number of occasions here as stating it ought to be decided by the Judicial Committee; well, I believe he is quite right, that is what this Government says, but, at the same time, Sir Wilfrid did not devise any plan to have the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council pass upon it; he never got it before them, and the reason he did not, so far as my understanding, is that the British Columbia Government would not consent, and, while he intimated that if it were possible to devise some other method of bringing it before the courts, he would do so, still, he never did devise any other method. Now, this Government has devised a method, and, I think, a fair one, and we had hoped the Indians would accept.

Mr. O'MEARA :- May I just point out, without going into it, that there are some very practical matters, first of all, when the four delegates were here we came

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
to the point at which we would have naturally gone on to discuss the Nishga proposals. It was thought by the Nishgas that they should reserve that matter completely until they got the hoped-for explanations from the Minister of Justice. Now the Nishga delegates are prepared to have any discussion on their proposals that you think might be of any service.

Dr. ROCHE : - In my opinion the great point is, as I have intimated on several occasions, the Indians have been striving for a long time to get their case referred to the Privy Council. This Government has settled that they are willing to have the case go through the courts to the Privy Council, notwithstanding the fact that the British Columbia Government are opposed to it. Now we have an Order in Council passed, stating that we are quite agreeable to have this reference on certain conditions which, in the opinion of the Government, would be proper conditions, and it is a question whether the Indians will be agreeable to accept or reject, apparently they reject these terms. Now, it is up to the Government to say whether they will go further or not.

Mr. O'MEARA : - Let me point out the position with regard to the whole of the proposals: the Minister of Justice very explicitly told the delegates in February that the Cabinet would consider their proposals, and also any further suggestions they might make in the future. That is the position in regard to proposals, and yet their proposals have not yet been discussed between Mr. Scott and themselves; it stopped

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Mr. O'MEARA:- short of that. If the Minister thought that something might be gained by a discussion of the Nishga proposals with Mr. Scott, the delegates are quite prepared to have that discussion, but, of course, it would be part of the record.

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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF

THE NISHGA NATION OR TRIBE OF INDIANS.

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The delegates having carefully considered the remarks made yesterday by the Ministers, beg to present this supplementary statement.

We found it very difficult to answer the question put to us by the Minister of Justice, whether the Tribe intended to finally reject the terms of surrender proposed by the Government. Now we wish to speak further in answer to that question.

We do not mean now to finally reject the Government's proposals. On the contrary, onepurpose for which we were sent to Ottawa was to get from the Canadian Ministers all explanation and information relating to those proposals and all reasons supporting them that the Ministers might see fit to give to us. Our minds are open and we believe the minds of those whom we represent will be open to receive all sush words spoken to us, which might possibly influence the Nishga Tribe in favour of the proposals. However in any case we would not finally reject the Government's proposals before knowing more fully the mind of other Tribes regarding them.

We will state the present position as correctly as possible. The mind of the Nishgas as now known to us and expressed in their various statements and the mind of the Government of Canada expressed in the Order-in-Council, as now understood by us, are so far apart that at present we see no reason for expecting that the terms of surrender proposed by the Government will be accepted by the Nishgas.

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Having been clothed with full authority to arrive at an understanding with the Government, which it is the most earnest desire of the Tribe to do, we wish to lay before the Ministers and if possible before leaving Ottawa to secure their approval of, some plan which may be expected rapidly to lead on to definite results.

As is well known, our own plan has been to proceed with our Petition before His Majesty's Privy Council, and our hope has been that the Government of Canada would in every way possible, help us in doing so. This plan would still be our choice, and in carrying it out while we would ask the Government to advance the funds needed such advance if granted, would be made upon security of our Reserves in accordance with a resolution which was passed by the Tribe in July last.

We have been willing and are still willing that instead of our plan the Government's plan shouldo be carried out, if terms of surrender and other necessary matters could be agreed upon.

We should explain how the matter of consulting other Tribes now stands. In July the Kitkahtla Band of the Tsimpsean Tribe sent to the Naas River delegates who conferred with the Nishgas and expressed approval of the main proposals which we have now brought before the Government. In August we met the Haydas and Kitisheans who passed resolutions approving our main proposals. For some length of time the Interior Tribes have proposed to hold a meeting at Spence's Bridge and have invited us to attend and explain our Petition and our proposals. This we have agreed

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to do, and this morning received a telegram stating that the meeting would be held on 25th instant.

Following is the plan for the immediate future which we respectfully submit for consideration:-

1. That by means of the Report of the interviews now being held and by any other means thought desirable, the mind of other Tribes regarding both the Government's proposals and our own, be secured.

2. That as soon as it may be thought that the mind of other Tribes has been sufficiently secured, the Government, having before them such fuller information, either accept the proposals of the Nishgas, make such new proposals as they may decide upon, or help the Nishgas to proceed with their Petition.

There is one additional matter arising out of our Statement which we desire to take this opportunity of laying before the Ministers, namely the Fisheries. By reference to the resolution passed by the British Columbia Branch of the Fisheries Board, it will be found that the main reason given for not altering the Regulations relating to Northern British Columbia so as to allow Indians to take out independent licenses is the alleged policy of the two Governments. We understand that the Minister of Indian Affairs is convinced that the Regulations should be so altered. We ask that this matter of policy be soon dealt with so that the way may be opened up.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W J Lincoln
CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

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We have been informed of the Order-in-Council passed on 20th June last and the attached Memorandum of the Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, and these papers have been fully explained to us.

We note with thankfulness that the Government of Canada has now formally recognized the fact that we make the claims set out in our Statement attached to the Order-in Council which was adopted in January 1913 and was embodied in our Petition brought before His Majesty's Privy Council in May 1913 and that the Government has by doing so taken an important step towards dealing justly with our claims.

We cannot, however, accept the proposals contained in the Order-in-Council for reasons which will be found in our former Statement and this Statement.

The Deputy Superintendent-General in his Memorandum attached to the Order-in-Council has expressed the opinion that our view regarding the nature of our rights is erroneous and has described as "fancies" the claims which we and the other Tribes of the Province have most earnestly made ever since white men began to come into our country.

The Order-in-Council is, as we submit, capable of being understood as approving the opinions above mentioned. We think this fact would seriously imperil our rights if decided under the Order-in-Council. Whenever our Petition may have a hearing before His Majesty's Privy Council or any other Court we do not want that it should

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be tied to a document declaring that its claims are unfounded. We do not want to have our hands bound and our mouths closed in this way, but wish to be free to speak and act in the Court.

It has been generally understood that the Government intended to propose that there should be a right of appeal from the Exchequer Court of Canada to the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council. We point out that the Order-in-Council contains no such words and is, as we submit, capable of being understood as providing for an appeal not to the Imperial Privy Council, the tribunal to which we have been looking with longing eyes for years and the only tribunal whose decision we are prepared to accept as final, but to the Canadian Privy Council.

While our Petition is now before His Majesty's Privy Council and we expect will in the end be decided by that tribunal, we are willing that first of all it shall be brought before a Canadian Court, if advised that we shall have before that Court the standing necessary for fully safeguarding our rights, and that a decision binding upon British Columbia can by that means be secured.

With a view to fully safeguarding our rights and securing a decision removing all grounds of dissatisfaction, we desire to be represented by Counsel chosen by ourselves, upon such financial terms as may be arranged.

With regard to the terms upon which it is proposed that we shall surrender our title, we think it very important first of all to point out the limitations under which lands will be set aside by the Royal Commission.- The Report of Special Commissioner McKenna presented in October 1912 makes perfectly clear that all such lands will be set aside out of Crown lands remaining undisposed

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of. We are therefore very sure that the land situation confronting us in the Naas Valley, explained in our former Statement, cannot be fully and justly dealt with under the Agreement of 1912. Even if the position were different and it were possible for the Commissioners to restore to us lands wrongfully disposed of by the Province of British Columbia in violation of the Proclamation of King George Third, we would claim to have a real voice in deciding what lands are to be reserved for our use and benefit. Moreover, while we are prepared to consider the findings of the Royal Commission on their merits when known to us, we are not prepared in advance to bind ourselves to accept such findings, not knowing what they will be, and not even knowing that any additional lands will be set aside.

The Government of Canada having promised to consider any proposals that we might make, we beg to make for consideration of that Government and the other Tribes the following proposals, without however saying that they are the only terms to which we would agree:-

1. That when the findings of the Royal Commission are known, each Tribe that may consider such findings insufficient shall have opportunity of making application for additional lands to be reserved for the use and benefit of the Tribe for reasons to be stated in such application, and every such application which cannot be dealt with by conference between the Tribe and the two Governments shall be decided by His Majesty's Imperial Minister, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in pursuance of the principle embodied in Article 13 of the "Terms of Union".

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2. That in fixing compensation regard shall be had to all the terms and provisions of any Treaty made between the Crown and any Tribe of Indians in Canada.

3. That in fixing compensation regard shall also be had to all restrictions and disabilities imposed upon Indians by Provincial Laws and those imposed by Canadian regulations relating to the Fisheries.

4. That all remaining matters including an equitable method of fixing compensation shall be adjusted by enactment of the Parliament of Canada.

And now we close this Statement with renewed hope. We rely upon the honour of the British Crown pledged for the protection of our rights by the Proclamation of King George Third. We again place our case before the King's Great Court and confidently look for a decision justly determining what are our rights. We place our cause which is greater than our case before the whole people of Canada. We ask that they make known to the Government of Canada that this great and strong Dominion really wants to treat us, although few and weak, with full justice.

The above Statement was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Nishga Nation or Tribe of Indians held at Kincolith on the 4th day of December 1914.

W. J. Lincoln

Chairman of Meeting.

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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT NO. 3 OF
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Since our interview of 17th February two delegates attended the meeting of Interior Tribes held at Spence's Bridge on 25th, 26th and 27th February, and the other two delegates in returning to the Naas River stopped at Hazelton and informed the Kitishean Tribe of our Ottawa interviews.

At Spence's Bridge we fully discussed the situation with the assembled Indians, who freely expressed to us their mind and sent to the Minister a memorial dealing with a number of the matters discussed, from which it will be seen that the Interior Tribes have agreed with all our proposals.

Since returning to Ottawa we have very carefully considered the letter relating to the explanations requested in our last Statement which on 11th inst. the Deputy Minister of Justice, acting as we understand on behalf of the Minister of Justice, addressed to Mr. Scott.

We quite agree with the words of that letter, that we are pressing for the means of judicial determination. For that very thing we have always pressed, and are still pressing most earnestly. We feel that in doing so we are acting in complete accord with what has been done by Canada ever since the time of Confederation and more especially with what has been done by Canada since the claims of the Indians of British Columbia were placed before His late Majesty King Edward and the then Imperial Minister in the Spring of 1909. In 1910, the

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Department of Justice reported that the land question should be judicially determined. In the same year Sir Wilfrid Laurier came to Prince Rupert and promised our delegates and those of other Northern Tribes that this would be accomplished by bringing our claims before the Judicial Committee. It was in order to overcome the constitutional difficulties encountered in seeking to carry out the promise then made by Canada that our Petition was devised. It was after consultation with Canadian Ministers extending from November 1912 to April 1913, that our Petition was finally lodged in the Privy Council.

When in July last we began to consider the Order-in-Council, we understood that a new way of carrying out the promise made in 1910 had been brought forward and that if terms of surrender could be agreed upon the controversy which has existed between the Indian Tribes and British Columbia for half a century -- the whole controversy -- would with the help of Canada be brought for final decision before the Judicial Committee, that our rights -- all our rights -- would be determined by that Tribunal, and then finally in the light of such judgment determining the nature and extent of our rights the terms of surrender which had been agreed upon in advance would be carried into effect.

The letter which has now come from the Deputy Minister of Justice has made us more sure than ever that on this subject of judicial decision we have taken the right view. It is conceded that authoritative answers to the questions placed before the Minister of Justice, "may to a considerable extent determine the questions in controversy". The matters regarding which explanations were asked have all arisen from Mr. Scott's

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Memorandum and the proposals of the Government based thereon. We need authoritative answers before we can intelligently and with any satisfaction to ourselves decide about the Government's proposals. We are informed that the Minister is unable to give authoritative answers. To whom then shall we look for such answers affecting so vitally our rights and our whole future? We think we must look to the Judicial Committee and to that Tribunal alone.

Therefore, considering a judicial determination of all our rights to be fundamentally necessary and of paramount importance, we are glad now to be assured that the Government sympathizes with our wish to have all questions in controversy judicially determined, and we feel encouraged to hope that soon all needed further action will be taken to that end.

We desire to place before the Government as clearly as possible the point of view from which we look at our Petition, the terms of surrender proposed by the Government, and those proposed by the Nishga Tribe.

We have already before His Majesty's Privy Council humbly claimed the constitutional right of having this controversy judicially decided. We now most respectfully claim the same right before the Government Parliament and People of Canada. We well know that we who assert this right are few and weak and that the Governments are great and strong, but we have so great faith in British justice that we press on, using only constitutional and peaceable methods, but using such methods to the fullest possible extent, and hope at last to succeed in placing our case before the highest Tribunal of the Empire. We are now quite sure that in so press

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on we shall have behind us all, or nearly all, the Tribes of British Columbia.

Meantime we are willing to go a long way towards meeting the wish of the Government that terms of surrender shall be agreed upon in advance.

About the terms proposed by the Government, we will say what seems to us the best that it is possible for us to say. If it could be arranged that the matter of finally deciding the lands to be reserved should be dealt with by the method suggested in our first proposal or by some other method to be agreed upon, and if then the Judicial Committee should decide that the opinions regarding our rights contained in Mr. Scott's Memorandum are well founded, we would be satisfied with the terms proposed by the Government and are willing so to agree now.

If, on the contrary, the claims which we have made in our Statement of January 1913 and our Petition should be upheld by the Judicial Committee, we think that the terms of surrender proposed by us would clearly afford a means of making an equitable settlement. At the same time we recognize that so long as Mr. Scott's Memorandum stands as the basis of action it is difficult for the Government to adopt our proposals.

After giving further careful consideration to the matters mentioned in paragraphs numbered 1, 2, and 3, of our last Statement and taking into account the fact that these matters have not been explained, we are more sure than ever that on the subject of the Royal Commission first we ourselves and afterwards the Indian Affairs Committee took the right view. Until it shall have been definitely arranged between the Government and the Nishga

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Tribe that the issues contained in our Petition shall be decided by the Judicial Committee, we do not see that any good purpose will be served by our meeting the Royal Commission.

In our Statement of December last we made brief reference to the matter of procedure. We are advised that no plan for bringing this controversy before a Canadian Court which is free from grave constitutional difficulty has yet been proposed. If, however, the Government should propose some new plan we are prepared to give it our very best consideration.

We are aware that, as stated by the Minister of Justice in his opinion of December 1913, it may be considered incompatible with the intention of the agreement of September 1912 that the Dominion should maintain the cause of the Indians in respect of the aboriginal title. Therefore, we do not expect the Government of Canada to help us as fully as if that agreement had not been made. But we request attention to the fact that in December 1912 assurances were given by the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Minister of Justice that in passing the Order-in-Council adopting that agreement the Government of Canada had no intention of prejudicing our rights. We certainly think that if, by reason of the agreement mentioned, the Government should not help us in securing a hearing before the Judicial Committee and as result we should be hindered or delayed, our rights would be most seriously prejudiced. If that should happen it will be made clear that instead of helping us to overcome the Constitutional difficulties to which we have above referred, the Government of Canada by adopting the McKenna agreement created a new difficulty.

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While, therefore, we are content that all responsibility for our Petition and every step taken in carrying it forward should continue to rest upon us, we confidently ask that the Government will help us to secure an early reference of the Petition to the Judicial Committee and, under Resolution passed by the Nishga Tribe at the meeting held at Kincolith from 30th July to 1st August last, advance all funds needed charging such advances against the lands of the Nishga Tribe held in trust by the Government of Canada.

We believe the ideal which the Nishgas, have set before themselves to be truly British. We want to be free men, to have free possession of so much of the territory of our forefathers as we require to keep for our own use, to be free to live independent lives and make full use of the fisheries and other resources of our territory, and to work out a future for ourselves. In order in the end to realize this ideal, we desire now to have full liberty of action and to be free to use our own resources, whether in our hands or held in trust by the Government of Canada, for the protection of our own rights.

In view of the fact that from March 1911 to the present time all the most important steps taken in carrying forward our Petition have been taken after consultation with Canadian Ministers, and in view of the further fact that nine other Tribes have now formally declared themselves to be behind us, we ask that the requests regarding expenses brought before the Minister on 17th February be now granted. We also ask that an appropriation sufficient to provide for such expenditure and all additional expenditures that may be found

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necessary in connection with the land question during the coming year be asked from Parliament at the present Session.

We close this Statement with an earnest plea for the speediest possible action. We fully recognize the good will of the Government towards us. We fully recognize all the difficulties, but we ask the Government to realize that we are like a Nishga hunter waiting and watching at a certain spot and patiently enduring al hardship day after day sometimes for weeks, because he i sure that in the end the bear for which he is watching will come down from the mountain to that very spot. Just as this is often done for the small object of securing game, so for the very great object, a decision of the land question, the Nishgas and all the other Tribes have for many years been longing and waiting. That longing w seek by our Petition to satisfy. We want to take back word to every native village of all British Columbia that soon, very soon, what we have for so long a time striven to accomplish will actually be accomplished.

ALL OF WHICH IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

W. J. Lincoln

CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION.

Ottawa, 25th March, 1915.

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By the Honorable Sir William Johnson, Bart., His Majesty's Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Northern District of North America; Colonel of the Six United Nations, their allies and dependants, and of His Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, I have received His Majesty's Royal Proclamation, given by the Court of St. James, the eleventh day of October last; together with a letter from the Right Honorable Lords Commissioners for the Trade and Plantations, of the tenth of October last, signigying His Majesty's Commands; that I should cause the same to be forthwith made public in the several parts of my jurisdiction; and that I should strictly enjoin all persons whatever, whom it might concern, to pay a due obedience thereto on their parts, which Proclamation is in the words following:-

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.:-

Whereas, we have taken into our Royal consideration, the extensive and valuable acquisitions in America, secured to our Crown by the late definitive Treaty of Peace concluded at Paris the tenth day of February last; and being desirous that all our loving subjects, as well of our Kingdoms as of our Colonies in America; may avail themselves with all speed, of the great benefits and advantages which must accrue therefrom in their commerce, manufactures, and navigation;-

We have thought fit with the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby to publish and declare to all our loving subjects; that we have,

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with the advice of our said Privy Council, granted our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of Great Britain, to erect within the Countries and Islands ceded and confirmed to us by the said Treaty, four distinct and separate Governments, styled and called by names of Quebec, East Florida, West Florida, and Grenada, and limited and bounded as follows, viz;

First.- The Government of Quebec; bounded on the Labrador Coast by River St. John; and from thence, by a line drawn from the head of that River, through the Lake St. John, to the south end of the Lake Nipissin; from whence, the said line crossing the River St. Lawrence, and the Lake Champlain in forty-five degrees of North latitude, passes along the High Lands which divide the Rivers that empty themselves into the said River St. Lawrence, from those which fall into the Sea; and also, along the North Coast of the Bay des Chaleurs, and the coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Cape Rosieres; and from thence, crossing the mouth of the River St. Lawrence, by the West end of the Island of Anticosti, terminates at the aforesaid River St. John.

Secondly.- The Government of East Florida, bounded to the westward by the Gulf of Mexico, and the Apalichicola River, to the northward, by a line drawn from that part of the said River, where the Chatabouchee and Flint Rivers meet, to the source of St. Mary's River, and by the coursecof the said river to the Atlantic Ocean; and to the eastward and southward, by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Florida, including all Islands within six leagues of the sea coast.

Thirdly.- The Government of West Florida; bounded to the southward by the Gulf of Mexico, including all Islands within six leagues of the coast, from the River Apalachicola to Lake Ponchartrain; to the westward, by the said Lake, the Lake Mauripas, and the River Mississippi; to the northward, by a line drawn due East, from that part of the River Mississippi,

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Mississippi which lies in thirty-one degrees north latitude, to the River Apalachicola, or Chatabouchee; and to the eastward by the said River.

Fourthly.- The Government of Grenada; comprehending the Island of that name, together with the Grenadas, and the Islands of Dominica, St. Vincents, and Tobago. And, to the end that the open and free fishery of our subjects may be extended to and carried on, upon the coast of Labrador, and the adjacent Islands.-

We have thought fit, with the advice of our said Privy Council, to put all that Coast, from the River St. Johns to Hudson's Straits, together with all the Islands of Anticosti and Magdelaine, and other smaller Islands lying upon the said Coast, under the case and inspection of our Governor of Newfoundland.

We have also, with the advice of our Privy Council, thought fit to annex the Islands of St. John and Cape Breton, or Isle Royale, with the lesser Islands adjacent thereto, to our Government of Nova Scotia.

We have also, with the advice of our Privy Council aforesaid, annexed to our Province of Georgia, all the lands lying between the Rivers Altamaha and St. Mary's, and whereas it will greatly contribute to the speedy settleing our said new Governments, that our loving subjects should be informed of our paternal care for the security of the liberties and properties of those who are, and shall become inhabitants thereof;

We have thought fit to publish and declare by this our Proclamation, that we have, in Letters Patent under our Great Seal of Great Britain, by which the said Governments are constituted, given express power and

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direction to our Governors of our said Colonies respectively, that so soon as the state and circumstances of the said Colonies will admit thereof, they shall, with the advice and consent of the Members of our Council, summon and call General Assemblies within the said Governments respectively, in such manner and form as is used and directed in those Colonies and Provinces in America, which are under our immediate Government; And we have also given power to the said Governors, with the consent of our Councils, and the Representatives of the people, so to be summoned as aforesaid, to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the public peace, welfare and good government of our said Colonies, and of the people and inhabitants thereof, as near as may be agreeable to the Laws of England, and under such regulations and restrictions as are used in other Colonies: And in the mean time, and until such assemblies can be called aforesaid, all persons inhabiting in, or resorting to our said Colonies, may confide in our Royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit of the Laws of our Realm of England; for which purpose, we have given power under our Great Seal to the Governors of our said Colonies respectively, to erect and constitute, with the advice of our said Councils respectively, Courts of Judicature and Public Justice, within our said Colonies for the hearing and determining all causes as well criminal as civil, according to law and equity, and as near as may be, agreeable to the Laws of England, with liberty to all persons who may think themselves aggrieved by the sentences of such Courts, in all civil cases or trials under the usual limitations and restrictions, to us, in our Privy Council. We have also thought fit, with the advice of our Privy Council as aforesaid, to give unto the Governor and Councils of our said three new Colonies

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upon the Continent, full power and authority to settle and agree with the inhabitants of our said new Colonies, or with any other persons who shall resort thereto, for such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as are now or hereafter shall be in our power to dispose of, and them to grant to any such person or persons, upon the terms, and under such moderate quit rents, services, and acknowledgements, as have been appointed and settled in our other Colonies, and under such other conditions as shall appear to us to be necessary and expedient for the advantage of the grantees, and the improvements and settlement of our said Colonies.

And whereas, we are desirous, upon all occasions, to testify our Royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies, and to reward the same; we do hereby command and empower our Governors of our three new Colonies, and all other our Governors of our several Provinces on the Continent of North America, to grant, without fee or reward, to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late war, and to such private soldiers as have been, or shall be disbanded in America, and are actually residing there, and shall personally apply for the same, the following quantities of lands, subject, at the expiration of ten years, to the same quit rents as other lands are subject to in the Province within which they are granted, as also subject to the same conditions of cultivation and improvements, viz.:

To every person having the rank of a Field Officer, five thousand acres. To every Captain, three thousand acres. To every Subaltern or Staff Officer, two thousand acres. To every Non-Commissioned Officer, two hundred acres. To every private man, fifty acres.

We do likewise, authorize and require the Governors and Commanders-in-Chief of all our said Colonies

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upon the Continent of North America, to grant the like quantities of land, and upon the same conditions, to such reduced Officers of our Navy, of the rank, as served on board our Ships of War in North America, at the times of the reduction of Louisburgh and Quebec in the late war, and who shall personally apply to our respective Governors for such grants.

And whereas, it is just and reasonable, and essential to our interest, andthe secutity of our Colonies, that the several Nations or Tribes of Indians with whom we are connected, or who will live under our protection, should not be molested or disturbed in the possession of such parts of our dominions and territories as not having been ceded to, or purchased by us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their hunting grounds.

We do, therefore, with the advice of our Privy Council, declare it to be our Royal will and pleasure, that no Governor or Commander-in-Chief in any of our Colonies of Quebec, East Florida, or West Florida, do presume,upon any pretence whatever, to grant warrants, or survey, or pass any patents for lands beyond the bounds of their respective Governments, as described in their Commissions; as also, that no Governor or Commander-in-Chief, in any of our other Colonies or plantations in America, do presume for the present, and until our further pleasure be known, to grant warrants of survey, or pass patents for any lands, beyond the heads or sources of any of the Rivers which fall into the Atlantic Ocean from the west and north west, or upon any lands whatever; which not having been ceded to, or purchased by us, as aforesaid, and reserved to the said Indians, and any of them.

And we do further declare it to be our Royal will and pleasure, for the present as aforesaid, to reserve under our sovereignty, protection, and dominion, for the use of the said Indians, all the lands and territories not included within the limits of our said three new Governments, or within the

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the limits of the territory granted to the Hudson's Bay Company; as also the lands and territories lying to the westward of the sources of the Rivers which fall into the sea, from the west and northwest, as aforesaid. And we do hereby strictly forbid, on pain of our displeasure, all our loving subjects from making any purchases or settlements whatever, or taking possession of the lands above reserved, without our special leave and license for that purpose first obtained.

And we do further strictly enjoin and require all persons whatever, who have either wilfully or inadvertently seated themselves, upon any land within the countries above described, or upon any other lands, which, not having been ceded to, or purchased by us, are still reserved to the said Indians, as aforesaid, forthwith to remove themselves from such settlements.

And whereas, great frauds and abuses have been committed in the pruchasing of lands of the Indians, to the great prejudice of our interest, and to the great dissatisfaction of the said Indians:

In order, therefore, to prevent such irregularities for the future, and to the end, that the Indians may be convinced of our justive and determined resolution to remove all reasonabky cause of discontent: We do, with the advice of our Privy Council, strictly enjoin and require that no private person do presime to make any purchase from the said Indians, of any lands reserved to the said Indians within those parts of our Colonies where we have thought proper to allow settlements; but, that if, at any time, any of the said Indians should be inclined to dispose of the said lands, the same shall be

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purchased only for us, in our name at some public meeting or assembly of the said Indians to be held for that purpose, by the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of our Colonies respectively, within which they shall lie; and in case they shall be within the limits of any proprietary Government, they shall be purchased only for the use and in the name of such proprietaries, conformable to such directions and instructions as we do or they shall think proper to give for that purpose; And we do, by the advice of our Privy Council, declare and enjoin, that the trade with the said Indians shall be free and open to all our subjects whatever; provided that every person who may incline to trade with the said Indians, do take out a license for carrying on such trade from the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of any of our Colonies respectively, where such person shall reside; and also give security to observe such regulations as we shall at any time think fit, by ourselves, or by our Commissaries to be appointed for this purpose, to direct and appoint for the benefit of the said trade: And we do hereby authorize, enjoin, and require the Governors, Commanders-in-Chief, of all our Colonies respectively, as well as those under our immediate Government, as those under the Government and direction of proprietaries, to grant such license without fee or reward, taking especial care to insert therein a condition, that such license shall be void and the secutiry forfeited, in case the person to whom the same is granted, shall refuse or neglect to observe such regulations, as we shall think proper or prescribe, as aforesaid. And we do further expressly enjoin and require all officers whatever, as well as military as those employed in the management and direction of Indian Affairs within the territories reserved, as aforesaid, for the use of the said Indians, to seize and apprehend all persons whatever, who, standing charged with treasons, misprisons of treason, murders, and other felonies

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or misdemeanors, shall fly from justice, and take refuge in the said territory, and to send them under proper guard, to the colony where the crime was committed, of which they stand accused, in order to take their trial for the same.

Given at our Court at St. James', the seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, in the third year of our reign.

God Save the King.

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I do, in obedience to His Majesty's Command, give this public notice to all persons residing within my jurisdiction, (being that country justly claimed by the Six Nations, their allies and dependants,) that I will, to the utmost of my power cause the same to be observed; and I do strictly enjoin all such persons to pay due obedience thereto.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at Johnson Hall, the 24th day of December, 1763, in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland; King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

(Signed,) William Johnson.

By order of Sir William Johnson.

(Signed,) Withan Marsh,
Secretary of Indian Affairs,

God Save the King.

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Extract from the terms and conditions of Union entered into between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

13. The charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union. To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government, in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Interview at the office of the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, April 6, 1915, between the Deputy Superintendent General and delegates of the Nishga Tribe.

Present Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Sup't. General.
Mr. W.J. Lincoln, and
Mr. R.S. Woods, Interpreter.
Mr. A.E. O'Meara, Counsel for the Nishgas.

Mr. WOODS :- These proposals were got up by the Nishgas. They decided on these proposals after being advised by Mr. O'Meara to try and meet the wishes of the Government as far as possible. Since those proposals were got up by the Nishgas a great deal has happened; in the Province we have managed to get nine tribes besides the Nishgas to agree on those proposals, so there are ten tribes together. If, after we have explained and discussed these different proposals to-day, Mr. Scott suggests any modifications in any of these proposals, why we will be very pleased to listen and consider the suggestions, and then we will go back to these other tribes that are standing in with the Nishgas and tell them, let them know the modifications suggested, and we will answer them.

In discussing these proposals we would like to look at the matter in this light, that the Judicial Committee has already decided that the Nishgas' claims are correct; if we look at them in this light we can understand these proposals better.

Mr. SCOTT:- It might be just as profitable to look at them in the other way, to look at them in the light of the Judicial Committee having decided that the proposals of the Government are correct.

Mr. WOODS:- We have already looked into the proposals ~~with~~ of the Government in the light that the Judicial Committee

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Mr. WOODS :- would have already passed a decision saying yes, saying that those proposals were correct.

Now, to understand our proposals better we think that in discussing them to-day we would look at it in the light that the Judicial Committee has already passed a decision, saying that the rights that the Nishgas claim are correct. We are only supposing this to explain the matter.

Going into the proposals, we can divide them into two classes; we will take proposal No. 1 and proposal No. 4; those two are the most important.

~~Mr. WOODS :-~~ Nos. 2 and 3 are important, but they are not absolutely necessary. Nos. 1 and 4 might stand alone. Now, we will take proposal No. 1. That when the findings of the Royal Commission are known, each Tribe that may consider such findings insufficient shall have opportunity of making application for additional lands to be reserved for the use and benefit of the Tribe for reasons to be stated in such application, and every such application which cannot be dealt with by conference between the Tribe and the two Governments shall be decided by His Majesty's Imperial Minister, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in pursuance of the principle embodied in Article 13 of the "Terms of Union". If we suppose that the Judicial Committee will decide that the claims made by the Nishgas are right, we think that the Nishgas are making a big concession because the Nishgas claim that they hold rights to all this Naas River territory; if there is a decision passed that the Nishgas are right, why the Nishgas have a right to pick out what lands they need themselves and

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Mr. WOODS:- to decide on what lands are to be sold. In these proposals we do not go as far as that, we say that we leave it entirely in the hands of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that we think is making a great concession.

Now, we had before us two lines of action when we decided on making a concession. One we asked for in our statement of 1913, that the Indians be represented on this Royal Commission that is now working in British Columbia, and the other is embodied and set out in Article 13 of the Terms of Union.

We are asking and we decided what we have asked that the Secretary of State for the Colonies would be the one to finally decide what lands were to be set aside for the Indians. We think that if this proposal were adopted ~~that~~ it would be the means of settling this question of reserves that the Indians are not satisfied with. We do not see any difficulty in having this proposal work in with what the Royal Commission is now doing in the Province and think that it would not be against the work of the Royal Commission.

Proposal No. 4:- That all the remaining matters including an equitable method of fixing compensation shall be adjusted by enactment of the Parliament of Canada. It says there that the Nishgas are willing that the Parliament of Canada deal with the whole matter of compensation, that the Nishgas are willing to trust the Parliament of Canada; we leave it entirely in their hands; it is up to them to decide what steps we take, and, if that proposal was adopted, a treaty would be unnecessary because negotiations would be held with the various ~~other~~ tribes of the Province, and, after ~~considering~~

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Mr. WOODS:- considering all representations made, the Parliament of Canada would finally deal with the matter, and it also provides for dealing with everything, even the restrictions and disabilities that are mentioned in No. 3 of our proposal.

Mr.O'MEARA:- There are some of those restrictions that the Province would have to deal with.

Mr. Woods :- That proposal would deal with everything, these restrictions and disabilities would be included in these proposals.

Mr. O'MEARA:- The Parliament of Canada deals with the situation in view of all restrictions; what I meant to point out is that there are some restrictions that Parliament could not remove.

Mr. WOODS :- Now, those are the two main proposals, and, as I said before, ~~that~~ those two proposals might stand alone without Nos. 2 and 3. I think we will take up proposal No. 2:- That in fixing compensation regard shall be had to all the terms and provisions of any Treaty made between the Crown and any Tribe of Indians in Canada. We ask that all provisions of every treaty made with Indians by Canada would be looked at and that the very best of those, the very best for each tribe, would be adopted.

Proposal No. 3:- That in fixing compensation regard shall also be had to all restrictions and disabilities imposed upon Indians by Provincial Laws and those imposed by Canadian regulations relating to the Fisheries. This relates to restrictions that are put on the Indians, and these restrictions, as we have mentioned before the Minister of Justice and the Minister of the Interior, were that the Indians were

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Mr. WOODS : - to pre-empt land, that they were unable to purchase land, that they were unable to become voters, and also there were restrictions put on them in fishing. The statement got up by the interior Indians showed that they were strong on that point; they asked that these restrictions be done away with.

Mr. O'MEARA : - May I be allowed to point out a few matters that are important to notice. The first is that the basis upon which the Nishgas have based their proposal No. 1 is indeed a part of the Canadian Constitution, being a part of Article 13. I beg to point out that the second is this, what you will find by examining the Order in Council passed in November, 1912, that its terms make perfectly clear that lands to be set aside in pursuance of that Order in Council are lands upon which Canada and British Columbia will agree.

~~Mr. Woods has said I understand that if you will look at the terms to you, meaning making an agreement~~

The matter was specially referred to the Minister of Justice and he reported that all that was done by the Commission came back to the Governments for confirmation, and it must be ultimately a matter for agreement through the Governments.

~~I just point that out for special consideration in so many words the articles for which the two agree in pursuance of that Order in Council.~~

Mr. Woods referred to the proposal of the Nishgas as being a possible solution of the reserve

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Mr. O'MEARA:-
difficulty; may I just add this word of explanation that ~~it is clear to them and myself that~~ for lands that might be so taken from those who had purchased from the Province it would appear clear that Canada, under the McKenna agreement, would be responsible for furnishing compensation.

Mr. SCOTT : - I do not quite see that; what do you mean by that?

Mr. O'MEARA : - The basis of the greatest difficulty of all is the fact that vast quantities of land in British Columbia have been disposed of by the Province to persons who have bought in good faith. Now, the Nishgas and the other tribes say that these transactions have been unlawful under ~~incorporated into~~ a Proclamation of King George the Third. The Nishgas are proposing that the difficulty arising from that state of things would be dealt with in this particular way. Now, the Secretary of State should ~~if as a result we~~ decide, that ~~as~~ certain lands ~~matters~~ that have already been sold by ~~sot-tled with~~ the Province, should go to the Indians, then, no doubt, some compensation would have to be made to the persons who in good faith had purchased, and, as I pointed out to the Nishgas, the Province was interested in that question, and also, under the McKenna agreement, the Government of Canada was interested, because the Government had seen fit to undertake special responsibility for the whole matter.

Mr. SCOTT : - I understand you to say that the Dominion would have to compensate the owners?

Mr. O'MEARA : - In pursuance of the terms of the McKenna agreement.

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Mr. SCOTT:- Of course I do not agree with that. There is no objection to you making that statement; I can not agree with it.

Mr. O'MEARA:- I am not interested in saying that.

Mr. SCOTT:- I do not quite go with you in that argument.

Mr. O'MEARA:- The doubt remains.

Mr. SCOTT:- The McKenna agreement is designed to settle the difficulties and differences, and, if the two Governments were to fail to agree, it might be possible that Article 13 would come into play; I do not say that it would, but it seems to me that it might.

Mr. O'MEARA:- Another matter to be mentioned is that the proposal that Parliament shall in some way deal with the whole matter of making compensation is to be understood in relation to the fact that Parliament has already promised that compensation shall be made for all lands in the Pacific Coast. It is important to bear in mind the historical facts regarding this proposal of the Nishgas. Parliament in the address made by the Senate and the House of Commons, which is referred to in my opening remarks of February, promised that compensation should be made to the Indian tribes for all lands required for settlement.

Mr. SCOTT:- That was at the time the Terms of Union were being fixed. These were steps preliminary to the Union. We must look at article 13 of the Terms

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Mr. SCOTT:- of Union to find out what was finally said about the Indian policy.

MR. WOODS:- We ask you that if there is anything in the way of having these proposals adopted, we would like to hear from you.

MR. SCOTT:- Of course the objection that occurs to me with reference to the first proposal is that the Government of the Dominion and the Government of British Columbia have agreed together to deal through a Royal Commission with Indian Affairs in British Columbia, and to have a confirmation of the reserves and a final settlement of the reversionary interest that had given so much trouble in dealing with Indian reserve lands in British Columbia.

The findings of the Commission, as your Counsel points out, have to be confirmed by the two Governments, and I cannot see how this proposal of yours could become operative concurrently with the Commission. That is the reason that I have always urged you to bring your claim for a greater acreage of reserve lands in the Naas river before the Royal Commission, as being the only tribunal at present accredited to deal with these cases. I have been most anxious that you should come before the commission, which would, I am sure, treat your representations with consideration. I would like to ask whether you had made up your minds as to what you wanted for reserve lands in the Naas Valley. You have constantly stated to us there is no land there for the Indians but you have never said exactly what you wanted in the way of reserves: would it be possible to tell us?

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Mr.WOODS:- They discussed that often. I do not know what the upper tribes want, but I know pretty well what the Kincolith band want.

Mr.SCOTT;- What do they want?

Mr. WOODS:- To show you we need a map of that, the different places, we don't know how much we want at each place. The Kincolith go in for fishing more than anything else.

(Reference made to maps)

Mr.SCOTT;- This is the information that you should put before the Commission; you might get the lands you want. If the Commission does not have your evidence how can they considerand do you justice.

Mr.O'MEARA:- These delegates made most strenuous efforts to get from the Minister of Justice explanations that would help them to deal with that matter.

Mr. SCOTT:- The Minister of Justice gave his answer and I have nothing to say about that, but the requirements of the Nishgas ought certainly to be placed before the Commission; it is the only hope that they have to obtain larger reserves. I think the Commission will deal with them in a liberal spirit. I would go so far as to say that we would be willing to give them special directions with reference to their report on the Nishgas, that is to say that they would report the needs of the Nishga Indians.

The average acreage in some of the agencies is 35 acres a head, some run higher and some lower, but that I think, is the average, and I will certainly recommend to my Minister that he give the Commission

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Mr.SCOTT:- Commission special directions with reference to hearing the Naas River Indians if the Indians will go before them and state their case.

Mr.O'MEARA;- Do you understand that the Commission would act on this instruction without similar instruction from British Columbia?

Mr.SCOTT:- British Columbia should have no objection to doing so but I cannot answer for British Columbia. I think British Columbia has dealt fairly in agreeing to this Commission.

Mr.WOODS:- Of course, the Naas Indians are in a different position from other Indians of British Columbia. Around Kincolith you would not get 2 acres. From that on you might not come across another piece of land for five or six miles, and then you would get another little bit and so on, and most of it has been taken up by whites, nobody lives on it, but they have squatted on them and we cannot do anything with them. You hear a lot about Indians saying these are our hunting grounds, but I myself know that the day of hunting has practically passed, and that the Indians would have to look forward to something different than hunting, they could own a piece of land themselves and work it, and I think that that is what the Indians want. Of course I do not know of any one piece of land that could be given to the Kincolith tribes to satisfy them,- one large piece of land that they could live on and stay to-gether. The only way to get them land in that case would be to separate them.

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Mr.SCOTT:- I could only say with reference to this that what I said before that it is most necessary that the Nishgas should go before the Royal Commission and make full representation of their case; the Minister has written, saying that it will not prejudice your larger claim, and now I have gone so far as to say that we will make special representations to the Commission with reference to your claim for reserves; I do not think we can do anything more than that. If after that you fail to make use of the remedy that the Government has devised for settling this reserve question, I do not think that we can be blamed.

I think I have stated my objections to Clause 1, but I will be very glad to bring your representations before the Minister; he will have the opportunity of reading a record of the interview.

Re proposal No. 4 :- That all remaining matters including an equitable method of fixing compensation shall be adjusted by enactment of the Parliament of Canada. It seems to me that it would be a cumbersome way of dealing with the matter. Parliament has an immense amount of business to transact, and it would be difficult to get Parliament to deal with it, and I am not able to say how it could be dealt with by Parliament, but we will give that suggestion consideration too.

Mr.O'MEARA:- It is an equitable method of fixing compensation which the Nishgas propose Parliament should decide upon, not all the details.

Mr.SCOTT:- With reference to proposal No. 2, I think in one of our first talks we spoke about that, and I think I expressed the opinion that each tribe in British Columbia, if we ever came to make a treaty with British Columbia

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Mr.SCOTT:- Indians, that each tribe ought to have its special needs looked into carefully and met, at the same time not increasing the obligation of the Government beyond a certain reasonable amount. In so far as I am concerned, I see no difficulty in agreeing with such a proposition.

Mr.O'MEARA:- Who would fix the certain amount?

Mr.SCOTT:- I have in my memorandum attached to Order in Council of 20 ~~January~~ June, 1914, stated how those amounts had always been fixed in the past, and I do not think we will go over that again. I cannot conceive of a treaty being made and an arrangement come to under any other condition. As for the third proposal I see ~~no~~ great objection to it. We cannot alter Provincial laws; the Provincial Parliament is supreme in the Province, but something might be done, perhaps, to remove certain restrictions.

Mr.O'MEARA:- It is ~~properly~~ not primarily a matter of removing restrictions, compensation should be fixed in view of the restrictions.

Mr.SCOTT:- Yes, if the restrictions might be removed; if the restrictions could be removed the compensation need not be affected either one way or the other. The Fisheries are, of course, administered by the Department of Fisheries for the Dominion, and they have already said that they would give every heed to representations made on behalf of the Indians.

I may say again that I will have pleasure in bringing these matters to the attention of the Minister and ask him for his decision.

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Interview between : -

The Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Mr. Scott,

Rev. Canon Tucker,

Rev. A. E. O'Meara,

Present:- Delegates of the Nishga Tribe.

At Ottawa, 27th April, 1915.

CANON TUCKER : - There are just two or three questions that I would like to mention now, questions that have been, I think, before the Department on previous occasions, one is in regard to the diffusion of information. I think the cause cannot possibly lose anything and can only gain by the spread of accurate and useful information. This question was up, I think, on a previous occasion, when it was proposed that some statement should be printed and sent out, giving the proposals of the Government and of the Indians, so that the question would be open to the study of anyone who cared to study it, and more especially that it would give us an opportunity of placing before the Indians the purpose of the Government.

I am here to ask this morning if it would be reasonably possible that the matter should be proceeded with and that the documents should be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Then there is the question of the Commission appearing in the Naas Valley; I think the intention is that in the course of a few months, perhaps this summer or autumn, that the Commission should sit at Ayansh or in some other part of the Naas Valley.

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CANON TUCKER : - Now, according to the best of our judgment we have come to the conclusion, the Social Service Council of Canada have come to the conclusion that under present circumstances it would be inadvisable that the Nishgas should appear before the Commission until the questions that are now under discussion with the Government should be, at any rate in some measure, settled. We understand we may be mistaken, that the Commission can only deal with the reserves, and these Indians of the Naas Valley are standing upon a broader platform, namely, the claims of the Indians in regard to all the lands, whatever those claims may be, however shadowy they may be, and we feel that it might prejudice their case, it might be giving away their case if they appeared before a Commission whose authority absolutely did not extend beyond the reserves. Now, the Nishgas are extremely anxious not to prejudice their own case, very naturally, and they are also extremely anxious to work, in as far as possible, with the Government of Canada. They should not like to be under the necessity of refusing to appear before the Commission; I do not say that they would refuse, but they would be extremely loath to seem to do anything that would seem to be in open opposition to the Government of Canada. Therefore, for that reason we have thought it well to submit to the Government the desirability of not sending the Commission to the Naas Valley for the present; at least until more light is thrown on these outstanding questions that are under discussion to-day.

Thirdly: The question of finance. I know that has been before the Department once before, but I should like, because I have been asked by the Nishgas themselves, to present a case whether it

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would not be possible to utilize some of the money that has been set apart by the Government for the use of the Indians in this connection.

I believe, if I am well informed, that it was at the suggestion of the Friends of the Indians originally that this appropriation was placed in the Estimates, some $5,000.00, for use in this connection if need be, but apparently the need has not arisen and the money has not been used, but now it would seem as though the need had arisen, and, therefore, the application is now before the Department to use the whole or a portion of that money to help out the present difficult situation in which the Nishgas are placed. We make this application because we feel that all along we have been acting in consonance with the wishes of the Government of Canada until, at least, quite recently. To my certain knowledge, in an interview with the head of the late Government, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he told us distinctly "Go to British Columbia and see what you can " do with the Government of British Columbia, use all " your influence with them, and then come back to me. " Well, a six months' job was undertaken in this connection to array the Indians in a deputation and carry them to Victoria and interview the Government. At the end of that laborious piece of work we came back to the Dominion Government. In like manner in England when the Colonial Minister had the question before him he was extremely loath to interfere and he said to us : - " Go back to Canada and go back to British Columbia and " when you have used every influence and exhausted " every effort, then come back to me. " It was in keeping with the express desire of the Government of Canada and of the Colonial Minister in England that

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these steps were taken, and all along the line we have endeavoured to keep ourselves in touch with the Government of Canada, and, as far as possible, to act in consort with them, and, in any case, even if we do not see eye to eye with the Government of Canada, it is not, perhaps, to be expected that we should; it is a great national question and the money at stake is national money, and we do not feel that there is any real objection to the application of a portion of this money, which has been placed in the Estimates for such a purpose, that it should be applied at the present time. At the request of the Nishgas I would make an application this morning that a certain portion of that appropriation be used for the purposes of the work that is now being carried on. It is perfectly evident to anyone who thinks about it that such large works as are now being carried on cannot be carried on without considerable expense, and this expense has been provided in the past entirely by voluntary help, which is an exceedingly difficult thing to obtain when one's mind is taken up with other aspects of the question, and I think it would be using the money in a perfectly legitimate way if it were used in that way.

Before I sit down I would like to make a few general remarks in regard to the Indian land question in British Columbia. Personally, as a minister of the Church of England, I am chiefly interested in the moral and ethical and social aspects of this question. The moral and spiritual welfare of the Indians is what I have chiefly at heart, and the Social Service Council of Canada has always taken that stand also. We are not so much interested in legal questions or legal aspects of the question as in the moral and the social and the religious uplift of the Indians of

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British Columbia, and I have the assurance, knowing the personnel of the present Government of Canada, that the moral and social aspect will have very great weight with them. I think, knowing as I do the Prime Minister of Canada and other members of his cabinet, that they realize that national issues are not all material, but that the moral and the religious and the spiritual are the basis of all national progress and stability, and, in fact, governments are, as the old book says, ordained of God, and there is a ministry, a sacred ministry attached to every Minister of the Crown, and, therefore, I have no hesitation in presenting the subject of this morning on that basis. It has also struck me and it strikes me now, and I feel moved to mention it because I may not have, perhaps, another opportunity of appearing before the Government of Canada in connection with this question, the Indians of the Naas Valley from time immemorial have occupied that valley, have hunted in its woods and fished in its streams, pitched their tents on its hillsides and buried their dead there from time immemorial. Now, it has always seemed to me that this constitutes a certain claim to the land which they have thus occupied as far as the memory of man goes. I do not define the claim, but it certainly to my mind constitutes a certain claim that must be considered and must be respected. Well, then, when the British Government acquired possession of Canada, they at once set to work to organize the government in Quebec, in the east and at the same time they felt it necessary to make provision for the regions beyond that were inhabited by the Indians, and, so, in 1763, at the peace that was made between France and England, the Government of England issued a Proclamation

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in regard to the Indian territories, which Proclamation was meant to protect the right of the Indians, whatever those rights might be, and its provisions are that no loyal subject must encroach upon this Indian territory without the special sanction of the British Crown. Well, it is just a question as to whether this Proclamation extends to British Columbia or not; I think that is one of the points that would have to be decided by the courts, but, at any rate, there is a Proclamation, there are the rights of the Indians acknowledged and there is a prohibition set upon the infringement of those rights by any loyal white man.

As soon as the Indians of British Columbia came under the Crown of England, they claim to have come under the provisions of that Proclamation, that has been their understanding from the very beginning and they have made that claim all along. They claim that they're Indian territory and that the provisions of the Proclamation extend to them, and that their claims, their rights as occupants of the country, whatever those rights may be, are recognized by the Proclamation and that no one has a right to ~~xx~~ infringe upon their territory without the express permission of the Crown of England.

One step further,- when the question arose of British Columbia coming into the Dominion of Canada, the Government of Canada, in the most explicit manner, stated the terms and conditions on which they would deal with the Indians, that is before Confederation, and that, in my judgment, is something of the nature of a treaty. Before the thing was decided upon the Government of Canada stated that the Indians would be dealt with along certain lines, and that equitable compensation would be given them for any infringement

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of their rights, that adequate compensation would be ~~xxxxx~~ given. Now, this was before, I believe, or just about the time of Confederation. Then, no sooner had British Columbia come into the Confederation than the line of cleavage arose between Canada and British Columbia. We know that British Columbia has claimed for many years, not from the beginning, but for many years, that the land of the Province belonged to them, that the Indians have practically no rights. Now, with the best wish to be conciliatory, we have never been able to look upon that attitude in any way but as being an immoral attitude: what rights have the white man in British Columbia, simply the right of greater wealth and greater power, it is simply the mailed fist, nothing else; white men come in and find thousands of Indians in occupation of the land and they say those Indians have no right to the land whatever, that land belongs to us; that, in our opinion, is an immoral attitude, and we do not see how any government can profit in the end if that policy is carried out; it is found, even in this great war that rages in England at the present time, that it is moral and ethical questions that rule and in the end that bring nations to ruin or to triumph.

No sooner had British Columbia entered the Confederation than a line of cleavage arose between the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government; the Provincial Government stated that the Indians had no rights; the Dominion Government, I believe, emphatically taking the stand that the Indians were justified in their claims, without defining the claims.

Both the Governor General of Canada, the Minister of Justice, other Ministers, I believe the Minister of the Interior, distinctly stated in state

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documents that they stood behind the Indians in the claims they were making; that is in the early days of Confederation, and so the question stood for many years during which very few white people found their way into the Province, and during which the question was in abeyance. No sooner did white people begin to enter the Province in any numbers than the question again came to the surface, and it is then that I, for one, came into contact with it. As Mr. Scott knows, I have been connected with this Indian question, not the land question, but the Indian question, long before the Friends of the Indians came into existence or even the Social Service Council of Canada came into existence, when the Indian schools, day schools, boarding schools and industrial schools, in the effort to uplift the Indians in the West by education and otherwise, before this question came to the fore. Naturally when the question came to the fore, as one interested in Indian affairs, I became interested in it, in the Social Service of Canada, with its Indian section, namely, that there was practically antagonism between the policy of Canada on one side and British Columbia on the other, and I can remember distinctly Sir Wilfrid Laurier telling us on the occasion of a deputation waiting upon him that courts existed. For this very purpose, he said, when there is disagreement between parties, whether it be the Indians and the Provincial Government or the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, if there is disagreement between parties, courts exist for the very purpose of settling those disagreements, and, therefore, I am in favour of sending this case to the courts; the only difficulty in the way, as he stated, was the opposition of the Government of British

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then he told us in the most emphatic terms that he would do his utmost to bring this question before the highest courts in the land, not only that, but, on a visit to the coast, he saw some of those Indians at different places and told them distinctly, if my memory serves me right, that he would do his utmost to submit their case to the courts, and word was sent down to the Indians at that time through the Indian Agent or otherwise to the same effect.

Well, now, you can see the attitude of the Indians for half a century and more, which has been consistent; it has been on a basis of natural right, natural occupation, which has been under the provisions of the Proclamation of King George, it has been under the provisions of the Government of Canada when British Columbia entered Confederation, it has been in keeping with the statements of Cabinet Ministers and governments ~~for~~ forty years ago and five or six years ago; it has been consistent throughout that the Indians had a claim that ought to be submitted to the courts for adjudication.

Well, now, the present Government, as we understand it, they themselves admit, have made somewhat of a departure from the policy of the past, if I remember rightly, the Minister of Justice admits that in a written statement. Well, all along the Indians themselves and the Social Service Council of Canada have sought to work in entire agreement with the Government of Canada, they sought to support them in every way and to carry out their policy in every way, but I do not think we can fairly be accused of not backing up the Government of Canada if we find that they, for reasons that may, no doubt, be adequate in their own judgment, if they see fit to depart from the policy of the Government,

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of the past, of the Government of Canada for half a century.

We can scarcely be accused of unfairness in our attitude if we are not able just at a moment's notice to depart from our own position, in order to take our stand by the side of the Government of Canada. It will be, I am sure in the recollection of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, yourself, Dr. Roche, that we had an interview with you just about the time when the agreement between the Dominion of Canada and the ~~Province~~ Province was being consummated; we did not know anything about the terms of that agreement directly, but we had information indirectly that practically, this is the way the information came to us, that practically the Government of British Columbia had secured in that agreement all its own contentions, and we heard further that the Government of British Columbia, as represented by Sir Richard McBride, and I think, Mr. Bowser, were coming down, as the statement was, in triumph, to secure from the Government of Canada the signature of that agreement, and I had the honour of mentioning that to you at the time before the agreement was signed, merely as a rumor that had reached us, that practically the agreement conceded all the main contentions of the Government of British Columbia.

Well, now, the Ministers of British Columbia came down and the agreement was signed and a Commission was appointed to carry out that agreement, omitting entirely ~~xxxxxx~~, the contention for which the Indians have pleaded for fifty years, the contention behind which the Government of Canada stood for fifty years, the contention behind which the Social Service Council of Canada has stood all along, namely, these claims of the Indians and submission to the courts, and now the

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question is being settled or attempted to be settled along those lines.

All I can say before sitting down is this that as representing the Social Service Council of Canada Sir Wilfrid Laurier told us at that memorable interview that not only did courts exist for settling differences between parties and governments, but that it was the part of a good government to see that the people whom it was governing was satisfied and had reason to be satisfied in the premises.

Well, now, it may be in the power of the Government of Canada to impose its conditions upon the Indians of the Province, it may be in their power; governments are very powerful and the Indians are very few, very weak, very poor, not even citizens, they have not even got a vote, and we know how votes tell in connection with all government matters, they have not even got a vote. It may be quite possible for the Government of Canada to impose its conditions upon the Indians of the Province, but it does seem to me, and I am sure it will so appear to the Social Service Council of Canada, which I represent, and which is interested mainly, as I said before, in the moral and social aspects of these questions, that no solution is a proper solution that is not a right solution, and, as Lincoln said, no question is settled that is not rightly settled, and, on that basis, the land question in British Columbia will not be rightly settled, as it will not satisfy the Indians of that Province, nor will it be a settlement upon which our children will look back with satisfaction and pride, nor will it be a settlement that will

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contribute to the stability of the Government and the nation of Canada.

Mr. O'MEARA : - Dr. Roche, there are a few matters that the delegates asked me to bring before you before we close this interview; first, let me attempt to state what seem to be some of the main practical results of the interviews that have been had between the Government of Canada and the delegates of the Nishgas since the 3rd day of February. First, it has been brought out into the clearest light, we think, that there is a great practical issue regarding lands which have been disposed of by the Province, a great practical issue between the Indian tribes and the Government of the Province, and this issue is not dealt with by the McKenna agreement. I wish to emphasize that I did not say that it is not rightly dealt with or that it is not equitably dealt with, I say more than that, it is not dealt with at all, so that all through these great valleys of British Columbia we have to face the fact that there are vast quantities of land that the Province has disposed of, the Indians say the Province has no right to dispose of, and that the disposition of those lands has been a breach of the Royal Proclamation, but the McKenna agreement does not deal with these lands.

Second: A result that I would mention is that the Nishgas have asked for certain explanations from the Minister of Justice with which you are familiar, and they thought that these explanations might be helpful to them, more especially in dealing with the question of their appearing before and dealing with the Royal Commission. The Minister of Justice, in his wisdom, has decided not to give those explanations.

Third: The result is that the Nishga

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proposals are shown to be founded upon what is contained now in the constitution of Canada.

Proposal No. 1 you are familiar with as dealing with the power of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the other three proposals relate to the settlement of compensation. The first of those proposals is based upon Article 13 of the Terms of Union, the other three proposals are based upon the principle laid down by Parliament in 1867 in the address then presented to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

The fourth outstanding result that I wish to refer to is that the only objection that seems to be seriously urged against the acceptance of the Nishga proposals is that British Columbia would not consent to a reference based upon them. From that I go on to say a few words about what you yourself, Sir, said on the 25th of March, let me read : -

" I fear that to give that case to the
" courts on other terms we would meet the opposition of
" the British Columbia Government. "

Now, I am asked to place before you, Sir, the mind of the Nishgas upon that very important matter First, they are taking their stand upon the provisions of the Terms of Union regarding the power of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, as they understand their proposal they are simply asking that these provisions be carried practically out in a fair and reasonable way. Then, with regard to the whole matter of compensation for lands to be surrendered, the Nishgas are taking their stand upon the principle laid down in the address of Parliament, made in the year 1867. You will find, Sir, that the principle

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there laid down was that for all lands required for settlement the Indians should be compensated, to be equitably settled. I use the word principle advisedly.

So far as regards the territory that was then immediately taken over by Canada, it was a positive promise, but the fact is that at ~~thexxx~~ that time the territory known as British Columbia was not taken over, but the address refers to the advisability of extending the limits of Canada to the Pacific Ocean and lays down the principle that there should be compensation to be equitably settled. Now, the Nishgas say, they think they are saying we propose that the Government of Canada carry that out in an equitable, in a reasonable way. From that I respectfully submit to you, Sir, that British Columbia would not be justified in objecting to a reference upon the basis of these proposals. The fact is that, so far as we can see, it is only in respect to proposal No. 1 that British Columbia would have any interest in offering compensation, then, if you will look at the interview of the 4th of February, page 19, you will find that the Minister of Justice spoke of the powers of the Secretary of State for the Colonies as if they still continued, that is all I need say at the present time.

Dr. ROCHE : - Do the other gentlemen desire to make any statement?

DELEGATES : - No.

DR. ROCHE : - I do not know that it is necessary for me to add anything to what has already been said by my

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DR. ROCHE : - colleague, the Minister of Justice, and myself. I thought, perhaps, the present interview was asked by reason of something new arising out of the meeting in Toronto a week or so ago, but practically everything you have told us to-day ~~xxxxxx~~ has been along the lines, at any rate, of that which we have had presented to us in the interviews from time to time.

I may say, Canon Tucker, in reference to your remark about the documents, in which you expressed some disappointment at not being placed in possession of, I presume you refer to this historical resume to be printed ~~presented~~ and which Mr. Scott has in charge or is to submit to the Justice Department prior to having it printed.

CANON TUCKER : - I did not mean to express disappointment, but to bring the matter up and express a hope that it would be brought to a decision.

DR. ROCHE : - Now, I think you are making a mistake in advising the Nishgas not to appear before the Commission this year and give what information and what evidence they can to aid the Commission in the performance of their duties that have been assigned to them. Personally, I do not think at all that it would in any respect prejudice their case to impart all information which the Commission might require; I think it would be very unfortunate that the Commission should dissolve without securing the information which they are securing from other tribes, and you know that this Commission is pretty expensive; we do not desire to have it continue any longer than is absolutely necessary. We were in hopes it would wind up its labours this year. We certainly do ~~xxxxx~~ not want to have it run over to another

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year, adding additional expense, if we can possibly avoid it, and, therefore, I think the Nishgas would be very wrongly advised by anybody to not appear before the Commission and give the information which the Commission may require from them, just as all the other tribes in British Columbia are giving, and, in doing so they may rest assured it is not going to prejudice their case, which is now engaging the attention of the Government.

CANON TUCKER : - We have, as far as I am concerned, offered that advice on the grounds that we were afraid they would prejudice their case by appearing before this Commission, which has only authority to deal with If we were given assurance that it would not prejudice their case, I do not see what harm would be done if they appeared before the Commission and gave their ~~opinion~~ information if they have assurance that it will not prejudice their case.

DR. ROCHE : - As far as that is concerned they could have that appear on the record that it is not to prejudice their case.

( Discussion between the Minister and Canon Tucker on this point. )

DR. ROCHE : - In regard to the financial consideration I presume Canon Tucker you refer to the $5,000.00 that had been in the Estimates, of course, as I informed you the last day you were here, that $5,000.00 is not appearing in the Estimates of this year or last year either; it lapsed some time ago, so that that appropriation cannot be utilized for the reason that there is no

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DR. ROCHE : - appropriation of that character, but, at the same time, I think it was explained on the occasion of your last visit that for all the expenses of the prosecution of the case before the Privy Council money would be forthcoming from the Government, but I gleaned from your remarks that the principal expenses you refer to are not the expenses in connection with prosecuting the case before Council, but it is these preliminaries that are going on now and may hang on no one knows how long.

CANON TUCKER : - As I take it, we have been working until quite recently entirely in accord with the Government of Canada in trying to carry out their policy and following out their suggestions, doing work and undertaking expense that we would not otherwise have done, and it is all maturing the question for a final settlement. Of course, it may in some respects be against the present intentions of the Government of Canada, but, all the same, there can be no reasonable desire to have the question settled in a one-sided way, and we consider this to be a national question, and I, at least, am acting, as far as we represent the nation, in the name of the nation, but indirectly through the churches and other organizations, and we think that anything that tends to bring this question to an issue is a national work, and I believe that the present action of the Government of Canada is due in a measure to the work that has been done both by the Friends of the Indians and by the Social Service Council of Canada; it might have been dormant still but for the work we have been doing, and we have always tried to act upon constitutional lines; we have always frowned down upon anything in the form of illegality or anything of that kind, and we have tried in every possible way to seek a solution of

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CANON TUCKER : -
the question on broad national lines, and, in maturing the question for final solution, we may be doing as good work as in preparing the case for the courts.

DR. ROCHE : - The only effective answer to that is that we have no appropriation and therefore cannot hold out any promise.

CANON TUCKER : - The difficulty of securing money in a private way when your mind is taken up with the larger aspect of the question is very great, and a small sum from the Government of Canada, which they would never feel and which they could conscientiously apply in a case like this, would be an immense help to those who are struggling to promote a solution of the question.

MR. O'MEARA : - I would rather not say anything on this matter, but I feel I should remind you of what happened some weeks ago when the Parliament was in session that you said then: "I assure you that no financial diffi-" culty will stand in the way, because we can get it by " warrant of the Governor General. " Now, that was brought before you then when Parliament was sitting. It was pointed out to you that it might be necessary.

DR. ROCHE : - I had it in my mind, the financial expenses in connection with the presentation of the case to the courts; it was simply and solely the question of having money provided for taking the case to the Privy Council, but to promise that I would recommend to my colleagues the expenditure of an unlimited or uncertain, at least, quantity of money to pay legal expenses and other expenses in connection with conference after conference, many of which, in my judgment, might not be necessary at all, is something that I certainly would not undertake, and, so far as the other expenses are

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DR. ROCHE : -
concerned, I am quite willing to stand by what I had in mind at that time, that the Government will undoubtedly be willing, if there is a reference to the Privy Council, to stand all the expenditures.

The history of the case that has been presented here to-day is something that I need not discuss myself, I am quite willing to submit this in con- junction with the result of other interviews to my colleagues, and one thing I would like to say, though, is that I think it entirely unnecessary for the Nishga delegation to remain longer in Ottawa, because it is only simply running unnecessary expenses, and the Government have been exceedingly busy and have not had time to take up their propositions, and this war has thrown a very great deal of unavoidable trouble and work upon them, and, therefore, it would be unnecessary, in my judgment, for them to remain for any definite word from the Government, but, speaking for myself and the Minister of Justice, as well, we are both anxious to have their case finally disposed of, and we will submit to our colleagues those alternative propositions that have been placed before us and get the views of the Council as a whole as to whether they can see their way clear to accepting those proposals without myself holding out any definite promise of their doing so.

MR. O'MEARA : - I feel I should speak of one othermatter that is the matter of this pamphlet, about which there is a certain amount of doubt and difficulty . We do not see the position. First of all, as we understand it, it is not the historical review that you seem once or twice to indicate, it is a publication of a record of the interviews that have taken place in Ottawa from the 3rd of February in connection with the Nishga

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MR. O'MEARA : -
petition and the papers in connection with it, a full record of it, but not necessarily going beyond that, that has been our desire from the first. The matter has been held over for some length of time; we were anxious that action should be taken and also I may say frankly there seems to the Nishgas and myself a certain amount of mystery over it; it has been suggested that there are certain matters to go in, about which we have no information, and now it is suggested that the matter is to be submitted to the Minister of Justice, about which it is not explained. This seems to us an extremely practical matter, that is, the full record of these interviews.

DR. ROCHE : - I do not know that there would be any stumbling block about the record, there may be some difficulty about the accompanying papers you speak of as to what papers should be included.

MR. O'MEARA : - I have before me what Mr. Scott and I went over weeks ago, and we thought had arrived at a finality, but it has not gone forward, and now we have the suggestion that it should be submitted to the Department of Justice. As I understand Mr. Scott now, he raises the whole question as to whether the pamphlet should be printed.

MR. SCOTT : - Yes.

MR. O'MEARA : - I understood weeks ago that he would publish that pamphlet.

MR. SCOTT : - If it is proper to publish it; I cannot advise the Minister to publish anything without submission to the Minister of Justice.

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MR. O'MEARA : - In these interviews, right from the beginning to the end, there are two matters, the Government's proposals and the discussion of the whole of them and all explanations given, and, on the other hand, the Nishga proposals and their explanations and discussions.

DR. ROCHE : - You are hardly correct in stating that, in asmuch as there is a great deal said here to-day that I do not consider it necessary to reply to. Now, if you have been having these interviews with the idea of each time entering into more or less of an argument in setting forth the Indian side of the case, with the idea of building up a record to go to the public and make as great a case as possible, which we have not answered to; I do not answer because I do not think it necessary to-day, in taking up time in going over ground which I think if at all in the purview of anybody it is the Minister of Justice.

About the Proclamation, whether it applies to British Columbia or not, these are questions that I do not feel competent to discuss as a lay man. It looks to me as if you adopted that practice as if you were starting out in the capacity of a Sherlock Holmes to work up a case upon which you can appeal to the public on a one-sided presentation of the case.

MR. O'MEARA : - Can it be considered to be one-sided when there has been the amplest discussion between Mr. Scott on one side and the Nishgas on the other?

CANON TUCKER : - Would it not be possible to boil it down?

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MR. SCOTT : - That is the very question I want to get before the Minister of Justice; the record as it stands is full of statements, if they are set forth you must say something about it; there is a fact, legal opinions Mr. O'Meara's views on all sorts of things. The Minister of Justice has refused to answer certain questions because he says they are for the courts to decide, but Mr. O'Meara is deciding them all the time, and there they are on the record, as soon as you begin to read the record you see that.

DR. ROCHE : - I do not see any objection to having the Minister of Justice revise those papers, and there may not be much difference of opinion in the finality as to what should be printed and what should not. I am quite agreeable to have printed what the Minister of Justice may decide, he is in a better position to decide than I am.

CANON TUCKER : - I am personally very much obliged for your very patient hearing.

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Ottawa, April 26th. 1915.

Dear Mr. Scott,

Referring to your letter of 13th. instant, submitting a memorandum of the stipulations proposed on behalf of the Nishga Indians, I am disposed to think that the agreement between the two Governments is intended to provide for the final delimitation of the reserves at the hands of the existing Commission, and that it would be inconsistent with the agreement to undertake for a review by the Colonial Secretary. Therefore, I think that the Government cannot be advised to agree to this unless with the consent of British Columbia. It may be observed moreover, that by the 13th Article of the "Terms of Union" with British Columbia, it is only in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the area of tracts of land to be granted to the Indians, that the matter is to be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. That Article therefore, does not contemplate an appeal as against the agreement of the two Governments.

I see no objection to the 2nd stipulation, which, I should suppose, would govern as a matter of course.

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Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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As to the 3rd stipulation, I am not sure of the meaning; but it may be observed that the Indians, like all the other inhabitants of the Dominion are subject to the competent laws of the country, provincial or Dominion, and I do not see how they can justly claim compensation for disadvantages which they may claim to suffer under any of those laws. In fact, except in cases where property is expropriated, in which case the Statutes I think invariably provide for compensation, I do not perceive any standard by which compensation for the laws can be assessed, and I think therefore, that this 3rd stipulation is a very embarrassing one.

The 4th stipulation apparently has to do only with the definition of the authority by which the method of fixing the compensation is to be established. If it be necessary to legislate, of course there would be legislation; otherwise, I see no advantage accruing to the Indians by unnecessarily submitting the matter to Parliament.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Newcombe.

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April 13th. 1915.

Dear Mr. Newcombe,

Since I last wrote you I have had several conferences with the Nishga Indians and Mr. O'Meara. They are now asking us to consider the proposals made by them to the Ministers, copy of which I herewith enclose, and we had a so-called conference upon them the other day. I was asked to state any objections I might have to these proposals.

I said as regards the first, that one objection that occurred to me was that the Governments of the Dominion and British Columbia had agreed to the appointment of a Royal Commission to confirm the reserves and dispose of the reversionary interest. I urged the Indians to appear before the Commission and state their requirements for reserve lands.

I stated that I saw no great objection to the second and third, if the matters were to be dealt with under the Order in Council of the 20th. June, 1914.

With reference to proposal number four, I

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said that I thought the proposed method was cumbersome and I was not able to say how the question could be dealt with by Parliament.

The Indians and their Counsel wished that the Minister of Justice might be asked to state whether there were any objections to these proposals, and I therefore, refer the matter to you. If it is thought advisable to say anything about them, I would be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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The Government of Canada having promised to consider any proposals that we might make, we beg to make for consideration of that Government and the other Tribes the following proposals, without however saying that they are the only terms to which we would agree:-

1. That when the findings of the Royal Commission are known, each Tribe that may consider such findings insufficient shall have opportunity of making application for additional lands to be reserved for the use and benefit of the Tribe for reasons to be stated in such application, and every such application which cannot be dealt with by conference between the Tribe and the two Governments shall be decided by His Majesty's Imperial Minister, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in pursuance of the principle embodied in Article 13 of the "Terms of Union."

2. That in fixing compensation regard shall be had to all the terms and provisions of any Treaty made between the Crown and any Tribe of Indians in Canada.

3. That in fixing compensation regard shall also be had to all restrictions and disabilities imposed upon Indians by Provincial Laws and those imposed by Canadian regulations relating to the Fisheries.

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4. That all remaining matters including an equitable method of fixing compensation shall be adjusted by enactment of the Parliament of Canada.

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Report of the Interview held with the Nishga delegates on the 3rd of September, 1915 : -

Present : - Hon. Dr. Roche,
Mr. D. C. Scott,
Dr. Farmer,
Rev. A. E. O'Meara.

Dr. FARMER : - Dr. Roche and Mr. Scott we are here to-day as representing the Indian Affairs Committee in the Social Service Congress, and Mr. O'Meara the Indians themselves. Since our interview of the 18th of June two matters only practically have transpired: the one, the Order in Council of June 19th, in which the Government reaffirmed its position; and the other, the very important meeting at the Indian Affairs Committee in Toronto on August 19th; that Committee carefully discussed the whole situation in view of the various conversations in the earlier part of this year, and, as a result of that discussion, they reached certain very important decisions. It seems to me that the simplest way would be for me to read the statement that was then drawn up for the Government and adopted at that meeting; I desire to take this paragraph by paragraph, the first paragraph reads as follows : -

" 1. We deeply regret that the Privy Council of
" Canada, on 19th June, 1915, found itself unable to
" modify or alter the terms of the Order in Council
" of 20th June, 1914. We heartily endorse the state-
" ments of the Chairman of this Committee concerning
" the attitude of the Government made upon occasion

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Dr. FARMER : -
(Continued) " of the interview had on 27th April last. We regret that the Government felt compelled to that decision by the McKenna Agreement. We believe that it is not sufficient for the Government to arrange some plan, which does not carry the mind and heart of the Indian people, and call it a settlement. We express our strong conviction that it is impossible by any such means to bring about a real settlement.

I think I need make no comment at all on that paragraph.

The second paragraph I would like to say a word or two about, it reads as follows : -

" 2. In view of our conviction herein expressed, we believe this Committee should continue to co-operate with the " Friends of the Indians " until a real settlement shall be reached. "

I would like to indicate very briefly here just a general thought that has been dominating the course of the Committee, I have to go back to the interview held at the Colonial Office, Downing street, London, on June 30th, 1911; I would like to read the brief report of that interview which I have here; there were present:-

The Right Hon. LEWIS HARCOURT, Secretary of State for the Colonies, SIR CHARLES LUCAS, and Rev. ARTHUR E. O'MEARA representing the "Friends of the Indians."

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After preliminary discussion of the constitutional position, and the possibility of sending a communication to British Columbia as desired,-

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MR. HARCOURT: "The whole position is changed
" as the result of the interview and conference of the twenty-
" first. Acting informally I strongly expressed to the
" two Ministers my opinion that the claims of the Indians
" should be dealt with.
" I consider that the situation has been materially im-
" proved. I advise that the Friends of the Indians should
" as soon as possible present the whole matter again to the
" Governments,- both that of the Province and that of Canada.
" In my opinion you now have an opportunity of securing a
" settlement of these claims which did not before exist."
MR. O'MEARA: Do you mean settlement in the sense of a
" decision of the Judicial Committee?"
" Mr. HARCOURT: No, I am using the word in a wider sense.
" I think there is hope of bringing the parties together
" and securing a settlement satisfactory to all concerned."
MR. O'MEARA: I assume you include the Indians."
MR. HARCOURT: I include the Friends of the Indians, but
" am not prepared to express an opinion as to whether the
" Indians require to be consulted."
MR. O'MEARA: We would, I think, consider that fundamentally
" necessary."
MR. HARCOURT: My hope is that a settlement as nearly quite
" satisfactory as anything human can be may be arrived at,
" and my desire is that you Friends of the Indians should
" take the matter up, approaching the Governments in a con-
" ciliatory spirit, having in view an equitable settlement.
" I want that you should do all in your power in this dir-
" ection. If after taking these steps, you find it necessary
" come back to me. Only under very special circumstances
" and as a last resort would I advise the Imperial Govern-
" ment to intervene. In my judgment the stage for such
" intervention has not now been reached."

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Dr. FARMER : -
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The Committee has been dominated by the spirit and practically the letter of that interview as here recorded. In the meantime we have had interviews with the British Columbia Government, in 1912; later on certain actions were taken by the Dominion Government, the McKenna agreement was reached, that agreement embodying in it one of the proposals made by the " Friends of the Indians " in 1912, that touching the reserves, it did not touch the other point about the title. In the meantime, in 1913, the Nishga petition was launched, also a considerable number of the Indian tribes had been brought together and in harmony on the whole matter and the most recent development this spring of our work was that the Nishgas were allowed to make certain medial proposals which meant certain concessions on their part. I would like to call your attention again to this paragraph, in which the Committee says : -

" In view of our conviction herein expressed, we " believe this Committee should continue to co-operate " with the " Friends of the Indians " until a real " settlement shall be reached. "

It is our hope and we are doing everything possible to make it possible that a real settlement may be effected, if, of course, such settlement cannot be effected along these lines, it seems to us necessary that the matter should come to Parliament, and we are bearing in mind Mr. Harcourt's suggestion that if everything in Canada should fail, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the Imperial Government.

The third paragraph of this statement reads as follows : -

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" 3. With the purpose of reaching a real settlement
" we have devoted special consideration to the assur-
" ances given by the Superintendent General of Indian
" Affairs at the interview of 27th April last, as fol-
" lows : -

" ' I think the Nishgas would be very wrongly
" ' advised by anybody to not appear before the Com-
" ' mission and give the information which the Commis-
" ' sion may require from them, just as all the other
" ' tribes in British Columbia are giving, and, in do-
" ' ing so they may rest assured it is not going to
" ' prejudice their case, which is now engaging the at-
" ' tention of the Government. ' "

" ' CANON TUCKER - We have, as far as I am con-
" ' cerned, offered that advice on the grounds that we
" ' were afraid they would prejudice their case by ap-
" ' pearing before this Commission, which has only
" ' authority to deal with reserves. If we were given
" ' assurance that it would not prejudice their case, I
" ' do not see what harm would be done if they appeared
" ' before the Commission and gave their information if
" ' they have assurance that it will not prejudice
" ' their case. ' "

" ' Dr. ROCHE - As far as that is concerned they
" ' could have that appear on the record that it is not
" ' to prejudice their case. ' "

" In view of these assurances if a satisfactory
" understanding can be arrived at with the Government
" of Canada as to the practical working out of a plan
" which would not be prejudicial to their case, we are
" prepared to advise the Nishga Indians to appear be-
" fore the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs and to
" bring before that Commission all the facts relating
" to the land situation, as they were urged by the De-
" puty Superintendent General to do. We entertain the
" hope that as a result some method of dealing with
" lands disposed of by the Province which would satisfy
" the Indians may be arrived at. "

You will notice that the proposal which we are authorized to present to-day is this that under certain conditions the Committee is prepared to advise the Nishgas to appear before the Commission; these conditions

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Dr. FARMER : -
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1st: That this should not prejudice their case; to that, I think, assurances have already been given;

2nd: That all the facts of the land situation they should have full opportunity of laying before the Commission;

3rd: That instructions to this effect should be given by the Government to the Commission; and,

4th: That the whole matter should be matter of record.

The Committee in this paragraph expresses its hope that in the drawing out of this information, submitted to the Commission by the Indians, there may be found some method with all the new light that may be given, some method of dealing with the situation that will be satisfactory to the Indians.

Now, I do not think I need say any more at this stage. We have come before you to-day practically with a proposal and then with a request; I have just dealt with this proposal, and I do not wish to repeat things that have been said in former interviews, but to state them as briefly as I can.

Hon. Dr. Roche : - I do not think there should be any great difficulty in meeting your wishes in this regard. I think it is important in their own interests that the Nishgas should come before the Royal Commission, and they have been so informed.

Sometime ago I wrote a letter, stating that their case would not be prejudiced if they took this step, and in that matter I think they are fully safeguarded.

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NOTE : -

The Superintendent General, after the interview, wrote to the Chairman of the Royal Commission as follows : -

" Ottawa, September 9, 1915.

" Dear Mr. White,-

" It is apparent that the Indians of
" the Naas River show some reluctance to appear
" before the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
" and give evidence regarding their requirements
" for reserve lands. I therefore think it ad-
" visable to give some assurance to these In-
" dians that they will have full opportunity of
" presenting their claims to the Royal Commis-
" sion; they have been previously informed that
" to approach the Commission and give evidence
" would not prejudice the claim they have ad-
" vanced to a title in the lands of the pro-
" vince. In addition I have to request that
" you will give the Indians the fullest oppor-
" tunity consistent with the powers of the Com-
" mission to present the facts of the land situ-
" ation.

" When the Chiefs of the Nishga In-
" dians were here they thought that sufficient
" time had not been allotted for their district,
" and you were requested to allow plenty of
" time.

" I trust that you have been able to
" give this matter consideration and that your
" itinerary for the Naas district will allow
" ample time for full discussion. As I under-
" stand it, you are taking a complete record of
" the evidence; this is a matter specially urged
" by those interested in the Indian case. "

" Yours faithfully,
" W. J. Roche. "
"N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
" Chairman,
" Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
" for the Province of British Columbia,
" Victoria, B.C. "

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A copy of the letter was sent to Professor J. H. Farmer, B.A., LL.D., Toronto, Ont.; Rev. A. E. O'Meara, Montreal, Que.; W. J. Lincoln, Esq., Kincolith, B.C., and Rev. Canon Tucker, London, Ont.

Dr. FARMER : - At this stage I think it would be well if Mr. O'Meara would say what he has to say.

Mr. O'MEARA : - This whole interview, Sir, is in the hands of Dr. Farmer as representing the Social Service Council, but there are certain matters regarding which it seems necessary for me to say something.

N O T E : - Mr. O'Meara then entered very fully into the question of financial assistance in the presentation of the Nishga petition to the Privy Council, and Dr. Farmer also dealt with the same question.

Hon. Dr. Roche stated in reply that he could not authorize the payment of these preliminary expenses at the present time; if, as a result of the Nishgas' appearing before the Royal Commission anything occurred to modify the Government's views, the Government would decide. If preliminary expenses in the British Columbia land question had to be met, it would be necessary to include in the Estimates an amount for that purpose, but, personally, he did not wish to pledge himself to such a line of policy at present nor would he recommend it to his colleagues.

Later, on September 9th, the Superintendent General wrote Rev. Canon Tucker, copy of the letter is herewith : -

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" Ottawa, September 9th, 1915.

" Dear Canon Tucker,-
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" I observe that on the 19th of July, last, the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs addressed you with reference to the request that the Government should reimburse Rev. A. E. O'Meara and the " Friends of the Indians " for the expenditures which they have made in presenting the petition of the Nishga Indians to the Privy Council. Mr. O'Meara prepared a memorandum, controverting the facts given in the Hon. Mr. Burrell's letter on the subject of refunding monies advanced in connection with the Nishga petition. The Committee on Indian Affairs of the Social Service Council of Canada adopted certain resolutions on the 19th of August, and Mr. O'Meara prepared a statement subsequently, dated the 30th of August, and, on the 1st of September, I had a call from Dr. Farmer and Mr. O'Meara.

" I have had an opportunity of going into the matters involved, and I find the statements made in the Acting Superintendent General's letter of the 19th of July were correct.

" The discussion on the amount formerly appropriated for legal expenses British Columbia land question did not appear to me important; the question before us was whether financial assistance should be given to the prosecution of the Nishga petition, but there may have been a broader issue underlying that, namely, the provision of funds for the work of the "Friends of the Indians " and other organizations interested in the Indian land question.

" The Nishga petition has never received any support from the Government; I was advised on this petition by my colleague, the Honourable the Minister of Justice, on the 17th of December, 1913, and, later, on the 14th of November, 1914, Hon. Mr. Doherty informed Mr. O'Meara as follows : -

"'that the only constitutional method
"'of obtaining the judicial view of His Majesty
"'in Council relating to a question limited to
"'the internal affairs of Canada is by appeal
"'from the local tribunals, and that His Royal
"'Highness's Government is determined for these
"'reasons, which have been so often explained to
"'you and those whom you profess to represent,
"'not to advise or concur in any proceedings
"'looking to a decision in which the courts of
"'the Dominion shall not have an opportunity to
" express their views. ' "

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" It would be manifestly unreasonable
" to expect financial assistance for action to
" which no support had been extended; on the
" broader issue it would not be advisable for
" the Government to provide funds for organiza-
" tions not constituted or authorized by the
" Government or for the counsel of such organ-
" izations.

" I would commend to your considera-
" tion the Order in Council which this Govern-
" ment passed on the 20th of November, 1914,
" which provides for a judicial settlement of
" the British Columbia Indian land question.
" This proposal is I think fair and reasonable.
" It will not be submitted to the Indians until
" the findings of the Royal Commission are known
" and until they are aware of the reserves which
" have been allotted to them. On their accept-
" ance of the proposals, the Government will be
" ready to submit the case to the courts to pro-
" vide competent legal counsel for the Indians,
" to carry the case through to the Judicial Com-
" mittee of the Privy Council and to bear the
" full costs of the action. Meanwhile the
" Government intends to pursue the policy which
" it has followed for many years towards the In-
" dians of British Columbia, to safeguard their
" interests and to obtain from Parliament appro-
" priations for administration, education, med-
" ical attendance and other necessary purposes.
" For the current year Parliament has placed at
" the disposal of the Department, exclusive of
" all costs of management for Indians' purposes
" in British Columbia..... $304,700.00,
" and for the pay and ex-
" penses of officers whose
" whole time is devoted to
" the protection of the In-
" dians and their interests
" the additional sum of..... 73,990.00,
"
" making altogether ..... $378,690.00.

" These facts should, I think, not be
" lost sight of. It is the disposition of the
" Government not only to assist the Indians in
" obtaining a judicial decision on their land
" claims, but also to assist them towards civ-
" ilisation and protect their rights and privil-
" eges. "

" Yours faithfully,
" W. J. Roche. "

" Rev. Canon Tucker,
" The Rectory,
" St. Paul's Cathedral,
" London, Ont. "

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Report of Interview held with the Nishga delegates on the 3rd of September, 1915,

Present: Hon. Dr. Roche,
Mr. D. C. Scott,
Dr. Farmer,
Rev. A. E. O'Meara.

Dr. FARMER : - Dr. Roche and Mr. Scott we are here to-day as representing the Indian Affairs Committee in the Social Service Congress, and Mr. O'Meara the Indians themselves. Since our interview of the 18th of June two matters only practically have transpired: the one, the Order in Council of June 19th, in which the Government reaffirmed its position; and the other, the very important meeting at the Indian Affairs Committee in Toronto on August 19th; that Committee carefully discussed the whole situation in view of the various conversations in the earlier part of this year, and, as a result of that discussion, they reached certain very important decisions. It seems to me that the simplest way would be for me to read the statement that was then drawn up for the Government and adopted at that meeting; I desire to take this paragraph by paragraph; the first paragraph reads as follows : -

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I think I need make no comment at all on that paragraph.

The second paragraph I would like to say a word or two about, it reads as follows : -

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I would like to indicate very briefly here just a general thought that has been dominating the course of the Committee, I have to go back to the interview

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Dr. FARMER : -
(Continued) held at the Colonial Office, Downing street, London, on June 30th, 1911. I would like to read the brief report of that interview which I have here. There were present

quote ( "conference of the 21st")

That was a conference at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard McBride as well as Mr. O'Meara were present

quote (" has now been reached " )

The Committee has been dominated by the spirit and practically the letter of that interview as here recorded. In the meantime we have had interviews with the British Columbia Government, in 1912; later on certain actions were taken by the Dominion Government, the McKenna agreement was reached, that agreement embodying in it one of the proposals made by the "Friends of the Indians" in 1912, that touching the reserves, it did not touch the other point about the title. In the meantime, in 1913, the Nishga petition was launched, also a considerable number of the Indian tribes had been brought together and in harmony on the whole matter and the most recent development this spring of our work was that the Nishgas were allowed to make certain medial proposals which meant certain concessions on their part. I would like to call your attention again to this paragraph, ~~in~~ in which the Committee says in view of our opinion herein expressed

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Dr. BARMER : -
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It is our hope and we are doing everything possible to make it possible that a real settlement may be effected, if, of course, such settlement cannot be effected along these lines, it seems to us necessary that the matter should come to Parliament, and we are bearing in mind Mr. Harcourt's suggestion that if everything in Canada should fail, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the Imperial Government.

The third paragraph of this statement reads as follows : -

" With the purpose of reaching a real settlement " we have .....

" may be arrived at. "

You will notice that the proposal which we are authorized to present to-day is this that under certain conditions the Committee is prepared to advise the Nishgas to appear before the Commission; these conditions are briefly these: 1st: That this should not prejudice their case. To that . I think assurances have already been given.

2nd: That all the facts of the land situation they should have full opportunity of laying before the Commission.

3rd: That instructions to this effect should be given by the Government to the Commission, and,

4th: That the whole matter should be matter of record.

The Committee in this paragraph expresses its hope that in the drawing out of this information submitted to the Commission by the Indians there may be found some method with all the new light that may be

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Dr. FARMER : -
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given, some method of dealing with the situation that will be satisfactory to the Indians.

Now I do not think I need say any more at this stage. We have come before you to-day practically with a proposal and with a request; I have dealt just with this proposal, and I do not wish to repeat things that have been said in former interviews, but to state them as briefly as I can. At this stage I think it would be well if Mr. O'Meara would say what he has to say in the matter.

Mr. O'MEARA:- This whole interview, Sir, is in the hands of Dr. Farmer as representing the Social Service Council, but there are certain matters regarding which it seems necessary for me to say something;

1: I am reluctantly compelled to spend a few moments in speaking of certain theories that have been constructed on the appropriation which has been under discussion for some months. I remember that at the informal interview that we had on Tuesday, it was intimated that certain statements that I had included in my memoranda were thought to be somewhat inaccurate. I am at the present moment assuming that those statements that were thought to be open to question were then mentioned and that the other statements of fact appearing on the papers are believed to be correct; I shall be very glad to be corrected on that point if there is anything to be pointed out. I referred on Tuesday to a record showing the resolution adopted by the "Friends of the Indians" at a meeting held in Victoria in March, 1910; I have that complete record before me and I shall read now the latter portion of the resolution to which reference hasbeen made in my memorandum; an early part of the resolution makes

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
(Continued) reference to the situation then existing and the efforts that were being made between the two Governments for the purpose of preparing and agreeing upon a series of questions to be submitted through the Supreme Court of Canada to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

quote " "

I give that as furnishing fuller information as to the expression of opinion of that meeting. Now, that is the actual origin of the appropriation that was made by Parliament in the spring of 1911 and continued for some years, as you know, until the spring of 1914.

Now I have a few words to say about the theory which has been advanced regarding Mr. Oliver; as I understand the theory it is that while the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in a most pronounced sense favourable to the policy of the "Friends of the Indians," in some way Mr. Oliver was not quite in accord with that and was not willing to do a small thing that was spoken of for the purpose of helping the "Friends of the Indians" in their work, the actual facts as shown; I have before me copy of my own letter of July, kindly furnished by the Indian Department, now that letter shows upon its face certain facts; first of all it shows that there were three interviews, that there was a first interview with the Minister of Justice, second, with Mr. Oliver, and another following that with the Minister of Justice. The letter also shows upon its face, or, to be quite accurate, it contains circumstantial evidence of the fact that the Minister of Justice actually recommended that some payment be made towards those expenses.

The third thing that I respectfully submit is very clearly shown, or at least strongly indicated by the

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
(Continued) very letter itself without going further is that Mr. Oliver must have been generally favourable to the doing of something. It does seem to me from any experience that I have with Ministers of the Crown that unless when the matter went over Mr. Oliver was generally favourable to the doing of something, the Minister of Justice would not have made a definite recommendation that something be done, as set out in this letter; that same fact is at least indicated by the last paragraph of my letter, in which I say : -

" I shall be glad if you could find it possible
" to finally deal with this matter to-day, as it is im-
" portant for me to leave Ottawa to-night, Tuesday. "

It does not strike me that would be the language used to a Minister who was opposed. At the time I received no letter from Mr. Oliver answering this letter, and I supposed at the time, as I heard by wire on the way to the coast, that dissolution had almost immediately taken place, that the matter was for the present at an end, and I never wrote to make any inquiry about it, but I wish to give this information in view of what I consider the importance of furnishing light upon the matter. I, on Wednesday, had another talk with Sir Allan Aylesworth in Toronto, and just told him the matter was under discussion, and, after reading the letter carefully, he said that he clearly remembered having several interviews with me on the subject, and he further said that in his opinion he would certainly not have made the recommendation appearing by the wording of my letter unless Mr. Oliver had been willing to do something, and he added with all emphasis that he was perfectly sure that what accounted for the fact that nothing was done that dissolution happened almost immediately after the writing

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
(Continued) of that letter.

Now, I may say to you, Dr. Roche, that I attach some little importance to what might be called the historical method, and I think that it might be useful to just look up the records that exist regarding what happened during those two days, and, on looking at the Toronto "Globe" of Friday, 28th of July, I find that the dispatch from Ottawa, says in large heading: "Nothing but election thought of at Ottawa," and I also find by looking at the "Globe" that dissolution took place on Saturday, the 29th of July. I next read a paragraph from the letter of the Acting Minister of the Interior, addressed on the 19th of July to the Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee; in the interval all hope of agreeing on a stated case had vanished, and the Government had appointed a special

X " might be provided for "

Now, Sir, I should respectfully submit that by facts set out in my memorandum of the 7th of August, not by expressions of opinion, but by hard facts, it is demonstrated that that paragraph from the beginning of it to the end of it is not history but fiction.

Now, I ask special attention to the second sentence of that paragraph, as it was necessary, it says, to provide funds of this Commissioner, the vote was altered. Now, Dr. Roche, as a matter of history I think you will find that that not only is not correct, but cannot be correct. Will you kindly note two outstanding facts, one, as will be fully shown by the Auditor General's report, Dr. McKenna's services and expenses extended to the 27th of November, 1912, and were paid for during that year and presumably soon after that date.

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The second outstanding fact is that those payments were made out of an appropriation for the year 1912 to 1913, which was, as a matter of fact, the appropriation under discussion in its original form, and the

The third outstanding fact is that when we come to April, 1913, after all that is passed and done Parliament voted the appropriation in its new form, and yet it is suggested that when Parliament did that Parliament intended to provide for Dr. McKenna's salary and expenses, but we are told that somewhere in the Indian Department has been found a pencil memorandum entered upon a paper which I suppose is properly called an estimate or preparatory estimate, and this shows and would seem to indicate that some official of the Indian Department or some other person connected with the Government counted or expected that Dr. McKenna's salary and expenses as Special Commissioner would be paid out of this new appropriation.

Now may I ask you to note what the answer to that is as I humbly submit, first of all the answer is that whoever it was in the Indian Department that took the action that was taken regarding Dr. McKenna's salary and expenses for 1912 simply saw fit to divert that appropriation from its actual original purpose. I make no comment upon that, but it seems to be the fact.

2nd: The pencil memorandum: this was clearly in error, because Dr. McKenna's salary and expenses were paid out of the previous appropriation, but just to get the matter completely before you, Sir, I will assume that my way of looking at it is wrong, that some way or other I do not see the history of it rightly, and I will just for the moment assume that these payments were made to Dr. McKenna out of the appropriation of 1912, and

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
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also that some payments it was intended to make to him out of the appropriation for 1913 to 1914, I just assume all that for the moment and I submit to you that it is what might be called the irony of fate if it really was the fact; here were the Indians of British Columbia thinking that the Parliament of Canada had made some little provision that would enable them to assert their claim and protect their rights through independent advice and help, here were the "Friends of the Indians" who thought the same and who expected that money would be available, but instead of that it was used according to this, according to this theory it was used to pay Dr. McKenna, the gentleman who went out to British Columbia and met the Indians in a great meeting and told them in plain English that they must consider themselves as a conquered people and they should not be bold enough to make these claims. It was according to this theory paid to the gentleman who in the report that he made in the fall of 1912 acted as if the claims had never been made by the Indians, absolutely ignored the fact that such aboriginal claims had been for nearly half a century made, strenuously made the gentleman who entered into an agreement, an agreement which is described on the highest authority, namely, that of the Minister of Justice, is one which ignored the aboriginal title.

I am inclined to think that the Indians when all that was explained to them would think it was rather a curious course of events, even if Mr. Scott's theory is correct, but I just add this remark on that particular subject that the theory is an absurdity for this reason, the British Columbia Indian land question was the very thing that Dr. McKenna did not deal with, but ignored, and the claims of the Indians were things that he ignored, and, therefore, I submit that it is nothing short of an absurdity to suppose that a provision was

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being made for Dr. McKenna in the spring of 1913 under the title of the British Columbia land question. So far as Dr. McKenna had the power to do it when that month of April came the land question had been dead and buried.

Dr. ROCHE:- Mr. O'Meara do you seriously think that we should burden the record with this long argument of yours in connection with a vote of $5,000.00; you have fully covered that ground before? We have put our side of the case and the Government have to decide as to which is correct, but now you are entering upon a later argument in which very serious reflections and not very modest ones have been made upon

You are talking about something that has transpired, but I understand that this particular interview had to do with some request that was to be made in connection with our passing that Order in Council and with the Indians' appearing before the Royal Commission, but I do not see the use of taking minute after minute in burdening the record over differences of opinion in connection with the $5,000.00 vote, which after all I think you admitted the other day was of very minor importance.

Mr. O'MEARA:- As compared with the other, certainly, Sir.

Dr. ROCHE : - Now if there is anything you want to ask us, as Professor Farmer did, but I think it is nonsense, to tell you the truth, to put all these reflections upon the Indian Department and the officials and Dr. McKenna.

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Mr. O'MEARA : - But let me remind you that my opening sentence was a regret that I should have to do this.

Dr. ROCHE : - I am quite willing to listen to you, but I do not propose to let it go on the record, I shall not take up the time to refute them, and, if we do not, see how it will look.

Dr. FARMER : - Since our last interview certain reasons have been assigned for this vote and we wish to present the facts as we see them and understand them, and it seems to me that surely we are entitled to a presentation of the facts.

Dr. Roche : - Mr. O'Meara has already presented them many times.

Dr. FARMER : - Have they become matters of record?

(discussion as to the admission of this statement.)

Mr. O'MEARA : - Amongst other questions placed before me on Tuesday was whether I could explain whether there had been delay on our part in connection with this appropriation, and I do not now remember just what I said in answer to that, but I now wish to say in a formal way that when the new Government came into power we deliberately let the whole matter stand because we did not wish to embarrass the Government by asking for payment; that very matter came up for conference between Dr. Tucker and myself in the month of December, 1912, in which there were interviews with yourself and the Minister of Justice; the question was raised whether we should seek to deal with that matter, and it was decided that we should leave it absolutely alone until the Government had come to some

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Mr. O'MEARA:-
(Continued) definite conclusion regarding the Nishga petition, that is the real answer on the subject of delay.

I wish to place before you, Sir, some additional evidence showing what was understood by myself and all associated with me regarding that appropriation at the time at which it was made in its new form; this mainly consists of a brief record of the resolutions passed at that time by the Indian Affairs Committee on the 29th of November, 1912, the Committee having before them a report coming from the Chairman and myself regarding interviews at Ottawa, passed this resolution

" That in any proceedings that may be taken for deter-
" mining their rights "

that resolution was immediately sent by the Indian Affairs Committee to yourself and the Minister of Justice as well as, perhaps, other Ministers, and that resolution was before you at the time of the interviews that we had the honour of having with you in December, 1912. Then in the following March, after the interview that I had the honour of having with the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice on the 27th of March, the Indian Affairs Committee at a meeting held on the 31st of March passed this resolution:

X " We are glad to be informed by Rev. Canon Tucker "

so that, while it is not pretended that we had every record or pencil memorandum that might be in the Indian Department, yet we had the broad matter before us and the broad fact is that at that time the Committee considered

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Mr. O'MEARA:- (Continued) that the matter was going forward through the Nishga petition, and the Nishga petition was the proceeding which they speak of here. Now, in addition, let me remind you in a few words of the events of the month of April, 1913; first of all there was an interview had by Dr. Tucker and myself with the Minister of Justice on the 15th of April, at which the whole matter was discussed for two hours and forty-five minutes. I feel that this is ground upon which I have to speak in a very conservative way, and I desire just to mention some facts that I think cannot be questioned by anyone, one fact is that on that ~~xxxxxx~~ occasion the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council was the one tribunal that was under discussion; another fact is that on that occasion an independent petition of a tribe of Indians was the one method that was under practical consideration, and the third fact is that the one matter which was discussed at considerable length and upon which some decision needed to be reached was this question: Is the Government willing to help the Nishgas with their petition and how is that to be done?

Now, after that interview, Dr. Tucker and myself went ~~immediately~~ immediately to the hotel and spent a considerable length of time facing the whole matter, in view of all that had happened at the interview, and the conclusion we arrived at was that, in view of that interview, that the way was open for the Nishgas to proceed with their petition and to so proceed entirely in harmony with the Government of Canada, so much so that we very confidently expected at an early date some definite help would be given by the Government of Canada.

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Mr. SCOTT : - What date was that on?

Mr. O'MEARA : - The month of April, 1913; now, a few days after that I went to England, having in my pocket the letter of the Private Secretary of the Minister of Justice, expressing the hope that in a very few days I would be notified of what the Government of Canada would do; with regard to that, I simply record the fact that I did not receive any such communication from the Minister of Justice.

Now, Dr. Roche, what I must respectfully point out is that with all those surrounding circumstances, in that same month, on the second day of that month, Parliament made an appropriation for legal and other expenses of the British Columbia land question.

Now, I am not prepared to say what was believed or thought by any ~~of the~~ Minister of the Crown or any official of any Department, but I am prepared to say that all of us who were working together at that time were ~~clearly~~ fairly entitled to consider that when that appropriation was made the expenses that might be incurred in connection with the Nishga petition were within the meaning of that appropriation, and, before I pass on from that, let me say to you that I have never intended to say that we regarded that as exclusively intended for these particular expenses; we always recognized that there might be other expenses that would come within that language.

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In view, therefore, of all these circumstances and of the general words, I humbly submit that our understanding on the situation was reasonable; at any rate, whether it was reasonable or not, as a matter of fact we did so consider the appropriation, we rely upon it and we did incur the expenses, and, moreover, I think that it will be readily conceded all or practically all actual dealing with the British Columbia land question was through the Nishga petition and the negotiations with the Government of Canada which arose out of the lodging of that petition. I have to add to that that I beg to remind Mr. Scott that he has not always taken the particular view about this appropriation that he is taking to-day; on the 30th of June, 1914, Mr. Scott met me in Calgary and on behalf of the Government, handed to me the papers which were to be placed before the Nishga tribe, all that was done in pursuance of the understanding reached with yourself, Sir, on the 12th of May, upon the basis of the memorandum presented by Dr. Tucker and myself on the 5th of May. Now, I mentioned in the short interview that I had with Mr. Scott on that occasion, I mentioned the fact that on the 12th of May the requests then made, with the exception of No. 3, had been granted by the Government, and amongst other things asked Mr. Scott, whether the appropriation we were looking to had actually been renewed, and his answer was that he understood that it had been. Mr. Scott did not raise any question as to the reasonableness in looking for that appropriation at that time.

I have before me here if necessary the original record of that interview, showing the matters that were talked of between Mr. Scott and myself.

I next have to say a few words about the reference that was made on Tuesday to Mr. Forsyth's

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Mr. O'MEARA:-
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testimony ; I rather gather from the remarks that it was in the mind perhaps of yourself, Sir, or Mr. Scott that what had come from Mr. Forsyth had not quite confirmed what I set out in my memorandum, and, so, naturally, that afternoon I went to Mr. Forsyth and placed the matter before him, and I showed him pages 5 and 6 of my memorandum of the 7th of August, and, having read those, he said to me that my statements were entirely correct, and he then said to me "Surely Mr. Scott does not question that fact?" and I said I am sorry to say Mr. Scott does question it. Of course, Mr. Forsyth is here to speak for himself.

I next have a few words to say about the Oka case; it was intimated on Tuesday that to some extent I had made an inaccurate statement about the Oka case. I therefore waited upon Mr. Reid, the partner of Mr. Rowell, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ I asked him to give me a little fuller information of the exact facts, and I just mention what his answer was, knowing, of course, that the exact facts can be found upon record in probably the Justice Department, but he reiterated his statement that preliminary expenses extending over five years previous to the litigation, which was taken upon the advice of the Justice Department, had actually been paid by the Government. He said that was beyond the possibility of doubt and all I had to do was to see the records at Ottawa. I am perfectly aware that at an earlier stage the Seminary of St. Sulpice did actually enter an action of ejectment against the Indians , but nothing was done under that as I was informed. The matter stood over for years and ultimately the action was commenced on the advice of the Justice Department by arrangement between the parties; I need say nothing further upon that, as I do not wish to go beyond the facts.

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There are a few other matters that I might have to make reference to, but I have ~~not~~ now covered that particular matter that I felt so reluctantly compelled to refer to, but that is not necessary to the point raised on Tuesday, it may not be necessary for me to say anything further.

Dr. FARMER:- I would like just to call attention now formally to the fourth paragraph of this statement for the Government passed by the Indian Affairs Committee which met on August 19th, the paragraph reads as follows:

(Quote)

Now, in view of what has been already said by Mr. O'Meara, it is only necessary for me to summarise the points I had intended to say something more about. We regarded as unanswerable because there is for our ~~action~~ consideration first the precedent of the Oka case, in which it seems to us according to the testimony of ~~Mr.~~ Sir Allen Aylesworth, ~~of~~ and the law firm that had the case in hand at the time the preliminary expenses for a period of five years were actually paid by the Government. The second matter is the matter of the appropriation which is standing in the years 1911-12, 1913-14, the objections that have been urged.

Dr. ROCHE : - When you use the words preliminary expenses do you mean the expenses that ~~are~~ were incurred prior to or subject to the decision of the Government to take it to the courts?

Dr. FARMER : - Prior to.

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Dr. ROCHE : -

Or do you mean it going to the Privy Council?

Dr. FARMER : - I mean the friends of the Oka Indians had been interesting themselves in their case as the friends of these Indians have been interesting themselves in this case, and the expenses were paid for five years before, and, as I understand it, Sir, Sir Allen Aylesworth states the fact and Mr. Reid corroborates the facts and I regard it as a precedent.

Mr. SCOTT : - It is erroneous, however. I would be very glad to show you the statements of the expenses of the case and they are in our office, not in the Department of Justice.

Dr. ROCHE : -

It was after everything had been arranged that the case was to go to the courts.

Mr. O'MEARA : - That is not the case, Sir, I say this with confidence that when we considered the matter in the spring the Department of Justice was good enough to place the material documents before me. I had the privilege to read it all and I took notes of it. It appears there clearly that it was in or about the year 1908 that the Government makes that decision.

Mr. SCOTT : - I can show you the papers and shall be delighted to do so if you come to the office.

Dr. FARMER : - I am sure that as a member of the Indian Affairs Committee I might venture this statement that the Committee would be very glad to have spread before them a copy of the official statements of the matter, and, having them before them, they could judge for

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Dr. FARMER :-
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themselves. I have come into this in recent days, I do not know the exact statements and am relying on the statements made before you to-day and in our hearing, and I would be very sorry to urge anything that is not true, we have only one object and that is to urge rights for a weak people. I think we might be furnished with copies of these documents and they could be shown to the Committee.

Dr. ROCHE : - It is not the custom to give out copies of Departmental documents about other cases, but we would be glad, if you would go into the Department, to show you the copies.

Dr. FARMER : - The second was the action taken by the Government and by Parliament in the matter of the appropriation. Now the two main answers to our statements, of which, so far as I have been able to get at, are these that that was entirely in connection with the prosecution of a stated case. Now, as I understand it, the stated case phase of the controversy, closed in 1910, and it was after that that the late Government introduced into the estimate of 1911-12 this appropriation, as we believe, for the purposes we have been setting forth. Now that is again a matter of fact, if I am mistaken, of course I shall be very glad to be corrected.

Dr. ROCHE : - Do you know when these estimates were prepared for 1911 and '12? Well they were prepared in the fall of 1910, that is the invariable practice. I think it was in October of 1910 that those estimates were prepared.

Dr. FARMER : - The whole genesis of the appropriation, of course, these two things hold together. The other

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Dr. FARMER :-
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answer to our position was that the estimate had to do with Dr. McKenna's commissionership. Now, as I have related the facts, the appropriation antedated Dr. McKenna's appointment by some considerable time. It was made under the previous Government, Dr. McKenna was appointed under the present Government, moreover, the appropriation continued after Dr. McKenna had completed his work, and presumably had been paid; it was still continued for the following year. When the Commission was appointed I understand that an amount of $75,000.00 was set apart for that purpose and about that time Dr. McKenna's name appears as having received some $1403.76 for his services; just where that came from I do not know. Now I had intended to review briefly the history of the appropriation as we have understood it.

It had been at the Victoria meeting of 1910 that led to a deputation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which the interests of the Indians were represented and a request made that they should be helped in every respect, a little later on Mr. O'Meara went to the Old Country, and on the eve of his departure the Minister of Justice made a statement that if he succeeded in bringing the matter before the Imperial authorities and getting action taken it would be a great public service. On his return it was felt that he had succeeded and a message of consent to the Governor General here, and Sir Allen Aylesworth recommended in view of this that an appropriation of $5,000.00 be set apart, as we understood it, for these preliminary expenses; ~~indeed~~ now the size of the appropriation so small would lead me to think it meant preliminary expenses rather than all the expenses that would be incurred in carrying it to the courts. It was intended to make it clear, as I understand it, that it

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Dr. FARMER : -
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was intended to be an appropriation for this purpose.

Dr. ROCHE : - You say Sir Allen Aylesworth states that the change of the wording of that was for that purpose?

Dr. FARMER : - So I understand.

Dr. ROCHE : - How could he know when the change was not made until after his Government was defeated?

Dr. FARMER : - I have understood that his testimony was along that line specifically.

Mr. O'MEARA : - Read from the top of page 5 the memorandum of the 7th of August and down to the middle of the following page to the words: "That my statements were correct".

Dr. ROCHE :- Here is a letter from Mr. Forsyth dated 1st of September to Mr. Scott.

( The Minister reads the letter)

Dr. FARMER : - That is perfectly explicit. This statement is what we had before us when we made this request.

The next point is simply this that at the interview we understand, on the 12th of May, 1914, an interview which concerned the memorandum placed in the Government's hands, I believe by the Indians, on the 5th of May, in which there were certain, I think half a dozen, definite requests made; your own statement was that these would be granted with the exception of the third, I think it was the last of these, I believe, had to do with the appropriation and that it would be granted.

Now, in our conversation of the 18th of

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Dr. FARMER :-
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June, last, I got the impression that your own judgment was that it might well be paid, that there were certain matters you would have to confer with the Minister of Justice about, but your own judgment was that it might be paid, and I think in another reference you made you said : -

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In the matter of precedent and the history of this appropriation as we have understood it and the third point is the actual service rendered as justifying the payment of this amount. Now the whole question is an admittedly very difficult one; there are three things that I would like to say along the line of the service rendered by the "Friends of the Indians". I take it for granted, of course, that the Government of Canada, like the "Friends of the Indians," are primarily concerned with the just and equitable solution of the whole problem, and we have acted as far as possible in harmony with the wishes of the Government here and of the Imperial Government also.

Now I wish to call attention to the statement of Sir Allen Aylesworth made in 1911 when Mr. O'Meara was about going to the Old Country, in which he said that if Mr. O'Meara could get the matter before the Imperial authorities and get the action taken a great public service would be rendered, and we consider that as he did this a great public service had been rendered.

The next question relates to the McKenna agreement, that represents a forward step in dealing with the whole matter, a step which stands, I take it, to the credit of the Dominion Government, but I think it is

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Dr. FARMER : -
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reasonable that we should point out that the way was paved to some extent at least by the "Friends of the Indians," who in their interview with the British Columbia Government in January, 1912, referred mainly to two matters, the one dealing with the title and the other to the transfer of the reserves from the British Columbia Government to the Dominion Government to be held by them in trust for the Indians. Now the record of that interview, it seems to me, would indicate that it did pave the way for the McKenna agreement because, as a matter of fact, the two requests then made are incorporated substantially in that agreement.

The third item of this service done is quieting the Indians and in leading them on to a more reasonable consideration of the whole problem. There were talks of uprisings, just recently in a conversation with the Missionary, whom I met at the conference, he gave me to understand that at the present time the Indians were really suspicious of the whites, and it was making all work there more difficult.

Now, the "Friends of the Indians" and the Indian Affairs Committee have been seeking all along to at once secure the Indians in their rights and at the same time guard them from making unreasonable demands, and we feel that a real service has been rendered there.

The recent proposals of the Nishgas, back of which the other tribes are ranging themselves, now increasingly are probably due to the influences that have been exercised by us and our associates.

In the proposal and the request that we thus make to-day on behalf of the Indian Affairs Committee we have two things that work together as a mediating influence. We have the fear that if this financial request that the Indians themselves made and in which we

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Dr. FARMER : -
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have joined, if that be refused it may make it more difficult for us in approaching the Indians in the new proposal that we mentioned here to-day to secure their consent. It seems to me that the granting of this matter would be a real help in satisfying the Indians when a settlement is finally made.

I would like to request just here before I say a closing word that the letter of our Chairman, Dr. Tucker, dated the 7th of July, should be inserted in the record of this meeting; I think perhaps you have a copy of that letter, it was a letter addressed by Canon Tucker to Hon. W. T. White on July 7th, last.

{The Minister agrees to the insertion of this letter in the record.}

My closing word is this: touching the second matter the request that I think it will be clear to you at all events.

Dr. ROCHE : - Was there any reply to this letter?

(Mr. White's reply to be put in the record as well.)

Dr. FARMER : - You will see that as we have been looking at things we have been going along all these years incurring expenses in the clear conviction that this money would be forthcoming; we have been working in harmony as far as possible with the Government of Canada; we have held ourselves strictly to constitutional methods and we have sought to influence the Indians along the same lines.

Now, it may be that the difficulty with the Government is that they are afraid to set a precedent for the future, well, it appears to me that this matter might be dealt with, at all events, in view of this whole

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Dr. FARMER : -
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history that it would be a very reasonable thing, indeed, even suppose we were under any misconception in relation to it, it seems to me it would be a reasonable thing that the Government should arrange for granting this request, and they could attach to any such action a note that this was not to be a precedent for anything in the future.

Now, I thank you, Dr. Roche, for the great patience with which you have listened to our somewhat lengthy talk this afternoon, and I hope that the result of it may be that our request may be granted, and I hope that we may be successful with the Nishgas in securing their presence before the Commission on the conditions made. I hope the conditions will all be accepted by yourself and your colleagues.

Mr. O'MEARA : - Before you deal with any matter, may I say one word: during Dr. Farmer's address I have been as diligently as possible looking over this to see if unfortunately I may have used some expression that is too strong, and I am sincerely anxious to find such expression and withdraw it; I do find one and that is when I said that paragraph was not history but fiction, but I did not mean fiction in the strongest sense, I would ask to be allowed to alter that and say not historically correct; I would like to withdraw it, as it might be construed in a stronger sense than I have intended it. Please note that I deliberately refrained from making any comment upon that, I simply stated the fact that the appropriation was diverted. I cannot find any other place in which it seems to me that any modification was needed, but shall be glad to have my attention drawn to anything. I do hope, Sir, you will not think it necessary to omit

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Mr. O'MEARA : -
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any part of these, mainly statements of fact, from the record, because I hope the record will be available for other members of the Government in connection with the matter.

May I just ask a few things: 1st:- Could you kindly give us some further information as to the communication that has gone on this subject to the Royal Commission; 2nd:- We would, I think, like to have a copy of Mr. Forsyth's letter, if you will kindly allow us to have that.

Mr. SCOTT : - There is one point I would like to see further information about, that is clause three, it is said here in view of these assurances if a satisfactory

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I wondered if the Indian Affairs Committee had worked out a plan.

Mr. O'MEARA : - We were hoping that almost the whole time would be given to that matter.

Dr. ROCHE : - We have not diverted the discussion.

Dr. FARMER : - We have made the proposal and request that this be accepted on the conditions, the four very simple conditions made, that the Indians be given a full opportunity to state the facts of the land situation.

Dr. ROCHE : - What do you mean by that?

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Dr. FARMER : - I mean freedom to present the whole case, not merely the reserves, but any facts that they think cognate to the matter.

Dr. ROCHE : - For instance, the Indian title?

Dr. FARMER : - I do not know that there would be any necessity to state that, but I mean

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I am merely explaining in answer to your question what I think is meant by those words in the report of the Committee that some method be found for dealing with the matter satisfactorily. We are hoping that it may be possible after all this light has been received by the Commission that some suggestions may be made, some light may be received that will make it possible for them to secure concessions from the Indians and from the British Columbia Government; the British Columbia Government have already made some concessions, when we approached them in 1911 they seemed determined to stand where they were, they have receded from that and I hope they will make further concessions, and we have hopes that the light that may be thrown on the whole problem by the Commission's work will enable the Government to see some proposal that they may suggest to the British Columbia Government and to the Indians and bring them together. We would be extremely happy to see it settled satisfactorily and permanently.

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Mr. O'MEARA : - In view of the decision of the Indian Department not to publish any of the papers, it was decided in consultation of the Indian Affairs Committee to publish a complete record , which is published without note or comment.

Dr. ROCHE : - I do not blame the "Friends of the Indians" to set forth, as they have set forth, their views as the result of the memorandum placed before them, which was purporting to state facts and on those assumed facts they have stated the case was unanswerable in connection with that vote. Of course, as the head of the Department I have to look at the other side of the case, that is, I have to look at the Departmental side, and to whom should I go to obtain information as to how the change, for instance, of the wording of an estimate was made, except to the official who made the change himself, who ought to know, I want to know more accurately as to why he made that change because he was the Accountant at the time and personally made it, rather than the gentleman who would be personally interested in having his contention upheld and who was not in the Department at all. As a Minister of the Crown you cannot blame me for going to my official and taking his explanation; up to recently I had the impression that this change had been made by Sir Allen Aylesworth's authorisation, but I find out that it was not made until 1913, long after Aylesworth had gotten out of the Government, and, therefore, I could not see what possible thing he had to do with the change of the wording of that estimate, whatever he might have had to do with the original but apparently nothing was paid by way of expenses out of the original estimate, and the decision was given that nothing could be paid, and Mr. Forsyth suggested that the old item be changed, but a special item, $1,000.00, be put in to allow us to pay legal

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Dr. ROCHE : -
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and this was so. Mr. O'Meara states at the suggestion of Mr. Aylesworth that it could be paid by doing this, by incorporating the special item. Well, he was not at the head of the Department who could do it, and it was all subject to the consent of the Minister of the Interior and it came before the Minister of the Interior and was turned down, and he did not authorize the payment either under the or the inclusion of a special item. I think the proposal was absolutely turned down by a marginal note. Therefore, in view of the presentation of the case on both sides, having had some knowledge of how Mr. Newcombe views it, having also Mr. Forsyth's letter as I read it to-day placed before me and knowing Mr. Scott's views and he made the alteration of the estimate, I do not feel warranted off my own bat, to use a common expression, to authorize the preliminary expenses, not only for the precedent that it might establish in the future, not because of the small amount of money involved, but because there is no telling where these expenses are going to end.

Dr. FARMER : - As a matter of fact individuals have spent, for them, large sums, for the Government a small sum, in the conviction that money would be forthcoming, might not the Government take account of that?

Dr. ROCHE : - There has been a great deal here to-day said in connection with the historical resumé of this case that, of course, my knowledge would not allow me to coincide with, and I do not wish it to be taken for granted that because neither Mr. Scott nor myself have entered into an elaborate refutation that we thereby confirm them, that if Mr. Scott would like to say anything to justify himself I am quite willing he should do so.

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Mr. O'MEARA : - I have personally an interest in finding out as quickly as possible what the Government intends to do in the matter, the loss will not ultimately fall upon me if the Government will not furnish the money, but I certainly would like as early as possible a word as to what it is intended to do.

Dr. ROCHE : - As Dr. Farmer said a moment ago, we have no appropriation at the present time, therefore I cannot authorize the payment of those preliminary expenses at the present time; should, as a result of the Nishgas' appearing before the Royal Commission, anything come out to modify this Government's views, that simply the Government itself will decide, and, if we were to pay those preliminary expenses, we would have to include in the estimates some subsequent amount for that purpose, ~~for~~ but, personally, I do not wish to pledge myself to such a line of policy at the present.

Dr. FARMER : - You would not be prepared to say that you would yourself recommend it?

Dr. ROCHE : - As I say, until we have the Royal Commission's report upon this, which might alter my views, I would not feel like recommending it to my colleagues from the full information that I have had particularly placed in my hands since my return to Ottawa.

Mr. O'MEARA : - May I ask if you have given consideration to how the Indians will regard that state of things?

Dr. ROCHE : - Do you think it would deter them from appearing before the Commission?

Mr. O'MEARA : - I think it would be a very serious obstacle to their appearing.

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Dr. ROCHE : - If the Indians are left to themselves , from what I hear,that will not deter them.

Dr. FARMER : - Our task will be all the more difficult in getting them to accept this advice of ours if we have to tell them that this request has not been granted.

Dr. ROCHE : - They are entirely different matters.

Dr. FARMER : - But they will regard this as a revelation of the Government's position in the whole matter if they learn the Government's attitude in this one matter.

Dr. ROCHE : - I think they will make a great mistake if they allow the Royal Commission to conclude its labours without appearing and giving the fullest information.

Dr. FARMER : - They will always have the opportunity of carrying it back to the Imperial Government. So far as the action of the previous Government with this appropriation is concerned, does it or does it not seem to you that the "Friends of the Indians" were justified in ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ expecting that this appropriation would be for this purpose?

Dr. ROCHE : - I do not blame the "Friends of the Indians'" forming the conclusion upon the representation of assumed facts placed before them, but many of these statements that were placed before them, on which they came to such decision,I do not agree with, the history portion of it,in connection with the vote.

Dr. FARMER : - Would you include in that anything at all that took place before the change of Government?

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Dr. ROCHE : - There is nothing on file to show me that the statements ~~there~~ there are correct and ~~that~~ where some of the other statements in my own opinion are not exactly accurate, I do not know whether the other statements are accurate or not, I have no personal knowledge of them.

Mr. SCOTT : - The appropriation was always intended by the Department to bear the expenses of a stated case, we make these estimates two years ahead of the terminal date, and the Accountant put that item in the estimate of 1910.

{Mr. O'Meara asks for two copies of the report; the Minister agrees to this.}

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of
File No. 662 British Columbia

Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.,
October 14th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

Referring to the letter of the Hon. Dr. Roche, as well as to yours of a previous date suggesting that we should give ample time to the Nishga Indians to present their claims and views, I beg to give you herewith a short report of our principal meeting with the Nishgas which was held at Kincolith.

On the afternoon of the 4th ultimo we were met at the wharf by a number of the Indians, with their brass band and chiefs, some of whom had come down from the upper river; flags, mottoes and arches had been put up in the village, and the meeting hall decorated.

After opening our meeting in the usual way and explaining clearly to the assembled Indians our powers, duties, etc., they asked for an adjournment until the following Monday morning, as they were not prepared before carefully considering what had been said, to talk to us or answer questions until they could meet together and decide what course to take.

From our adjournment on Saturday the 4th until we again met them on the morning of Monday the 6th the Indians held several meetings, having in conference with them Chiefs and Councillors of the Bands of the Upper river who had in the meantime arrived.

When we met them Monday morning the assurance was repeated that any requests they made for reasonable additions to their present recognized lands or any statements they made would not prejudice the claim set up as to aboriginal rights, they opened their hearts and mouths and frankly answered all our questions. They expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied and stated that the Indians to be visited up the river would do as they had done.

We were informed unofficially by some of the Chiefs :

(1) That it had been originally proposed by the Nishga Land Committee that the Indians of the Naas, while showing every courtesy to the Commission on the occasion of its visit to the Naas country, should not present applications for additional lands or testify as to existing reserves or discuss domestic grievances, on the ground that they were prepared to stand or fall by their appeal for judicial determination of their claim to proprietary rights in all the lands (of their original habitat).

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(2) That Richard Woods, one of the delegates to Ottawa, who, I am advised, has been very closely identified with Rev. Mr. O'Meara in preparing and pressing the Indian Title Claim, at the meetings of Indians above referred to, led by the advocacy of the abandonment of this original plan of campaign in connection with the visit of the Commission. And I am told he expressed the view that whatever might be the outcome of the proposed reference to the courts it was the part of wisdom for the Indians to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the present Commission to present their actual land needs and submit their grievances, as this would probably be the last opportunity afforded of a full and free statement before a Royal Commission.

(3) That other members of the Nishga Land Committee strongly urged adherence to the original plan of action, but were voted down, the Nishga people, through their chiefs and councillors, adopting the change of front urged by Richard Woods.

(4) And it was concluded that, inasmuch as the Dominion Government had arranged to submit the Indian Title Claim to the Exchequer Court of Canada, with the right of appeal to the Judicial Committee of the King's Privy Council, and to assume the costs in connection therewith, that claim should be proceeded with as proposed, but meanwhile the Tribe should make representations with regard to particular lands and other matters through the Royal Commission, giving all desired information and evidence "without prejudice".

Inasmuch as the Chiefs of the various bands of the Nishgas preceded the Commissioners up the Naas, proposing to instruct and direct their people in accordance with their action at Kincolith, it was considered unnecessary that the whole Commission should go up the river, and Dr. McKenna and myself, with Mr. Gibbons, returned to Victoria to attend to business that might in the meantime have accumulated.

With kind regards, believe me,

Dear Mr. Scott,

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White

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Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, September 9, 1915.

Dear Mr. White,-

It is apparent that the Indians of the Naas River show some reluctance to appear before the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs and give evidence regarding their requirements for reserve lands. I therefore think it advisable to give some assurance to these Indians that they will have full opportunity of presenting their claims to the Royal Commission; they have been previously informed that to approach the Commission and give evidence would not prejudice the claim they have advanced to a title in the lands of the province. In addition I have to request that you will give the Indians the fullest opportunity consistent with the powers of the Commission to present the facts of the land situation.

When the Chiefs of the Nishga Indians were here they thought that sufficient time had not been allotted for their district, and you were requested to allow plenty of time.

I trust that you have been able to give this matter consideration and that your itinerary for the Naas district will allow ample time for full discussion. As I understand it, you are taking a complete record of the evidence: this is a matter specially urged by those interested in the Indian case.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Roche.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 31st March, 1913.

PRIVY COUNCIL
Canada.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that by the Order in Council of the 27th November, 1912, approval is given to an agreement arrived at between the Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government and the Premier of the Province of British Columbia, under the date the 24th September, 1912, respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the province of British Columbia, in which the constitution of a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the said Province is contemplated: the said Commission to be appointed as follows:-

Two Commissioners to be named by the Dominion and two by the Province, the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, advise, under the authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, that the following appointments be made, in pursuance of and under the provisions and conditions contained in the said Order in Council of the 27th November, 1912, and the agreement thereby approved:

On behalf of the Dominion of Canada -

Nathaniel W. White, Esq., K.C., Shelburne, N.S. &
James A. J. McKenna, Esq., Winnipeg, Man.

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On behalf of the Province of British Columbia -

James Pearson Shaw, MPP., Shuswap, B.C., &

Day Hort Macdowall, Victoria, B.C.

and that these four gentlemen be authorized to select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 12th April, 1913.

PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that acting under and in pursuance of the Order-in-Council of the 31st March last appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the said Commissioners have selected the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, to be the fifth Commissioner and to be the Chairman of the Commission.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister therefore recommends that the said the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore be appointed, under the authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, the fifth member of the said Commission respecting Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia and that he be Chairman of the said Commission.

The Committee, concurring, submit the same for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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[illegible] OF ISLAND, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1913

# CHAIRMAN INDIAN LANDS COMMISSION

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Hon. Mr. [illegible] was born in New Brunswick, [illegible] the late Mr. [illegible] Wetmore, [illegible] Leg[illegible] Assembly of New Brunswick [illegible] Province [illegible] Hon. Mr. Wetmore, [illegible] Commissioner [illegible] solidat[illegible] Province, [illegible] Liberal-Conservative [illegible] New Brunswick House.

**Long Service in Northwest**

In September [illegible] was appointed [illegible] Supreme Court [illegible] tor of Canada [illegible] for twenty years [illegible] Justice of Saskatchewan [illegible] nation recently [illegible] by Hon. Mr. Haultain [illegible] acted as [illegible] of Saskatchewan [illegible] on the [illegible] Apart from [illegible] activities Hon. Mr. Wetmore has been an active champion [illegible] national progress and is at present chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan.

Long a [illegible] with Indian character, necessities and conditions of life, as well as a profound knowledge of law and public affairs generally, [illegible] qualify him for usefulness as a member of the important commission over which he will now preside.

# Chairman Indian Commission

HON. EDWARD LUDLOW WETMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, advise that Joseph Gedeon Horace Bergeron, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, be appointed Solicitor and Secretary to the Commission appointed by the Orders in Council of the 31st March last and 12th April instant, to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia.

F. K. Benwell

Asst Clerk of the Privy Council.

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May 5, 1913.

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Dear Mr. Bergeron,-

I beg to inclose herewith, as requested by you, copy of the agreement between the British Columbia Government and this Government, regarding the condition of Indian affairs in British Columbia, also the report of Mr. McKenna, a special Commissioner, and the Order in Council accepting same.

Incls.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. H. G. Bergeron, Esq.,
Place Viger Hotel,
Montreal, Que.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 1913

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. May 8, 1913.

The Surveys Branch,-

436673

Will you please have prepared for the use of the British Columbia Reserve Commission a corrected list of the Indian reserves in British Columbia.

D. S. G. I. A.

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*Check* 32 Collect *From* Victoria B.C. May 8th:15 *191*

*To* Sec'y Dept of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa:-

Please wire me information as to when Dominion Commissioners are leaving for the coast. Will they come direct to Victoria?

W.E.Dixsbury

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Send the following Message, subject to the above terms, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, May 10th. 1913.

W. E. Ditchburn,
Inspector Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dominion Commissioners will leave so as to reach Victoria about the end of next week.

Charge I. A.

J. D. McLean.

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Detained here leaving for Victoria Monday will you kindly have Matheson express all files to me Victoria .

McGregor Young.

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Ottawa, May 12th., 1913.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that the Department is forwarding by express, addressed to yourself, in care of Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian Agencies Victoria, B. C., a box containing the files and records needed by the Commissioners. Copies of papers, and certain books and reports asked for specially by Mr. Young are also enclosed. A list of the files is attached hereto, and a duplicate is enclosed in thecensignment. The Department would like to be advised of the safe arrival in good condition of the above papers.

Your obedient servant,

D. C. Scott

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. H. G. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
British Columbia Land Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

McGregor Young, Esq., K. C.,
c/o W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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Ottawa, May 12th., 1913.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that the Department is forwarding by express a box containing papers and documents asked for by the British Columbia Land Commissioners. The box is addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. J. H. G. Bergeron, in your care, and the Department would request that you notify Mr. Bergeron of its arrival upon receipt.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 15 1913

Ottawa 15th May 1913.

Sir;

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B. C. Indian Commission.

I have the honour to inform you that Mr McGregor Young, K.C. has been retained as solicitor to the Indian Commission, his fee to be $50.00 per diem and $10.00 additional for expenses.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Francis H. Gisborne

Assist Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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EMPRESS HOTEL
VICTORIA, B.C.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
HOTEL SYSTEM

13th May 1913

The Honourable
Hon. S. W. Crothers
Minister of Lands & of the Interior
per mail

Dear Sir,
arrived here yesterday. Mr. Pe[illegible]
Wilson & Messrs Hon. Edwards & Shaw. Others expected
in a couple of days. Will set to work as soon as
arrive. Kindest regards. Yours faithfully J. H. Be[illegible]

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JAS. KENT,
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HU Victoria B C May 19th 1913

The Hon T W Crothers,
Minister Of Labour and Acting Minister of the
Interior
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Commission sworn this morning before Mr Justice Morrison holding sitting now in executive council chambers.
Commission requires credit here to meet expenses of transport clerical and other expenses.

7:25P

J H G Bergeron.
Solicitor,& Secretary.
Indian Commission.

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

VICTORIA, B.C.

May 21st, 1913.

The Honourable T. W. Crothers,
Minister of Labour and of the Interior per Interim,
Ottawa.

Sir,

I hereby confirm telegram sent you today, as follows:-

"Agreement provides for consent of Indians to reduction of a reserve. Commission considers it necessary that authority should be given under Indian Act for the taking of such consent or any lease or surrender which the Indians might be ready to make at the time Commission holds investigation regarding a Reserve. Delay in securing consent might prejudice final adjustment."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

May 19th,1913

The Honourable T. W. Crothers.,

Minister of Labour & Acting Minister of the Interior,

OTTAWA. Ont.

Sir,

I hereby confirm telegram sent you this day,as follows:-

"Commission sworn this morning before Mr Justice Morrison,Holding sitting now in Executive Council Chamber. Commission requires credit here to meet expenses of transport,clerical and other expenses".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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T. D. ROBINSON

MAY 22 1913

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria B.C. May 21-13. (WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

J. D. McLean,

Sec'y Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Commission requires all files and papers following matters immediately

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J. G. H. Bergeron,

Sec'y Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS 23 1913

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs.

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Victoria, BC May 22-23-13 (WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

J.D.McLean,

Secy.Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Commission find that there is not among the minutes of the reserve commission here, The Minutes affecting the reserve in the Cowichan agency and the old fraser river agency and desire that the said minutes be forwarded to me immediately

J.A.J. McKenna,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, May 23, 1913.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary B.C. Indian Lands Comm'n.,
Victoria, B.C.

Please give date and purpose of Price Ellison application Duck Lake. Other files being forwarded by express to-day.

J.D. McLean,

Chg. D.I.A.

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Night Letter.

J.G.H.Bergeron Esq

Secretary B. C. Indian Lands Comm'n

Victoria B.C.

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Ottawa, 23rd May, 1913.

His Excellency

The Administrator in Council.

With reference to Orders in Council of 31st March and 12th April, 1913, appointing Messrs. Nathaniel White, J. A. J. McKenna, James Pearson Shaw, Day Hart Macdowell and Edward Ludlow Wetmore a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian affairs in the province of British Columbia, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that, under subsection 1 of section 49 of the Indian Act, the said Commission be authorised to take from the Indians such surrenders as may be found necessary in order to complete or further the arrangements which the Commission are empowered to make; and that, under subsection 1 of the said section 49, Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, the Secretary of the Commission, be authorised to take the necessary affidavits of execution of such surrenders.

Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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May 21st. 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 22 1913

Dept. of Alien Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

We have been informed that your Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, has left Ottawa for British Columbia. We will, therefore appreciate your advising us if Mr. McKenna has left Ottawa permanently and his present address if known to you. Stamped envelope enclosed for reply.

Thanking you in advance and assuring you of our appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT GLASGOW

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Ottawa, May 22, 1913.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., I beg to say that Mr. J. J. McKenna has left Ottawa for British Columbia and his address is Victoria, B.C.

Yours truly,

J. D. McLean

Robert Glasgow, Esq.,
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Toronto, Canada.

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Ottawa, May 22, 1913.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., I beg to say that Mr. J.A.J. McKenna has left Ottawa for British Columbia and his address is Victoria, B.C.

Yours truly,

J. D. McLean

Robert Glasgow, Esq.,
Publisher,
Norwich Union Building,
Toronto, Canada.

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Hon. T. W. Crothers,
Minister of Labour, and of the Interior, per interim,
Ottawa.

Agreement provides for consent of Indians to reduction of a reserve commission considers it necessary that authority should be given under Indian Act for the taking of such consent or any release or surrender which the Indians might be ready to make at the time commission holds investigation regarding a reserve. Delay in securing consent might prejudice final adjustment.

J. D. H. Bergeron,

Sec'y Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, May 23rd, 1913.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esqr.,
Secretary Indian Commission,
Victoria, B.C.

Have taken steps to obtain authority of the Administrator in Council to impower the Commission to obtain necessary surrenders of Reserves from the Indians.

(Chg. Dep't I.A.)

J. D. McLean.

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# INDIAN COMMISSION ORGANIZED TO-DAY

## Took Oath Before Judge Morrison This Morning; Met Sir Richard McBride

## INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON SCOPE OF INQUIRY

## Powers Vested In Commission by the Agreement Between the Two Governments

"We, the commissioners within named, do each for himself swear that he will well and truly and impartially perform the duties and exercise the powers and authorities granted and conferred by the within commission to the best of his understanding and ability."

E. W. WETMORE.
N. W. WHITE.
J. A. J. McKENNA.
J. P. SHAW.
D. H. McDOWELL.

The above is the wording of the oath taken by the members of the Indian commission, which organized this morning. The oath was taken before Judge Morrison of the Supreme Court at the court house, and afterwards the members adjourned to the parliament buildings, where the executive chamber was placed at their disposal for a short meeting. Here also they met Sir Richard McBride, and discussed with him some of the phases of the commission's duties. It was found impossible to acquire accommodation in the parliament buildings for the commission's headquarters, therefore the secretary, J. G. H. Bergeron, was instructed to obtain offices somewhere in the city. Another meeting, this time of a private nature, was called at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the premier and the minister of lands were in attendance.

Discussed Informally.

The exact nature of the commission was the theme which was discussed more or less informally this morning, and the terms of the agreement, which was originally concluded on September 24 last between Sir Richard McBride acting for the province and J. A. J. McKenna, specially representing the Dominion. By this agreement the acts and proceedings of the commission shall be subject to the approval of the two interested governments, who shall take them up with a view to giving effect as far as reasonably possible to the findings and recommendations of the commission.

The main power of the commission as set forth in the duly attested document, is that they may adjust the acreage of Indian reserves in British Columbia within certain limits. For example, at such places as the commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians. On the other hand, at any place at which the commissioners determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality, the commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added. They may also set aside lands for Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

Will Sit Some Time.

This is, in the main, a broad outline of the work of the Indian commission, and as the matters they are required to look into are somewhat comprehensive in their scope, it is expected that their work will last for some considerable time. It is enacted that the province shall take steps to reserve legally the additional lands which the commission shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of their powers, and the lands which the commissioners determine are not necessary will be subdivided and sold by the province at public auction. The net proceeds of such sale will be divided between the province and the Dominion. All expenses incurred by the commission will also be defrayed equally by the two governments.

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# COMMISSION IN FIRST SESSION

## Regular Itinerary Commences on Monday—Formal Meeting in Executive Chamber Yesterday.

The Federal Royal Commission to investigate and adjust all the various Indian lands questions perplexing British Columbia, increasing or diminishing the areas of reserves as may be necessary to equitably meet all the demands of the situation, held its first sittings in the executive chamber of the Parliament Buildings here yesterday, the commissioners being duly sworn at 11 a. m. by Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison, and immediately thereafter meeting to discuss preliminaries of organization and procedure and to receive a welcome to British Columbia and their labors from the Provincial Prime Minister, Sir Richard McBride.

**Boundary Bay Complication**

The afternoon was devoted to a private sitting at which consideration was given to the matter of the White Rock or Boundary Bay sawmill problem, in which private enterprise is at present suspended owing to difficulty in adjustment of conflicting Federal and Provincial contentions as to authority in the matter of a lease to which both Governments are wholly favorable. Today the members of the commission, by invitation of the Songhees tribe, will visit the new reservation of this local tribe, inspecting what is claimed to be of the finest settlement of aboriginal inhabitants to be found in any part of Canada.

**Real Work Monday**

On Monday the real work of the Commission will begin with a visit to the reservation near Duncan, from which point the commissioners proceed to Nanaimo, and upon their return visiting Saanich and the several sections of the peninsula devoted to Indian use and occupancy. A more complete later itinerary will shortly be announced, in which connection it is highly possible that the commissioners may decide to devote the earlier part of their touring and reserves inspection to the confined zone in which are the four chief cities of the Province—Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster. The Summer months will also, in all likelihood, be devoted to inspection of the many reserves extending along the Western Island seaboard, for which part of the commission's itinerary it is expected that one of the vessels of the Dominion Government's Pacific fleet will be requisitioned, possibly the Quadra.

**Of Much Importance**

The work of the commission, which must have important influence upon the future development and progress of the Province, promises to be protracted, occupying at least several years. All members of the Commission were in attendance yesterday, these being, as has already been announced, Hon. Mr. Wetmore (chairman), Dr. McKenna and Mr. M. W. White, ex-M.P., representing the Dominion, and Messrs. J. Pearson Shaw, M. P. P. and D. H. MacDowall, the British Columbia appointees. Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, ex-M. P., is secretary and solicitor to the Commission, and Mr. L. J. Seymour stenographer. Mr. Macgregor Young, K. C., who has been announced as retained by the Dominion as special counsel, has not yet reached Victoria.

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**Agreement Entered**

After the reading of the commission by Chairman Hon. Mr. Wetmore yesterday, and his explanation that the commissioners had been duly sworn by Mr. Justice Morrison, the memorandum of agreement upon which the appointment of the commission is based, was read as explanatory to the public of the nature, scope and determinative qualities of the work allotted to the tribunal, this agreement, executed by Dr. McKenna, as representative of the Dominion, and Sir Richard McBride, for British Columbia, in September last, reading as follows:

Memorandum of an agreement arrived at between J. A. J. McKenna, special commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian affairs in British Columbia, and the Honorable Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of the Province of British Columbia:

Whereas it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named have, subject to the approval of the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia:

1. A commission shall be appointed as follows: Two commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province; the four commissioners so named shall select a fifth commissioner who shall be chairman of the Board.

**Power of Adjustment**

2. The commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian reserves in British Columbia in the following manner:

(a) At such places as the commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(b) At any place at which the commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality, the commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians. And they may set aside land for any band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion, and all moneys received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and the Dominion in equal proportions.

**Lands Finally Fixed**

7. The lands comprised in the reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned, or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian reserve in the Province of British Columbia shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

8. Until the final report of the Commission is made, the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power, and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian reserves, or which may, during the sitting of the Commission, be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian reserve are required for right-of-way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners, who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the Commissioners into effect.

Signed in duplicate at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of September, 1912. (Sgd.) J. A. J. McKENNA.
" RICHARD McBRIDE.
(Witness) E. V. BODWELL.

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# Royal Commission on Indian Lands in British Columbia

Reading from left to right: Mr. N. W. White, Mr. J. H. G. Bergeron, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, Mr. D. H. McDowell, Hon. E. W. Wetmore and Mr. J. P. Shaw

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J D MacLean, Dept Of Indian Affairs,

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir::

We thank you for your letter of the 22nd. inst. advising us of the departure of Mr. J. A. J. McKenna for British Columbia and note that his address there is Victoria.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT GLASGOW

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VICTORIA, B. C.
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May 27th,1913.

The Honourable T. W. Crothers,

Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA.

Sir,

By direction, I am to inform you that the following telegram was sent you today by the Commission, viz:-

"Commission re Indian Affairs,requires immediately all papers regarding Cowichan and Salt Spring Agricultural Society Lease,portion Cowichan Reserve Number one occupied by Somenoes Band,and recommends stay of proceedings regarding further lease pending investigation by Commission. Answer".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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Secretary of Indian Affairs

VICTORIA, B.C.

May 23rd, 1913.

The Honourable T.W.Crothers,
Minister of Forestry
and Acting ~~Superintendent General~~,
~~Department of Indian Affairs,~~
Minister of the Interior
OTTAWA.

Sir,

I have transmitted to the Secretary of State, the First Interim Report of the Commission, dealing with certain applications for right-of-way.

The Commission would be pleased if you would see that same is given early consideration, and the Commission advised as to whether it meets the requirements of the Government and, if not, what additional action is desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
SECRETARY.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
CANADA

Ottawa, Ont. May 28th, 1913

Dear Mr. Crothers,-

Herewith is copy of communication I have just received from the Secretary and Solicitor of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. Will you kindly take up the matter with the officers in your Department and advise me what reply should be made.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. Borden

Hon. T. W. Crothers,
Acting-Minister of Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Victoria, B.C. 21st May 1913

The Right Honourable R. L. Borden,
Premier of Canada,
Ottawa.

Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose a resolution which was unanimously carried by the Commission yesterday and for which the Commission would be very glad to have an answer as speedily as possible.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.
(sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary and Solicitor

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Victoria, B. C.

20th May 1913

A meeting of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia was held in the Executive Council Chamber Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Tuesday the 20th day of May, 1913, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:- Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman.

N. W. White,

J. A. J. McKenna,

James P. Shaw.

D. H. MacDowell,

J. G. H. Bergeron. Solicitor and Secretary

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The following resolution was:

Moved by Dr. McKenna

Seconded by Mr. MacDowell.

"Whereas the Commission is of opinion that its jurisdiction is confined to the scope of the agreement referred to therein.

And Whereas it appears that many matters and questions extraneous to the agreement will be brought before the Commission:

And Whereas serious dissatisfaction among the Indians is likely to be created if the Commission declines to consider and report upon such questions;

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And Whereas for the satisfactory disposal of such matters and questions it may be necessary to report upon conditions and make suggestions as to policy".

BE IT RESOLVED that it be intimated to the Governments of the Dominion and the Province that if they so desire and instruct t the Commission, the Board will be pleased to deal with all such questions and matters and report, submitting suggestions as to the action to be taken and the policy followed.

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PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA.

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, advise, with reference to Orders in Council of 31st March, and 12th April, 1913, appointing Messrs. Nathaniel White, J.A.J. McKenna, James Pearson Shaw, Day Hort Macdowell and Edward Ludlow Wetmore a commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, that, under sub-section 1 of section 49 of the Indian Act, the said Commission be authorized to take from the Indians such surrenders as may be found necessary in order to complete or further the arrangements which the Commission are empowered to make, and that, under sub-section 1 of the said section 49 Mr. J.G.H. Bergeron, the Secretary of the Commission, be authorized to take the necessary affidavits of execution of such surrenders.

Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

Ottawa,

May 29th, 1913.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of resolution received re Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. I wish you would speak to me this afternoon about this matter.

Faithfully,

W. L. Mackenzie King

Duncan Scott, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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(SGD) Rodolphe Boudreau.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, 30th May, 1913.

Sir,

Herewith I enclose you copy of an Order in Council of date the 27th instant authorizing the Special Indian Commissioners to take from the Indians such surrenders as may be found necessary in order to complete or further the arrangements which the Commission are empowered to make, and also authorizing the Secretary of the Commission to take the necessary affidavits of execution of such surrenders.

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Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. D. Lawrence

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary Indian Commission,
Victoria,
B.C.

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Ottawa, May 30, 1913.

J. G. H. Bergeron,
Secretary Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs,
Nanaimo, B. C.

Papers referred to your telegram 29th instant being sent you this day to Victoria.

J. D. McLean.

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Commission requires to be sent Victoria promptly, all papers respecting and exchange or proposed exchange of lands between Nanaimo tribe and Vancouver Coal Mining Company or Western Fuel Company also respecting all mining leases by Nanaimo tribe or department to either Company and any agreements of nanaimo tribe or department concerning right of way to either company or any other railway over any nanaimo reserve.

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J.G.H. Bergeron,
Secretary Royal Commission
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C O P Y.

May 31st, 1913.

To the Administrator in Council

MEMORANDUM to Council.-

The undersigned has the honour to report that a copy of a resolution passed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, dated Tuesday 20th May, 1913, has been received, a copy of the resolution is attached.

It is clear that the agreement between the representatives of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion does not contemplate an investigation and settlement of matters appertaining to general Indian policy in British Columbia. It is confined to matters affecting Indian lands which require adjustment between the parties.

It would seem inadvisable to burden the Commission with the investigation of all matters that might be brought to their attention by Indians, many of which would be of slight importance not affecting the relations of the two Governments. Unless great care were taken misconception might arise in the minds of the Indians as to the action of the Commission if authorized to make a general investigation; the Commission having power to deal finally with all matters mentioned in the Agreement subject to the approval of the two Governments, but having only instructions to report and make suggestions as to other matters.

The Commission would, however, during its sittings in different districts of the Province obtain valuable information as to Indian conditions and progress and would probably form distinct opinions on these points

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and on the future policy which should be adopted by the Dominion Government towards the Indians of British Columbia.

The undersigned would therefore recommend that the Commission be restricted in action to the terms of the agreement but that the Commission be informed that this Government would be prepared to receive a general report on the condition of the Indians with suggestions as to the future policy and administration of Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the Indians being distinctly advised concerning that scope of the enquiry under the agreement and that the Commission will merely convey to the Government ~~as~~ the views of the Indians respecting any matters extraneous to the agreement brought to their attention.

(Signed) T. W. Crothers

Acting SuperintendentGeneral.

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OTTAWA, 28th May, 1913-

Hon. E. L. Wetmore,
Chairman Indian Reserve Commission,
DUNCAN,
B. C.

Papers regarding Cowichan and Salt Sprhgs Agricultural Lease are being forwarded to-day to Secretary of Commission at Duncan BC. Action stayed pending investigation.

J. D. McLean,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary-

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Duncan, B.C. May 27-13.

Hon. T. W. Crothers,

Acting Sup't Gen'l of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Commission re Indian affairs requires immediately all papers regarding Cowichan and Saltspring agricultural society lease Portion Cowichan Reserve number one occupied by Somenoes band and recommends stay of proceedings regarding further lease pending investigation by commission answer.

742a E.L. Wetmore,

Chairman.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

May 29th,1913.

J. D. McLean,Esq.,

Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, 438399

OTTAWA. Ont.

Dear Sir,

I hereby confirm lettergram sent you today, as follows:-

"Commission requires to be sent Victoria promptly,all papers respecting any exchange or proposed exchange of lands between Nanaimo Tribe and Vancouver Coal Mining Company or Western Fuel Company,also respecting all Mining leases by Nanaimo Tribe or Department to either Companyand any Agreements of Nanaimo Tribe or Department concerning right-of-way to either Company or any other Railway over any Nanaimo Reserve."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

SECRETARY.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

May 21st, 1913.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

438533

Sir,

I hereby confirm telegram sent you this day as follows:-

"Commission requires all files and papers following matters, immediately, Campbell River Lumber Company, Semiahmoo Reserve, Laing, Tainstikeptum Reserve, Kennedy Long Lake, Price Ellison Duck Lake, Watson Penticton, Proctor Alberni."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

May 22nd, 1913

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary,

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Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Sir,

I hereby confirm telegram sent you today, reading:-

"Commission find that there is not among the minutes of the Reserve Commission here, the minutes affecting the reserve in the Cowichan Agency and the Old Fraser River Agency, and desire that the said Minutes be forwarded to me immediately."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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DAILY COLONIST, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C., SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 6 1913

# COMMISSIONERS READY FOR TASK

## Federal Representatives on Indian Commission Arrive In City—First Session Will Be Held Tomorrow.

## FULL INQUIRY INTO INDIAN LAND QUESTION

## Important Issues Are at Stake and Settlement Will Mean Much for Welfare of the Natives.

The Indian Lands Commission appointed by the Dominion Government to inquire into the question of reserve dispositions in British Columbia will hold its first session tomorrow forenoon at 11 o'clock in the Executive Chamber of the Parliament Buildings.

This announcement was made last night to a Colonist representative by Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, who arrived on the night boat from the Mainland in company with his colleague, Mr. N. W. White, K. C., of Nova Scotia. The arrival of Dr. McKenna and Mr. White completes the personnel of the commission, so that there need be no further delay in getting to work with the sessions.

Dr. McKenna and Mr. White are the representatives of the Dominion Government upon the royal commission appointed to finally adjust all questions affecting the Indian lands and affairs in British Columbia. Mr. J. P. Shaw, M.P.P., and Mr. D. H. McDowell are the representatives of the Province on the commission. The chairman of the commission is the Hon. Mr. Wetmore, ex-Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, and the solicitor and secretary is Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, ex-M.P. for Beauharnois, Quebec.

Mr. McGregor Young, barrister, of Toronto, who is counsel for the Dominion Government and the Indians, is expected to arrive some time today. At all events, the commissioners are sure he will be in town to take part in the first session, which will necessarily be informal.

### Six Preliminaries

Late yesterday the commissioners for both parties met in the Empress Hotel and held an informal conference, at which it decided to call the initial meeting tomorrow at the above-mentioned hour. The first preliminary will necessarily be that of swearing in the members, after which it is probable that they will make arrangements for the organization of the tremendous task in hand.

Speaking of the work of the commission, Dr. McKenna said: "It has been created under the agreement effected last September between Sir Richard McBride and myself, and which has been formally approved and confirmed by both Governments. If I might speak generally upon the question at issue, I would say that since the union of British Columbia with the Dominion there have been questions at issue affecting the Indian lands and affairs in British Columbia, and the great development of the Province in recent years made these questions so very acute that the Dominion Government decided to appoint a special commissioner about a year ago to negotiate with the Provincial Government a basis of settlement in the public interest as well as in the interest of the Indians.

"Such a basis was arrived at in the agreement come to last September by Sir Richard McBride on behalf of this Province and myself on behalf of the Dominion Government, and the present royal commission has been appointed to carry out the provisions of the agreement and to finally dispose of all the conflicting interests respecting Indian lands and affairs in the Province."

### Expects Satisfactory Settlement

Dr. McKenna was naturally reticent about entering into a general discussion of what he thought the commission might accomplish in this direction, but, in reply to the question of how he contemplated being able to reconcile the interests of the Indians with the white people of the country he replied: "With a progressive Indian policy following the settlement of the land questions by this commission, all causes of friction between the whites and Indians should disappear and the Indian become, in a reasonable time, an important wealth producer in the country."

In a large measure that statement may be taken as representing the sentiments

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# DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES

TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

No. 402 24 May 19 13

Acknowledgment of appointments to Indian Affairs Commission for British Columbia.

Referred to the Honourable

~~Deputy~~ Supt. General of Indian Affairs.

*By Command*

J. Pohl

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.*

OTTAWA, 6th June 19 13

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NO. 402

DOWNING STREET,
24 May, 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch No.315 of the 6th instant forwarding copies of Privy Council minutes appointing Mr. J.G.H.Bergeron to be Solicitor and Secretary and the Honourable E.L.Wetmore to be the 5th Commissioner and Chairman of the Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

(Signed) L. HARCOURT.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
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HON T. W. Crothers,
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Mc Gregor Young.

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PERSONAL

VICTORIA, B. C. June 10th, 1913.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, M. P.,
Acting Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa,

Dear Sir:-

My cases at Osgoode Hall lasted so long that I was not able to get down to Ottawa again, as I had hoped, and reach Victoria in time for the first sittings of the Commission.

For the first week the Commission sat daily in Victoria and was mainly engaged in organization. Some forty odd applications of various sorts, affecting Indian Reserves in B. C., had been referred by the Department to the Commission and I gave most of my time to analyzing the files for submission accordingly. The Commission decided, however, to deal at first only with railway right-of-way cases and made an Interim Report to both Governments regarding some of them. The remaining applications were deferred for the present.

On Monday the 26th ult. we started on an inspection of the Reserves of the Cowichan Agency and were out of town until Saturday last. Inspection of this Agency will be concluded on Monday next, after which the Commission now proposes to proceed to Vancouver and vicinity, while the stenographers' notes are being transcribed and further evidence, including previous allotments, surveys, etc., prepared.

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VICTORIA, B.C.



On this trip the Commission went considerably afield of the scope of the Commission. We had a number of important conferences with different bands of Indians and deputations were received at nearly all of the towns and, in both cases, a good deal of outside matter was discussed. It will not be easy to avoid this in dealing with the Indians and I think it is wise policy to give them a patient hearing upon all proper complaints, and so far they appear well satisfied with their reception. The Commission, moreover, evidently assumed that the resolutions sent to the two Governments in regard to enlarging their functions in some respect would be favorably received.

Upon all questions that can fairly be regarded as coming within their jurisdiction ~~a~~ sworn testimony is taken and these examinations are conducted by me upon material obtained from the local officials or from the Indians themselves.

The whole question of Indian Reserves and Indian Administration is a very live one in this Province and the B. C. Commissioners are obviously anxious to get good results from the Provincial point of view. They seem inclined to the view that the Indians should receive their allotments individually and not hereafter as members of a Reserve, but

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Hon. T. W. Crothers -3-

should hold their lands in the same way as a white man, with some restriction against sale without the assent of the Governor-in-Council. This strikes me as rather a large order under present conditions. The Indians have superb locations in this country and I have a feeling that speculative elements are inclined to covet their holdings.

By the way, it is arranged this morning that we are in Vancouver on Thursday the 19th. I would be greatly obliged by a reply by wire to my letter to you of last night, and at all times by any instructions you may be good enough to give.

I sent you yesterday a night letter as follows:

"Returned Saturday from fortnights trip with Commission inspecting Reserves Cowichan Agency. Commission had number of meetings with different bands and heard local deputations from town. Took evidence upon all material facts within scope. Vancouver district probably next week. Am writing."

Yours very truly,

McGregor Young

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Victoria, B.C. June 10-13

J.D McLean,

Secretary Dept Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA.

Commission requires at once all field notes of Indian reserves in BritishColumbia. Please forward and advise by wire.

J. G. H.Bergeron,

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, June 11, 1913.

J. C. A. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia
VICTORIA, B.C.

Case containing four hundred and seventy four field books British Columbia surveys expressed to you today.

Charge Dept. I.A.

J. D. McLean.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. June 16th. 1913.

MEMORANDUM

Records Branch -

Please let me have file containing communication from British Columbia Indian Commission of the 20th. ultimo, and draft Memorandum to Council dealing with same, dated 31st. ultimo.

D. S. G. I. A.

D.L.G.

This is not on file.
G.M.M.
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 16 1913

VICTORIA, B.C. 9th. June, 1913

Pedley

D. C. Scott, Esq.,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Dear Sir;-

I am directed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo, and to say that the official files dealing with the Kitsilano Reserve and the Ten (10) copies of Hansard have duly come to hand.

Yours very truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B. C. 9th. June, 1913

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Dear Sir;-

I hereby confirm telegram sent you to-day as follows;-

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Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary. mcl

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. June 16th. 1913.

MEMORANDUM

Accountant's Branch -

If you have a communication from the British Columbia Indian Reserve Commission dated 20th. ultimo and a Memorandum to Council dated the 31st. ultimo, dealing with the scope of the Commissioners' duties, please let me have same this afternoon.

D. S. G. I. A.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, June 17th, 1913.

MEMORANDUM -

Mr. Pedley:-

I only received the memorandum dated June 16th a few minutes ago, so that it was impossible for me to deal with it yesterday. This Branch has not the papers mentioned in the memorandum.

Chief Accountant.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. June 18, 1913.

Memorandum, -

The Accounts Branch, --

Will the head of the branch please say if he has these papers in his possession or if he had them at or about the time the memorandum to Council of the 31st ultimo was prepared, and whether, if he has not them in his possession, he knows where they are, and if he has had them what he did with them. These papers should be of record in the Department.

D. S. G. I. A.

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P.C. 1401.

Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 10th June, 1913.

PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a memorandum, dated 31st May, 1913, from the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, submitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, dated Tuesday, 20th May, 1913.

The Minister observes that it is clear that the agreement between the representatives of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion does not contemplate an investigation and settlement of matters appertaining to general Indian policy in British Columbia. It is confined to matters affecting Indian lands which require adjustment between the parties.

The Minister is of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to burden the Commission with the investigation of all matters that might be brought to their attention by Indians, many of which would be ofslight importance not affecting the relations of the two Governments. Unless great care were taken misconception might arise in the minds of the Indians as to the action of the Commission if authorized to make a general investigation; the Commission having power to deal finally with all matters mentioned in the agreement subject to the approval of the

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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two Governments, but having only instructions to report and make suggestions as to other matters.

The Minister submits that the Commission would, however, during its sittings in different districts of the province obtain valuable information as to Indian conditions and progress and would probably form distinct opinions on these points and on the future policy which should be adopted by the Dominion Government towards the Indians of British Columbia.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that the Commission be restricted in action to the terms of the agreement but that the Commission be informed that this Government would be prepared to receive a general report on the condition of the Indians with suggestions as to the future policy and administration of Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the Indians being distinctly advised concerning the scope of the enquiry under the agreement and that the Commission will merely convey to the Government the views of the Indians respecting any matters extraneous to the agreement brought to their attention.

The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Immediate

Ottawa, 19th June, 1913.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith five copies of Order-in-Council of the 10th June, 1913 relative to the scope of the duties of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.H.G.Bergeron Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, June 19th, 1913.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, on the subject of the enforcement of the Fishery regulations among the Indians of British Columbia. The attention of the Department of Marine and Fisheries has been drawn to this matter and they have been requested to instruct their Fishery Inspectors to consult the Commission in advance with reference to the enforcement of the regulations.

Your obedient servant,

pp S. H. M. Lean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Hon. E. L. Wetmore,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Empress Hotel,
Victoria, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, June 25th, 1913.

MEMORANDUM -

Mr. Pedley:-

I stated in my memorandum of June 17th that the papers were not here, that is they were not in my possession. Since then Miss Sleeth has reproduced the draft of the memorandum from her shorthand notes and yesterday quite unexpectedly a copy of the minute of the Commission came to me from the Labor Department. I have put the papers on file.

Chief Accountant.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. May 6th. 1913.

MEMORANDUM

Secretary -

Please have a Memorandum to Council prepared at once authorizing the appropriating of $2,000.00 from the sum of $6,666.66 already voted by Parliament for unforeseen expenses, for the purpose of making an advance of $500.00 each to Commissioners White and McKenna and Counsel Young in connection with the British Columbia Indian Reserve Commission, said sum to be recouped out of the $75,000.00 being placed in the Supplementary Estimates for this purpose for the year 1913-14. Kindly have this Memorandum ready by as soon after 2 o'clock as possible, so that it may be dealt with today.

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Ottawa, 6th May, 1913.

To His Excellency

The Administrator in Council.

In connection with the recent appointment of a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian affairs in the province of British Columbia, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that an advance of $2500 be made from the Vote for Unforeseen Expenses (No. 519, Schedule C, of The Appropriation Act, 1912-13) to meet expenses of the Commission, the said sum to be recouped to the Vote for Unforeseen Expenses out of the amount of $75,000 being placed in the Supplementary Estimates for this purpose for the year 1913-14.

Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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*on the* 12th April, 1913.

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The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that acting under and in pursuance of the Order-in-Council of the 31st March last appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the said Commissioners have selected the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, to be the fifth Commissioner and to be the Chairman of the Commission.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister therefore recommends that the said the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore be appointed, under the authority of Part I of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, the fifth member of the said Commission respecting Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia and that he be Chairman of the said Commission.

The Committee, concurring, submit the same for approval.

"Pierre de Bonrdeau"
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that by the Order in Council of the 27th. November, 1912, approval is given to an agreement arrived at between the Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government, and the Premier of the Province of British Columbia, under date the 24th. September, 1912, respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, in which the constitution of a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian affairs in the said Province is contemplated; the said Commission to be appointed as follows:-

Two Commissioners to be named by the Dominion and two by the Province, the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, advise, under the authority of Part I of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, that the following appointments be made, in pursuance of and under the provisions and conditions contained in the said Order in Council of the 27th. November, 1912, and the agreement thereby approved:

On behalf of the Dominion of Canada-

Nathaniel W. White, Esq., K.C., Shelburne, N. S. &

James A. J. McKenna, Esq., Winnipeg, Man.,

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia-

James Pearson Shaw, M.P.P., Shuswap, B. C., &

Day Hort Macdowall, Victoria, B. C.,

and that these four gentlemen be authorized to select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, June 19th, 1913.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE ADMINISTRATOR IN COUNCIL

The undersigned has the honour to refer to Orders in Council of the 31st March and the 12th April, 1913, appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia and to recommend that the following rates of remuneration and living allowances be fixed for the said Commissioners.

The Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman, Nathaniel W. White, J.G.H.Bergeron, Secretary; salary $25.00 per diem and living allowance $10.00 per diem each with actual reasonable expenditure for transportation.

Dr. J.A.J. McKenna salary at the rate of $4,000.00 per annum from the 31st March, 1913 (superannuation abatement to be paid on $2,600.00 only ), living allowance $10.00 per diem while absent from Ottawa with actual reasonable outlay for transportation.

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Acting Superintendent General.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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# Finance Department,

Ottawa, Canada.

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June 25th, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

Re Commission to inquire into Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia.

The recommendation of the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs assigning salary and living allowance to the Commissioners and Secretary of this Commission was considered by the Treasury Board yesterday. The Board approved of the recommendation so far as the remuneration and living allowance for Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Nathaniel W. White and J. G. H. Bergeron were concerned. With Dr. McKenna's case there is a difficulty. Dr. McKenna, it would appear from the Civil Service List, is permanently employed in the public service and is subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Act and its amendments, in so far as the matter of salary receivable by him is concerned. I find that he was first permanently appointed to the public service on the 1st July, 1887, and that he is also contributing to the superannuation fund. Section 38 of the Civil Service Act, 1908, seems to apply to his case.

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**Finance Department,**

Ottawa, Canada.

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If your Department is advised that additional remuneration beyond the regular salary of $2,600 which Dr. McKenna now receives can properly be paid to him without a special vote of Parliament, the Board will be glad to have a separate recommendation made in Dr. McKenna's case.

Yours sincerely,

Lucey L. Ross

Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance.

Frank Pedley, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Necessary amount, say, $1403.76, passed in Supplementary Estimates for fiscal year ended 31 Mar. '14 to pay Dr. McK. the difference between 2600 & 4000. See memo. to Council of 3 Ap. '14 on this file, and P.C. of

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Ottawa, June 19th, 1913.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE ADMINISTRATOR IN COUNCIL

The undersigned has the honour to refer to Orders in Council of the 31st March and the 18th April, 1913, appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia and to recommend that the following rates of remuneration and living allowances be fixed for the said Commissioners.

The Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman, Nathaniel V. White, J.G.H.Bergeron, Secretary; salary $25.00 per diem and living allowance $10.00 per diem each with actual reasonable expenditure for transportation.

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Note

Under an O.C. of 24 May, 1912 (on F. 344441 check) Mr McKenna was allowed salary of $4000 (old sal. of $2600 as School Insp., + $1400).

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under an O.C. of 25 Jany, 1913, (F. 344441) he was allowed $4000 while on such investigating claims of Ont. Soldiers & certain others in Treaty 3 (27 Nov. '12 to 13 Dec., '12).

Living allowance of $10 a day also allowed during close periods.

A.W.G.

Chairman $25.
Mr Newham 20.
McKenna 40.
Living all $10.

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Administrator.

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COMMISSION

-appointing-

EDWARD LUDLOW WETMORE, Esquire, et al.

Commissioners to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the said Province.

Dated 23rd April, 1913.

Recorded 28th April 1913.

Ira W. Storr

Asst. Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

(L. S.)

GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern,---

GREETING:-

WHEREAS in a memorandum of agreement bearing date the twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, (copy of which is hereto annexed) between J. A. J. McKenna, Our Commissioner to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of the said Province, a proposal was made subject to the approval of our Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the said Province, for the appointment of a Commission to settle all differences between Our said Governments respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs generally in the said Province, such Commission to be composed of two Commissioners to be named by Our Government of the Dominion of Canada, two by Our Government of the said Province and the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner to be the chairman of such Commission.

AND WHEREAS our said Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia approved the said Agreement, as appears by an Order of the Governor in Council bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, (copy of which is hereto annexed.)

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of such Agreement and of an Order of Our Governor General in Council bearing date the

thirty-first

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thirty-first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Thirteen, the following persons were appointed Commissioners, namely:- On behalf of the Dominion of Canada:- Nathaniel W. White, of Shelburne, in the Province of Nova Scotia Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law, and James A. J. McKenna, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Esquire, Doctor of Laws; On behalf of the Province of British Columbia:- James Pearson Shaw, of Shuswap, in the said Province of British Columbia, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, and Day Hort Macdowall, of the City of Victoria, in the said Province of British Columbia, Esquire.

AND WHEREAS, by an Order of Our Governor General in Council, bearing date the twelfth day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, (copy of which is hereto annexed) Edward Ludlow Wetmore, Esquire, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, who was selected by the said Commissioners in pursuance of the said agreement to be the Fifth Commissioner, was appointed the fifth member and Chairman of such Commission.

NOW KNOW YE, that by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We do by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, you the said Nathaniel W. White, you the said James A. J. McKenna, you the said James Pearson Shaw, and you the said Day Hort Macdowall to be Our Commissioners to conduct such enquiry.

TO HAVE, HOLD, EXERCISE AND ENJOY the said office, place, and trust unto you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, you the said Nathaniel W. White, You the said James A. J. McKenna, you the said James Pearson Shaw, and you the said Day Hort Macdowall together with the rights, powers, privileges and emoluments unto the said office, place and trust of right and by law appertaining during pleasure.

AND We do further by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, chairman of the said Commission.

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AND WE DO HEREBY, under the authority of the Revised Statute respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters, confer upon Our said Commissioners, the power of summoning before them any witnesses and of requiring them to give evidence on oath or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and orally or in writing and to produce such documents and things as Our said Commissioners shall deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are hereby appointed to examine.

AND WE DO HEREBY require and direct Our said Commissioners to report to Our Governor General of Canada in Council and to Our Lieutenant Governor in Council of the said Province of British Columbia the result of their investigation together with the evidence taken before them and any opinion they may see fit to express thereon.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed

WITNESS:- OUR Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Councillor the Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Chief Justice of Canada, Administrator of the Government of Our Dominion of Canada.

E.L.Newcombe

Deputy Minister of Justice, Canada.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE, in Our City of Ottawa, this Twenty-third day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State.

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MEMORANDUM of an Agreement arrived at between J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride as Premier of the Province of British Columbia.

WHEREAS it is desirable to settle all differences between the

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The Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject to the approval of the Government of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia:-

1. A Commission shall be appointed as follows:- Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the Following nammer:-

(a) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined, then is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act be reduced to such acreage as the commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(b) At any place at which the Commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality the commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians, and they may set aside land for any band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally

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between the Province and the Dominion, and all monies received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

7. The lands comprised in the Reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian Reserve in the Province of British Columbia shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

8. Until the final report of the Commission is made the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian Reserves or which may during the sittings of the Commission be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian Reserve are required for right-of-way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the commissioners into effect.

Signed

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Signed in Duplicate at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of September, 1912.

Witness,

(Sgd.) E. V. Bodwell.

(Sgd.) J. A. J. McKenna

" Richard McBride

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P. C. 3277.

Certified Copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 27th November, 1912.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated the 26th October, 1912, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, submitting an agreement entered into by Your Royal Highness's Special Commissioner and the Honourable the Prime Minister of British Columbia respecting Indian Reserves in that Province, together with a report of the Commissioner.

The Minister of Justice to whom the said report was referred, observes that the agreement contemplates the constitution of a Commission with certain powers and confirmation of the proceedings of the commission by the two governments;

That the statutory authority of Your Royal Highness in Council to constitute this commission is to be found in Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, and it appears to the Minister that in view of the statutory provisions the proceedings of the commission must be subject to approval.

The Minister of Justice therefore advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provisio which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can become effective providing that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained the acts and proceedings of the commission shall be subject to the approval of the two governments, and that the governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the

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commission with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

The Committee, concurring, advise that a copy hereof approving of the agreement subject to the aforesaid modification be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia for the information and approval of his government.

The Committee further advise that, as the British Columbia Indian Question has been the subject of communications from the Colonial Office, Your Royal Highness may be pleased to forward a copy of this Minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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P. C. 802.

Certified Copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 12th April, 1913.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that acting under and in pursuance of the Order-in-Council of the 31st March, last appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the said Commissioners have selected the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, to be the Fifth Commissioner and to be the Chairman of the Commission.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister therefore recommends that the said the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore be appointed, under the authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, the fifth member of the said Commission respecting Indian Affairs in the Province of

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British Columbia and that he be Chairman of the said Commission.

The Committee, concurring, submit the same for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA.

Registrar's Branch, Ottawa 18th November, 1913.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and faithful copy of the record of the original Commission, the Memorandum of Agreement, and two Orders-in-Council, as entered in Lib.169, Fol.659.

Thomas Mulvey

Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

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COMMISSION

-appointing-

EDWARD LUDLOW WETMORE, ESQUIRE, etal.

Commissioners to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the said Province.

DATED 23rd April, 1913.

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The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that by the Order in Council of the 27th. November, 1912, approval is given to an agreement arrived at between the Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government, and the Premier of the Province of British Columbia, under date the 24th. September, 1912, respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, in which the constitution of a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian affairs in the said Province is contemplated; the said Commission to be appointed as follows:-

Two Commissioners to be named by the Dominion and two by the Province, the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

The Committe, therefore, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, advise, under the authority of Part I of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, that the following appointments be made, in pursuance of and under the provisions and conditions contained in the said Order in Council of the 27th. November, 1912, and the agreement thereby approved:

On behalf of the Dominion of Canada-

Nathaniel W. White, Esq.,K.C., Shelburne,N.S,&
James A.J. McKenna,Esq., Winnipeg, Man.

On behalf

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On behalf of the Province of British Columbia-

James Pearson Shaw, M.P.P., Shuswap, B.C., &

Day Hort Macdowall, Victoria, B. C.

and that these four gentlemen be authorized to select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

(Sgd.) Rodolphe Boudreau.
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General
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The Committee, concurring, submit the same for approval.

(Sgd.) Rodolphe Boudreau.
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General
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A. Campbell Reddie.
Deputy Clerk: Executive Council.

The Government of the Province of British Columbia.

Certified Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor on the 31st day of December, A.D. 1912.

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To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that the memorandum of agreement arrived at between the Honourable the Premier and J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian affairs in British Columbia, be approved subject to a provision that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained the Acts and proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments, and that the Governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the Commission with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts proceedings and recommendations of the Commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

And that a copy of this Minute, if approved, be transmitted to the Honourable the Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

Dated this 18th day of December, A.D. 1912.

"W. J. Bowser"

Attorney General.

Approved this 18th day of December, A.D.1912.

"A. E. McPhillips"

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

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The Minister of Justice to whom the said report was referred, observe that the agreement contemplates the constitution of a commission with certain powers and confirmation of the proceedings of the commission by the two Governments;

That the statutory authority of Your Royal Highness in Council to constitute this commission is to be found in Part 1 of the Enquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, and it appears to the Minister that in view of the statutory provisions the proceedings of the commission must be subject to approval.

The Minister of Justice therefore advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provision which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can become effective providing that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained the acts and proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments, and that the Governments agree to considering favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the Commission with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Commission, and to take

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The Superintendent General
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all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

The Committee, concurring, advise that a copy hereof approving of the agreement subject to the aforesaid modification be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia for the information and approval of his Government.

The Committee further advises that, as the British Columbia Indian question has been the subject of communications from the Colonial Office, Your Royal Highness may be pleased to forward a copy of this Minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Copy.

MEMORANDUM of an Agreement arrived at between J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian affairs in British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride as Premier of the Province of Britisn Columbia.

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WHEREAS it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject to the approval of the Government of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia:-

1. A Commission shall be appointed as follows: Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the following manner :-

(a) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined, than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act be reduced to such acreage as the commissioners think necessary reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(b) At any place at which the commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality the commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians. And they may set aside land for any

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Band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion, and all monies received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

7. The Lands comprised in the reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian reserve in the province of British Columbia shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

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5. Until the final report of the commission is made the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian reserves or which may during the sittings of the Commission be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian reserve are required for right of way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose the matter shall be referred to the commissioners who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the commissioners into effect.

Signed in duplicate at Victoria,
British Columbia, this 24th day
of September, 1912.

(Sgd.) J. A.J. McKenna,
" Richard McBride.

Witness :
(Sgd.) E. V. Bodwell.

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COMMISSION

Appointing

James A.J.Mc Kenna, Esquire a Special Commissioner to investigate claims put forth by and on behalf of the Indians of British Columbia as to lands and rights, etc., at issue between the Dominion and Provincial Governments and the Indians in respect thereto, and to represent the Government of Canada etc., etc., etc.

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Dated 24th May, 1912.

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Recorded 19th June, 1912

(sgd) Thomas Mulvey
Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

**ARTHUR** **CANADA**

( GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God of
( the United Kingdon of Great Britain and Ire
(L.S.) ( land, and of the British Dominions beyond
( the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Em-
( peror of Indian.

To all to whom these Presents shall come or whom the same may in anywise concern.

GREETINGS;-

WHEREAS in and by an Order of Our Governor General in Council bearing date the twenty-fourth day of May, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twelve (a copy of which is hereto annexed) provision has been made for an investigation by Our Special Commissioner therein and hereinafter named, with respect to claims put forth by and on behalf of the Indians of the Province of British Columbia as to lands and rights and all questions in respect thereto, at issue between the Dominion and Provincial Governments and such Indians and for representing the Government of Canada in negotiating with the Government of the Province of British Columbia a Settlement of such questions.

NOW KNOW YE that by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We do, by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint James A.J.McKenna, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Esquire, Civil Servant, to be Our Special Commissioner to conduct such enquiry and to represent Our Government of Canada in conducting such negotiations.

To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office, place and trust unto the said James A.J.McKenna together with the rights, powers, privileges and emoluments unto the said office, place and trust of right

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and by law appertaining during Our pleasure.

AND we do hereby under the authority of the Revised Statute respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters confer upon Our said Commissioner, the power of Summoning before him any witnesses and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, or on solemn affirmation if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and orally or in writing, and to produce such documents and things as Our said Commissioner shall deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which he is hereby appointed to examine.

AND we do hereby require and direct Our said Commissioner to report to His Royal Highness Our Governor General in Council the result of his investigation and negotiations together with the evidence taken before him and any opinion he may see fit to express thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed; WITNESS;

Our Most Dear and Entirely Beloved Uncle and Most faithful councillor, Field Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick, Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, Earl of Sussex (in the Peerage of the United Kingdom); Prince of the United Kingdon of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha; Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Sant Patrick; One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council; Great Master of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath Knight Grant Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of Indian; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order; Our Personal Aide-de-Camp, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

E.L.Newcombe,
Deputy Minister
of Justice
Canada.

At Our Government House in Our City of Ottawa, this Twenty-fourth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and in the third year

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By Command

(sgd) Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State.

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Certified Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board held on the 21st May, 1912. approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council on the 24th May, 1912.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS ;

The Board recommend that Mr. James A.J. McKenna, LL.D., of Winnipeg, Manitoba, be appointed a Special Commissioner to investigate claims put forth by and on behalf of the Indians of British Columbia, as to lands and rights, and all questions at issue between the Dominion and Provincial Governments and the Indians in respect thereto, and to represent the Government of Canada in negotiating with the Government of British Columbia a settlement of such questions, with salary at the rate of $4,000 per annum, from the 1st May, 1912.

(sgd) Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council

The Honourable,
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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Mr Scott

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 30 June 1913

Mr Reggie.

This returned from Treasury Board today. There is a letter from Dr Ross. Please see on file & send to Mr Scott.

F. M. Leas

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With Cheque

Ottawa, 3rd July, 1913.

Sir,—

With reference to the advance of $10,000.00 already made by this Department to defray expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I beg to say that the Department requires a monthly statement of expenditure supported by vouchers.

I enclose herewith cheque No. 651 for $10,000.00 being a further advance. The amount of this cheque is considered sufficient to send until the moneys already advanced have been accounted for.

It will be in order for the members of the Commission to receive advances for services and allowances from the proceeds of the cheque enclosed. Their accounts can be adjusted when the rate of remuneration and allowances to be paid each commissioner has been fixed by Order-in-Council.

The accounts of Mr. McGregor Young, K.C. will be dealt with separately by the Department, after taxation by the Justice Department, but they should be approved by the Chairman of the Commission.

Kindly submit vouchers promptly for expenditure already incurred and account monthly, as requested, in future for all disbursements.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

H. G. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
For the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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JAM[illegible] McKENNA, LL.D.
JU[illegible] [illegible]W, M.L.A.
DAY H. [illegible] OWALL
J. G. H. BERGERON, K.C.,
SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 2 1913

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

Vancouver
~~[illegible]~~, B. C.
June 25th, 1913

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary, Dept, Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Sir,,

I am directed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of your favour, File 59335,5, enclosing five copies of Order-in-Council dated June 10th, 1913, with reference to the scope of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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VICTORIA, B.C.
June 28th, 1913.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing five copies of Order-in-Council of the 10th June 1913, relative to the scope of the duties of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
SECRETARY.

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria B C 3rd July 1913.

(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

J D McLean,

Asst Deputy and Secy Dept Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont.

I am directed by resolution of the Royal Commission to request that your department furnish to the Commission soon as possible six copies indian affairs dpparments last report six copies auditor Generals latest report six copies civil service list twelve copies Indian Act and amenments thereto and twelve copies schedules of Indian Reserves corrected to date.

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secy Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

M.H.G.

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M.D.

Ottawa, July 7, 1913.

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your night telegram of the 3rd instant, I am forwarding to you 6 copies of the Annual Report of this Department, 6 copies of the Civil Service List, 12 copies of the Indian Act and amendments thereto, and 3 copies of the Auditor General's Report.

In this latter case only 3 copies could be obtained as that Department states that its supply of reports is almost exhausted.

With regard to the schedule of Indian Reserves, I may say that this has been in the hands of the printers for some time now and you will be supplied with the desired number of copies as soon as received from them.

Your obedient servant,

D. C. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission for Indian Affairs,

Victoria,

B. C.

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JAS. KENT,
Manager Telegraphs, Montreal

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Victoria BC July 7-13

J D McLean

C Secy Dept Indian Affairs

Ottawa Ont.

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Please send immediately files 367963
re right of way kettle valley railway through Penticton reserve
also file 425387 re Pacific 410911
great eastern right to tunnel through shulalath reserve

J G H Bergeron,
Secy Royal commn Indian affairs

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SEND the following NIGHT LETTER subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Ottawa, July 8, 1913.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

VICTORIA, B.C.

File three six seven nine six two Kettle Valley Railway through Penticton Reserve sent you today by registered mail. Correspondence numbered four two five three eight seven is on four one nought nine one one now with you.

Charge Dept. I.A.

J. D. McLean.

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Victoria BC 8th July 1913.

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J.D.McLean

Secy Indian Affairs...Ottawa.Ont.

Please send immediately copy of order of railway commission and all plans re removal Canadian Pacific Ry companys depot SalmonArm your file 82073 also plan accompanying Canadian Pacific companys application for land in salmon Arm reserve no two bearing certificate of railway commission your file 82073 also certificate plan re double tracking in Kelachten Indian reserve your file 22945 also plan accompanying Canadian Pacific companys application for additional land in Klickumcheen Indian reserve No 18 your file 22945.

(one blue print only in dep't 17273)

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J.G.H.Bergeron.

Secy Royal Commission Indian Affairs

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Ottawa, July 9, 1913.

SEND the following NIGHT LETTER subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

VICTORIA, B.C.

Blue print plan removal Canadian Pacific Depot at Salmon Arm plan Canadian Pacific application for additional land in Salmon Arm Reserve and plan Canadian Pacific application additional land in Klickumcheen Indian Reserve sent you by registered mail also copy of order of Railway Commission re removal Canadian Pacific Depot Salmon Arm. Plan re double tracking in Holachten Indian Reserve cannot be found here or in offices of Railway Commission.

Charge Dept. I.A.

J.D. McLean.

Reply

J. B.

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Victoria BC 9th July 1913.

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J.D.McLean.

Secy Dept Indian Affairs...Ottawa.Ont.

Please forward immediately for commissions use plans showing lands required for railway purposes by Canadian Pacific railway Company in Schkam indian reserve your file number three three six six naught naught

J.G.H.Bergeron.

Secy Royal Commission of Indian Affairs for B.C.

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Ottawa, July 10, 1913.

Sir,

In accordance with your request by telegram of the 9th instant, I beg to enclose herewith plan No. 1126, showing the additional lands in the Sohkam Indian Reserve required by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd J. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA, B. C.

July 9th 1913

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 59335-5 enclosing cheque No. 651 (Vote No. 300) for the sum of $10,000.00, being a further advance for the Commission's requirements, which cheque has been deposited to the Commission's credit at the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary

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EX'D.

VICTORIA, B. C.

July 14th 1913

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 7th instant (No. 59335-5) enclosing copies (6) of the Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs, (6) of the Civil Service List, (12) of the Indian Act and amendments thereto, and (3) of the Auditor-General's Report.

Thanking you for your courtesy and promptitude in complying with the Commission's request to be furnished with these publications,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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J. G. H. BERGERON, K.C.,
SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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VICTORIA, B.C.

July 18th 1913

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 10th instant (Official No. 59,335/5) enclosing plan No. 1126 showing the additional lands in the Schkan I. R. required by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria, B.C. July 29-13 (WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

Sec'y Dep't of Indian Affairs, 00497 442174

Ottawa.

If you have any special files other than Green's schedules prepared last year and files different agencies now here containing all pending applications and correspondence for additional lands for reserves the province kindly send to me forthwith; am working on this now please wire.

McGregor, Young.

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Ottawa, July 31, 1913.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Young's telegram of the 29th inst., requesting files of all pending applications and correspondence for additional lands for reserves in the Province of British Columbia.

In reply I beg to confirm the following telegram sent to Mr. Young this day:-

" Referring telegram 29th. Am sending to-day
" eight files of applications for land to
" Mr. Bergeron."

Eight files are to-day being sent you under separate cover of which the numbers are as follows:-

273772, 322161, 279779, 345003, 371955, 420324, 415572, 82507.

Your obedient servant,

D. M. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, July 31, 1913.

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Referring telegram 29th. Am sending to-day eight files of applications for land to Mr. Bergeron.

J.D. McLean.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

July 29th 1913

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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Sir:

At intervals since the 1st June ultimo, Files of the Department have been returned to you as the subject matters of their contents have been considered and disposed of by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. These Files include:

- No. 393009 - Re right-of-way applications, etc affecting Bonaparte I.R.
- 413570 - Re G.T.P. applications affecting Stellaquo and Se-es-Plunket I.R's
- 413568 - Re G.T.P. application affecting Noon-La I.R.
- 413566 - Re G.T.P. application affecting Salquo I.R.
- 414991 - Re C.N.P. application affecting Neelston I.R.
- 410856 - Re C.N.P. application affecting Skutz and Cowichan Lake I.R's.
- 402198 - Re. K.V.R. gravel application affecting Penticton I.R.
- 426740 - Re C.N.P. application affecting Spuzzum I.R.

I shall be glad to receive from you acknowledgment of the safe arrival of these several Files.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary


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Victoria B. C July 30-13

J. D. McLean,

Indian Affairs, Ottawa

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Kindly send immediately for use of commission supply of blank forms of surrender indian reserves.

J. G. H. Bergeron,

Secy. Royal Commission of Indian Affairs for B.C.

Sent 31/7/13

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VICTORIA, B. C.

July 29th,1913.

Sent.

The Hon.W.J.Roche, M.D., 442521

Supeintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA.

Sir,

The Commissioners on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia,have dealt with a number of reserves,and, in several instances have come to the conclusion that a portion of a Reserve ought to be cut off under the provisions of the Agreement attached to the Commission. Before such portions can be cut off,however, it is necessary to obtain the consent of the Indians,and the Commissioners will endeavour,under the authority conferred upon them to take that consent,but they are unanimously of the opinion that such consent cannot be obtained unless they are in a position to inform the Indians that the 50 % of the net proceeds of the purchase money which is under such circumstances by virtue of the agreement to be paid to the Dominion Government in trust will be paid to the Indians in cash. If the Commissioners are not empowered to make that statement,the Indians will in all probability get the impression that they will only get one-half of the nett proceeds of the sale which comes to the Government (that is 25% of the whole proceeds of sale) In that case, the Commissioners do not expect that their consent will be obtained. The Indian mind is not prone

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to realize that any material benefit can accrue to them from money remaining in the hands of the Government in trust.

The Commissioners, therefore take the liberty of bringing the matter to the notice of your Department, and suggest whether it would not be advisable that they may be instructed in writing to inform the Indians when they proceed to get their consent, that the whole of the nett proceeds of the sale of such lands so cut off and paid to the Dominion Government in trust (which would be 50% of the nett proceeds of the sale) will all be paid to the Indians interested in the Reserve from which the land has been cut off. This is no more than they might get if the lands had been sold under the Indian Act, when the Dominion Government would have been paid the whole of the proceeds of the sale, and not sold under the agreement between the Province and the Dominion Government.

If the Commissioners are authorized to give the information suggested the consent of the Indians to sell may, in some instances, be obtained. If not, it is very much to be feared it will not be possible to get their consent in any case.

As the Commissioners are desirous of endeavouring to obtain the consent of the Indians as soon as possible, in those cases where they have arrived at the conclusion that a portion of a Reserve should be cut off, they would be very much obliged if an

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answer could be given to this letter at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Yours very respectfully,

E. L. Bremner

Chairman of the Commission.

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Ottawa, 7th August, 1913.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose copy of a letter of the 29th ultimo, from the Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. It is desired that you will kindly consider the bearing of the Indian Act on the point raised by the Royal Commission, and that you will state whether the provisions of the Act will permit of the proposed payments to Indians of the whole of their moiety of the proceeds of surrendered surplus lands on Indian Reserves which may have been dealt with under the terms of the agreement between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion.

You will observe that the Royal Commission requests an early reply, and I shall be glad, therefore, to receive your opinion at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

F.H.Gisborne Esq.,
Asst. Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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Victoria, B.C. Aug. 6-13. (WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

Secretary,

Dep't Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Your telegram twenty ninth files received today. Do not contain replies of agents to McKenna's circular letter last year regarding additional lands required in different agencies as hoped leaving fourteen -th for long trip north important should have this material. Please send immediately to Ditchburn and advise by wire.

McGregor Young.

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We do not appear to have received a copy of Mr McKenna's circular to Agents nor replies thereto

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Ottawa, Aug. 7,1913.

McGregor Young,Esq.,

Victoria, B.C.

Refer your telegram of August sixth Department does not appear to have received a copy of Mr. McKenna's circular to agents nor replies thereto. All correspondence regarding additional lands required have previously been sent to the Commission and File three five seven four one one now being forwarded.

Charge Dept. I.A. J. D. McLean.

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My lettergram yesterday have found agents replies McKenna Circular here

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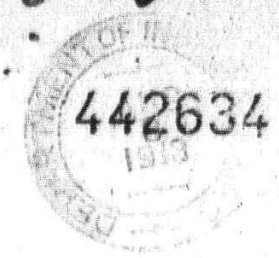


Victoria, B. C., August 1, 1913.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Re B. C. Commission.

I am obliged by the receipt yesterday of your telegram in reply to mine to you of the 29th ultimo as follows:

" Referring telegram 29th am sending today eight files of applications for land to Mr. Bergeron."

I assume that these eight files together with the files previously sent to us will give us all material in regard to applications from all quarters for additional lands for Indian Reserves in this Province.

The commission leaves on the 14th instant for an extended trip through the Bella Coola Agency with a possible visit to some point of the Naas Agency, if conditions permit and Mr. Ditchburn and I are, at present, engaged in briefing all applications for additional lands

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in these Agencies for submission on the Itinerary. It is of course important that our material should be complete.

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Thanking you for your prompt response to my message.

Yours very truly,

A. McGregor Young

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Ottawa, 11th August, 1913.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultime, I have to say that the following files have been returned to the Department by you:-

15th June - 410256
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Your obedient servant,

T. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary of the
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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Winnipeg, Man. Aug. 7-13.

Hon. Dr. Roche,

Ottawa.

Will you kindly by early Mail send me copy of order in council appointing Indian Commission and inform me what if any foundation there is for statement contained in resolution of executive committee Indian Ass'n recently received that question of title has been referred to commission address hotel Dunsmuir Vancouver

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Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 31st March, 1913

Privy Council
Canada.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that by the Order-in-Council of the 27th November, 1912, approval is given to an agreement arrived at between the Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government, and the Premier of the Province of British Columbia, under date the 24th September, 1912, respecting Indian lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, in which the Constitution of a Commission to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the said Province is contemplated, the said Commission to be appointed as follows:-

Two Commissioners to be named by the Dominion and two by the Province, the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, advise, under the authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, that the following appointments be made, in pursuance of and under the provisions and conditions contained in the said Order-in-Council of the 27th November, 1912, and the agreement thereby approved.

On behalf of the Dominion of Canada-

Nathaniel W. White, Esq., K.C., Shelburne, N.S. &

James A.J.McKenna Esq., Winnipeg, Man.

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia-

James Pearson Shaw, M.P.P. Shuswap, B.C. &

Day Hort Macdowall, Victoria, B.C.

and that these four gentlemen be authorized to select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

The Honourable,
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

(Signed) Rodolphe Boudreau,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Ottawa, 18th August, 1913.

Rec'd

Sir,-

In reply to your telegram of the 7th instant, I beg to transmit herewith copy of Order -In- Council of the 31st March 1913 appointing the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

The Commission deals only with matters affected by the agreement between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion.

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rec'd

E. A. O'Meara, Esq.,
Winnipeg,
Man.

Readdressed to
Rev A.E. O'Meara
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Please address reply to
Deputy Minister of Justice

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 13 1913

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., -[redacted]- in which the opinion of this Department is asked as to whether the Dominion will permit the payment to the Indians of the share of the money resulting from the sale of lands comprising Indian Reserves, if this is in pursuance of the agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia to settle all differences regarding Indian affairs and Indians generally.

In reply I beg to state that in my opinion such payments may be made, and that, therefore, the Commissioners may be authorized to arrange with the Lodging House payments not to exceed fifty per cent of the receipts of the sales as provided by sec. 22 of the Indian Act. I think, however, that it will be necessary to obtain legislation confirming the agreement referred to in order to authorize the payment to the Province of the share or proportion of the proceeds of the sales of Indian Reserves as provided by the agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Francis H. Gisborne

Acting Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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Please address reply to
Deputy Minister of Justice,

Ottawa, August 12th, 1913.

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Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., 59335-5 in which the opinion of this Department is asked as to whether the Indian Act will permit the payment to the Indians of the whole moiety of the money resulting from the sale of lands comprising Indian Reserves, if sold in pursuance of the agreement entered into between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia to settle all differences regarding Indian Affairs and Indians generally.

In reply I beg to state that in my opinion such payments may be made, and that, therefore the commissioners may be authorized to arrange with the Indians for the payments not to exceed fifty per centum of the proceeds of the sales as provided by sec. 89 of the Indian Act. I think, however, that it will be necessary to obtain legislation confirming the agreement referred to in order

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to authorize the payment to the Province of its share or proportion of the proceeds of the sales of Indian Reserves as provided by the agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Francis H. Gisborne.

Acting Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indi an Affairs,

Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, 13th August, 1913.

The Hon. The Superintendent General,-

I beg to attach a copy of an opinion by the Department of Justice on the question submitted to them whether we could legally pay to the Indians the whole moiety received under the agreement with the British Columbia Government for lands cut off from Indian Reserves and sold by the Province. The Department of Justice says that it would be legal for us to do this and as the Commission request an immediate answer, we are wiring today. As it appears from the opinion of the Department of Justice the real difficulty arises in paying the other moiety to the Province of British Columbia. The Indian Act provides that this moiety when received for the sale of Indian lands shall remain with the Department to be administered for the benefit of the Indians and subject to the direction of the Governor in Council. It would appear that the bearing of that part of the agreement on the Indian Act was not considered when it was drawn. We always take surrender of Indian lands to the Crown

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and the sales are always made by the Dominion Government.. Under the agreement the sales are to be made by the Provincial Government.. It seems to me therefore that the point is well taken that the agreement should be confirmed by the legislative authority.. However, as there is nothing illegal in the present action, we may go on and there will be plenty of time to consider the recommended legislation.. I have drafted a reply to the Hon.. Sir Richard McBride's letter of August 1st for your approval..

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Ottawa, 13th August, 1913.

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to say that I had given due consideration to the representations of the Royal Commission as contained in their communication of July 29th. I thought it well to refer the matter to the Department of Justice and I attach a reply which has been received from that Department. As the opinion is given that the proposed payment of the fifty per cent to the Indians is legal, the Commission has been authorized to govern itself accordingly in case any surrenders may have to be taken. You will observe that the Department of Justice states that in their opinion it will be necessary to obtain legislation confirming the agreement in order to authorize the payment to the Province of its share or proportion of the proceeds. I will give this matter attention.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Hon. Sir Richard McBride,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria,
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Victoria BC Aug 13th 1915

Hon W J Roche,

Supt Gen of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa Ont.

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Please telegraph immediately answer to Chairmans letter of July twenty ninth re payment of all moneys received by department in trust for indians to them important as commission leaves for Naikn Cowla Subagency tomorrow evening and failing telegram may be obliged to go north again to obtain surrenders.

J G H Bargeron.
Secy Royal Commission on
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4:00Pm.

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Ottawa, 13th August, 1913.

E. L. Wetmore, Esq.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
For British Columbia.

In case of surrender of portions of Indian Reserves cut off under agreement you may arrange for ~~the~~ payment to the Indians not to exceed fifty per centum of the proceeds of the sales.

J. D. McLean.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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August 7th 1913

Your No. 69335-5

J. D. McLean Esq.,
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Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of the 31st ultimo, No. 69335-5, also the receipt of Files therein referred to. There is some discrepancy between the numbers of Files as given in your letter and the numbers borne by the Files themselves, which may be noted: Thus File described in your letter as 371955, while so numbered on the back, is numbered 371953 on the front, and both numbers are variously used in the course of the File. Your described No. 279779 is (as throughout the File itself) No. 279770. Your described No. 415572 is also marked variously thus and as No. 356400/54.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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EXTRACT FROM STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF MEETING WITH INDIANS OF THE BELLA COOLA TRIBE, HELD ON THE BELLA COOLA INDIAN RESERVE, on the 18th day of August, 1913.

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THE CHAIRMAN: (Addressing the Indians) "The Commission has listened attentively to the document which Mr. Gibson has just read. That paper raises the question of what is known as "Indian Title." It is the first time that it has been definitely raised before us since we started on our work. I have to tell you that the Commission has not authority as to that. It is not within their jurisdiction. All we have to do is to settle the size of the Reserves as I have stated before; so it is useless to raise the question of "Indian Title" before us. We have simply to carry out the Agreement between the two Governments. We are further authorised to make representations with respect to your conditions and your other wants, and what may be called the "Future Policy of governing you". That is all. The very Commission that appoints us, assumes that the title to these lands is "In the Crown" and not "In the Indians" and we cannot escape it."

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VICTORIA, B. C.

August 6th 1913

J. D. McLean Esq.,
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Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Files Nos.

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These, I understand, are the Files asked for by Mr McGregor Young K.C. in a telegram to you of recent date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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Victoria, B. C.,
August 7, 1913.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Re B. C. Commission.

Dear Sir,

The eight additional files referred to in your telegram to me of the 29th ultimo were received by Mr. Bergeron yesterday and reached me later in the day. As I found that these did not contain the replies from Indian Agents to the circular letter sent out by Dr. McKenna last year for particulars of additional lands required for Indians in the several agencies I sent you a lettergram last night as follows:-

"Your telegram twenty-ninth files received to-day, do not contain replies of Agents to McKenna's circular letter last year regarding additional lands required in different agencies as hoped leaving fourteenth for long trip north. important should have this material please send immediately to Ditchburn and advise by wire."

Having, however, located this material at Mr. Green's office this morning I sent you a telegram today as follows:-

"My lettergram yesterday have found agent's replies McKenna circular here."

In explanation of the foregoing I beg to state that Mr. Ditchburn and I are endeavoring to collate all available material of every sort on the subject of requests for additional lands desired by Indians in this Province for use before the Commission with a special regard to the districts to be visited on an extended trip to the north for which we leave on the

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14th instant. In Mr. Green's most useful "Schedule of Lands in British Columbia Applied for in Behalf of the Indians" there were many references to these letters from the Agents to Dr. McKenna. The best information I could get upon inquiries here was that these had been returned to the Department and it was only by chance that they were produced by Mr. Ashdown Green this morning. There had doubtless been some confusion in regard to their disposal and I am glad that they have been finally located.

With regrets for any inconvenience to which you have been put.

Yours very truly,

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August 13th 1913

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Sir:

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C. will be leaving tomorrow on a tour of visitations of reserves in the Bella Coola Agency and contiguous territory and will be absent from this city until on or about the 25th September. In the meanwhile please continue to address all correspondence to this city, as arrangements have been made for direct forwarding by the most expeditious agencies from here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.


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J. D. McLean Esq.,
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Sir:

I beg to return herewith a letter received in today's mail which obviously was addressed to me by some inadvertence, as its subject matter is not such as concerns the Commission.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary

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July 11th, 1913.

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ARGUMENT

By Mr. W. E. DITCHBURN, Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Prefacing his address to the Commission, in review of and comment upon the case for the Cowichan Agency, Mr. Ditchburn remarked that very shortly after assuming office in the Department of Indian Affairs, he had made the discovery that any one laboring among the Indians was working with an unsympathetic public in British Columbia, this lack of sympathy among the white people for the Indians being largely due to their lack of knowledge of the Indian question prevailing throughout the Province and resulting in a considerable measure from the fact that a large portion of the white population is new to British Columbia, having come here either from sections where there are no Indians at all or where the Indians are living under treaty regulations, which assure their being well cared for by the Governement. The Indians of British Columbia had, however, made no treaty with the Governement of Canada and received no rations and no treaty money from the Government. The only assistance given them by Government in the matter of food was when there were cases of destitution, and then the assistance extended was largely on a charity basis, and nothing more. If destitution was found to exist, the Indian received very meagre aid from the Department of Indian Affairs, such aid taking the form of ship's biscuits, flour, rice and tea; and if the case involved serious illness, a little sugar was permitted to be added. The Department provided no meats in such cases and in a very few cases (and these only cases of absolute necessity a little clothing). All that the Indians of British Columbia had today were the few acres of land contained in their Reserves, which they retained in recognition of the

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conveyance of their interest in the whole vast territory of British Columbia.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Does not the Indian receive large grants for educational purposes?

Inspector Ditchburn: Yes, but he does also in the other Provinces.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: What is the policy pursued with respect to medical attendance?

Inspector Ditchburn: It is only permitted that free medical attendance be given where the patient is indigent. If he can pay for such attendance, he must pay and the Indian Agent is to judge as to his ability to do so.

In dealing with the question of Indian Reserves, Inspector Ditchburn continued, these lands were alloted by the Joint Commission of 1876, and this body ~~xxxx~~ in making its allotments had worked along the lines laid down by Sir James Douglas, the first Colonial Governor of British Columbia, and the advice given to the first superintendent of Indian Affairs in this country, Dr. I. W. Powell. The policy thus adopted was that no particular basis of allotment be adhered to, the main idea being to secure the satisfaction of the Indians. The result was that the Reserves had been set aside in various parts of the Province to meet and satisfy the desires of the Indians of that day---1876. The Commission of that date operated up to the time that Mr. Gilbert Malcolm Sproatt became sole Commissioner, he being succeeded by Judge O'Reilly and the latter by Mr. A. W. Vowell, who continued to administer until the time of his resignation, about three years ago. It was true that some of the Reserves allotted by the Commission might not appear to the people of today--that is, the white people-- to possess any particular

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value or to be of any special benefit to the Indians. It must be kept in mind, however, that the Indians might have a different view-point altogether and these reserves would not have been alloted had not the special desire therefore been expressed by the Indians themselves. It had been claimed that the Indians of British Columbia do not use their lands and that for this reason the lands should be taken away from them. If the holding of lands unutilized constituted an offence warranting confiscation, then the Indians were not the chief offenders in this province. The Commission had now travelled over a considerable portion of Vancouver Island and had been for themselves that by far the greater portion of the land was still unimproved. And yet only a very small portion of these lands was contained in Indians Reserves. When one noted the apathy of the white man and his failuure to improve his holdings, constituting the greater portion of the Province, and when one took into account the small amount of good land contained in the Indian allotments(there was only 20,120 acres in the Cowichan Agency to about 1,771 Indians, according to the latest official schedule) he must agree that the Indians wase less entitled to censure for delay in the development of their holdings than the white man, even although the Indians could not be said to possess anything like the same opportunity to utilize his lands that the white man did. It had also been claimed that many of the Indians are fishermen and have no possible use for the land. Admitting, for the sake of the argument this to be correct, what have this Commission, the Government of Canada or the Government of British Columbia, to offer the Indian in the way of special fishing privileges, which would fairly compensate him for the taking away of the few acres which he rightfully regards as his own?

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With regard to the Cowichan Agency as a whole, it had not been contended that the Indians therein have more land than they are entitled to. It had been argued that the Cowichan Indians in certain quarters have more land than they are utilizing-- also that the position of certain of the Indians lands under reserve is a deterrent to the natural development of the district and that certain lands under reserve for the Indians in the vicinity of Duncan should be sold in order to permit of the natural growth of that town, Conceiving this to be correct, the matter was one which might very well be left with the Department to deal with, so that the lands might be sold and the proceeds applied for the sole benefit of the Indians, perhaps with advantage in the purchase for them of more arable lands in that section, in building new homes for them, and in supplying them with agricultural implements. To take away any of the lands from the Indians of this Agency, especially in view of the great dissatisfaction obtaining before Confederation as a result of the reserves being reduced in area, would be very hurtful at the present time. Such action would utterly discourage the Indian in his industrial development and his aspirations towards self-improvement and the general betterment of his condition, and at the same time it would greatly handicap or nullify the efforts of the Department in behalf of the progress and improvement of the general standard of living of the Indians. In this connection Inspector Ditchburn said that he desired to quote the remark of Commissioner Gilbert Malcolm Sproatt in his official journal of the Joint Indian Reserve Commission in 1877. Under the date of February 17th of that year it was remarked that:

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"It is to be premised that with referance to the natives of the Cowichan Valley, comprising in all between 800 and 900 souls, a strange system of mismanagement has from the first existed. The Reserves originally assigned to them by Governor Douglas have been from time to time cut down by successive Governors(especially, it would appear, under the late Governor Seymour) in such wise that great dissatisfaction had arisen, and all confidence in the sincerity of the Government seemed to have been destroyed."

Inspector Ditchburn contended that to reduce any of the Reserves of the Cowichan Agency today would have the same effect as that so strongly commented upon and deprecated by the late Commissioner Sproatt. It would discourage the Indian in all his industrial efforts, paralyze his progressive activities and prove a most serious set-back to the Department in its efforts to improve the standard of Indian life in British Columbia. The Chairman of this Commission himself had said that he found the Indians of British Columbia equally advanced with the Indians of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. If such advance had been made by the Indians of British Columbia under such adverse conditions as to the land as had obtained in this Province during the past fifty years, surely one would be justified in expecting a much greater and much more satisfactory advance in the future when the question of land titles had been definitely settled and the Department possessed greater opportunity for promoting the progress of the Indians in the arts and industries of civilization. The Chairman had asked if the Reserve at Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island, might not be cut out, and he had said that it could if this were found necessary or advisable. At the same time he could see no public necessity for so doing. The land in this Reserve had been set aside to satisfy the Indians in occupation and it was being made as much use of by them as it would be by a white man. The Indian was living on it,

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he had cleared the arable portion and was making the land contribute to his simple necessities, and he was happy and content in the place of his own choosing. He (Inspector Ditchburn) contended that if there were any necessity for the cutting down of Indian lands in British Columbia, such necessity did not present itself in the Cowichan Agency, where the average acreage was only 11½ per capita, the Cowichan Agency, although recognized as one of the semi-agricultural, being fourth lowest in the matter of average agreage in the entire Province. In this connection he cited official figures as to population, total acreage and per capita acreage averages for the several Agencies of British Columbia as follows:

| Agency | Population | Total Acres | Approx. Per capita acreage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cowichan | 1771 | 20,120 | 11.50 |
| Babine | 1900 | 34,434 | 18 |
| Bella Coola | 1513 | 23,405 | 15.50 |
| Kamloops | 1411 | 102,647 | 76.83 |
| Kootenay | 589 | 45,055 | 77.67 |
| Kwakewlth | 1200 | 15,808 | 12.42 |
| Naas | 1909 | 71,422 | 39.54 |
| New Westminster | 2405 | 35,342 | 14.54 |
| Lytton | 2153 | 96,206½ | 44.68 |
| Okanagan | 795 | 146,617 | 1 86.93 |
| Queen Charlotte | 611 | 3,483 | 5.70 |
| Stikine | 225 | 415 | 1.91 |
| Stuart Lake | 1891 | 20,506 | 16.89 |
| West Coast | 1920 | 10,062 | 5.07 |
| Williams Lake | 1991 | 86,930.44 | 49.01 |

The Inspector directed attention to the fact that in the Babine, Bella Coola, Kamloops, Kwakelth, Naas, New Westminster Stikine, Stuart Lake, West Coast and Williams Lake Agencies applications were on file for more land for the Indians; in the Babine, with an average per capita acreage of 18, it was strongly urged that the land was not sufficient for the requirements of the Indians.

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To Mr. Commissioner McKenna, Inspector Ditchburn explained that the Naas District acreages were computed before the surrender of lands required in connection with Grand Trunk Pacific construction. The figures he had cited were from the official schedule. The Agency of the West Coast(Vancouver Island) could only be considered a fishing district, as there never could be secured any appreciable agricultural acreage. By the figures which he had quoted it would be seen that the allotments in the Cowichan Agency, on the averages, were among the smallest in British Columbia-- that was in so far as average acreage was concerned; and, taking into account that this was regarded as the semi-agricultural agency, he did not consider that the Indians had by any means any too much land. In dealing with the Indians of British Columbia in the matter of lands, he thought that after the Commission had read the Hand Book of the Indians of Canada (pp.472 to 483) and also the several treaties therein referred to, it would readily recognize the marked differance between the treatment accorded by the Governement to the Indians of British Columbia and to those of the other Provinces where the Indians are living under treaty regulation a difference whooly to the disadvantage of the British Columbia Indians. He sincerely hoped that the Commissioners would not reduce any of the reserves in the Cowichan Agency.

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BY MR. McGREGOR YOUNG, K. C., Counsel for the Dominion:

In view of what Mr. Ditchburn had said and especially in view of the statement submitted by the Inspector, counsel said that he would hesitate to avail himself of the courtesy of the Board in allowing opportunity for him to be heard were it not for the fact that he was much impressed by the gravity of the issues contained within the four corners of the Agreement, for this reason, that notwithstanding all the unrest, dissatisfaction and differences of opinion between the two interested Governements on the question of Indian lands in British Columbia, it had now been over a quarter of a century since any allotments and adjustments which would be determined upon by this Commission's report were to be permanent and final. Of course, questions of administration and policy rested in the hands of the Department, but the last words would be spoken by this Commission with respect to the lands of the Indians of British Columbia, which are surprisingly small in comparison with those of the other Indians of Canada. This Board, would not, of course, be influenced by questions of sentiment, but it was a recognized principle of sound economics and sociology that the State should do the best that it could for the weaker brothers, and today this Commission had before it most serious matters in their relation to the future, not only of the 22,000 Indians, constituting one-eighteenth of the population of the Province, but also of the white people of British Columbia, because their interests, too, were involved in any allotments of lands that might be made. It was another recognized principle that the future of the Indians involved was

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dependent upon their temporal welfare. There was a terrible significance in the figures submitted by Inspector Ditchburn, these showing alarming decreases where small allotments obtained. Where larger areas of land had been assigned to them the Indians were found to have held their own in population and in some cases even to have increased. In the Queen Charlotte Agency, where the land holdings of the Indians were exceedingly small, the percentage of population decrease was distinctly alarming. Leaving out the Queen Charlotte Agency and one other, the Cowichan Agency was at the bottom of the scale of per capita acreage. Again, it had been the settled policy of the British Government, in so far as possible, to satisfy the Indians in its dealings with them, and this policy had been found to produce most satisfactory results, results which were in striking contrast with the results of governmental policy in the United States. In this country there had been no lives lost through the working out of Indian policies; and no wars with Indians. Here in British Columbia the preservation of law and order among the Indians was satisfactorily assured without so much as the employment of mounted police, a few isolated Provincial constables alone being necessary to represent the authority of the law among the Indian communities. Herein was a large saving of expense to the Governement, the significance of which should not be lost sight of. It was an economy in the cost of government explainable in large part to the satisfaction admitted by the Indians with their past treatment by the Government.

Proceeding to the consideration of the Agreement, counsel directed attention to the fact that there was nothing therein contained with respect to the confirmation of reserves

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already established. With respect to readjustments of acreage, especial amphasis was laid upon the fact that no such reduction could be recommended unless the Commission were satisfied that the holding proposed to be cut down was more than what would be reasonably required for the use of the particular tribe or locality concerned. And then it was obligatory that there should be no reduction unless with consent of the Indians interested, this being a fixed condition precedent to any and all reductions. The fourth clause of the Agreement provided for such cases and should be read in conjunction with the previous clause. That as to increases required---

Mr. Commissioner White: Do youn contend that where a tribe is separated into bands and where the land assigned to the tribe may be more than enough for the requirements of the whole tribe, but note enough in a particular locality for the band or group of Indians resident there the Commission has the power to increase the allotment for that particular band without deducting proportionately from the holding of the entire tribe?

Mr. Young: Yes, I should think that would be the case. Continuing, counsel directed attention to the Agreement between the two Governments in so far as it referred to the Commission's power to increase the area of the reserve for any particular band or in any particular locality. He emphasized, too, that whereas a reference to and the consent of the Indians were necessarily precedent to any reduction, no such reference was required in the case of an increase, and such increase was to be made wherever the Commission found it to be reasonably required.

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Attention was directed to the Order-in-Council of May 16, 1871, implementing the Act of Union and section 146 of the British North America Act empowering the Province of British Columbia to come into the Union, and confirming such action. The Commission would do well to study article 13, of the Terms of Union, providing that it should be incumbent upon the Dominion, not the Province, to pursue a policy withrespect to the Indians as liberal as that previously pursued by the Colonial Governement. This Act provided, too, that any disagreement with regard to Indian lands should be referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the desire thus expressed of the Imperial Government to assure as generous treatment as in the past for the native inhabitants had been kept in mind to this day, as was attested by the fact that this Agreement had been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for his information and consideration. The need of the Indians was the first consideration in the determination of the measure of the areas to be allotted to them, in which connection Counsel cited Dr. McKenna's report and the quotation from Governor Douglas therein (pp.5, 6 and 7), Dealing with British Colonial policy prior to the union of British Columbia with Canada, that report would be found to contain most interesting information and that report also had in an appendix the figures cited by Inspector Ditchburn, in convenient form. He referred the Commission to the Douglas Report of October 14 as an authorative official pronouncement with respect to the practice of the Colony before Confederation. Counsel also directed attention to an extract in Dr. McKenna's report on page 9, beginning with the words "the principle followed in all cases." Because there had been some discussion between the two governments as to

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past policy, the agreement of 1875-6, which dealt with that issue, provided that the Government should "pursue a liberal policy" with regard to the Indians, as differentiating from "the same liberal policy as pursued by the Colonial Government in the past." (See clause 3 of Agreement between Canada and British Columbia, November, 1875, and accepted by the Province in the following year, in Yellow Book.) En passant, counsel commented upon the fact that by the Agreement each reserve was to be held in trust by the Government for the use and benefit of the nation of Indians. He directed the attention of the Commission to the Agreement Order-in-Council of 10th May, 1871(see Revised Statutes British Columbia, Vol. 1, Introductory). He also referred the Commission to the Admirable statement, from the stand-point of the Indians, in the Report of the Hon. David Laird (Yellow Book, pages 151 to 154). That Commission had carried out its work with signal success and to the satisfaction of both Governments. It had confirmed all Reserves and made large proportional increases in this Cowichan Agency. Having all the facts and precedents in mind, Counsel contended that the onus was against any land reduction in this Agency; i. e. a strong case must necessarily be made out before any reductions could be recommended. The Commission must be absolutely "satisfied" that the Indians were in possession of more land than was reasonably necessary for their requirements, and what he regarded as the most luminous guide to the interpretation of this clause was the provision that the consent of the Indians was made an imperative requisite to any reductions. The two governments were entirely agreed that a strong and conclusive case must be made out before any reductions

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could be ~~made~~ recommended or allowed. Again, counsel invited the Commission to carefully consider the much superior position of the Indians under treaty regulations, as accurately analyzed in the Hand Book to which he had referred. A further thought as to the principles to be pursued in the Commission's adjudication: British Columbia at present was in a transitory period. Agriculture had as yet made but little advance, but there was now an awakening within the Province to its great agricultural possibilities. Agricultural development had in the past been much retarded by speculative activities, but the substantial and important future of the Industry was beyond question and the Indian population should not by any ill-considered act of the Commission be precluded from participation in that development and its advantages. The Indian, in respect to the pursuit of agriculture, had in the past had no instruction, not even example, and certainly no special encouragement to exert himself on lines of agricultural activity. Taking this into account, together with all the allurements of his natural occupations, hunting and fishing, was it any wonder that a large proportion of the reserves had not been brought under general cultivation? In New Ontario, too, it had been found difficult to get settlers to go upon the land and clear and work it when they could secure work in the mines at perhaps $5.00 per day or employment at logging with equally high wages. The fact should at no time be lost sight of, that the finding of this Commission was to constitute a permanent and final settlement, and the Indians in that settlement should be afforded every inducement to go into farming. His opportunities for making a living by fishing and hunting were growing constantly less and for this reason greater

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attention to agricultur on his part would be imperatively necessary. Farming in this Province was necessarily different from farming in Ontario, and farming today was a very different matter from the farming of a quarter of a century ago. The best farmer of Ontario twenty-five years ago would be the laughing stock of the farmers today in as much as his methods had become obsolete. The trend of progress in the Science of agriculture was in the direction of the systematic utilization of larger holdings, and the Indian should not be handicapped by being held down to small holdings for all time to come. A large proportion of the younger Indians were destined to turn into the farm for their livelihood. This was, perhaps, only a matter of observation, but it was his firm conviction. He did not say that because a bit of land was found to be unsuitable for agriculture it might be cut off. He did not know that such a contention would arise, but it might. If such a case were to be viewed logically, the answer would be that if the land were of no use to any one, why should it be cut off? The Indians from their own standpoint might find some special value in it, or it might be used for grazing purposes or for its timber, for firewood or for domestic use. If such portions of reserves were to be cut out as retarding agricultural development, however, the Indians should be given other land in lieu of that taken away from them--- good land.

The Chairman: Where are they going to get it?

Mr. Young: That is a question for the Government. If the Commission gives an additional 10,000 acres to the Cowichan Agency it will be up to the Government to find the land.

Continuing, counsel referred to the fact adduced

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from the evidence that the younger generation of British Columbia's Indian tribes is turning to farming, referring in this connection to the evidence of Rev. Father Scheelen, Indian Agent Robertsom and Inspector Ditchburn. While the older Indians are still inclined to hunt or fish for their living, the younger have a wider horizon. He had been much impressed with what Inspector Ditchburn had said as to any reductions in land allotments being destined to operate necessarily as a great discouragement to the Indian and as a serious embarrassment to the officers of the Department of Indian Affairs in their efforts to promote the good of the Indians, which efforts were very ticklish at best. Unless the best possible reasons were adduced, any reduction would greatly add to the difficulties with which the officials of the Indian Department had to contend.

To pass to the consideration of specific cases, Mr. Robertson had asked for land increases for Nanaimo, Cooke, and, he thought, the Cowichan tribe, In connection with Nanaimo a strong case had been made out, both on the evidence of Mr. Robertson and that of Mr. Ditchburn, while Mr. Shaw, the Mayor of Nanaimo, had said officially that the Indians of that tribe had no more land than they required. The population there was 185 and the corrected and reliable statement prepared by Mr. Robertson verified this total. The heads of families numbered 55, each male adult of 18 years of age and over being counted as the head of a family. The tribe held 637½ acres, from which there was to be deducted 27½ acres of tidal lands and lands to roads and other public purposes, leaving 610 acres net.

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this worked out to only 3½ acres per capita of good and bad land together, or 11.9 acres per family. It had been urged that Chief Louis Good had more than his fari share of the land, but all the evidence showed that he would be a hard man to disturb. Seventeen in this tribe were without land (see Evidence pp. 53, 58 and 59).

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: Do the Chiefs secure ant undue proportion of the lands on account of their position in the tribes?

Inspector Ditchburn: Yes, they often do, In other cases Indians die and leave to the Chiefs their right in their lands and the improvements on them.

Mr. Young, continuing, contended that no one could justly claim that these Indians of the Nanaimo tribe have sufficient lands. The accidental fact of coal having been discovered under the lands of their reserve and certain other fortuitous circumstances had kept them alive. But it was on record that Billy Yacklum, Albert Wesley and other progressive Indians of the tribe wanted land and could not get it. They had sworn to this fact, and if this was not a case for an increase in the reserve area it would be difficult to conceive of one. To deal next with Sooke, the figures were; Population 31; a gross population had been returned of 33, but this had been reduced by official check by two. There were 11 heads of families and the tribe occupied 166 acres, which gave five and one-third acres per capita of good tand bad land togehter, or a fraction over 15 acres per family. It had been urged that the Lazaar's were holding more than their share of the land, but Chief Lazaar also would be a hard man to dispossess. He was not holding any excessive acreage and he was admittedly

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making good use of the land. His farm in area was not more than a third of what an Indian in the Northwest Provinces might have. He had shown himself to be a good farmer and his boys also had shown themselves industrious and ambitious. For various reasons, therefore, the Lazaar would be hard to evict. There were other educated boys in the tribe--- boys who had attended the industrial schools, who knew something of agriculture, and who wanted to become farmers. It was impossible with the presents acreage for half of these to satisfy their agricultural ambitions, and while fully recognizing that there were other pursuits open to them, by which they could make a living, the Commission should not drive them off the land if they wanted to stay there. Another factor which might be mentioned in connection with applications for an increase in the acreage for the Sooke tribe was that this tribe showed an increase of population of about 15% during the past two years. With respect to the Cowichan tribe very important questions arose, and he was instructed to press strongly against any reductions that might be proposed. Inspector Ditchburn had said that any reduction would be deplorable in its effect, disheartening the Indians and making the efforts of the officials of the Department in their behalf most difficult indeed. There were in Cowichan nine reserves. In these substantial increases of area had been made in 1877 and the statement was found in the Journal of the Commissioners of that time that the Indians were satisfied. While Indian Agent Robertson was asking for an increase in acreage there, any reduction would certainly be deplorable. The tribe held in all 6070½ acres, from which there was to be deducted 555 acres for lands washed away by the river or used for roads or other public purposes, leaving an aggregate net balance of 5,515½ acres, of which [illegible]

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were pronounced rocky and impossible of cultivation. This left to the tribe 4086 acres of land, of which 1800 acres were described as second-class land, which examination had shown to be unfit fora agricultural utilization. This left a total of arable land of 2,286 acres. Inspector Ditchburn and himself had figured on 3,000 acres of fairly good land, while Mr. O'Connell's statement accounted for 2688½ acres in the various holdings of the Indians. Mr. Robertson had checked this statement, but could not find it very helpful. Mr. O'Connell's statement gave the population of the tribe at 624; eliminating duplication and the unintentional counting in of Cowichan women who had married into other tribes, Mr. Robertson estimated the population of the tribe at 605. Accepting Mr. Robertson's statement as accurate, there were 209 heads of families, which would give ten acres per capita of lands af all kinds, good and bad, or about 30 acres per family. Estimating the arable land very generously at 3000 acres, there would be a little under five acres per capita, or a little over fourteen acres per family. Mr. O'Connell's statement gave 151 as without any land at all. With regard to utilization or non-utilization of the land, there might possibly be a strong case for administrative regulation by the Department in the mafter of allotment, but there certainly was no cause for reduction in this Reserve. Referring to the statement of the President of the Board of Trade at Duncan, Mr. Peterson, (see pp. 4 and 5 of transcript, replies to questions by Mr. Commissioner McKenna) Counsel pointed out that even the representative citizens of Duncan would not assert that the Indians had too much land; on the other hand, there was the statement of Mr. Dwyer at Duncan, which might be taken as a good illustration of the extremem views, the unfair and prejudiced feeling and the intemprate language of a portion of the community,

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Mr. Dwyer had said that the Indians had more land than they needed, that their presence was a menace to the community, that the weeds growing on the reserve were rightly to spread to neighboring farms, that the cattle of the Indians might communicate disease to those of white residents, etc. etc.. He would mark passages in the evidence on which he relied, for the Commission's consideration. Several witnesses, too, had testified that they had kept cattle for a time but had been compelled to sell their stock as there was no land available for pasturage. At Cowichan the Commission had seen for themselves some good farming on lands of the Indians and he submitted there was no case for any reduction of acreage, but rather the reverse, and substantial grounds to support Mr. Robertson's application for additional lands. He did not wish to touch the question of the Somenos lands just outside the City of Duncan. About 100 acres of these were very valuable. This was a matter for the Department alone to deal with. If there were no talk of option or purchase, no question of reduction would here arise. Some of the land in question was good land and well timbered. He thought that possibly these lands should be sold and the Indians get the full return, which might be expected to reach $100,000 or thereabouts. There could be no legitimate reason for offering a handsome gratuity to the Province in the form of any half interest. Wit respect to Nanoose, a population was shown here of 15, with 5 heads of families and two without any land. The land generally was said to be poor and with some timber on it. About 181 acres above the road was generally unfit for cultivation and reductions amounted to about 17.88 acres. There was in this reserve only 35 to 40 acres of arable land, the balance being timbered and land unfit for cultivation, which gave only about 7 acres per head of family in good land.

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At Qualicum the population had been verified at 14, with three heads of families and 197 acres, only part of which was good land. There were, moreover, 5 or 6 children at shhool, some of whom were learning to farm and whose future would be provided for. There were said to be here only about 90 acres of good land, which would give under 7 acres per capita, or 30 acres per family of good land, without having regard to the children at school.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: With regard to those without land at Nanoose, is there not one who is living at Qualicum and has land there?

Mr. Young: If so, he is counted at Qualicum and the correctness of the statement would not be affected. Continuing, counsel remarked that while at first blush the Qualicum total might look like pretty good acreage, still there was no case here for a reduction. The Comox Reserve constituted another case in which he thought the reserve area might very well be confirmed. The total acreage here was 366, in two reserves, one of 155 acres and one (Pentledge) of 209 acres, it being the latter upon which the gentlemen of Courtenay were casting envious eyes. From the total area here was to be deducted 9 acres for right-of-way, etc., leaving 355 acres to a population of 38 with 18 heads of families. It was on oath (pp. 72 and 74) that some of the Indians here wasw without land. There was in the reserve probably 70 to 80 acres of good land, the rest generally unfit for cultivation and rated by Mr. Green as second-class land. Taking the case of Comox(see Gibbon's precise at p. 41) with respect to the willingness of the Indians to sell; it was not an argument because the Indian was willing to sell the land or the timber that he was not entitled to it. It was quite understandable that the Indian might be willing to sell part of his land, or the timber on it, to enable him with the proceeds to make

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better use of the remainder. In any case the Indian Act and the Department would protect the Indian from any wastefulness. There was not in the Comox situation, to his mind, any argument justifying a reduction. Then there were other cases, such as Chemanius, but he was not disposed to trouble the Commissio with argument or suggestion as to any line of procedure. At Tsussie, Halat and several other places, there was evidence of Indians having no land, who wanted to get land and would make good use of it if they could get it. Wit regard to the purchases of land on Valdez Island made by Indians from the Western Fuel Company, as it appeared that these lands had been bought for the exploitation of the timber on them and not for farming, he would not press any point concerning them. In occupation by the Saanich tribe there were thirteen reserves, with a total acreage, including the Island, of 3318. Deducting for rights-of-way, roads, etc., 68 acres, left 3250 acres net in all, of which Reserves Nos. 6 and 7 are island and of little use for cultivation, and these two island, or parts of them, comprise 683 acres, leaving for farms and houses on the mainland, only the original reserves given to the Indians prior to Confederation. The population here was 294 and this gave of lands of all kinds the per capita average of 11.05 acres. In this tribe was presented the happy illustration of an increase in population of 15% since 1877 and a further increase since 1911. It was to be gathered from thee evidence that the Indians of the Saanich tribe were working on their farms, have good and comfortable homes on the mainland, and that all their reserves are fully occupied. The only debatable case was that of Malahat, which was in this position: the reserve was virtually of no use to the Indian until construction of the Malahat drive made it accessible.

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This reserve consisted of 586 acres, for the most part covered with commertial timber and which possessed a special value in certain cement deposits They have a good beach and water-front. Some Indians are now living there and other allotments have been applied for. There was a good clam beach for the Indians and two graveyards. There was some arable land on the top of the hill, well watered. There were thus to be considered in connection with Saanich, the Islands, the original reserve, and the Malahat, the latter being in a measure dependent on the opening up of its cement deposits and the utilization of its timber. This was the whole reserve for the support of the entire Saanich tribe, showing an increase in population of 15% since 1877 and an increase even within the last two or three years. Farming was actually in progress, with tangible evidence of success. The Malahat appeared to be the safety valve for this tribe. The islands were not adapted for cultivation and with Malahat left out there would be only 5 acres per capita for a tribe which had proven itself capable of farming successfully. The policy of both Governments has been plainly illustrated in the cases of the Songhees and Kitsilano Reserve was to concede and recognize the rights of the Indians to any increased value in the land, and this would apply to the islands as well. Saanich showed an increase in population, with a restriction of farming area, and where there had been failure to cultivate the land there was a reasonable explanation in the lack of road connection. The only place where the people of the tribe might possibly go in and cultivate the land was the Malahat. Speaking of the possible sale of some of the island, counsel argued that the Indians were entitled to enjoy the advantage of increased realty values in the district. He could see no good reason why the tribe should be denuded of its rights on any of

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these islands because they were looked upon as desirable building lots for the nouveau rich. The lands should be dealt without any regard for their value. The joint to be considered was, were they within the reasonable requirements of the tribe?

The Chairman: If it happens that they are not used at all, does that indicate that they were reasonably required?

Mr. Young: They might be, it is for the Commission to determine if the members of the tribe have morelands than they reasonably require.

The Chairman: The question is why do they not develop the lands they have? We were told at several places that the reason for non-development of the lands was that the Government would not let the Indians cut and sell the timber and apply the proceeds to the making of farms, but both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Ditchburn in their evidence practically say that this isn not so-- that the Government places no obstacle in the way of their clearing and developing their farms. There was some talk of the Government sending out farm instructors to the Indians. If this could be done the timber could be cut down at any time for bona fide purposes of farm making.

Mr. Young held that inspiration and example had been missing in the past. With respect to the Indian's desire to hold some of his land apparently without making use of it, counsel offered a hypothetical case of a farmer holding 500 acres. He might be working on 200 acres or less, but as for the remainder he might say that he had boys at college whose future he must provide for, that he desired to hold some of the timber, and that otherwise he was looking to the futurebrequirements of his family. This was not an unreason-

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able or an impolitic position, and this was the Saanich case and that of the Malahat. The Indians themselves said that they had been living closer to aboriginal life than the next generation will be. With the rapid development of the country generally the Indians will be pressed for land and he strongly opposed the argument that if they had not utilized their land it should be taken from the. This meant simply to drive the Indian off his land, whereas it had been proven the best policy to keep the Indian on the land. He is a great lover of his own place and of his family, his chief failing being possibly laziness. It might possibly be well to remove the Indians from the locality of cities. He did not regard the Duncan case as especially strong. Duncan was a town of about 1500 population and not likely at any time to develop into a large city such as Victoria or Vancouver.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Do you think the British Columbia Indians are agriculturally or mechanically inclined?

Mr. Young could not say. He assumed that they differed individually as did the whites. Efficiency in trades was very good in its way, but the Indians must have the land for their homes. He begged of the Commission, when they considered the case of the British Columbia Indians, not to drive him off the land into other pursuits. Let the future, to a certain extent, take care of itself. At best, he conceded there was not enough land for all the Indians to be farmers, possibly not a third enough, and the Commission should remember that the farms of the future would not be small farms.

With this conclusion Commissioner Shaw disagreed; all the tendency of the time, he pointed out, was in the direction of small holdings.

" The tendency of the times is toward gardens rather than farms," remarked Commissioner MacDowall.

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Commissioner McKenna: The expression "intensive farming" itself suggests small holdings.

Mr. Young maintained that the large farm was nevertheless better adapted to the progressive methods of the new century.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw pointed out that in Ontario practically all the landw was adaptable for cultivation, where as in this country of many mountains only about 5% could be utilized, The tendency of the day was to cut up the large farms into small holdings.

Mr. Young, in closing, said that with respect to questions of policy or administration presenting themselves during the trip through the Cowichan Agency he was not disposed to say much. Personally he thought the Indians were very fairly treated in the matter of their fishing privileges. The papamount consideration should be to conserve the fish, and everything possible should be done in this direction. The Indian could get a permit at any time to take fish for his own maintenance and that of his family. They appeared to think that the game laws should be so amended as to allow some slight concessions as in permitting them to shoot duck of certain species which they favored for food, but which the whites do not appreciate. It was quite possible that something might be done in this direction. With regard to the Japanese and the fishing, the Commission might make some recommendation if evidence were found to justify the supposition that the Japanese seriously interfered with the Indian's source of livelihood through their superior industry, cheaper living and greater activity within the law, and if so, this further fortified the argument for more land for the Indians-- if the fishing as a staple means of supporting them is reduced or rendered less dispensable. Asked as to whether in his opinion

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the Indian should hold his land in the same manner as the white man, Mr. Young said that he was not in a position to give an opinion. It would be presumptuous on his part to deal with any of these questions which would undoubtedly receive full, careful and impartial consideration in the proper quarters. He thanked the Commission for having accorded him the privilege of presenting his argument.

The Chairman congratulated Messrs Ditchburn and Young upon the able manner in which they had presented their case to the Commission.

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Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that on the 3rd of July I was called before the Royal Commission on Indian Affair for British Columbia to give sworn testimony in connection with the Reserves of the Cowichan Agency.

At the close of my evidence I asked the permission of the Board to be allowed to make a few general remarks pertaining to the British Columbia Indian Question and to the Reserves of the Cowichan Agency in particular. This privilege was granted, and on the 11th of the same month, both McGregor Young, Esq., K.C. and myself again appeared before the Commissioners.

I herewith enclose you an excerpt from the precis of Mr. Gibbons, the assistant Secretary of the Commission, which contains our arguments, in order that you may see the line of action taken, which I trust will be satisfactory to you, and that the views expressed therein are in accord with those held by the Department.

Enclosure:-

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Inspector of Indian Agents.

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On July 3rd, at the meeting of the Commission at the Board Rooms, Victoria.

Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian Agencies for the Southwestern portion of British Columbia, was duly sworn and examined by Mr. McGregor Young, K. C. He stated that he had held his present position about three years, was familiar with the duties of the Indian Agent for Cowichan, who under present conditions was a a very busy man, and thought that it would be well to have an additional Agent for this district. The number of agents required to perform the work efficiently in the interests of the Indians and the Department would, of course, depend greatly upon what policy the Department adopted towards putting the present lands under cultivation and assisting the Indians. Under present conditions Agent Robertson had much correspondence; his office was on the highway of the Indian Reserve, and much of his time was taken up by Indians calling to consult him, which did not permit of his visiting the outside places as much as might be desirable. The Agency was too large for the work the Agent had to perform, and there was no provision for instructing the Indians in agriculture, except by the agent, who was supposed to take a general interest in them. Mr. Tom Wilson, while his duties were not on agricultural lines, did assist him to a certain extent, but primarily he had to deal with the fruit. There was no officer at present charged with the instruction of the Indians in agriculture or fruit farming or technical matters of any kind, for the Cowichan Agency alone. The only instruction the Indians received was that given at the Kuper Island Industrial School, and he thought it would be in the interest of the Indians to have an instructor in agriculture assigned to teach them. There should be one such instructor at least in any Indian Agency where the people

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adapt themselves to the farming, this including the Cowichan Agency. The agricultural instructor would be the farming instructor as well. He would require to be a thorough all-round man. There was not enough work of the kind in the Cowichan Agency at present to warrant the appointment of a man specially for instruction in fruit growing. He did not think there would be need for more than two agents in Cowichan if the Agency were so divided that one man could handle the work above Duncan and the other be stationed in Victoria to look after Saanich and the Gulf Islands, including Hayne Island. The two agents could very well use the same clerks. For the whole Province-- there was last year an appropriation of about $5,000.00, $2,500.00 for the cleansing of Indian orchards and $3,000.00 for seeds and implements; of this he could not say how much the Cowichan Agency got. It received no agricultural implements last year from this fund. Some of the Indians had bought implements for themselves and had paid for them. Some were good with machinery, Tommy Paull at Saanich operating a threshing outfit of his own. Some also had stumping machines, which they had bought and paid for. Henry Williams, of Discovery Island, had such a machine of his own., and took contracts for land clearing for the white people. An Indian who bought a binder to work with on his own land also took contracts outside the Reserve, and the same applied to the threshing machine. It was not the people who owned these implements that had told the Commission they could not afford to clear their land, There were undoubtedly some prosperous Indians. Some of these had made their money out of farming, one Indian alone last year having sold $800.00 worth of hay. He regarded it as possible for man to make a profit out of farming with the present values of land prevailing in Cowichan [illegible] When Indians went out as laborers on [illegible] farm[illegible]

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demanded the same wage as white men and would not take less. The Indians were not really poor; they could generally get work, but they had to work hard when they took employment. Some of the Indians buying farm implements were given credit on doing so, It is a fact that the Indians spent much time on the Reserve doing absolutely nothing. He would not say that it was a fact that natural indolence prevented their working the land; they had their old custom and until they were better educated and got rid of these, they could not make much progress. The British Columbia Indian had never been sppon-fed to any extent. Some of the Indians had done well as farmers, such as Tommy Paull at Saanich, the Lassars at Sooke, and another man at Tsussie. The younger men were at present expressing a desire to give up their other occupations and get back to farming, although there was not much inducement for them to do so. If other sources of employment were stopped, they would have to. The general belief wasthat the salmon are getting less plentiful every year. In proof of this, the canneries were not going in for several varities, which they would never put up before, and the establishment of hatcheries had become necessary. He could not say whether or not the supply of the sock-eye was less than formerly. The game fish assuredly were getting more scare. The lakes which formerly yielded large baskets of fish now gave practically none at all. Cowichan Bay was at present excluded from fishing as the result of a complaint made agains the use of large nets, against which both the white and the Indians protested, as they wanted the place preserved as a sporting fish locality. With respect to the manner of allotting individual holdings on the Reserve, the Act was not followed, the instructions to agents being that the allotment should be made by the bands themselves in the presence of the Indian Agents. Through this systme the Department obtained better

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results. He produced a copy of the instructions (Exhibit A 45)

The Chairman: Has it occurred to you that unless the Act is followed, the Indian has no proper title to his land?

Mr. Ditchburn: Well, those were the last instructions issued to the Indian Agent. Continuing, Mr. Ditchburn said that it was the custom of the tribe to respect individual holdings. If an Indian went ona piece of land, cleared it and extended his holdings, that part also was respected as his. The policy of the Department had been to leave the management of these affairs largely with the band. A question with respect to the case at the Nanaimo River Reserve, where an allotment was made and sereral Indians without land were not provided for in that allotment, the Inspector said that these had not applied for it. The fault of the system in vogue was that a Chief with some cleverness and no scruples might get for himself and him family a large proportion of the land and other be excluded. The Chief usually obtained his land by someone leaving it to him by will. It was the fact that as a rule the younger men did not like to oppose the Chiefs or older men, the result being that the young Indian was kept from progressing; the older Indian clung to the old tribal customs, and when a boy came back from school, to lead a new and better life, he was opposed by the older Indian and eventually dropped back into the old ways The policy of putting large power into the hands of the Chiefs and leaving matters to be settled by the band(they being controlled by the Chiefs and older men) constituted an impediment to progress.

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The school, at Kuper Island was the only one in Cowichan Agency and its graduates were better qualified to meet present conditions than those who had not attended the school. There was there a good farm instructor and also a good instructor of mechanics. The attendance of Indian boys in school was somewhat irksome to them, so that after coming out they did not want to stay with anything for a number of years. After seven or eight years of great restraint, they were liable to be a little bit wild for a time. They did not show a ready disposition to revert to tribal habits, but their surroundings were such that they could not always help themselves. When they got back to the Reserve they were in an environment militating against their progress. If placed on a Reserve by themselves they would do better.

The Chairman: How are you going to get over the influence which the older men have on the younger?

Mr. Ditchburn: Well, it is a kind of waiting policy-- waiting for the older men to die off.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Would the alloting of the land in severalty or the recognition of the absolute individual right to an allotment tend to destroy the influence of the older element?

Mr. Ditchburn replied that it would be difficult to say. It would make the younger people more independent only so far as their land is concerned; it would lessen the pernicious influence of the older men.

The Chairman: Would you suggest that these younger men should be segregated on a Reserve by themselves?

Mr. Ditchburn: Well, I would like to see them segregated and placed on a Reserve by themselves.

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Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Could there not be a policy instituted which would strengthen the younger element by giving them the individual right to their land?

Mr. Ditchburn: It would help to a certain extent.

To Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ditchburn continued, by saying that there were sixty-six reserves in the Cowichan Agency, of which two had been surrendered, leaving sixty-four. One at Comox had been surrendered to the Admiralty for target purposes and another had been surrendered for a quarantine station. He would not say that there had been any general advance in agriculture during the past five years throughout the whole of the Cowichan Agency. The labor conditions had been such as to interfere with the Indians' desire for farming. In this section there was less farming done by the white people now than fifteen years ago. The country was less productive now than fifteen years ago, because there were so many inducements for people to engage in other profitable businesses. It should benefit the Indian to work on his land, but there had been such a demand for labor throughout British Columbia during the past four or five years that the Indian preferred to go out to work for the white people rather than operate his own farm. So far as the Indian was concerned, he was not affected by the development of the land, but the inducement of high wages for his labor elsewhere prevented his working his own land. The lack of progress was attributable to the fact that Indian labor was now in better demand than formerly. Potlatching, too, was common in the Agency at Cowichan, and interfered with the employments of the Indians. The older people encouraged these potlatches and it was difficult for the younger people to keep clear of them. The law

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against potlatching had never been enforced, the Agent having been simply instructed to put it down by moral suasion as much as possible. He knew of no prosecutions under Section 149 of the Indian Act since he had been Inspector. Up to last month the officials of the Department had been simply instructed to use every endeavor to dis - courage these practices. Within the last month the Department had agreed to prosecute as the result of a report he (Inspector Ditchburn) had received while up North, and Agent Halliday, in whose Agency the potlatching had been taking place, had been instructed to notify the Indians that if they did not desist from potlatching they would be prosecuted.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: With respect to land allottments: There is provision in the Act that no Indian is in lawful possession of land unless it has been alloted to him with the approval of his band. Is the system of allotment followed in your Agency?

Mr. Ditchburn replied that the instructions to Agents were to confer with and advise the Indians in the important matter of sub-dividing the land on the Reserves among themselves. He had received such instructions at the time of his appointment. Whether the Reserve belonged to the whole tribe or to the particular band living upon it would depend entirely on the fact of the allotment of the Reserve Commissio at the time the Reserves were alloted. Some reserves were alloted a whole tribe and some to the smaller bands. The tribes in the Cowichan Agency were: Beecher Bay, Chemainus( divided into four or five bands, viz. Halalt, Lyacksom, Penelahut, Sickameen, etc.), Comox, Cowichan(composed of Quamichan, Cokiaken, Clemelemalitz, Somenos, Koksiah, Kilpahles, and Kanipsen,), Cowichan Lake, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, Nanoose, Qualicum, Saanich, Songhees and Sooke. The

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Cowichan Lake Indians were now living at Nitinat;.they had married Nitinat women, and according to the Old Indian custom, the men had followed the women. They had no reserve of their own at Nitinat, but were simply living among the Nitinat Indians. They did nothing in the way of work at Cowichan Lake, although they went there occasionally. It was simply an old Indian home ther, with excellent hunting, Few Indians belonging to the Cowichan Lake tribe now remain. If the Cowichan Lake Reserve were cut off and thrown open for sale other Indians would only be admitted into the band by a vote of the band at a meeting in the presence of the Indian Agent. The Cowichan Lake tribe numbered six souls only, their reserve, made in 1890, consisting of 107½acres, In 1891 there were twelve Indians in this band. He did not think the Beecher Bay Indians had more land than they required, taking into consideration the quality of the land and the number of Indians. This tribe had a population of thirty-two and the greater part of their Number One Reserve was nothing but a big mountain of rock. The last time he visited this Reserve the Indians were using the rocky part for a sheep run. The old Chief had some very nice land under cultivation on this No.1 Reserve and was making good use of it. On No.2 Reserve, where Jimmy Ceasar had his home, the land was generally of poor quality. Jimmy Ceasar had some very nice fruit trees, but the bulk of the land of No. 2 Reserve was very poor and rocky, of no use for farming. The timber was not very good either. Craig Point and the small islands of the Reserve were used for a graveyard. The largest of the islands contained only eleven acres, on which the Indians grazed a few sheep. Fraser Island contains fourteen acres, but was of no practical use.

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He did not know why these places had been alloted as they were of no use. No. 11 Reserve had been surrendered. He did not think that the Chemainus tribe needed more land, nor would he say that the 7,892 acres on their thirteen Reserves was more than was reasonably necessary for them. Taking the population into consideration and the quality of the land, he would not say that the Comox tribe had more than they required. The Indians there were making good use of their land. Their No. 1 Reserve was too sandy to be counted good land. The tribal population was thirty-eight. The Chief had a good deal of the Pentledge Reserve under cultivation for hay and vegetables. The population of the Cowichan tribe was 577 and there were 6070 acres in their Reserves, less about 581 acres to be deducted on account of washouts, river beds and right-of-ways. This population of 577 was according to the official census of 1911. No. 1 Cowichan Reserve consisted of 5723 acres, of which 1200 was rocky mountain lands and about 1300 acres second-class land, i.e., land on a high ridge with gravel, gravelly soil and some pretty good timber on the side. In the No.2 (Thaik) Reserve there was about 75 acres, of which half was second-class land and the other half fairly good arable land. In the No.4, Roger's Lake Reserve, 60 out of the 75 acres was either gravelly or dry and unfit for cultivation. About fifteen acres near the lake shore was all in this Reserve that is any good. No. 5, at Tsartlam, was simply a fishing station on the Cowichan River, of about fifteen acres of non-arable land. In No. 6 (Kakalatsa) Reserve only about twenty-four acres could be cultivated. The Skutz Reserve (Nos.8 &b8) contained no land fit for cultivation--these were merely fishing stations. There was some very good soil on No.9. He had heard the Indians of this tribe say that some of them had no land, that they wanted land, and would go farming if

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they could get it. There were some good farmers among the Cowichan Indians. They had some good holdings and improvements, also agricultural implements. All the land in the Cowichan Reserve, except that in timber, was claimed or occupied. The timber, too, was all claimed by some one. As to unclaimed land there was about eighty acres at Kilpehlas which might be cultivated. About four people lived there now. Half of this Reserve was situated in the middle of a large tract of Crown land.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Do you think that insecurity of title has interfered with the development of Indian lands?

Mr. Ditchburn thaught that it had. When the title to the land was vested in the Dominion Government the Department would be in a better position to carry out an aggressive and progressive policy for the benefit of the Indians. When the Commission was through, however, there would be no more opportunity for the Indians to get more land from the British Columbia Governement for Reserves. The hope of the Indian really lay in the improvement of his environment. A safe tenure was an important factor in the improvement of Indian conditions. His insecurity had certainly debarred the Indian from improving his condition. Of the 130 acres of the Cowichan Lake tribe deductions had been made for highways and railway, rights-of-way; the trunk road ran through this Reserve and also 22½ acres found to be within the E.& N. Railway grant and this land had been sold to a man named Lomas. He did not think that the Esquimalt Reserve of 47 acres should be interferred with or that the Indians of this tribe needed more land. He did not think that the Indians of the Cowichan Reserve proper required more land. There were good assets at Cowichan and the land was becoming

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valuable. The timber should be removed and sold for the benefit of the Indians. Nanaimo had six reserves. One was a fishing station of 2½ acres, another a burial ground, and the town Reserve, No.1, of 47 acres, all good lands in cultivation. This could not fairly be interferred with. The No.2 River Reserve of 128 acres was heavily timbered land, about half or more than half of which was good. It would take $200 an acre at least to clear it, but the timber would pay for the clearing if the Indians were permitted to sell it. No.3 Reserve had 260 acres was nearly all good land, but part of it heavily timbered and it would be costly to clear it. He would advise that the Indians be allowed to sell the timber. All this land was second-class or non-arable land, upon which sheep might be run and grass grown, perhaps. No. 5 was a fishing station of 2½ acres and No. 6 a burial ground on a very small island. The Nanaimo Indians had only 637 acres amongst 158 people, according to the census of 1911, which gave an average of only 403 acres per capita. From the 637 acres there was to be deducted 14½ acres for right-of-way in addition to the 23 acres under lease to the Western Fuel Co. This leftonly 600 acres for 158 people, and he thought the reserve area should be increased so as to give each head af a family 20 acres of arable land. At Nanoose there was one reserve of 209 acres alloted on Dec. 15, 1896, from which was to be deduted 17.80 acres for road and railway, leaving 191.20 acres, of which 140 acres were well timbered. 35 or 40 acres would be the limit of the good land. The population of fourteen had not greatly changed during the past twenty-six years; there had not been a sufficient decrease to warrant the cutting down of this Reserve. Much of it was difficult land to cultivate and not one-third arable land, so

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that the arable land worked out to only about four acres per capita. He did not think that the area of this reserve need be increased or that the tribe now held more land than was reasonably necessary for them. At Qualicum there was 197 acres of which ninety acres was good land and more than eighteen acres cultivated. The land across the road has been broken up and cultivated but was found to be too dry to produce good crops. All the other land, he thought, could be cultivated by irrigation. The land between the road and the beach was too dry to be suitable for cultivation, but the land above the road was of very fine quality. Across the river there was some very good timber and some first-class loam. He thought the people here had enough land, but no more than reasonably necessary for their support. Of the population, five were at boarding school in Alberni and would be able to work the land when they came out of school. They should do this very well, as agriculture was the subject principally taught at Alberni. The Saanich tribe had thirteen Reserves, of which Nos. 1, 2, and 4 and also part of No. 3 were original Reserves. No.2 was increased from 305 to 705 acres. Nos. 1, 3 and 4 were old. The rest had been alloted by the Joint Reserve Commission. In all, 1605 acres remained to the Saanich Indians after their Treaty with the Hudson's Bay Co. and the balance was alloted by the Joint Commission in 1877, when it was increased from 1605 acres to 3318 acres. Deductions for roads and a stream amounted to 68 acres. The population was 292, the Indian estimate being slightly in excess of the Departmental statement. The two estimates were pretty close, there being only about thirteen difference. The population of the tribe had increased about 15%. In 1887 it was 243 and in 1911 278, so

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that there had been roughly an increase of 15% to 1913, 36 being the total increase in the population in 26 years. Taking into consideration the quality of the land, he did not think these Indians had any more than was reasonably necessary for their use. On a liberal allowance, the good land would work out to only about 350 acres. No.1 Reserve consisted of 483 acres, practically all good land if cleared. The Cole Bay Reserve (No. 3) contained 705 acres, but on it there was a graveyard and a large mountain; not more than 200 acres would be good land. This Reserve contained what would be good building sites, if people wanted to build there. No. 4 contained 17½ acres, all good land, upon which the Indian had done very well. This was known as the Union Bay Reserve, most of which was under cultivation, in grass crops and orchards. No. 5 Reserve at Fulford Harbor, contained 43 acres. The band visited there once in a while and there were there only eight acres clear, which was all practically that could be cleared, the uncleared land being mountainous, but he contended that it had been alloted to the Indians for some special purpose. One man had a large house and rancheries there. No. 6 Reserve at Plumper's Pass, contained 383 acres, of which 23 acres had been cleared and cultivated, the balance being heavily timbered and the whole country surrounded by rocky cliffs. There might be some of this land fit for cultivation, if it were cleared. This was a fairly important fishing station. Ther band made use of all of this Reserve. Much of it was timbered and if they were allowed to cut the timber they might make use of the whole of the Reserve for logging. If the land were cleared some of the Indians might

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go there to live. No. 7 Reserve, on Saturna Island, consisted of a big sandstone bluff, 300 acres in extent, sloping down to the Gulf. A little had been slashed, This was a good halibut ground, used by the bands as a fishing station. No. 8 Reserve, on Pender Island, consited of eight acres, alloted for a fishing station, and No. 9 Reserve, Bare Island, contained 26 acres. This latter Reserve was valued by the Indians mostly for the wild onion. He had heard the Indians say that they did not eat the birds' eggs that they were unfit for food. He had never heard that the Indians had taken the eggs. It had never been contended that the Indians took the eggs but that by going on the Island they disturbed the birds while they were nesting. No. 10, Senanus Island, of four acres, had been alloted as a fishing station, There was an application pending for the purchase of this Island by the Department of Marine for Lighthouse purposes. Tommy Paull had grazed a few sheep there during the summer. Malshat Reserve, No.11, contained 586 acres, this being the Reserve concerned in the Gosnell case. It was all timbered, and about all that would be fit for cultivation, if cleared, this being on the flat. This Reserve has a good clam beach. It was also supposed to contain a valuable cement deposit, and the people who have the Cement Works had made overtures to the Department some time ago for a lease of this Reserve. This Reserve had come into use since the opening of the Malahat Drive and Indians from the other bands of the Saanich tribe were now applying for locations there. Some Indians had been there before and there were two graveyards on this Reserve. The land was well watered with a stream. The Indians were doing some clearing there now; they had

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never made much use of this Reserve before because until the Malaht Drive was built there had been no convenient way of getting to it. No. 12, Hatch Point, was a fishing station of 92 acres. There were three large ravines close together, which made cultivation difficult. There was also a good clam beach. No. 13, Goldstream, contained twelve acres, used by the band as a fishing station; it also contained an old graveyard. This tribe had no more lands than reasonably required, taking into consideration the diversified character of the land. There would not be more than 1250 acres of first-class land. These were progressive Indians, increasing in knowledge and in numbers. That was, some of them were. No. 1, Reserve at Sooke, was an old Reserve, alloted to the Indians beofre Confederation. It had remained to them under their Treaty with Sir James Douglas. In addition a new Reserve had been granted and two graveyards. There were sixty-five acres, of which about twanty acres of good land was under cultivation the balance being very dry and gravelly, with some old, non-merchantable timber on it. He had been told that there used to be coal on No. 1 Reserve, Sooke River. No. 2 Reserve, of 101 acres, had some hay fields on it. He could not agree with Chief Lazaar tgat all of this 101 acres was good land; there was a good deal of heavy timbere there. The tribe consisted of thirty-three people, according to the statement put in, and twelve heads of families, including boys over eighteen and one widow. He did not think the Indians there had all the land reasonably necessary, as they had only 166 acres altogether, including the two small graveyards, which gave only about five acres less per capita.

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He thought this Reserve should be increased. The Lazaars and the Georges wanted to go farming, but claimed that they had insufficient land, but if all the land were divided up it would give only a very small allotment for each family, If it were possible to give these people more land it would be the proper thing to do, as they certainly had not a sufficient amount for their reasonable requirements as farmers. According to their statements all of these people actually wanted to farm the land and make their homes upon it. Thet other Reserve, which had been sub-divided to meet the requirements of those claiming to have no land, had not yet been alloted. When this was done there would not be thirteen acres per family of good land. Of the 65 acres there would be fully thirty acres on No.1 Reserve unfit for crops, and on No.2 there were portions which were not good. About 20 acres had been cleared. The survey showed about 50 acres of good land and the balance of poor quality, so that the balance of the Reserve could not be divided to give good lands to all. He did not assume that all the people should be made farmers. There were about 50 acres of cleared land on the No.2 Reserve, including the fields and some open patches in the centre. There would be about fifty acres of good land if the whole 101 acres were cleared. With respect to the cleared land of the Lazaars, nothing had been done with it this year, as it had only been cleared last year. As to the Songhees Reserve, Deadman's Island, in Victoria Arm, contained only half an acre and was originally an Indian graveyard. It was part of the private property of the Indians and was not surrendered with the rest of the Songhees Reserve, because only the No.1 Reserve had been taken.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: It is of no use to them whatever?

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Mr. Ditchburn replied negatively. It was, however, valuable land for commercial purposes. The old No.1 Reserve was surrendered to the Crown on April 13, 1911. The New Reserve was purchased by the Province in 1911 and conveyed to the Dominion Governement direct in trust for the Indians so that the Province has no reversionary interest in it. It was a full and complete conveyance. The branch of the Songhees living at Discovery and 57 acres on the Chatham Islands. About twelve acres were in cultivation and 27 in pasturage together. These Indians had a few sheep and chickens and there were a few grassy ppts and garden patches. There would be not more than twelve acres of plowed land. They had a horse and a few cattle on Discovery Island, where Henry William lives, he being the man owning the stumping machine. The population of 25 was composed mostly of fishermen. These people had had nothing to say in the matter of the surrender of the Songhees Reserve at Victoria and had not participated in the benefits of the sale. These Indians did not want to farm, they were simply fishermen. The Department would not stop any Indian cutting timber for clearing purposes, but Indians were not permitted to log for the purpose of selling the timber, in other words, they could not do as a white man does on his own land. Probably the reason for the Department not allowing the Indian to cut and sell the timber was because of their not having a clear title to their lands. He did not think that the present policy should be continued, but that instead a new policy should be adopted so that the assets of these Reserves might be made available for the reasonable requirements of the

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Indian. The Department had purchased last year for the tribe at Cape Mudge a logging outfit costing $3,000.00, for the purpose of allowing them to clear up forty acres of land at Cape Mudge. This $3,000.00 would be a first charge against the booms. This land was to be cleared in ten-acre sections and as soon as one ten-acre was cleared and cultivated, the Indians had permission to clear another ten-acres.

The Chairman: How did they make out on that?

Mr. Ditchburn: They came out very well on it.

The Chairman: Would the Department not do this for any other band of Indians?

Mr. Ditchburn: Yes, for bona fide clearing. The Indian Agent will always grant permission to the Indian to cut the timber on his land for the purpose of legitimate clearing. There would not be any stumpage on a small lot. In clearing a big lot, there is stumpage, which goes to the Department, and is not refunded to the Indian until he has all the Reserve cleared up.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: If they were given a general privilege, they would probably abuse it.

Mr. Commissioner MacDowall: Do you think that any system could be adopted whereby, when the Indian desired to clear a Reserve and sell the timber, some proper person should be put in charge of the operations and employ the Indians, paying them wages while they were doing the work and seeing that the money received from the sale of the timber was properly expended?

Mr. Ditchburn: believed that a system of this sort might be adopted as soon as the Dominion had title to the land and the Province's reversionary right had been extinguished. It would require considerable more assistance in the Agency. Agent Halliday had had charge of the operations at

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Cape Mudge, so that Mr. Commissioner MacDowall's ideas had been practically adopted in that case. The Indians made wages and were kept in employment and this was going to assist them greatly in the way of agriculture. In so far as he knew there were no available Crown lands in the immediate vicinity of the Cowichan Agency which might be added to the present Reserve. Generally speaking this section of Vancouver Island was covered by railway grants. All the Reserves on the Cowichan River were used by the Indian for fishing stations; they went there to get their winter supply of salmon. The Indians were not allowed to use weirs, but the use of weirs was tolerated. With respect to the Duncan complaint that the Indian Reserves in the immediate vicinity were an obstacle to the progress of the town and that the Indians made no use of their lands. Mr. Ditchburn said that they could not make much use of them on account of the timber.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: With regard to fishing- do the Indians taken any advantage of getting fish when they are stripped at the hatcheries?

Mr. Ditchburn: No sir, except where hatcheries are established for the salmon; then sometimes the Indians go there and get the stripped fish.

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ARGUMENT

By Mr. W. E. DITCHBURN, Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Prefacing his address to the Commission, in review of and comment upon the case for the Cowichan Agency, Mr. Ditchburn remarked that very shortly after assuming office in the Department of Indian Affairs, he had made the discovery that any one laboring among the Indians was working with an unsympathetic public in British Columbia, this lack of sympathy among the white people for the Indians being largely due to their lack of knowledge of the Indian question prevailing throughout the Province and resulting in a considerable measure from the fact that a large portion of the white population is new to British Columbia, having come here either from sections where there are no Indians at all or where the Indians are living under treaty regulations, which assure their being well cared for by the Governement. The Indians of British Columbia had, however, made no treaty with the Governement of Canada and received no rations and no treaty money from the Government. The only assistance given them by Government in the matter of food was when there were cases of destitution, and then the assistance extended was largely on a charity basis, and nothing more. If destitution was found to exist, the Indian received very meagre aid from the Department of Indian Affairs, such aid taking the form of ship's biscuits, flour, rice and tea; and if the case involved serious illness, a little sugar was permitted to be added. The Department provided no meats in such cases and in a very few cases (and these only cases of absolute necessity a little clothing). All that the Indians of British Columbia had today were the few acres of land contained in their Reserves, which they retained in recognition of the

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conveyance of their interest in the whole vast territory of British Columbia.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Does not the Indian receive large grants for educational purposes?

Inspector Ditchburn: Yes, but he does also in the other Provinces.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: What is the policy pursued with respect to medical attendance?

Inspector Ditchburn: It is only permitted that free medical attendance be given where the patient is indigent If he can pay for such attendance, he must pay and the Indian Agent is to judge as to his ability to do so.

In dealing with the question of Indian Reserves, Inspector Ditchburn continued, these lands were alloted by the Joint Commission of 1876, and this body in making its allotments had worked along the lines laid down by Sir James Douglas, the first Colonial Governor of British Columbia, and the advice given to the first superintendent of Indian Affairs in this country, Dr. I. W. Powell. The policy thus adopted was that no particular basis of allotment be adhered to, the main idea being to secure the satisfaction of the Indians. The result was that the Reserves had been set aside in various parts of the Province to meet and satisfy the desires of the Indians of that day---1876. The Commission of that date operated up to the time that Mr. Gilbert Malcolm Sproatt became sole Commissioner, he being succeeded by Judge O'Reilly and the latter by Mr. A. W. Vowell, who continued to administer until the time of his resignation, about three years ago. It was true that some of the Reserves allotted by the Commission might not appear to the people of today--that is, tha white people-- to possess any particular

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value or to be of any special benefit to the Indians. It must be kept in mind, however, that the Indians might have a different view-point altogether and these reserves would not have been alloted had not the special desire therefore been expressed by the Indians themselves. It had been claimed that the Indians of British Columbia do not use their lands and that for this reason the lands should be taken away from them. If the holding of lands unutilized constituted an offence warranting confiscation, then the Indians were not the chief offenders in this province. The Commission had now travelled over a considerable portion of Vancouver Island and had seen for themselves that by far the greater portion of the land was still unimproved. And yet only a very small portion of these lands was contained in Indians Reserves. When one noted the apathy of the white man and his failuure to improve his holdings, constituting the greater portion of the Province, and when one took into account the small amount of good land contained in the Indian allotments(there was only 20,120 acres in the Cowichan Agency to about 1,771 Indians, according to the latest official schedule) he must agree that the Indians were less entitled to censure for delay in the development of their holdings than the white man, even although the Indians could not be said to possess anything like the same opportunity to utilize his lands that the white man did. It had also been claimed that many of the Indians are fishermen and have no possible use for the land. Admitting, for the sake of the argument this to be correct, what have this Commission, the Government of Canada or the Government of British Columbia, to offer the Indian in the way of special fishing privileges, which would fairly compensate him for the taking away of the few acres which he rightfully regards as his own?

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With regard to the Cowichan Agency as a whole, it had not been contended that the Indians therein have more land than they are entitled to. It had been argued that the Cowichan Indians in certain quarters have more land than they are utilizing-- also that the position of certain of the Indians lands under reserve is a deterrent to the natural development of the district and that certain lands under reserve for the Indians in the vicinity of Duncan should be sold in order to permit of the natural growth of that town. Conceiving this to be correct, the matter was one which might very well be left with the Department to deal with, so that the lands might be sold and the proceeds applied for the sole benefit of the Indians, perhaps with advantage in the purchase for them of more arable lands in that section, in building new homes for them, and in supplying them with agricultural implements. To take away any of the lands from the Indians of this Agency, especially in view of the great dissatisfaction obtaining before Confederation as a result of the reserves being reduced in area, would be very hurtful at the present time. Such action would utterly discourage the Indian in his industrial development and his aspirations towards self-improvement and the general betterment of his condition, and at the same time it would greatly handicap or nullify the efforts of the Department in behalf of the progress and improvement of the general standard of living of the Indians. In this connection Inspector Ditchburn said that he desired to quote the remark of Commissioner Gilbert Malcolm Sproatt in his official journal of the Joint Indian Reserve Commission in 1877. Under the date of February 17th of that year it was remarked that:

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"It is to be premised that with reference to the natives of the Cowichan Valley, comprising in all between 800 and 900 souls, a strange system of mismanagement has from the first existed. The Reserves originally assigned to them by Governor Douglas have been from time to time cut down by successive Governors(especially, it would appear, under the late Governor Seymour) in such wise that great dissatisfaction had arisen, and all confidence in the sincerity of the Government seemed to have been destroyed."

Inspector Ditchburn contended that to reduce any of the Reserves of the Cowichan Agency today would have the same effect as that so strongly commented upon and deprecated by the late Commissioner Sproatt. It would discourage the Indian in all his industrial efforts, paralyze his progressive activities and prove a most serious set-back to the Department in its efforts to improve the standard of Indian life in British Columbia. The Chairman of this Commission himself had said that he found the Indians of British Columbia equally advanced with the Indians of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. If such advance had been made by the Indians of British Columbia under such adverse conditions as to the land as had obtained in this Province during the past fifty years, surely one would be justified in expecting a much greater and much more satisfactory advance in the future when the question of land titles had been definitely settled and the Department possessed greater opportunity for promoting the progress of the Indians in the arts and industries of civilization. The Chairman had asked if the Reserve at Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island, might not be cut out, and he had said that it could if this were found necessary or advisable. At the same time he could see no public necessity for so doing. The land in this Reserve had been set aside to satisfy the Indians in occupation and it was being made as much use of by them as it would be by a white man. The Indian was living on it,

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he had cleared the arable portion and was making the land contribute to his simple necessities, and he was happy and content in the place of his own choosing. He(Inspector Ditchburn) contended that if there were any necessity for the cutting down of Indian lands in British Columbia, such necessity did not ~~appear~~ present itself in the Cowichan Agency, where the average acreage was only 11½ per capita, the Cowichan Agency, although recognized as one of the semi-agricultural, being fourth lowest in the matter of average agreage in the entire Province. In this connection he cited official figures as to population, total acreage and per capita acreage averages for the several Agencies of British Columbia as follows:

| Agency | Population | Total Acres | Approx. Per capita acreage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cowichan | 1771 | 20,120 | 11.50 |
| Babine | 1900 | 34,434 | 18 |
| Bella Coola | 1513 | 23,405 | 15.50 |
| Kamloops | 1411 | 102,647 | 76.83 |
| Kootenay | 589 | 45,055 | 77.67 |
| Kwakewlth | 1200 | 15,808 | 12.42 |
| Naas | 1909 | 71,422 | 39.54 |
| New Westminster | 2405 | 35,342 | 14.54 |
| Lytton | 2153 | 96,206½ | 44.68 |
| Okanagan | 795 | 146,617 | 1 86.93 |
| Queen Charlotte | 611 | 3,483 | 5.70 |
| Stikine | 225 | 415 | 1.91 |
| Stuart Lake | 1891 | 20,506 | 16.89 |
| West Coast | 1920 | 10,062 | 5.07 |
| Williams Lake | 1991 | 86,930.44 | 49.01 |

The Inspector directed attention to the fact that in the Babine, Bella Coola, Kamloops, Kwakelth, Naas, New Westminster Stikine, Stuart Lake, West Coast and Williams Lake Agencies applications were on file for more land for the Indians; in the Babine, with an average per capita acreage of 18, it was strongly urged that the land was not sufficient for the requirements of the Indians.

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To Mr. Commissioner McKenna, Inspector Ditchburn explained that the Naas District acreages were computed before the Surrender of lands required in connection with Grand Trunk Pacific construction. The figures he had cited were from the official schedule. The Agency of the West Coast(Vancouver Island) could only be considered a fishing district, as there never could be secured any appreciable agricultural acreage. By the figures which he had quoted it would be seen that the allotments in the Cowichan Agency, on the averages, were among the smallest in British Columbia-- that was in so far as average acreage was concerned; and, taking into account that this was regarded as the semi-agricultural agency, he did not consider that the Indians had by any means any too much land. In dealing with the Indians of British Columbia in the matter of lands, he thought that after the Commission had read the Hand Book of the Indians of Canada (pp.472 to 483) and also the several treaties therein referred to, it would readily recognize the marked differance between the treatment accorded by the Governement to the Indians of British Columbia and to those of the other Provinces where the Indians are living under treaty regulation a difference whooly to the disadvantage of the British Columbia Indians. He sincerely hoped that the Commissioners would not reduce any of the reserves in the Cowichan Agency.

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BY MR. McGREGOR YOUNG, K. C., Counsel for the Dominion:

In view of what Mr. Ditchburn had said and especially in view of the statement submitted by the Inspector, counsel said that he would hesitate to avail himself of the courtesy of the Board in allowing opportunity for him to be heard were it not for the fact that he was much impressed by the gravity of the issues contained within the four corners of the Agreement, for this reason, that notwithstanding all the unrest, dissatisfaction and differences of opinion between the two interested Governements on the question of Indian lands in British Columbia, it had now been over a quarter of a century since any allotments and adjustments which would be determined upon by this Commission's report were to be permanent and final. Of course, questions of administration and policy rested in the hands of the Department, but the last words would be spoken by this Commission with respect to the lands of the Indians of British Columbia which are surprisingly small in comparison with those of the other Indians of Canada. This Board, would not, of course, be influenced by questions of sentiment, but it was a recognized principle of sound enonomics and sociology that the State should do the best that it could for the weakerx brothers, and today this Commission had before it most serious matters in their relation to the future, not only of the 22,000 Indians, constituting one-eighteenth of the population of the Province, but also of the white people of British Columbia, because their interests, too, were involved in any allotments of lands that might be made. It was another recognized principle that the future of the Indians involved was

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dependent upon their temporal welfare. There was a terrible significance in the figures submitted by Inspector Ditchburn, these showing alarming decreases where small allotments obtained. Where larger areas of land had been assigned to them the Indians were found to have held their own in population and in some cases even to have increased. In the Queen Charlotte Agency, where the land holdings of the Indians were exceedingly small, the percentage of population decrease was distinctly alarming. Leaving out the Queen Charlotte Agency and one other, the Cowichan Agency was at the bottom of the scale of per capita acreage. Again, it had been the settled policy of the British Government, in so far as possible, to satisfy the Indians in its dealings with them, and this policy had been found to produce most satisfactory results, results which were in striking contrast with the results of governmental policy in the United States. In this country there had been no lives lost through the working out of Indian policies; and no wars with Indians. Here in British Columbia the preservation of law and order among the Indians was satisfactorily assured without so much as the employment of mounted police, a few isolated Provincial constables alone being necessary to represent the authority of the law among the Indian communities. Herein was a large saving of expense to the Governement, the significance of which should not be lost sight of. It was an economy in the cost of government explainable in large part to the satisfaction admitted by the Indians with their past treatment by the Government.

Proceeding to the consideration of the Agreement, counsel directed attention to the fact that there was nothing therein contained with respect to the confirmation of reserves

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already established. With respect to readjustments of acreage, especial amphasis was laid upon the fact that no such reduction could be recommended unless the Commission were satisfied that the holding proposed to be cut down was more than what would be reasonably required for the use of the particular tribe or locality concerned. And then it was obligatory that there should be no reduction unless with consent of the Indians interested, this being a fixed condition precedent to any and all reductions. The fourth clause of the Agreement provided for such cases and should be read in conjunction with the previous clause. That as to increases required---

Mr. Commissioner White: Do youn contend that where a tribe is separated into bands and where the land assigned to the tribe may be more than enough for the requirements of the whole tribe, but note enough in a particular locality for the band or group of Indians resident there the Commission has the power to increase the allotment for that particular band without deducting proportionately from the holding of the entire tribe?

Mr. Young: Yes, I should think that would be the case. Continuing, counsel directed attention to the Agreement between the two Governments in so far as it referred to the Commission's power to increase the area of the reserve for any particular band or in any particular locality. He emphasized, too, that whereas a reference to and the consent of the Indians were necessarily precedent to any reduction, no such reference was required in the case of an increase, and such increase was to be made wherever the Commission found it to be reasonably required.

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Attention was directed to the Order-in-Council of May 16, 1871, implementing the Act of Union and section 146 of the British North America Act empowering the Province of British Columbia to come into the Union, and confirming such action. The Commission would do well to study article 13, of the Terms of Union, providing that it should be incumbent upon the Dominion, not the Province, to pursue a policy withrespect to the Indians as liberal as that previously pursued by the Colonial Governement. This Act provided, too, that any disagreement with regard to Indian lands should be referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the desire thus expressed of the Imperial Government to assure as generous treatment as in the past for the native inhabitants had been kept in mind to this day, as was attested by the fact that this Agreement had been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for his information and consideration. The need of the Indians was the first consideration in the determination of the measure of the areas to be allotted to them, in which connection Counsel cited Dr. McKenna's report and the quotation from Governor Douglas therein (pp.5, 6 and 7). Dealing with British Colonial policy prior to the union of British Columbia with Canada, that report would be found to contain most interesting information and that report also had in an appendix the figures cited by Inspector Ditchburn, in convenient form. He referred the Commission to the Douglas Report of October 14 as an authorative official pronouncement with respect to the practice of the Colony before Confederation. Counsel also directed attention to an extract in Dr. McKenna's report on page 9, beginning with the words "the principle followed in all cases." Because there had been some discussion between the two governments as to

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past policy, the agreement of 1875-6, which dealt with that issue, provided that the Government should "pursue a liberal policy" with regard to the Indians, as differentiating from "the same liberal policy as pursued by the Colonial Government in the past." (See clause 3 of Agreement between Canada and British Columbia, November, 1875, and accepted by the Province in the following year, in Yellow Book.) En passant, counsel commented upon the fact that by the Agreement each reserve was to be held in trust by the Government for the use and benefit of the nation of Indians. He directed the attention of the Commission to the Agreement Order-in-Council of 10th May, 1871(see Revised Statutes British Columbia, Vol. 1, Introductory). He also referred the Commission to the Admirable statement, from the stand-point of the Indians, in the Report of the Hon. David Laird (Yellow Book, pages 151 to 154). That Commission had carried out its work with signal success and to the satisfaction of both Governments. It had confirmed all Reserves and made large proportional increases in this Cowichan Agency. Having all the facts and precedents in mind, Counsel contended that the onus was against any land reduction in this Agency; i. e. a strong case must necessarily be made out before any reductions could be recommended. The Commission must be absolutely "satisfied" that the Indians were in possession of more land than was reasonably necessary for their requirements, and what he regarded as the most luminous guide to the interpretation of this clause was the provision that the consent of the Indians was made an imperative requisite to any reductions. The two governments were entirely agreed that a strong and conclusive case must be made out before any reductions

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could be recommended or allowed. Again, counsel invited the Commission to carefully consider the much superior position of the Indians under treaty regulations, as accurately analyzed in the Hand Book to which he had referred. A further thought as to the principles to be pursued in the Commission's adjudication: British Columbia at present was in a transitory period. Agriculture had as yet made but little advance, but there was now an awakening within the Province to its great agricultural possibilities. Agricultural development had in the past been much retarded by speculative activities, but the substantial and important future of the Industry was beyond question and the Indian population should not by any ill-considered act of the Commission be precluded from participation in that development and its advantages. The Indian, in respect to the pursuit of agriculture, had in the past had no instruction, not even example, and certainly no special encouragement to exert himself on lines of agricultural activity, Taking this into account, together with all the allurements of his natural occupations, hunting and fishing, was it any wonder that a large proportion of the reserves had not been brought under general cultivation? In New Ontario, too, it had been found difficult to get settlers to go upon the land and clear and work it when they could secure work in the mines at perhaps $5.00 per day or employment at logging with equally high wages. The fact should at no time be lost sight of, that the finding of this Commission was to constitute a permanent and final settlement, and the Indians in that settlement should be afforded every inducement to go into farming. His opportunities for making a living by fishing and hunting were growing constantly less and for this reason greater

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attention to agricultur on his part would be imperatively necessary. Farming in this Province was necessarily different from farming in Ontario, and farming today was a very different matter from the farming of a quarter of a century ago. The best farmer of Ontario twenty-five years ago would be the laughing stock of the farmers today in as much as his methods had become obsolete. The trend of progress in the Science of agriculture was in the direction of the systematic utilization of larger holdings, and the Indian should not be handicapped by being held down to small holdings for all time to come. A large proportion of the younger Indians were destined to turn into the farm for their livelihood. This was, perhaps, only a matter of observation, but it was his firm conviction. He did not say that because a bit of land was found to be unsuitable for agriculture it might be cut off. He did not know that such a contention would arise, but it might. If such a case were to be viewed logically, the answer would be that if the land were of no use to any one, why should it be cut off? The Indians from their own standpoint might find some special value in it, or it might be used for grazing purposes or for its timber, for firewood or for domestic use. If such portions of reserves were to be cut out as retarding agricultural development, however, the Indians should be given other land in lieu of that taken away from them--- good land.

The Chairman: Where are they going to get it?

Mr. Young: That is a question for the Government. If the Commission gives an additional 10,000 acres to the Cowichan Agency it will be up to the Government to find the land.

Continuing, counsel referred to the fact adduced

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from the evidence that the yyounger generation of British Columbia's Indian tribes is turning to farming, referring in this connection to the evidence of Rev. Father Scheelen, Indian Agent Robertsom and Inspector Ditchburn. While the older Indians are still inclined to hunt or fish for their living, the younger have a wider horizon. He had been much impressed with what Inspector Ditchburn had said as to any reductions in land allotments being destined to opemate necessarily as a great discouragement to the Indian and as a serious embarrassment to the officers of the Department of Indian Affairs in their efforts to promote the good of the Indians, which efforts were very ticklish at best. Unless the best possible reasons were adduced, any reduction would greatly add to the difficulties with which the officials of the Indian Department had to contend.

To pass to the consideration of specific cases, Mr. Robertson had asked for land increases for Nanaimo, Sooke, and, he thought, the Cowichan tribe, In connection with Nanaimo a strong case had been made out, both on the evidence of Mr. Robertson and that of Mr. Ditchburn, while Mr. Shaw, the Mayor of Nanaimo, had said officially that the Indians of that tribe had no more land than they required. The population there was 185 and the corrected and reliable statement prepared by Mr. Robertson verified this total. The heads of families numbered 55, each male adult of 18 years of age and over being counted as the head of a family. The tribe held 637½ acres, from which there was 27½ acres of tidal lands and lands to be deducted to roads and other public purposes, leaving 610 acres net.

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this worked out to only 3½ acres per capita of good and bad land together, or 11.9 acres per family. It had been urged that Chief Louis Good had more than his fari share of the land, but all the evidence showed that he would be a hard man to disturb. Seventeen in this tribe were without land (see Evidence pp. 53, 58 and 59).

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: Do the Chiefs secure an undue proportion of the lands on account of their position in the tribes?

Inspector Ditchburn: Yes, they often do, In other cases Indians die and leave to the Chiefs their right in their lands and the improvements on them.

Mr. Young, continuing, contended that no one could justly claim that these Indians of the Nanaimo tribe have sufficient lands. The accidental fact of coal having been discovered under the lands of their reserve and certain other fortuitous circumstances had kept them alive. But it was on record that Billy Yacklum, Albert Wesley and other progressive Indians of the tribe wanted land and could not get it. They had sworn to this fact, and if this was not a case for an increase in the reserve area it would be difficult to conceive of one. To deal next with Sooke, the figures were; Population 31; a gross population had been returned of 33, but this had been reduced by official check by two. There were 11 heads of families and the tribe occupied 166 acres, which gave five and one-third acres per capita of good and bad land togehter, or a fraction over 15 acres per family. It had been urged that the Lazaar's were holding more than their share of the land, but Chief Lazaar also would be a hard man to dispossess. He was not holding any excessive acreage and he was admittedly

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making good use of the land. His farm in area was not more than a third of what an Indian in the Northwest Provinces might have. He had shown himself to be a good farmer and his boys also had shown themselves industrious and ambitious. For various reasons, therefore, the Lazsar would be hard to evict. There were other educated boys in the tribe--- boys who had attended the industrial schools, who knew something of agriculture, and who wanted to become farmers. It was impossible with the presenta acreage for half of these to satisfy their agricultural ambitions, and while fully recognizing that there were other pursuits open to them, by which they could make a living, the Commission should not drive them off the land if they wanted to stay there. Another factor which might be mentioned in connection with applications for an increase in the acreage for the Sooke tribe was that this tribe showed an increase of population of about 15% during the past two years. With respect to the Cowichan tribe very important questions arose, and he was instructed to press strongly against any reductions that might be proposed. Inspector Ditchburn had said that any reduction would be deplorable in its effect, disheartening the Indians and making the efforts of the officials of the Department in their behalf most difficult indeed. There were in Cowichan nine reserves. In these substantial increases of area had been made in 1877 and the statement was found in the Journal of the Commissioners of that time that the Indians were satisfied. While Indian Agent Robertson was asking for an increase in acreage there, any reduction would certainly be deplorable. The tribe held in all 6070½ acres, from which there was to be deducted 555 acres for lands washed away by the river or used for roads or other public purposes, leaving an aggregate net balance of 5,515½ acres, of which 1439 acres

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were pronounced rocky and impossible of cultivation. This left to the tribe 4086 acres of land, of which 1800 acres were described as second-class land, which examination had shown to be unfit fora agricultural utilization. This left a total of arable land of 2,286 acres. Inspector Ditchburn and himself had figured on 3,000 acres of fairly good land, while Mr. O'Connell's statement accounted for 2688½ acres in the various holdings of the Indians. Mr. Robertson had checked this statement, but could not find it very helpful. Mr. O'Connell's statement gave the population of the tribe at 624; eliminating duplication and the unintentional counting in of Cowichan women who had married into other tribes, Mr. Robertson estimated the population of the tribe at 605. Accepting Mr. Robertson's statement as accurate, there were 209 heads of families, which would give ten acres per capita of lands af all kinds, good and bad, or about 30 acres per family. Estimating the arable land very generously at 3000 acres, there would be a little under five acres per capita, or a little over fourteen acres per family. Mr. O'Connell's statement gave 151 as without any land at all. With regard to utilization or non-utilization of the land, there might possibly be a strong case for administrative regulation by the Department in the mafter of allotment, but there certainly was no cause for reduction in this Reserve. Referring to the statement of the President of the Board of Trade at Duncan, Mr. Peterson, (see pp. 4 and 5 of transcript, replies to questions by Mr. Commissioner McKenna) Counsel pointed out that even the representative citizens of Duncan would not assert that the Indians had too much land; on the other hand, there was the statement of Mr. Dwyer at Duncan, which might be taken as a good illustration of the extremem views, the unfair and prejudiced feeling and the intemprate language of a portion of the community,

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Mr. Dwyer had said that the Indians had more land than they needed, that their presence was a menace to the community, that the weeds growing on the reserve were rightly to spread to neighboring farms, that the cattle of the Indians might communicate disease to those of white residents, etc. etc.. He would mark passages in the evidence on which he relied, for the Commission's consideration. Several witnesses, too, had testified that they had kept cattle for a time but had been compelled to sell their stock as there was no land available for pasturage. At Cowichan the Commission had seen for themselves some good farming on lands of the Indians and he submitted there was no case for any reduction of acreage, but rather the reverse, and substantial grounds to support Mr. Robertson's application for additional lands. He did not wish to touch the question of the Somenos lands just outside the City of Duncan. About 100 acres of these were very valuable. This was a matter for the Department alone to deal with. If there were no talk of option or purchase, no question of reduction would here arise. Some of the land in question was good land and well timbered. He thought that possibly these lands should be sold and the Indians get the full return, which might be expected to reach $100,000 or thereabouts. There could be no legitimate reason for offering a handsome gratuity to the Province in the form of any half interest. Wit respect to Nanoose, a population was shown here of 15, with 5 heads of families and two without any land. The land generally was said to be poor and with some timber on it. About 181 acres above the road was generally unfit for cultivation and reductions amounted to about 17.88 acres. There was in this reserve only 35 to 40 acres of arable land, the balance being timbered and land unfit for cultivation, which gave only about 7 acres per head of family in good land.

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At Qualicum the population had been verified at 14, with three heads of families and 197 acres, only part of which was good land. There were, moreover, 5 or 6 children at school, some of whom were learning to farm and whose future would be provided for. There were said to be here only about 90 acres of good land, which would give under 7 acres per capita, or 30 acres per family of good land, without having regard to the children at schools.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw: With regard to those without land at Nanoose, is there not one who is living at Qualicum and has land there?

Mr. Young: If so, he is counted at Qualicum and the correctness of the statement would not be affected. Continuing, counsel remarked that while at first blush the Qualicum total might look like pretty good acreage, still there was no case here for a reduction. The Comox Reserve constituted another case in which he thought the reserve area might very well be confirmed. The total acreage here was 366, in two reserves, one of 155 acres and one (Pentledge) of 209 acres, it being the latter upon which the gentlemen of Courtenay were casting envious eyes. From the total area here was to be deducted 9 acres for right-of-way, etc., leaving 355 acres to a population of 38 with 18 heads of families. It was on oath (pp. 72 and 74) that some of the Indians here wasw without land. There was in the reserve probably 70 to 80 acres of good land, the rest generally unfit for cultivation and rated by Mr. Green as second-class land. Taking the case of Comox(see Gibbon's precise at p. 41) with respect to the willingness of the Indians to sell; it was not an argument because the Indian was willing to sell the land or the timber that he was not entitled to it. It was quite understandable that the Indian might be willing to sell part of his land, or the timber on it, to enable him with the proceeds to make

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better use of the remainder. In any case the Indian Act and the Department would protect the Indian from any wastefulness. There was not in the Comox situation, to his mind, any argument justifying a reduction. Then there were other cases, such as Chemanius, but he was not disposed to trouble the Commissio with argument or suggestion as to any line of procedure. At Tsussie, Halat and several other places, there was evidence of Indians having no land, who wanted to get land and would make good use of it if they could get it. Wit regard to the purchases of land on Valdez Island made by Indians from the Western Fuel Company, as it appeared that these lands had been bought for the exploitation of the timber on them and not for farming, he would not press any point concerning them. In occupation by the Saanich tribe there were thirteen reserves, with a total acreage, including the Island, of 3318. Deducting for rights-of-way, roads, etc., 68 acres, left 3250 acres net in all, of which Reserves Nos. 6 and 7 are island and of little use for cultivation, and these two island, or parts of them, comprise 683 acres, leaving for farms and houses on the mainland, only the original reserves given to the Indians prior to Confederation. The population here was 294 and this gave of lands of all kinds the per capita average of 11.05 acres. In this tribe was presented the happy illustration of an increase in population of 15% since 1877 and a further increase since 1911. It was to be gathered from thee evidence that the Indians of the Saanich tribe were working on their farms, have good and comfortable homes on the mainland, and that all their reserves are fully occupied. The only debatable case was that of Malahat, which was in this position: the reserve was virtually of no use to the Indian until construction of the Malahat drive made it accessible.

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This reserve consisted of 586 acres, for the most part covered with commercial timber and which possessed a special value in certain cement deposits They have a good beach and water-front. Some Indians are now living there and other allotments have been applied for. There was a good clam beach for the Indians and two graveyards. There was some arable land on the top of the hill, well watered. There were thus to be considered in connection with Saanich, the Islands, the original reserve, and the Malahat, the latter being in a measure dependent on the opening up of its cement deposits and the utilization of its timber. This was the whole reserve for the support of the entire Saanich tribe, showing an increase in population of 15% since 1877 and an increase even within the last two or three years. Farming was actually in progress, with tangible evidence of success. The Malahat appeared to be the safety valve for this tribe. The islands were not adapted for cultivation and with Malahat left out there would be only 5 acres per capita for a tribe which had proven itself capable of farming successfully. The policy of both Governments has been plainly illustrated in the cases of the Songhees and Kitsilano Reserve was to concede and recognize the rights of the Indians to any increased value in the land, and this would apply to the islands as well. Saanich showed an increase in population, with a restriction of farming area, and where there had been failure to cultivate the land there was a reasonable explanation in the lack of road connection. The only place where the people of the tribe might possibly go in and cultivate the land was the Malahat. Speaking of the possible sale of some of the island, counsel argued that the Indians were entitled to enjoy the advantage of increased realty values in the district. He could see no good reason why the tribe should be denuded of its rights on any of

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these islands because they were looked upon as desirable building lots for the nouveau rich. The lands should be dealt without any regard for their value. The joint to be considered was, were they within the reasonable requirements of the tribe?

The Chairman: If it happens that they are not used at all, does that indicate that they were reasonably required?

Mr. Young: They might be, it is for the Commission to determine if the members of the tribe have morelands than they reasonably require.

The Chairman: The question is why do they not develop the lands they have? We were told at several places that the reason for non-development of the lands was that the Government would not let the Indians cut and sell the timber and apply the proceeds to the making of farms, but both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Ditchburn in their evidence practically say that this isn not so-- that the Government places no obstacle in the way of their clearing and developing their farms. There was some talk of the Government sending out farm instructors to the Indians. If this could be done the timber could be cut down at any time for bona fide purposes of farm making.

Mr. Young held that inspiration and example had been missing in the past. With respect to the Indian's desire to hold some of his land apparently without making use of it, counsel offered a hypothetical case of a farmer holding 500 acres. He might be working on 200 acres or less, but as for the remainder he might say that he had boys at college whose future he must provide for, that he desired to hold some of the timber, and that otherwise he was looking to the futurebrequirements of his family. This was not an unreason-

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able or an impolitic position, and this was the Saanich case and that of the Malahat. The Indians themselves said that they had been living closer to aboriginal life than the next generation will be. With the rapid development of the country generally the Indians will be pressed for land and he strongly opposed the argument that if they had not utilized their land it should be taken from the. This meant simply to drive the Indian off his land, whereas he had been proven the best policy to keep the Indian on the land. He is a great lover of his own place and of his family, his chief failing being possibly laziness. It might possibly be well to remove the Indians from the locality of cities. He did not regard the Duncan case as especially strong. Duncan was a town of about 1500 population and not likely at any time to develop into a large city such as Victoria or Vancouver.

Mr. Commissioner McKenna: Do you think the British Columbia Indians are agriculturally or mechanically inclined?

Mr. Young could not say. He assumed that they differed individually as did the whites. Efficiency in trades was very good in its way, but the Indians must have the land for their homes. He begged of the Commission, when they considered the case of the British Columbia Indians, not to drive him off the land into other pursuits. Let the future, to a certain extent, take care of itself. At best, he conceded there was not enough land for all the Indians to be farmers, possibly not a third enough, and the Commission should remember that the farms of the future would not be small farms.

With this conclusion Commissioner Shaw disagreed; all the tendency of the time, he pointed out, was in the direction of small holdings.

" The tendency of the times is toward gardens rather than farms," remarked Commissioner MacDowall.

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Commissioner McKenna: The expression "intensive farming" itself suggests small holdings.

Mr. Young maintained that the large farm was nevertheless better adapted to the progressive methods of the new century.

Mr. Commissioner Shaw pointed out that in Ontario practically all the landw was adaptable for cultivation, where as in this country of many mountains only about 5% could be utilized, The tendency of the day was to cut up the large farms into small holdings.

Mr. Young, in closing, said that with respect to questions of policy or administration presenting themselves during the trip through the Cowichan Agency he was not disposed to say much. Personally he thought the Indians were very fairly treated in the matter of their fishing privileges. The papamount consideration should be to conserve the fish, and everything possible should be done in this direction. The Indian could get a permit at any time to take fish for his own maintenance and that of his family. They appeared to think that the game laws should be so amended as to allow some slight concessions as in permitting them to shoot duck of certain species which they favored for food, but which the whites do not appreciate. It was quite possible that something might be done in this direction. With regard to the Japanese and the fishing, the Commission might make some recommendation if evidence were found to justify the supposition that the Japanese seriously interfered with the Indian's source of livelihood through their superior industry, cheaper living and greater activity within the law, and if so, this further fortified the argument for more land for the Indians-- if the fishing as a staple means of supporting them is reduced or rendered less dispensable. Asked as to whether in his opinion

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the Indian should hold his land in the same manner as the white man, Mr. Young said that he was not in a position to give an opinion. It would be presumptuous on his part to deal with any of these questions which would undoubtedly receive full, careful and impartial consideration in the proper quarters. He thanked the Commission for having accorded him the privilege of presenting his argument.

The Chairman congratulated Messrs Ditchburn and Young upon the able manner in which they had presented their case to the Commission.

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Memorandum:

Mr. Pedley,-

Referring to your memorandum of the 8th I have seen the Acting Minister and he states that he understands from the Premier that the Province of British Columbia will not approve of partial reports by the Royal Commission. The province wants to deal with these reports all at the same time. The Acting Minister understands that the first report of this kind which the Commission made was approved by Council and was forwarded to British Columbia for their consent, but they wrote back saying they would not deal with the case until all the reports were laid before them.

(Sd.) H. E. Hume

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Extract from Agreement of 24th Sept., 1918, between Dominion and Province.

" If, during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report, it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian reserve are required for right of way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners, who shall thereupon discuss of the question by an interim report, and EACH GOVERNMENT SHALL THEREUPON DO AND PERFORM WHATSOEVER TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS INTO EFFECT."

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ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF B. C.

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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,
NORTHERN INSPECTORATE.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 1st. 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Re- Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Agencies.

Sir:-

On August 14th, accompanied the Royal Commission on the S/S. "Queen City", enroute to Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Agencies. During our itinerary of five weeks, we visited the following Indian villages:- Rivers Inlet, Bella Coola, Tallo, Kemsquit, Bella Bella, China Hat, Kitlope, Kitimat, Hartley Bay, Kitlathla, Masset and Skidegate, also a good many of the Indian Reserves. The Indians gave the Commissioners a Royal welcome, and with the exception of Hartley Bay, Kitlathla and Skidegate gave freely the information that was requested of them by the Commissioners, but were rather disappointed that the Commissioners could not deal with what they called their "Land Question". The evidence collected at these meetings will be dealt with by the Commissioners. The Commissioners placed before the Indians in a plain and business-like manner, the scope of their commission, but the Indians as a rule, found it difficult to grasp the exact meaning or object of the commission, as they had not been previously informed of the purpose of their visit. As for myself, the first intimation I received of the nature of the commission, was upon leaving Victoria, when I asked Mr. Young for a copy of the agreement drawn up between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. Indian Agents, Fougner of Bella Coola and Deasy of Queen Charlotte Islands, had not been supplied with a copy of the agreement, and I would respectfully request the Department to supply Indian Agents, Simpson of Telegraph Creek, Loring of Hazelton and Perry of Metlathla with a copy of same, so that they may be prepared to give the necessary information to the Commissioner on their visit to these agencies, which is expected will be during

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the year Nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Mr. McGregor Young, on behalf of the Department has attended well to the interests of the Indians. He is a strong man, and being of a kind and sympathic nature, has won the respect of the Indians who are confident that the Department is looking after their welfare.

The results of the Commissioners visit and what they have accomplished, is left to the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

VMB/AMT.

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Memorandum of an agreement arrived at between J.A.J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the conditions of Indian Affairs in British Columbia, and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride as Premier of the Province of British Columbia.

Whereas it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject tothe approval of the Government of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia;-

I. A Commission shall be appointed as follows:- Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner who shall be chairman of the board.

2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the following manner;-

(a) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined, than is reasonably required forthe use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the Commissioners think reasonablely sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(b) At any place at which the Commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality the Commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians. And they may set aside land for the use of any band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the Commission shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion, and all monies received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

7. The lands comprised in the reserves as finally fixed by the commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purpose of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed tothe Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian reserve in the Province of British Columbia shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

8. Until the final report of the Commission is made the Province shall withhold from preemption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian reserves, or which may during the sittings of the Commission be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian reserve

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are required for right of way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion, or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners, who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the Commissioners into effect.

Signed in duplicate at Victoria,
British Columbia, this 24th.
day of September, 1912.

Witness;
(SGD) E. V. Bodwell.

(SGD) J. A. J. McKenna

" Richard McBride.

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This letter was not sent

Ottawa, October 10th., 1913.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the memorandum of agreement arrived at between the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province of British Columbia on the 24th. of September, 1912, regarding Indian affairs in that Province.

It is desired that the Indians should understand clearly the object and scope of the Commission, and the purpose of the visits of the Commissioners to the Reserves.

I have to request, therefore, that you will discuss with the Indians the terms of the enclosed agreement, and explain to them that under its operation the interest heretofore asserted by the Province in lands reserved for to be reserved for Indians, it is hoped, may be extinguished; that inequalities of allotment may be effected through the provision that such further lands as are required will be provided by the Province in so far as Crown Lands are available; and that no diminishment of existing reserves shall be made without the consent of the Indians themselves.

I would request that you give this matter your early and careful attention, in order that the work of the Commission may be facilitated in every way possible.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W.S.Simpson, Telegraph Creek.
R. E. Loring, Hazleton,
C. C. Perry, Metlahatla.
B. C.

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This letter was not sent
L. N.

Ottawa, Oct., 10, 1913.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., with reference to the work of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs and to request that Indian Agents Simpson of Telegraph Creek, Loring of Hazelton and Perry of Metlathla be supplied with a copy of the agreement entered into by the Dominion and the Provincial Governments.

In reply I beg to state that copies of this agreement have been sent to the Indian Agents above mentioned.

Your obedient servant,

Letter to
L. N.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A.N. Tyson, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vancouver, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.

OTTAWA. October 30th. 1913.

MEMORANDUM

Hon. Dr. Roche -

I desire to submit a statement of the expenditure to date by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia. I attach also details of the furniture purchased by the Royal Commission. This furniture was bought and paid for out of advances, and the accounts have not yet been passed by the Accounts Branch, but it will be difficult to take objection to some of the items now that they are actually purchased and probably in use. Considering the amount of the expenditure I found it necessary to repeat the vote of $75,000.00 in next year's Estimates.

The pay of the Commissioners has not yet been fixed; they have so far only received advances. I think that while the Hon. Sir Richard McBride is here it would be advantageous to settle

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that question.

It has occurred to me also that even if the Commission was allowed to adjourn for the winter months, it might be possible for two of them to work and make preparations for next season's operations, which would hasten and facilitate them.

D C Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the

Province of British Columbia.

Amount advanced by Department, May 2nd to Oct. 6th, 1913 = $30,500.00

Expenditure

Advances to Commissioners and Secretary-Solicitor to Sep't 30, 1913.

| | May & June. | July. | Aug. & Sept. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hon. E. L. Wetmore | 200.00 | | 312.45 | 512.45 |
| Dr. J. A. J. McKenna | 300.00 | 300.00 | 1180.10 | 1780.10 |
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| J. G. H. Bergeron | 1400.00 | 1000.00 | 2500.00 | 4900.00 |
| | 2650.00 | 1450.00 | 5742.55 | 9842.55 |
| General Expenses to Sept. 30,13. | 3530.70 | 3189.11 | 3577.82 | 10297.63 |
| Hire of C. P. R. Steamer | | | | 6125.00 |
| Services of McGregor Young to end of Aug. | | | | 5370.45 |
| | $ 6180.70 | $ 4639.11 | $ 9320.37 | $ 31635.63 |

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on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

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|---|---|---|
| June 7 - | Shellacing floors 518-520 Belmont Building | 4.50 |
| May 28 - | Lettering Office doors | 6.75 |
| 30 - | Camera Tripod | 3.00 |
| 22 - | Leather case for Typewriter | 7.50 |
| | Folding Typewriter | 60.00 |
| | 2 Underwood Typewriters | 238.50 |
| | 2 Copy holders | 2.50 |
| June 7 - | Laying Rugs | 1.50 |
| 9 - | 1 Typewriter Desk | 50.00 |
| | 1 " " | 11.25 |
| 19 - | 1 " Table | 7.00 |
| 28 - | 1 " Desk | 50.00 |
| | 1 " " | 7.00 |
| | 1 Parlor Table | 8.50 |
| 10 - | 26 1/2 yds. Linoleum | 39.75 |
| 11 - | 2 green Baize covered doors | 55.00 |
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| 19 - | 2 Office Chairs | 8.00 |
| 20 - | 48 1/2 yds. Linoleum | 72.75 |
| May 23 - | 1 Desk | 32.50 |
| | 1 Double Desk | 80.00 |
| | 1 Typewriter Desk | 37.50 |
| | 1 Settee | 20.00 |
| | 1 Typewriter Chair | 11.25 |
| | 2 Chairs @ $22.50 each | 45.00 |
| | 1 " | 12.50 |
| | 1 Umbrella Stand | 7.50 |
| | 1 Arm Chair | 14.00 |
| | 6 Chairs @ $12.00 each | 72.00 |
| | Special round Table 7' | 55.00 |
| | Amount forward | 1,044.75 |

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| | | Amount carried forward - | 1,044.75 |
| May 23 - | Special Wardrobe with Mirror | | 45.00 |
| 29 - | 1 Rug | | 75.00 |
| | 1 " | | 27.50 |
| | 3 Mats | | 9.00 |
| | 5 Office Chairs | @ $12.00 | 60.00 |
| June 30 - | 1 Brass Office Cuspidor | | 3.00 |
| 5 - | 3 Wire letter trays | | 1.50 |
| | 9 Pen racks | | 2.25 |
| | 9 Calendars | @ $1.25 | 11.25 |
| | 9 glass Inkwells | | 4.50 |
| 6 - | 6 Cuspidors, brass | @ $1.65 | 9.90 |
| | 10 Desk Blotting Pads | @ $2.00 | 20.00 |
| | 10 Stationery racks | @ $1.75 | 17.50 |
| | 6 Wire waste paper baskets | @ 75¢ | 4.50 |
| 25 - | Lettering Office Doors | | 6.75 |
| 7 - | 1 Clock | | 48.00 |
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| | 6 Keys | | 2.00 |
| | 1 Kodak "A" Yeirs " | | 65.00 |
| 17 - | Case for Kodak | | 3.50 |
| Aug. 12 - | Installing bells and buzzers in Offices | | 47.85 |
| 2 - | 1 Gol. Fir Table | | 13.50 |
| July 8 - | 3 B. A. Charts | | 4.57 |
| | 1 " Johnson Straits | | 1.25 |
| Aug. 4 - | Mounting Map | | 2.25 |
| July & Aug. | Blueprints | | 4.65 |
| | | Total. | $ 1,549.15 |

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Amounts advanced direct to the Secretary-Solicitor and to Commissioners MacKenna, and White by the Department.

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| To J.G.H. Bergeron - | May 2nd per cheque No. 240 | = $ 500.00 |
| J.A.J. MacKenna - | " 8th per Entry Warrant No. 1888 | = $ 750.00 |
| N.W.White - | " 8th per Entry Warrant No. 1888 | = $ 750.00 |

Advances made by Secretary-Solicitor to Commissioners to September 30th, 1913, from amounts advanced by the Department.

| | May & June | July | Aug. & Sep't. | Total |
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| Hon. E. L. Wetmore - | 200.00 | | 312.45 | = 512.45 |
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| D. H. MacDowall - | 200.00 | | 800.00 | = 1,000.00 |
| J.G.H. Bergeron | 1,400.00 | 1,000.00 | 2,500.00 | = 4,900.00 |

Messrs. MacKenna, White, Shaw and MacDowall appointed Commissioners by Order in Council of 31st March, 1913.

Hon.E. L. Wetmore appointed Chairman of Commission by Order in Council 12th April, 1913.

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Salaries, etc. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs

for British Columbia.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. J.A.J. MacKenna - | Salary at $4,000.00 per annum from 31st March to 30th September - 6 Mos - | | $ 2,010.75 |
| | Allowance at $10.00 a day from 31st March to 30th September - 184 days - | | 1,840.00 |
| | | | $ 3,850.75 |
| | Less | | |
| | Salary paid at $2,600.00 ( less superannuation ) from 1st April to 30th Sep't | 1,274.00 | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th Sep't | 2,530.10 | 3,804.10 |
| | Balance due - | | $ 46.65 |
| N.W.White - | Salary at $25.00 per diem from 31st March to 30th September - 184 days - | | $ 4,600.00 |
| | Allowance $10.00 a day ditto | | 1,840.00 |
| | | | 6,440.00 |
| | Less | | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th September | | 1,400.00 |
| | Balance due - | | $ 5,040.00 |
| J.G.H. Bergeron - | Salary at $25.00 per diem from 31st March to 30th September - 184 days - | | $ 4,600.00 |
| | Allowance $10.00 a day ditto | | 1,840.00 |
| | | | 6,440.00 |
| | Less | | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th September | | 5,400.00 |
| | Balance due - | | $ 1,040.00 |
| J.P. Shaw - | Salary at $25.00 per diem from 31st March to 30th September - 184 days - | | 4,600.00 |
| | Allowance at $10.00 a day - ditto | | 1,840.00 |
| | | | 6,440.00 |
| | Less | | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th September | | 1,000.00 |
| | | | $ 5,440.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| D. H. MacDowall - | Salary at $25.00 per diem from 31st March to 30th September - 184 days - | 4,600.00 |
| | Allowance at $10.00 a day - ditto | 1,840.00 |
| | | 6,440.00 |
| | Less | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th September | 1,000.00 |
| | Balance due - | $ 5,440.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Hon. E. L. Wetmore - | Salary at $25.00 per diem from 12th April to 30th September - 172 days - | 4,300.00 |
| | Allowance at $10.00 a day - ditto - | 1,720.00 |
| | | 6,020.00 |
| | Less | |
| | Amount advanced to 30th September | 512.45 |
| | | $ 5,507.55 |

Recapitulation

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|---|---|
| Dr. J.A.J. MacKenna | 46.65 |
| N.W.White | 5,040.00 |
| J.G.H. Bergeron | 1,040.00 |
| J.P. Shaw | 5,440.00 |
| D. H. MacDowall | 5,440.00 |
| Hon. E. L. Wetmore | 5,507.55 |
| | $ 22,574.20 |

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|---|---|
| Total amount advanced Commission to date including $10,000.00 sent 21st Nov. | 40,500.00 |
| Accounted for, covering expenditure by the Commission to 30th Sept. | 20,142.78 - |
| Balance to be accounted for - | $ 20,357.22 |

November 21st, 1913.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

HON. E. L. W[illegible] LL.D., CHAIRMAN
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BELMONT HOUSE,

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 755
TEL. 1302

VICTORIA, B.C.

November 7th 1913

The Honourable,

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A , C A N A D A .

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia at a meeting of the Commission held yesterday, the 6th November instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION:

Adopted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, Thursday, November 6th, 1913:

MOVED BY Mr Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Mr Commissioner White, and ORDERED:

"THAT WHEREAS the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia considers it inexpedient to proceed with the inspection of Indian Reserves during the winter months,

"AND WHEREAS the said Commission is aware of the necessity of keeping its offices open during that season in order to deal with business requiring immediate attention,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

"That when such necessity arises, the Commissioners or a majority of them shall meet and deal with any matter so requiring attention, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

"That such Commissioners as shall meet for the purpose of dealing with these matters shall be remunerated only for such days as they shall be called together between (on or about) the 29th November instant and the 23rd March, 1914".

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Ottawa, 14th November 1913.

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Dear Sir;

I would be obliged if you will send me copy of the proceedings with regard to the British Columbia Indian question which have taken place since the recent change of Government. What I have in mind is the agreement between the two Governments, the Order-in-Council ratifying it, the Order-in-Council appointing the Commission, and the Writ of Commission itself.

Yours very truly,

E. Newcombe

Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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Ottawa, 17th November, 1913.

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EX'D.

Sir,-

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to furnish this Department with a copy of the Commission issued 23rd April, 1913, to Messrs. Nathaniel W. White, K.C., Jas. A. J. McKenna, L.L.D., Jas. Pearson Shaw, M.P.P., Day Hort Macdowall and the Hon. Edward Ludlow Wetmore to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

The Commission is required to enable this Department to comply with a request in regard thereto by the Justice Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Thos. Mulvey, Esq.,
Under Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

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C. Fitzpatrick

Administrator.

COMMISSION

-appointing-

EDWARD LUDLOW WETMORE, Esquire, et al.

Commissioners to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the said Province.

Dated 23rd April, 1913.

Recorded 28th April 1913.

Ira W. Storr
Asst. Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

C A N A D A.

(L. S.)

GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern,---

GREETING:-

WHEREAS in a memorandum of agreement bearing date the twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, (copy of which is hereto annexed) between J. A. J. McKenna, Our Commissioner to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of the said Province, a proposal was made subject to the approval of our Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the said Province, for the appointment of a Commission to settle all differences between Our said Governments respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs generally in the said Province, such Commission to be composed of two Commissioners to be named by Our Government of the Dominion of Canada, two by Our Government of the said Province and the four Commissioners so named to select a fifth Commissioner to be the chairman of such Commission.

AND WHEREAS our said Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia approved the said Agreement, as appears by an Order of the Governor in Council bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, (copy of which is hereto annexed.)

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of such Agreement and of an Order of Our Governor General in Council bearing date the

thirty-first

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thirty-first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Thirteen, the following persons were appointed Commissioners, namely:- On behalf of the Dominion of Canada:- Nathaniel W. White, of Shelburne, in the Province of Nova Scotia Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law, and James A. J. McKenna, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Esquire, Doctor of Laws; On behalf of the Province of British Columbia:- James Pearson Shaw, of Shuswap, in the said Province of British Columbia, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, and Day Hort Macdowall, of the City of Victoria, in the said Province of British Columbia, Esquire.

AND WHEREAS, by an Order of Our Governor General in Council, bearing date the twelfth day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, (copy of which is hereto annexed) Edward Ludlow Wetmore, Esquire, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, who was selected by the said Commissioners in pursuance of the said agreement to be the Fifth Commissioner, was appointed the fifth member and Chairman of such Commission.

NOW KNOW YE, that by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We do by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, you the said Nathaniel W. White, you the said James A. J. McKenna, you the said James Pearson Shaw, and you the said Day Hort Macdowall to be Our Commissioners to conduct such enquiry.

TO HAVE, HOLD, EXERCISE AND ENJOY the said office, place, and trust unto you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, you the said Nathaniel W. White, You the said James A. J. McKenna, you the said James Pearson Shaw, and you the said Day Hort Macdowall together with the rights, powers, privileges and emoluments unto the said office, place and trust of right and by law appertaining during pleasure.

AND We do further by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint you the said Edward Ludlow Wetmore, chairman of the said Commission.

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AND WE DO HEREBY, under the authority of the Revised Statute respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters, confer upon Our said Commissioners, the power of summoning before them any witnesses and of requiring them to give evidence on oath or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and orally or in writing and to produce such documents and things as Our said Commissioners shall deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are hereby appointed to examine.

AND WE DO HEREBY require and direct Our said Commissioners to report to Our Governor General of Canada in Council and to Our Lieutenant Governor in Council of the said Province of British Columbia the result of their investigation together with the evidence taken before them and any opinion they may see fit to express thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed

WITNESS:- OUR Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Councillor the Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Chief Justice of Canada, Administrator of the Government of Our Dominion of Canada.

E.L.Newcombe

Deputy Minister of Justice, Canada.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE, in Our City of Ottawa, this Twenty-third day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

Thomas Mulvey

Under-Secretary of State.

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MEMORANDUM of an Agreement arrived at between J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride as Premier of the Province of British Columbia.

WHEREAS it is desirable to settle all differences between the

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the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject to the approval of the Government of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia:-

1. A Commission shall be appointed as follows:- Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the Following nammer:-

(a) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined, then is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act be reduced to such acreage as the commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(b) At any place at which the Commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality the commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians, and they may set aside land for any band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally

between

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between the Province and the Dominion, and all monies received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

7. The lands comprised in the Reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian Reserve in the Province of British Columbia shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

8. Until the final report of the Commission is made the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian Reserves or which may during the sittings of the Commission be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian Reserve are required for right-of-way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal public work or purpose the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the commissioners into effect.

Signed

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Signed in Duplicate at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of September, 1912.
Witness,
(Sgd.) E. V. Bodwell.

(Sgd.) J. A. J. McKenna
" Richard McBride

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P. C. 3277.

Certified Copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 27th November, 1912.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated the 26th October, 1912, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, submitting an agreement entered into by Your Royal Highness's Special Commissioner and the Honourable the Prime Minister of British Columbia respecting Indian Reserves in that Province, together with a report of the Commissioner.

The Minister of Justice to whom the said report was referred, observes that the agreement contemplates the constitution of a Commission with certain powers and confirmation of the proceedings of the commission by the two governments;

That the statutory authority of Your Royal Highness in Council to constitute this commission is to be found in Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, and it appears to the Minister that in view of the statutory provisions the proceedings of the commission must be subject to approval.

The Minister of Justice therefore advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provision which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can become effective providing that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained the acts and proceedings of the commission shall be subject to the approval of the two governments, and that the governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the

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commission with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

The Committee, concurring, advise that a copy hereof approving of the agreement subject to the aforesaid modification be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia for the information and approval of his government.

The Committee further advise that, as the British Columbia Indian Question has been the subject of communications from the Colonial Office, Your Royal Highness may be pleased to forward a copy of this Minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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P. C. 802.

Certified Copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 12th April, 1913.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that acting under and in pursuance of the Order-in-Council of the 31st March, last, appointing Commissioners to adjust all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the said Commissioners have selected the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, late Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, to be the Fifth Commissioner and to be the Chairman of the Commission.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister therefore recommends that the said the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore be appointed, under the authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, the fifth member of the said Commission respecting Indian Affairs in the Province of

British Columbia

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British Columbia and that he be Chairman of the said Commission.

The Committee, concurring, submit the same for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA,

Registrar's Branch, Ottawa 18th November, 1913.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and faithful copy of the record of the original Commission, the Memorandum of Agreement, and two Orders-in-Council, as entered in Lib.169, Fol.659.

Thomas Mulvey

Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

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DATED 23rd April, 1913.

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THOMPSON RIVER
Steep gravel bank
Indian houses, gardens and orchards
Approximate position of old reserve
road 66 feet
Bare grassy hills
Small Black pine
INDIAN CEMETERY
OLD CEMETERY
To Cariboo
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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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No.1681.

Ottawa,19th November,1913.

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Sir,-

I beg to transmit to you herewith two copies of the Commission appointing the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore et al.,Commissioners to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the said Province.

I have the honour to be,

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Duncan Marrs

Under-Secretary ~~of State~~.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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EXT'D.

Ottawa, 21st November, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant with the enclosed copies of the Commission appointing the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore et al Commissioners to settle all differences between the Governments of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the said Province.

Your obedient servant,

Jno W Leon

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Thomas Mulvey, Esq.,
Under Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

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EXD.

21st November, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending herewith, in compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant, copy of the following documents:-

Order-in-Council of 24th May, 1912, appointing Mr. Jas.A.J.McKenna, a special Commissioner to investigate claims put forth by Indians of British Columbia.

Commission of date the 24th May, 1912, issued under authority of the above Order-in-Council.

Memorandum of Agreement of 24th September, 1912, arrived at between Mr. McKenna and the Premier of British Columbia.

Order-in-Council of 27th November, 1912, relating to the Agreement.

Order of the Executive Council of 31st December, 1912.

Order-in-Council of 31st March, 1913, appointing four Commissioners.

Order-in-Council of 12th April, 1913, appointing a fifth Commissioner and Chairman.

Commission of 23rd April, 1913, issued under authority of last two Orders-in-Council.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B.C.

November 7th, 1913.

The Honourable

The Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the information of His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada in Council copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia at a meeting of the Commission held yesterday, the 6th November instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.G.H.Bergeron

Secretary

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR B.C.

INTERIM REPORT No 14.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 6th Day of Novem- )
ber, 1913: )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company to acquire certain lands required for railway purposes and forming part of the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No 2 of the Squamish Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for railway purposes by the said Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such railway purposes, according to the plan filed in respect to such application and approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 11th day of July, 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

E.L.Wetmore

CHAIRMAN.

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COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B.C.,

November, 6th, 1913.

R.G. File 609.

The Honourable

The Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Can.

Sir,-

I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Report No 14 of this Commission and to request that the same be presented in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J.H.C.Bergeron

Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA November 28, 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Memorandum, -

Hon. Dr. Roche.

I have read the letter from Mr. R. F. Green, M.P., with inclosure. I share Mr. Green's opinion with reference to the adjournment of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B. C. I think the adjournment is ill advised, and, if the Governments have any power over the Commission, they should not agree to it, or, in any event should give the Commissioners to understand that they disapprove of delay and expect the work to be done by this time next year. The Commission is a costly one and if this adjournment is allowed others will follow. The very important work of confirming the reserves will be delayed and circumstances might arise which would render nugatory the work already performed. If the Commission carries out the adjournment I think Mr. McKenna should be left in charge of the office and that his pay and per diem allowance should continue. He will be the only Dominion Commissioner left on the ground, and, if he takes an active interest in the work during the winter,

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he and one or both of the British Columbia Commissioners could prepare the material for the next session of the Commission.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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J. G. H. BERGERON, K.C.,
SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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VICTORIA, B.C. 29th November 1913.

The Hon. Louis Coderre, K.C., LL. D.,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

Sir,

Having been selected as Chairman of the Commission by the Commissioners appointed by the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia on Indian Reserves on that Province I was duly appointed to that office and have been exercising the functions thereof ever since the 19th May last, when I and the other Commissioners took the oath of office. I was induced to allow my name to be presented to the Commissioners in their selection of Chairman by a letter written to me by R. B. Bennet Esq., M.P. This letter gave me no idea of the character of the work; it merely stated that the Commission was to be appointed "to determine certain matters in dispute between the Dominion and the Province of B. C. regarding Indian Lands." It then went on to state that "the work would not be strenuous" and that "B. C. is a nice place in the Spring". That is all the information I had as to the character of the work, and I had no idea myself beyond that as to what its character would be, but I came to the conclusion from Mr. Bennet's letter that it would neither be strenuous nor prolonged, and I supposed that/

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VICTORIA, B.C. 29th November 1913.

that the Commissioners would as in the cases of other Commissions to which I had been appointed sit at convenient places and hear testimony and decide the questions in dispute upon such testimony. I had not the slightest idea that it would involve travelling over practically the whole of British Columbia. It was only after I had been notified that the Commissioners had selected me as Chairman and I had attended before the Hon. the Attorney General of British Columbia, that I was made aware of what was before me. I was then informed of the nature of the work and that it would take at least a year and possibly more to finish it. I then hesitated a few moments as to whether I would not decline to act, but I made up my mind that I had gone too far to do that. The Commissioners started out to visit the Indians and inspect the Reserves on the 26th May. While I found the work very monotonous and uninteresting I cannot say that so far it has been strenuous. The Commission has visited and inspected the Indian Reserves in the Cowichan, Bella Coola, Queen Charlotte Islands, Okanagan and Kamloops Agencies, and a portion of the Reserves in the New Westminster and Lytton Agencies. In visiting all these Reserves except those in the Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Islands Agencies we travelled mostly by automobile over good/

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good roads, occasionally taking short trips in launches or carriages (of course travelling by rail in some instances), and had all the time comfortable hotels to stop at. We proceeded through the Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Islands Agencies in a fairly well equipped steam boat in which we were made comfortable, and in which each Commissioner had a state room to himself. The work next year will be of a very different character. The Stewart Lake and Williams Lake Agencies, and those in the northern parts of the Province, The Babine, Stikine and Nass Agencies will have to be visited. I have obtained information from the Agent of the Stewart Lake Agency what the going through of that Agency involves. Namely, a ninety mile ride on horse back and return, occupying eight days, another horse back ride occupying two days, and the rest of the travel (excepting possibly a short distance by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and that is very doubtful) will be partly in canoe and partly on Buck Boards. In every case our provisions and camping outfit will have to be taken along, and we will have to camp out. This will take about a month and we are advised to take the trip at a season of the year when the mosquitoes will be in full activity, and if they are not, the black flies will have taken their place. We are advised to go at/

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at that season because the travelling will then be best. The travelling through the Williams Lake Agency will not be much better. I think it likely we may escape the horse back rides there; at any rate, we will not have to ride long distances, but we will have to take our outfit along and camp, as such stopping places as are along the road are of such a character that I am advised that I would find it very unpleasant and running a great risk to stop at any of them. I should judge that the Babine, Stikine and Nass Agencies will present similar discomforts in the matter of going over them. Now I am too old to go through what I have described; I will be seventy three years of age next March. Riding on horse back is entirely out of the question for me; I am also very obese and shorted winded and I cannot get into canoes and settle down in them without very great inconvenience and distress, and when I get in them I would suffer still greater distress in getting up and out of them. The matter of camping out is most objectionable to me; I have bodily infirmities that render it very desirable that I should have the facilities afforded by a bed-room, and to be without them I would undergo very great inconvenience and distress. The outlook presents more than as an old man with some physical infirmities

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I would be able to endure with comfort or safety; and I may add that if I had realized what the work involved in the respects I have mentioned when I consented to allow my name to go before the Commission to select a Chairman I would not have consented. I have therefore come to the conclusion to resign as Chairman of the Commission, and as the Commissioners will separte in a few days not to meet until the 23rd of March next, I have come to the conclusion that now is the time to do so, as the Commissioners will have ample time to select my successor before they meet next March to proceed with their work. I therefore beg leave to tender my resignation as such Chairman. Practically everything will have been done and placed on record before the Commissioners separate in order to make their report on the work we have done in respect to all the Reserves visited by them this year, except the work done in the New Westminster and Lytton Agencies, which ~~I have~~ as above stated have only been visited in part.
I expect to be in Victoria until about the 20th December and my address will be 604 Linden Avenue. After the 20th December I shall be at Regina, Sask., until about the 3rd January and my address will be 2140 Fifth Avenue. About the 3rd January

I/

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VICTORIA, B.C. 29th November 1913.

I expect to leave for England, and my address there will be "The Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, London, England."

I have the honour to be,

Yours very respectfully,

E. L. Wetmore

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA, B.C.
November 22nd 1913

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The Honourable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A , C A N .

Sir:

I require a statement shewing lands that have been procured for Indians by the Dominion Government, in the Province of British Columbia, by purchase, exchange or otherwise, this statement to give particulars in each case and to set forth the nature of the title secured by the Crown as represented by the Government of Canada.

My reason for asking for this information is this:

When a motion was made in the Commission to cut off Indian Reserve No. 2A, to the west of and adjoining Reserve No. 2 of the Okanagan Band, described on page 104 of the Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, I raised the question that, if an absolute conveyance of the land had been made to the Crown as represented by the Government of Canada, in trust for the Indians, the Province of British Columbia had no interest, reversionary or otherwise, in the said land, and that the Reserve which it constitutes does not come within the purview of the McKenna-McBride Agreement approved by His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council on the 27th November, 1912.

The point taken by me was over-ruled; but I would be pleased to have the advice of the Honourable the Minister of Justice thereupon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. A. J. McKenna

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Ottawa, Dec. ~~9~~ 20, 1913.

File 59,335/5.

Memorandum:-

**Indian Reserves in the Province of British Columbia Acquired by the Dominion Government by Purchase, Exchange or Otherwise:**

| Page in Schedule. | Remarks. |
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| 54 | Reserves 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Hagwilget Band were purchased as stated in the Schedule. |
| 63 | Reserve 4 A Adams Lake Band was granted from lands under the control of the Dominion. |
| 64 | Reserve No. 4 Ashcroft Band, whatever interest the Province had in the original reserve would appear to exist in the one received in exchange. |
| 65 | Cook's Ferry Band, Reserve No. 4 B, donated as stated in the Schedule. |
| 74 | Reserve No. 13 and 14 of the Quatsino Band conveyed to the Crown as stated in the schedule. |
| 78 | Reserves 17 to 24 inclusive of the Yale Band have been selected from the lands under the control of the Dominion and have not yet been confirmed by the Dominion. |
| 85 | Reserve No. 5 of the Lower Nicola Band . The interest the Province may have had in the original Reserve would appear to exist in the one received in exchange. |
| 90 | Port Essington, not numbered, granted by private individual as stated in the schedule. |

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| 97 | Reserves Nos. 3 and 4, Katzie Band, acquired from Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt. |
| 97 | Reserve No. 5 , Katzie Band, purchased by the Dominion Government as stated in the schedule. |
| 98 | Reserve No. 1 of the Musqueam Band acquired as stated in the schedule. |
| 99 OK | Reserve No. 8 of the Pemberton Band, purchased by the Dominion Government as stated in the schedule. |
| 104 | Reserve No. 2 A of the Penticton Band acquired as stated in the schedule. |
| 104 | Reserve No. 3 of the Penticton Band. The interest the Provincial Government may have had in the Provincial Reserve is apparently continued in the one received in exchange. |
| 122 OK | Reserve No. 1 of the Williams Lake Band. A portion of this reserve was purchased from a private individual by the Dominion Government as stated in the schedule. |

page 98 Schedule

The following reserves have been selected in the Railway Belt from lands under the control of the Dominion Government. These reserves have not yet been confirmed:-

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| 78 | Boothroyd Indian Reserves Nos. 5A and 5B. |
| 79 | Boothroyd Indian Reserves 6 A and 6B and 8A. |
| 79 | Boston Bar 4A. |
| 81 | Lytton Indian Reserves 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D , 4E, 5A, 9A and 9B. |
| 82 | Lytton Indian Reserve No. 13A. |
| 83 | Lytton Indian Reserves Nos. 21A and 26A and 27A. |
| 87 | Siska Flats Indian Reserve No. 5A. |
| 87 | Skuppah Indian Reserve No. 2A. |

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Indian Reserve No. 2A on Page 104 of the schedule referred to above and in the letter from Mr. J. A. J. Mcgenna of the 22nd ultimo was conveyed to the Crown by Mr. Thos. Ellis in pursuance of annagreement under which he received in exchange from the Provincial Government an equal amount of land situated to the North of Lot 190, in the same District.

S. Bray

Chief Surveyor.

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by Minister
Lands

Ottawa, Dec. 20, 1913.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo and to enclose herewith a memorandum in which are enumerated the Indian Reserves in British Columbia which have been acquired by the Dominion Government by purchase, exchange or otherwise. If in any particular case the information is not sufficient for your purpose kindly specify the case.

With reference to the case you mention of Reserve No. 2A of the Penticton Band, described on Page 104 of the Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, I have to say that the land received in exchange by Mr. Thos. Ellis for that granted by him to the Crown was Provincial land. The Department is of the opinion that the land obtained from Mr. Ellis should therefore be in the same position as other reserves received from the Province.

A copy of the Schedule of Indian Reserves, in which the reserves mentioned in the memo herewith have been indicated by a red line, has been sent you by separate mail.

S.B.
Dept
Gen

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd J D McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

J.A.J.McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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For the special consideration of the Hy. Minister

D.A. S. B.

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DEC 10 1913

VICTORIA, B.C. Dec. 4th, 1913

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

450861

Sir:-

On File 59335, returned Dec. 4th by the Commission, there is a Schedule of Reserves set apart prior to the Union in the Railway Belt in B. C. I should like to have a copy of that Schedule, as well as a Schedule of Reserves set aside in the Belt before its transfer to the Dominion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. J. McKenna

JMcK/S

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VICTORIA, B.C.

December 4th 1913

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada. 450773

Sir:

I am directed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia to advise you that the Commission having had under consideration the contents of Files Nos. 59335, 59335/2, 59335/2/Ty., 59335/2A and 59335X, dealing generally with the question of Indian Title in British Columbia, finds nothing thereon contained calling for action by the Commission, and it was therefore Ordered: That these Files be returned by registered post to the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs, together with a copy of this Minute.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

By concurrent post registered:
Files Nos. 59335
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1 by Minister
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Ottawa, Dec. 26, 1913.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to inform you that there appears to be no schedule of reserves in the Railway Belt prior to the Union on File 59,336.

Enclosed herewith are schedules of:-

(1) Reserves in British Columbia set apart prior to Confederation and which are now situated within the Railway Belt.

(2) Reserves set apart in the Railway Belt prior to the location of the said Railway Belt, Dec. 19, 1883.

(3) Reserves set apart in the Railway Belt after its transfer to the Department of the Interior Dec. 19, 1883.

(4) Reserves purchased or donated or exchanged.

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

January 6th 1914

Immediate

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D. McLean Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, JAN 13 1914 SURVEYS

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I am returning herewith blueprints received from you yesterday. These are, unfortunately, not the ones required, which are blueprints or plans shewing Reserves 17 to 25 inclusive of the Yale Tribe, Lytton Agency. Kindly let us have same at your earliest convenience and oblige.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary

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January 12th 1914.

453683

Sir,

I observe in the statement of Reserves "Purchased, donated or Exchanged", which, inter-alia, is attached to your letter to me of the 26th ultimo, the following description of a reserve :-

"Babine Agency

Lot 67, Group 1. Cassiar District. 2.25 acres. Purchased 20 May 1905 ($3000) Dom Govt"

I should be pleased to know to what Band in the Babine Agency this was allotted.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. McKenna

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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I took a meeting at Every Reserve

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| at Spuzzum | Chief Jim Paul |
| North Bend | " George Swyl |
| Boston Bar | " Charlie Ply |
| Kanaka Bar | " Charlie Kanaka |
| Cisco | " Daniel |
| Nickiyah | " Harry Sam |
| Spapapeyeam | " Johnnie Martin |
| Canford | " Chief Billy Ernest |
| Shulnuh | Chief Tom Peter |
| Cold Water | Chief Sunday |
| Nthaem | Chief Isaac |
| Skyne | Jimmie Jusport |
| Douglas Lake | Johnnie Chillhitsa |
| 99 Reserve | Johnnie Teettmcha |
| Kamloops | Chief Lewis |

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Mr. Gray

Ottawa, Jan. 15, 1914.

Sir,

Referring to your favour of the 6th instant, I beg to enclose herewith blue prints showing Indian Reserves Nos. 17 to 25 inclusive, of the Yale Tribe.

Encl.

W.R.W.
L.B.

Your obedient servant,

Secd. McLean
Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

The Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, Jan. 14, 1914.

File.....

Memorandum for the Deputy Superintendent General:-

With reference to the draft of table enclosed with the letter from the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia of the 7th instant, I beg to state that I have no suggestions to make in the way of an addition to the said table. I have, however, to point out that there are cases in British Columbia where a number of reserves have been allotted to one band but it has appeared that two or more of these reserves belong to subdivisions of the band and in some instances to individual members or two or three members together. I think therefore that the Commission should be asked to be good enough in their action in connection with the British Columbia Indian Reserves to state in whose interest each reserve is allotted, whether occupied or unoccupied and in a manner that it shall be evident to the Department whether the band as a whole and if not what Indians are entitled to vote in cases which require to be submitted to them.

S. Bray

Chief Surveyor.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

January 7th 1914

Forwarded
J. D. McLean

D. McLean Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A , C a n .

453592

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to enclose herewith for your examination a rough skeleton of one of the tables in which it is designed to succinctly present the essential features of evidence adduced during the visitations by the Commission of the various Reserves throughout British Columbia and at meetings held thereon.

During the progress of the work of tabulation it has suggested itself to the members of the Commission that your Department may have some suggestions to make as to other classifications of future value as facilitating ready access to information in respect to British Columbia Reserves and Indian conditions, it being hoped that these tables (which it is proposed to attach as appendices to the Final Report of the Commission) may prove of convenience to the Department; and if such should be the case, the Commission will appreciate an early intimation of your views in this matter, in order that they may be if possible fully met.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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Dear McKeagh. Please see me about this proposed form for use by the Royal Commn.

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Ottawa, Jan. 20, 1914.

I.A.D.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing a draft of one of the tables in which it is designed to succinctly present the essential features of evidence adduced during the visits of the Commissioners to the various reserves throughout British Columbia and of meetings held thereon, I beg to state that possibly it would be more satisfactory if the information could be co-ordinated and submitted in tables that would not be as cumbersome as the proposed form.

I might further point out that whilst there are cases in British Columbia where a number of reserves have been allotted to one band, it is sometimes found that two or more of these reserves belong to sub-divisions of the same band, and, in some instances, it may be, to individual members. It is thought that the Commission should state in the tables to be submitted as appendices to their final report in whose interest each Reserve is allotted, whether occupied or unoccupied, and in such a manner that it shall be evident to the Department whether the band as a whole, and if not what Indians may be entitled to vote in cases where a surrender may be required.

I return the skeleton table which accompanied your letter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary

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Sec; Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B. C. 12 January 14

H.C.R.

Order yesterday memo under the 23rd Secretary please have Agree addressed as above

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Ottawa, Jan. 26, 1914.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant asking to what band Lot 67, Group 1, Cassiar District, was allotted, I beg to state that Lot No. 67, Group 1, Cassiar District, containing 2.25 acres more or less was purchased for the Agent's residence by the Dominion Government, deed from R. E. Loring, dated May 29th, 1905, and as shown on Page 54 of the Schedule of Indian Reserves is included in the acreage of the Hazelton Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Hazelton Getanmax Band.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd J D McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JAN 27 1914

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The Hon. Dr. Roche,
Sup't General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Premier McBride desires approximate valuation of reserves for commission--er's report so it will show value as well as extent of land held by Indians and wishes for progress report containing same. Provincial Commissioners propose assessor Leeson value reserves in Cowichan, Bellacoola, Kamloops, Okanagan and Queen-Charlotte agencies from data respecting surrounding areas in provincial taxation department. Leeson's territory as assessor consists of southern corner of Vancouver Island. Familiarity with reserves therein doubtless enables him to make

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165 collect. Hon. Dr. Roche.

(OTHER ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

fair approximate valuation of reserves in his district but consider he would require at least to confer with persons particularly familiar with other reserves. Provincial records doubtless compiled from best information obtainable as to lands surrounding reserves all over province but not respecting areas of wild and cultivated land within reserves or variations of quality. Commissioners' sanction of valuation by reporting same serious and important matter. I think our agents should be called to act with Leesen in fixing the approximate valuations and preparing valuation report answer.

J. A. G. McKenna,

Dominion Commissioner.

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The following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, January 26, 1914.

A. J. McKenna,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Although agreement between Sir Richard McBride and yourself does not provide for valuation of reserves, this Government has no objection to valuation being included, provided Indian Agents report with assessors on the values and the whole Board of Commissioners agree on the valuation after a chairman is appointed.

W. J. Roche.

Chge. D.I.A.

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Ottawa, 9th January, 1914.

His Royal Highness

The Governor General in Council.

With reference to Orders in Council of 31st March and 12th April, 1913, appointing a Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that the following mentioned rates of remuneration and living allowance be allowed the members of the said Commission,-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman (resigned) during the time of his connection with the Commission | | $25 | per diem |
| Nathaniel White, K. C., | Commissioner, | $20 | " " |
| J. P. Shaw, | " | $20 | " " |
| D. H. Macdowell, | " | $20 | " " |
| ~~J. A. Fraser Monk, K. C.~~ | ~~"~~ | ~~$10.00 per diem~~ | |
| J. G. H. Bergeron, | Secretary, | $20 | per diem |

And a living allowance of $10.00 a day for each of the above mentioned Commissioners and Secretary, with actual reasonable expenditure for transportation.

Order passed 28 Jan. '14

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N. T. Roche

Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, 13th January, 1914.

His Royal Highness

The Governor General in Council.

With reference to Orders in Council of 31st March and 13th April, 1913, appointing Dr. J. A. J. McKenna and others as a Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that Dr. McKenna be granted a living allowance of $10 a day with actual reasonable expenditure for transportation.

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W. J. Roche

Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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Dr. McKenna cannot be paid the difference between his salary and his pay as a Commissioner until the same is authorised by Parliament; but an Order in Council will enable us to pay his per diem living allowance.

Indian Affairs,

13 Jan., . '14.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

FEB 1914

VICTORIA, B.C. January 26th. 1914

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

O t t a w a.

Sir;-

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th. instant, File 59,335/5A, to which is attached blueprints showing Indian Reserves Nos. 17 to 25 inclusive, of the Yale Tribe.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
M.A.

Secretary.

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Memorandum:-

I find the enclosed list of files correct with the following exceptions:-

On page 2 of list, file 307682 should read 307862. and file 82507 should read 80507.

On page 3 of list, file 33161 should read 322161.

G. M. MacPherson

Registrar.

February 2nd, 1914

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
FEB 4 1914
SURVEYS

Acknowledged

January 16th 1914

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

454437

Sir:

Herewith I have the honour to transmit a copy of our Register of Files of your Department, either dealt with and returned or held here for consideration.

Will you be good enough to have this register checked over and advise me whether or not this accounts for all Files of your Department charged to the Commission.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary

Please return to Mr. L. McLaughlin

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1 Dnl.
2 Mr La Roch.

Ottawa, Feb. 5, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your favour of the 19th ultimo and accompanying list of files held for consideration by the Commission, I beg to say that on checking the list it is found correct with the following exceptions:- on page 2 of the list 307,682 should read 307,862 and File 82,507 should read 80,507; on page 3 of the list File 33161 should read 322,161.

Jal
10 Feb

Your obedient servant,

Sgd J D McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

The Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, February 7, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that you are likely to be called upon for co-operation with the Royal Commission in making valuations of reserves in your Agency. You should therefore prepare yourself by carefully compiling statements of the different kinds of land in the reserves, mountainous, rocky, timbered, merchantable or otherwise, wild but capable of cultivation, or cultivated. You should use diligence in gathering information as to the values of surrounding lands of similar kinds and exercise care in forming your best judgment in estimating the fair value of the lands comprised in the reserves within your Agency.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.R. Brown, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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C.C. Perry, Metlakatla.

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C.A. Cox, Alberni,

Harry Graham, Lytton,

R.L.T. Galbraith, Fort Steele,

Iver Fougner, Bella Coola.

T. Deasy, Massett Reserve, Graham Island.

P. Byrne, New Westminster.

W.M. Halliday, Alert Bay.

R.E. Loring, Hazelton.

W.J. McAllen, Fraser Lake.

J.R. Brown, Vernon.

J.F. Smith, Kamloops.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA

February 6th. 1914.

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MEMORANDUM

Secretary -

Will you kindly inform our Agents in British Columbia that they are likely to be called upon for co-operation with the Royal Commission in making valuations of reserves in their respective Agencies. They should prepare themselves by carefully compiling statements of the different sorts of land in the reserves, mountainous, rocky, timbered, merchantable or otherwise, wild but capable of cultivation, or cultivated. They should use diligence in gathering information as to values of surrounding lands of similar sorts, and care in forming their best judgment in estimating the fair value of the lands comprised in the reserves.

Duncan Campbell Scott

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VICTORIA, B.C. 4th. February 1914

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a.

Sir;

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 20th.ultimo, re Tables in which it is designed to succinctly present the essential features of evidence adduced during the visits of the Commissioners to the various Reserves throughout British Columbia and at meetings held thereon.

Your suggestions as to the co-ordination of information and the classification of occupied and unoccupied lands are duly noted and will, insofar as possible, be carried out.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

February 10th 1914

Immediate

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

455386

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C., I beg to direct your attention to the following apparent errors in the Schedule 1913 which have presented themselves in the course of the tabulation of the information obtained during the course of the Commission's investigations of Reserves in the Cowichan Agency. Will you kindly advise at your earliest convenience as to whether we are right in our information hereon, so that we may correct our Schedules and other data accordingly:

Schedule Page ~~60~~ 57 - Gives acreage of Tsussie I.R. at 28.86 ac. whereas our information is that it remains 33 ac., the deduction of 4.14 ac. for lighthouse purposes being wrongly made from this reserve, instead of from Fishing Station No. 9.

4.03
.13
4.16

" " 60 - Gives acreage at 76, whereas our information is that it should be 71.86, being subject to deduction of 4.14 ac for lighthouse purposes.

" " 63 - Gives acreage of Sooke I.R., No. 2, as 101 ac. whereas our information is that it is actually 118.75 ac.

Resurvey by A. Green, Dec. 17, 1913 gives area as 118.75 ac

" " 63 - Gives acreage of Graveyard No. 3 as 0.03 ac., whereas our information is that this small reserve has been entirely washed away.

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Trusting that we may be favoured with advice from the Department herein,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary

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59,335/5A.

Ottawa, Feb. 17, 1914.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the apparent errors in the Schedule, I beg to state that on Schedule Page No. 59 the acreage of Tsussie Indian Reserve No. 6 should be 33 acres. On Page 60 the acreage of Indian Reserve No. 9 should be 71.84 acres; the area deducted from the original reserve of 76 acres for light house purposes being 4.03 acres at Race Point and 0.13 acres at Virago Point. On Schedule Page 63 the acreage of Sooke Indian Reserve No. 2 should be 118.75 acres, this acreage is obtained from a re-survey made by A. H. Green, B.C.L.S., Dec. 1913. In connection with Graveyard No. 3 comprising .03 acres as shown on Schedule Page No. 63 the Department has no information as to this reserve having been washed away but the Indian Agent has been written to and asked to report in connection with this. You will be ~~acquainted with~~ informed as to the result of his report later.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. J. D. Nicholson

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

The Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Victoria, B.C.

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FEB 14 1914

Received in Survey

February 12th 1914

J. D. McLean Esq.,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,

455448

O T T A W A :

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 5th instant (59335/5a) re list of Files of the Department already dealt with by the Commission or held for further consideration, and in reply beg to say that, owing to a clerical error,

File 307682 should read 307862 &
33161 should read 322161,

But 82507, as shewn on our Register is apparently correct, a search of the Files now held in this office disclosing no such number as quoted in your letter, viz. 80507. File 82507 contains papers with a Report from Agent Phillips as to the Indian Reserves in the Lower Kootenay Valley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. S. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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Pin-by

VICTORIA, B.C. 17th. February 1914

FEB 23 1914
No. 7810

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Sir;

I enclose you herewith some printed matter of the "Indian Land Question in British Columbia" which was attached to one of your files already returned to your Department.

Yours truly,

C. H. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Lytton. B. C.

Feb. 18th. 1914. 191

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

455809

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter No 59335-5A dated Feb. 7th. 1914.

In reply to same I beg to state that I have already been requested by the Royal Indian Commissioners to prepare a tabulated statement of all the Reserves in this Agency, which I have completed and forwarded to them, and have this day received an acknowledgement from them.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. Graham.

Indian Agent.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa. Ont.

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FEB 2 1914

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Vernon B.C.

Feby 16th 1914

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,—

455807

Replying to your letter of the 7th Instant File No. 59335-5A I beg to ask if it is the Department's wish, that I proceed to visit all the Reserves in my Agency and classify the different kinds of land therein, and make valuations thereof as suggested. If so I beg to point out that it will require at least a months continuous travel and that owing to there being no classification of lands it will be most difficult to obtain a correct statement without survey of land and cruising of timber.

Your obedient Servant

J Robert Brown
Indian Agent

Secy
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

NASS AGENCY,

METLAKATLA, B.C.,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 2 1914

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 149 A.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

February 19th, 1914.

Sir,—

456208

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.59335-5a, of February 7th instant, regarding the valuation of reserves within the agency.

I shall be glad to be informed whether the Department wishes me to make a special visit to all the reserves for the purpose. There are reserves at very remote distances from the agency headquarters, which contain neither timber nor valuables, but are used as fishing stations. Some are never used at all, and consequently are not visited.

To make a thorough inspection of the reserves would necessitate the hire of a suitable gasolene launch, which would cost in the neighbourhood of twenty or twenty-five dollars per day.

I have given the Royal Commission a good general idea of the reserves and their characteristics, but to prepare actual and absolutely correct estimate of the reserve values, etc. will involve expenditures as expenses for which I would desire to have special authority from you.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Cliff Perry
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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BELMONT HOUSE,

VICTORIA, B.C. 27th. February 1914

456550

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:-

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 17th. instant (No.59335-5A), correcting errors in acreages as shewn in Schedule of Reserves 1913, contents of which are noted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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59335-5A

Ottawa, March 4, 1914.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 149A, I am directed to inform you that from the information you have in your office and your knowledge of the reserves within your agency, you should be able to furnish the Royal Commission with the information outlined in letter to you of the 7th ultimo.

Your obedient servant,

(A) Fraser

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Charles Clifton Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Metlakatla, B.C.

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59335-5A

Ottawa, March 4, 1914.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that from the information you have in your office and your knowledge of the reserves within your agency, you should be able to furnish the Royal Commission with the information outlined in letter to you of the 7th ultimo.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. Robert Brown, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 1914

VICTORIA, B.C. 5th. March, 1914

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I send you a copy of the 1913 Schedule of Indian Reserves, amended by Mr Ashdown Green, P. L. S. as to B.C.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., F.R.S.C.
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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59335-5

March 10th. 1914.

Dear Dr. McKenna.

I have your letter of the 5th. instant with Schedule of Indian reserves; amended by Mr. Green, in regard to British Columbia.

Please accept my thanks.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
P. O. Box 755,
Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

March 4th 1914

Immediate

[illegible] Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,

STATISTICS BRANCH
MAR 13 1914

O T T A W A :

Sir:

Would you be good enough to cause to be sent me for the use of the Commission, wall mounted copies of the Eastern and Western hemispheres, the Dominion of Canada, and the United States. With anticipatory thanks

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

F. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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STATIONERY & SUPPLY BR
MAR 13 1914
OTTAWA

March 10th. 1914.

Page 97 Cash office to Accountant 13/3/14

Sir,

By

I have your letter of the 4th. instant and shall be pleased to order through the Government Stationery Office copies of the maps asked for therein for the use of the Royal Commission.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., K.C.,
Secretary and Solicitor,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
Province of British Columbia,
P. O. Box 755,
Victoria, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

INDIAN AFFAIRS MAR 2 1914

Sioux Agency
Fort Frances Feb 27 1914

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. .....
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,—

(O.L.A.)

MAIL RECD

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Yours of 7th inst received (File 59335-5A), many thanks for timely reminder which will be acted upon in due course to the best of my ability.

I have etc
your obedient servant
W. J. McAllan
Sub Agt

J. D. McLean Esq.
Acting Dep & Sec.
Dept Ind Affairs
Ottawa.

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59,335/5A.

Ottawa, March 30, 1914.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and of a copy of the schedule of Indian Reserves referred to therein containing amendments made by Mr. A. H. Green; these will be duly noted.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd J D McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

J.A.J.McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Victoria, B.C. Mar. 26 1914.

Hon. Dr. Roche,
Supt. Gen. Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Thoroughly suitable vessel for visitation seaboard Reserves available now, and difficult if not impossible to later charter a suitable vessel for this work which must be completed in May, June, of this season. Commission being incomplete desires your sanction before closing contract.

J. M. H. Bergeron,
Secr'y Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

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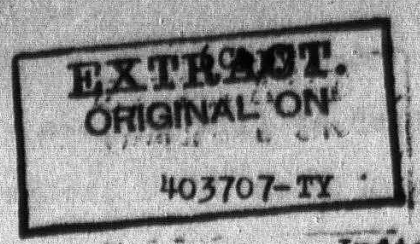


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Indian Agent's Office,
Queen Charlotte Agency,
Massett, B.C., March 2nd, 1914.

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with reference to "Rev. C. M. Tate advising the Indians of Skidegate Band not to re-open the question of applying for their "old settlements."

In reply permit me to state: I was instructed, by the Inspector of Indian Agencies, to visit Skidegate and inform the Band that the Land Commission would give the Skidegates an opportunity to make application for the "old settlements", and would re-open the question of considering applications from them, which they refused to make, when the Commissioners visited Skidegate.

I went to Skidegate, called a meeting of the Band, and informed the Indians of the decision of the Commissioners, and also informed them that the Chief Councillor of the Massett Band had received a letter from the Rev. C. M. Tate, informing him "that the Commission was not dealing with the question of title," and I advised the Indians to re-open the matter and make application for more land, if they considered that they did not have sufficient.

I did not have the letter to Chief Councillor Adams, with me; but sent a copy, later on, to the Chief Councillor of the Skidegates. Ir reads asfollows;

"Dear Sir:-As the Commission appointed by the Federal "and Provincial Governments are not dealing with the question "of title, and, as that question covers all matters of impor- "tance to the Indians, the Executive deems it best to call "a GENERAL MEETING and formulate a plan for future action.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Note - action taken on this - see letter herein by 403707 to Clarke & Ottawa

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"This meeting will be held in Vancouver on the 12th day of "December, 1913, at 9:30 a.m. in Central Mission Hall. As "this is an important meeting it is desirable that there "should be a full attendance. (Sd.) C.M.Tate, General Secretary."

After a lengthy discussion, the Indians decided to telegraph Rev. C. M. Tate, at Vancouver, informing him that the matter of land had been opened up by the Land Commissioners and asking his advise. They would take no further action until an answer be received. A few days later, Rev. C. M. Tate telegraphed the Indians advising them that Mr. Clark (who, I understand, is a Toronto legal gentleman) "favoured leaving the question of more land until the title is settled which covers everything." The Indians again met and decided that they would go no further in the matter, and I so telegraphed the Inspector.

Afterwards, in company with Rev. J. C. Spencer, Methodist Missionary, at Skidegate, I went to Cumshewa Inlet, where an "old Indian Settlement" is located, and went over the ground. Found a church there ~~XXXX XXXXX~~ some houses and a graveyard. The Missionary and some Indians have asked to have this place retained to them, and I have been protesting against the sale, or preempters receiving a record on the property. Although the Indians as a body did not ask to have this palce, I sent a map of the location, known as "New Clue" and a request that it be retained to them. I have now a letter from the Commission asking for a full description of the property.

With regard to Rev. C. M. Tate's reasons for giving the advice to the Indians, I can only state that he is the General Secretary of an organization known as "The Indians, Rights Association." He is in correspondence with Indians, throughout the Province, and advises them, apparently, on all questions of land.

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I enclose copy of the letter he sent to Chief Councillor Adams, referred to at the meeting of the Skidegate Band and copy of another letter, Rev. Mr. Tate forwarded the Indians some time ago.

copy of one letter rec'd only G.M.M.

Trusting this will prove satisfactory,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Deasy,

Indian Agent.

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(Copy)

Indian Rights Association,
41 S. Turner Street, Victoria, 16.12.12.

Dear Sir,-From Commissioner McKenna's report, which is just to hand, I glean the following, which is submitted to your people for their consideration: "The great source of the Indian dissatfaction was the Provincial interests in lands reserved for Indians. The position taken by the Province was that the title of Indians to lands reserved for them was a mere right of use or occupancy. The Commissioner, therefore, concentrated his efforts to the extinction of the interests in reserves claimed by the Province.

After several conversations an agreement was signed by Mr. McKenna and Sir Richard McBride, proposing that a Commission shall be appointed, with power to adjust the acreage of Indian reserves, taking away, where the Indians have had too much land, and adding thereto where the lands are insufficient. This matter was taken up at the recent gathering of Indians held in the city of Vancouver, and the following resolution was unanimously carried: 'Whereas we have been informed a Commission has been appointed (by Agreement between the Dominion and British Columbia Governments) to deal with the Indian reserves of B.C., and it appears no mention of the main question of title claimed by the B.C. Indians nor any arrangement made between the governments towards a settlement of the same, it seems to us that the governments are trying to obscure this, the main issue. Therefore we humbly reiterate our demand for an immediate settlement of this the most important of questions to us. We further regret that this main issue of title which is the greatest grievance we have has not been taken up for settlement by the government first, but instead minor grievances re the reserves. And we insist that this dealing with the reserve question first, should not in any way prejudice our right to a speedy and full settlement of our claim of title in all the unsurrendered lands in B.C., and whereas many reports are circulated from time to time among the Indians re statements claimed to have been made by the Governments or by high Government officials, which statements are in most cases false. Be it therefore resolved, firstly that we hereby affirm our position on all matters of our rights and adhere as before to our claims for a legal decision of the question of our title, and, secondly, be it resolved that no statements from the governments regarding the question of title, compensation and treaty and readjustment of the reserves be considered by us official except received through the Secretary of the Indians Rights Association of B.C.

It was also strongly urged that the Indians throughout the whole province stand unitedly, so as to strengthen each other's hands, and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to; 'Whereas it appears that some Bands seem inclined to act independently of others in asking adjustment of their claims and grievances, (especially in matters of minor grievances, but in a few cases also even in the question of title) and that in our opinion the exercise of such independent action by them would impede united action and weaken our strength, be it hereby resolved that this meeting disclaims such policy on the part of certain Bands, and advises that all bands and tribes in British Columbia act unitedly in these matters and agree with the majority as united in the Indian Rights Ass'n, of B.C.

About one hundred delegates were present from all parts of the Province, and all seemed anxious to press for the acknowledgement of the Indian title to all unsurrendered lands. Lawyer Clark's bill amounting to $245. was paid, the Interior Indians subscribing one-half of the amount. Several sums were handed in by various tribes all of small amounts. The officers elected are as follows:- C.M. Tate, General Secretary; John Findlay, Recording Secretary; and Dr. A.E.Bolton, Treasurer. The Executive is composed of the officers of the Association and Chief Jos. Stewart, RUBY CREEK, Mr. J.J. Burton, 1549 Chesterfield Avenue, NORTH VANCOUVER, Rev.P. Kelley, Hartley Bay, Mr. Louis Gosnell, South Vancouver, and ~~Lawyer Clark~~ J. A. Tait, Spence's Bridge. The Executive has asked , through Lawyer Clark that the Indians be represented on the Commission to to be appointed. (Sd.) C.M.Tate, Secy."

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, April 2, 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron,
Secretary, Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

Mr. White and new Commissioner to be appointed will leave Ottawa Tuesday, April seventh.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Indian Agent's Office,

Kamloops, B.C., March 27th, 1914.

Department File No. 59335-5A. Feb. 7th, 1914.

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Sir,-

I beg to report that I am directed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbiato take up the work of valuation of the Indian reserves in this Agency as soon as possible for me to do so, and that the Provincial Government has appointed Mr. Albert W. Ducks, Homewood, B.C., as their representative in the carrying out of the work.

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John T. Smith,

Indian Agent,

The Asst. Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

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The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN.

Sir:

Referring to our letter of the 7th January last and your reply thereto of the 20th of that month, re. tabulations:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C., I have the honour to advise you that in ordering the printing of a limited number of copies of the tabulations of evidence and information re Indian reserves in British Columbia -- which tabulations will be attached as appendices to future progress reports and to the Final Report of the Commission -- it has been arranged that type shall be kept standing by the printers, The Acme Press Ltd. of this city, for a period of sixty (60) days.

This action was taken as it was thought quite possible that as a matter of economy a sufficient number of copies of these tables to accompany the Government's issue in printed form of the Commission's Final Report might be ordered printed now and held, the cost of re-setting three complex tables for each of the fourteen Agencies in this Province being thus obviated.

We shall be glad to be favoured with your views or instructions in this matter at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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Ottawa, April 2, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I hereby desire to tender my resignation as one of the Dominion representatives on the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, to take effect on Tuesday, April the 7th.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. White

Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa.

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Sd/ R L Borden

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Metlakatla, March 23rd. 1914

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that I have to-day received a letter from the Naas Indians who represent the other Indians on what they call their "Land Committee", in reply to a letter which I sent to all the principal chiefs of the Agency last January, asking when, in their opinion, would be the best time for the Commission to find all the people at home, etc., of which the following is a copy:-

"Aiyansh, B.C. Upper Naas,
March 6th. 1914;

To the Indian Agent Mr Perry,
Metlakatla, B.C.

"Dear Sir:

We received your letter which dated on January 5th. 1914. We all delighted to hear from you about the coming of Royal Commissioner about the Land Question.

Our case is in the hand of our lawyer and before the Government at Ottawa, also before the Privy Councillor (King). The same petition and memorial we will show before the Royal Commissioners, and there is nothing we need besides these petition and memorial. We will stand on this same case until it settled.

Close inform you that the chiefs had a meeting here on this 6th. March, 1914, to whom your letter is received.

Closing with our best regards to you, we are

Sincerely yours
Sgd. A.L. Skadeen,
Paul Skadeen (X)
Jas. Ksidiyawag (X)
Gedeon Menesqu (X)
T.L. Derrick
Chairman Land Committee Andrew Mercer
Chief Councillor Robert Pearl".

The above will show that these Indians have the same disposition as to the Indian question as when J. A. J. McKenna Esq., who met them in 1912, was here.

I shall have a skeleton itinerancy ready in about a week, and as soon as prepared I will forward the same to you.

I regret that there has been a considerable lapse of time since I last wrote to you on this subject, but I have

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been daily expecting to hear something definite from the Chiefs.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd)Charles Clifton Perry,

Indian Agent.

Secretary,
Royal Indian Commission,
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Honourable W. J. Roche, M.D.
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to confirm my telegram to you of to-day's date as follows:-

"re your letter nineteenth February. Agent "Perry, Naas Agency, having been requested "consult Indians re meetings with Comm-"ission reports Indians notified him they "will only present to Commission petition "and memorial on Land Title question as "submitted to Government and which its de-"sired to bring before Privy Council. Copy "Perry's letter mailed".

I have also the honour to transmit herewith copy of the letter received from Agent Charles Clifton Perry, of the Naas Agency referred to in the telegram above quoted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

Enclosure.

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On a memorandum dated 2nd April, 1914, from the Right Honourable R. L. Borden, the Prime Minister, submitting herewith the resignation of Mr. Nathaniel W. White, K.C., as one of the Dominion representatives on the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, and recommending that his resignation be accepted to take effect on Tuesday, the seventh day of April, 1914.

The Minister further recommends that Mr. Samurez Carmichael, of Montreal, Quebec, be appointed on behalf of the Dominion of Canada to the vacancy upon the Commission thus created under authority of Part I of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and that he be paid at the rate of $20.00 per day, with $10.00 per day for living expenses.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General
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Toronto, Canada, April 3rd 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA---O N T.

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Dear Mr. Scott,- re British Columbia Indians

Your letter of the 1st instant was duly received and as its importance demands, will receive most earnest and careful consideration.

While after very exhaustive investigation, I arrived at the conclusion that the Indians had the constitutional right to have their claim adjudicated by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, I have always desired to act in cordial co-operation with the Department of Indian Affairs, whose duty it is to safeguard and protect the rights of the Indians. In fact the Indians rely on the honour of the Crown which was pledged to them. Owing to certain historical circumstances with which you are familiar, the proclammation which the Indians have traditionally regarded as a charter of their rights, had, as held by Lord Mansfield, the force and effect of a Statute. The Indians now rely on the solemn promise to them to have their case referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and you say to make representations to the Commissioners should not in any way prejudice the general claim they have advanced. When the Commission was

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appointed or rather the agreement between the two Governments was made, the Indians were informed that it would not prejudice their rights and indeed they were not parties to the agreement. Subsequently the Indians were informed in substance on behalf of the Commission that the appointment of the Commission involved the negation of their claims, as set forth in their Petition. We think that a very useful purpose would be served if an assurance by Order in Council to the effect stated in your letter, that making representations by the Indians to the Commission will not prejudice the general claim they have advanced, could be transmitted to the Indians, either through me as their Counsel or as the assurance that the case would be referred to the Privy Council, was transmitted through the Indian Agents.

I would like very much to hear from you whether this suggestion can be acted on and meantime am very pleased that you are obviously giving the claims of the Indians your personal attention.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. Murray Clark
per M.R.

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Ottawa, April 16th. 1914.

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Graham Rowe

Ottawa, April 17, 1914.

His Royal Highness

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that the resignation of the Honourable Edward L. Wetmore as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia be accepted as from the 30th November, 1913, and that Mr. Nathaniel W. White, K.C., be appointed from the 17th of April, 1914, as Chairman of the said Commission under authority of Part 1 of the Inquiries Act, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906. Mr. White's remuneration to be at the rate of $25.00 a day and $10.00 a day living allowance.

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The Honourable

W. J. Roche M.D.,

Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A , C A N .

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to confirm my night lettergram to you of this date as follows:

> "By direction of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs "for British Columbia, I have to advise that, upon "motion of Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner "McKenna, Nathaniel W. White Esq., K.C., of Shelburne, "N.S., was this day elected Chairman of this Commis- "sion; and it was further ORDERED that the Government "of Canada be informed by wire to this effect, so that "Mr White may be duly commissioned and this Board so "advised".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

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Telegraph Creek

March 21st 1914.

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The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

APR 20 Rec'd

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of instructions, with regard to Lands, # 59335-5A and to atate that I will make every endeavour to collect all the data possible in connection with the surrounding lands.

I am Sir.

Your obedient Servant,

N Scott Simpson

Indian Agent for Stikine division, B.C.

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April 17th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 3rd. instant and to say that we have had the matter under consideration and I have pleasure in sending you herewith a letter signed by the Superintendent General. It gives an assurance which I think should satisfy the Indians.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Sir,

I have had under consideration the position taken by the Indians of Naas River with reference to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. I think it highly important that the Indians should not persist in their refusal to bring before the Commission as fully and clearly as possible their claim for reserve lands within the Naas district. I think they should be assured that the Dominion Government will not consider that such representations on their part would in any way prejudice the claim they have advanced to title in that portion of the Province.

I trust that the Indians will seize the opportunity of placing their claims for reserve lands before the Commission, which, as agreed

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Metlakatla, B. C.

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between the Dominion and the Province of British Columbia is to adjudicate finally on these matters; otherwise they would appear to close all channels of action for the future.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) W. J. Roche.

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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April 22, 1914.

Memorandum,-

Hon. Dr. Roche.

I am sending herewith a copy of letter which we sent to Mr. J. M. Clark, K.C., Toronto, and Rev. A. E. O'Meara, addressed to Indian Agent Perry, who has supervision over the Naas River Indians. I think it advisable that he should have the letter signed by yourself which he can show to the Indians.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Letter signed by Hon. Dr. Roche & sent out.

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April 22, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bergeron,-

The Superintendent General has given assurance that the claim which the Naas River Indians have advanced to title in lands of the Province of British Columbia will not be prejudiced by a full submission to the Royal Commission of their requirements for reserve lands. A letter to this effect was sent to the Rev. A. E. O'Meara and Mr. J. M. Clark, K.C., Toronto, also to Agent Perry. I am mailing you herewith copy of the letter.

Incl.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., B.C.L., K.C.,
Secretary & Solicitor, Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs, British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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Hon W J Roche MD,

Supt General Of Indain Affairs, Ottawa

Have you received my lettergram of the sixteenth commissioner very anxious for an answer.

J G N Bergeron, Secretary Royal Indian Comm

Lettergram referred to received by Minister. See our telegram of the 22nd advising Commissioner of Wheler's appointment.
a.F.M

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Ottawa, April 3, 1914.

His Royal Highness

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that, the following item having passed the House in the supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1914, authority be given for payment of the same,-

"To provide for the expenses of the British "Columbia Land Commission - Further amount "required to pay Dr. J.A.J. McKenna for his "services as one of the Commissioners during "the fiscal year 1913-14." $1,403.76."

Sd M. J. Roche

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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This is to enable the Department to pay Dr. McKenna the full salary of $4000.00 as a member of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

(He retains his salary of $2600.00 as Inspector of B.C. Indian Schools, but it was held by the Finance Department that the additional remuneration beyond the regular salary of $2600.00 required a special vote of Parliament.)

Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa, April 3, 1914.

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See letter to Mr. Bergeron
dated Apr 22nd 1914
also letter to Agent Perry
dated april 22nd 1914
on this file in connection
with Mr. Bergeron's letter
of april 17th —

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Mr. Scott:

Order-in-Council of 3rd April covers Mr. N. W. White's resignation to take effect on the 7th April.

Order-in-Council of the 17th April appoints him Chairman from 17th April.

I take it, therefore, that he is not to be paid either salary or allowance between the 7th and 17th April. 9 days. If this is correct I shall notify Mr. Bergeron.

Accountant.

Ottawa, April 28, 1914.

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*Certified Extract from the Minutes, of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held on the* 17th. April, 1914, *approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council, on the* 21st April 1914

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INDIAN AFFAIRS;-

The Board recommend that authority be given for the payment of the sum of $1,403.76 to Dr. J. A. J. McKenna for his services as a member of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, during the fiscal year 1913-14, special provision having been made therefor by Parliament.

WS

From 1 Mch 1913 to 31 Mch 1914 inclusive

Dr McKenna

amount deducted for superannuation @ 2% on 1403.76 = $28.07

Rodolphe Boudreau
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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STATEMENT ADOPTED BY INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF CANADA, 22nd April, 1914.

The Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada have had under consideration your letter to Rev. A. E. O'Meara of April 16th. That letter contains the statements:-

(1) That the Indians would in no way prejudice their claims in the matter of title if they placed before the Commission their claim for Reserve lands;
(2) but that if they refuse to do so they seem to close all channels of Action for the future; as
(3) the Commission is to finally adjudicate on those matters.

In Connexion with the above statements it is important to note:-

(1) that the question of Indian title is excluded from the purview of the Commission which is authorised to deal only with the Reserves;
(2) that the Commission has already conveyed to the Indians its judgment on the question of title which is adverse to the claims of the Indians;
(3) that the Social Service Council of Canada has, after mature consideration, come to the conclusion that it is essential to the settlement of the whole land question that the question of title should be judicially determined.

Under all these circumstances it appears to the Indian Affairs Committee:-

(1) that the Indians would seriously prejudice their case in effect if not in theory, if they placed before the Commission their claim for Reserve lands;
(2) that in so far as all channels of action can be closed this can only be done by the Canadian Governemtn, and it is inconceivable that this should be what is meant in the letter of April 16th;
(3) that the Commission, which is not authorised to deal with the Indian title, cannot finally adjucate in these matters.
(4) that Indian Affairs Committee cannot consistently recommend that the Indians place their claim for Reserve lands before the Commission until arrangements have been made to refer the question of title to the Judicial Committee.

If the Indian Affairs Committee could be satisfied on that point they would gladly do all in their power to persuade the Indians to submit their claim to Reserve lands to the Commission. They would go even farther. As a preliminary to this they would use their best endeavours to induce the Indians to submit a basis of settlement that might be satisfactory to the Dominion Government in the event of the decision of the Judicial Committee being favourable to their claims.

Certified correct.

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J. Albert Moore

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Toronto, April 23,1914.

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Duncan C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr.Scott:-

The Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada met yesterday when after carefully considering a letter to Rev. A.E.O'Meara dated 16th of April,1914, the enclosed statement was prepared as the view of the Committee upon the subject matter of Dr. Roche's letter. I thought you would be pleased to have a copy of this memorandum.

Yours faithfully,

T. Albert Moore

Secretary.

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April 24, 1914.

Dear Doctor Moore,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 23rd instant and inclosed copy of statement adopted by the Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada on the 22nd of April, and to thank you very much for this.

Yours very sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D.,
Secretary, Social Service Council of Canada,
Wesley Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, 24 April, 1914.

Sir,-

I enclose herewith Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council on the 17th instant, accepting the resignation of the Hon. E. L. Wetmore as Chairman of the Royal Commission and appointing Mr. N. W. White, K. C. to the Chairmanship of said Commission.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for
the Province of British Columbia,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Toronto, April 23,1914.

Hon.W.J.Roche, M.D.,LL.D.,
Minister of the Interior,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Honourable and Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Indian Affairs Committee of the Social Service Council of Canada to forward to you the enclosed statement. This is a statement of the view of this Committee after giving careful consideration to your letter to Rev. A. E. O'Meara dated 16th of April, 1914.

Yours faithfully,

T. Albert Moore,

Secretary.

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April 27th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Superintendent General to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 23rd. with enclosure.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, D. D.,
Wesley Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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April 27th. 1914.

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Dear Sir,

I would be glad if you would forward me an itinerary of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary and Solicitor,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
for British Columbia,
P. O. Box 755,
Victoria, B. C.

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Ottawa, April 30th. 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron,
Secretary and Solicitor,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Has the Commission fixed dates for visit to Naas River Reserves if so kindly wire them. If not give probable dates.

Charge I. A.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Ottawa, May 2, 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Victoria, B.C.

Principle involved in letters of Minister regarding non-prejudice applies generally. Commission may so inform all interested Indians.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Duncan C.Scott,

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Deputy Supt General Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Acknowledging your lettergram yesterday Commission cannot yet fix date even approximately for Naas-River visitations.Indians will be advised there anent soon as possible.Re your letter April twenty second altho this mentions only Naas-River Indians in connection with notification non prejudice Commission supposes principle involved applies generally. Please reply if this conclusion is correct and if commission is justified in so informing all interested Indians.

J.G.H.Bergeron,

Secy Royal Commission Indian Affairs.

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May 2, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I am this morning in receipt of a telegram from the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B. C., stating that the Commission cannot yet fix the dates even approximately for Nass River visitation.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. A. E. O'Meara,
2702 Hutchison Street,
Montreal, Que.

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Duncan C. Scott,

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Sup't General Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Commission leaving tomorrow night for West Coast and Kwawkewlth agenci
I will remain here to look after correspondence and will
be in daily communication by wireless with Commission. You may
continue address correspondence to me here.

J.G.H. Bergeron,
Sec'y Royal Commis
Indian Affairs.

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"vince of British Columbia now repudiates such trust.
"8. On the 6th Day of February 1861 the House of Assembly of "the Colony of Vancouver Island addressed to the Right Honour-"able The Secretary of State for the Colonies the following Petition: His Grace, THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, Her Majesty's Prin-"cipal Secretary f State for the Colonies; We Her Majesty's "faithful and loyal subjects and Members of the House of Assem-"bly of Vancouver Island in Parliament assembled, would earnestly "request the attention of Your Grace to the following ~~petitions~~ "considerations. 1: That many colonists have purchased land, at "the rate of one pound sterling per acre, in the districts to "which the Indian title has not been extinguished. That, in "consequence of the non-extinction of this title, these persons "though most anxious to occupy and improve, have been unable to "take possession of their lands purchased, in most cases nearly three years ago, and of this they loudly and justly complain. 2. "That, the Indians well aware of the compensation heretofore "given for lands, appropriated for colonization, in the earlier "settled districts of Vancouver Island, as well as in the neigh-"boring territory of Washington, strenuously oppose the occu-"pation by settlers of lands still deemed their own. No attempts "of the kind could be persisted in without endangering the peace "of the country for these Indians, though otherwise well disposed "and friendly, would become hostile if their supposed rights as "regards land were systematically violated; and they are still "much more numerous and warlike, than the petty remnants of "tribes, who in 1855 and 1856, in the Western part of the Adja-"cent United States territory of Washington, kept for nearly a "year a desultory and destructive war-fare which compelled the "whole agricultural population of the country to desert their "homes, and congregate in blockhouses. 4. That, within the last "three years, this island has been visited by many intending "settlers from various parts of the world, comparitively few of "these remained, the others having , as we believe, been in a "great measure deterred from buying land as they could not "rely on having peaceable possession, seeing that the Indian "title was still unextinguished to several of the most eligible agricultural districts of the island, 6. That the House of Assem-"bly respectfully considers that the extinction of the aborigi-"nal title is obligatory to the Imperial Parliament. That the "House of Assembly bearing in mind that from the dawn of modern "colonization until the present day, wars with aborigines have "mainly arisen from disputes about land, which by timely and "moderate concession on the part of the more powerful and enlight-"ened of the disputants concerned, might have been peaceably and "economically adjusted; now earnestly pray that Her Majesty's "Government would direct such steps to be taken as may seem "best for the speedy settlement of the matter at issue and the "removal of a most serious obstacle to the well being of this "Colony. (Sd.) J. S. Helmcken, Speaker. February 6th 1861.

"9. In his despatch transmitting such petition Governor Douglas "said among other things:-I have the honour of transmitting a "Petition from the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island to Your "Grace, praying for the aid of Her Majesty's Government in ex-"tinguishing the Indian title to the Public lands in this "Colony, and set forth the evils that may result from a neglect "of this precaution. I am fully sensible of the great importance "of purchasing without loss of time the native title to the soil of Vancouver island; but the acquisition of the title is a purely colonial interest, and the Legislature must not entertain any "expectation that the British taxpayer will be burthened to suppl y "the funds or British credit pledged for the purpose. I would "earnestly recommend therefore to the House of Assembly, that "they should enable you to procure the requisite means, but if "they should not think proper to do so, Her Majesty's Government c "cannot undertake to supply the money requisite for an object "which , whilst it is essential to the interests of the people of "Vancouver Island, is at the same time purely colonial in its

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"character and trifling in the charge that it would entail.
II. With the exception of the parcels of land described "in the said Fourteen Treaties, the Indian title to the "lands of the Province of British Columbia has not been sur-"rendered by the said tribes or any of them.
I2. From time to time before Confederation the Government "of the Colony of British Columbia and from time to time "after Confederation the Government of the Province of Bri-"tish Columbia, without Treaty or negotiation with the said tribes or any of them, surveyed certain village sites and "other parcels of land, portion of the lands possessed, occu-"pied and used by the said tribes, and reserved the same "from settlement by others than members of said tribes. But "no conveyance of declaration of trust was executed in favour of the said tribes, and the said tribes did not sur-"render their titles to the remainder of the said lands, but on the contrary, maintained their title thereto and con-"tinue to possess the same and to occupy and use so much "thereof as they were not excluded from by the Provincial "authorities of British Columbia.
"I3. By Article I3, of the Terms of Union between the Do-"minion of Canada and the Colony of British Columbia, it "was provided as follows: That the charge of the Indians "and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved "for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion "Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pur-"sued by the British Columbia Government shall be continued "by the Dominion Government after the Union. 'To carry out "such policy tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto "been the practice of the British Columbia Government to ap-"propriate for that purpose, shall, from time to time, be "conveyed by the local Government to the Dominion Government "in trust, for the use and benefit of the Indians on applica-"tion of the Dominion Government, and in case of disagreement "between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such "tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred "for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
I4. The Government of British Columbia has not yet made any "conveyance to the Government of Canada in pursuance of the said "Article I3 of the Terms of Union.
I5. The above-named tribes of ~~[illegible]~~ Indians therefore claim, that the Indian Tribes of British Columbia continue "to hold their aboriginal title to all the unsurrendered lands "of the said Province, and that His Majesty the King now holds "all unsurrendered lands lying within the territorial limits "of the Province of British Columbia under His Sovereignty and dominion for the protection of the said tribes in possessing occupying and using their respective portions of the same in "exercise of their title thereto above set forth, and that the "title to the unsurrendered public lands lying within such territorial limits acquired by the said Province of British "Columbia upon Confederation then was and now continues to be "subject to the said title of the Indian tribes.
"I6. The question for determination is what title to or interest "in the unsurrendered lands of the said Province is held by "the said tribes or is held by the Crown for their use and benefit.

Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas Deasy

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The Secretary,
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VICTORIA, B.C. May 1, 1914.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:-

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo (No. 59335/5A), transmitting certified copy of a report of the committee of the Privy Council approved by His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada in Council on the 17th ultimo, accepting the resignation of the Hon. E.L. Wetmore as chairman of this Commission and appointing Nathaniel W. White, Esq., K.C., to the thus vacated chairmanship.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. G. H. Bergeron
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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 2nd. inst. as follows:

> "Principle involved in letters of minister regarding non prejudice applies generally commission may so inform all interested Indians."

I have the honour to be,
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Your obedient servant,

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## ITINERARY: WEST COAST & KWAWEWLTH.

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| Monday, May 18: | Arrive Clayuot 8 a.m. Meeting at Opitsat. |
| Tuesday, May 19: | At Clayoquot and adjacent inland waterways. Party proceeds on inspections by launch, steamer meanwhile proceeding to anchorage at Marktosis. Meeting there at 3 p.m |
| Wednesday, May 20: | Lv. Ahousaht 4 a.m. Arrive Hesquiot 8 a.m. Spend day at Hesquiot - 24 reserves for attention on the Tuesday and Wednesday, with meetings at Yarksis, Marktosis and Hesquiot. |
| Thursday, May 21: | Lv. Hesquiot daybreak; arrive Friendly Cove (Nootka) 8 a.m. Meeting in morning, and (if desired) afternoon meeting at Oke, Seventeen reserves here to be dealt with. |
| Friday, May 22; | At Muchalaht Arm, Gold River, etc. 13 reserves in this locality. Casual meeting. |
| Saturday, May 23: | " " |
| Sunday, May 24: | Lv. at daybreak for Kyuquot Sound, inspections en route. Arrive Kyuquot during day. |
| Monday, May 25: | Meeting at Kyuquot (16 reserves). |
| Tuesday, May 26: | Proceed by launch to Checkleseht. |
| Wednesday, May 27: | Meeting at Hitsie, 7 reserves. Lv. midnight for Quatsino. |

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KWAWKEWLTH AGENCY:

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| Thursday, May 28: | Arv. Quatsino 8 a.m. Visit reserves 11, 12 and 13; meeting at No. 13, where main village is situated. Afterwards proceed up Sound to inspect reserves 14,15,16,8,9 and 10. Meeting at No. 1; visitations of Nos. 2,3,4,5,67. |
| Friday, May 29: | Covered in above programme. |
| Saturday, May 30: | " " " |
| Sunday, May 31: | Lv. 1 a.m. and proceed to Hope Island. |
| | : Klaskino reserves, 3 in number, may be inspected en route. These reserves are on Brooks Bay. Only one Indian left of this Tribe, he residing at Quatsino, where he will be examined. |
| | From Quatsino to Hope Island reserve, the headquarters of the Nahwitti Tribe, the trip is across Queen Charlotte Sound. |
| Monday, June 1: | Meeting at No. 1 Reserve of the Nahwitti Tribe, Hope Island. Inspections of reserves 2,3,4 and 5. |
| Tuesday, June 2: | Lv. 4 a.m. Arrive Takush Harbor on Indian Island 8 a.m. Inspections of reserves 1 and 2 of the Quawshelah Tribe and small meeting possibly. |
| Wednesday, June 3: | Lv. 5 a.m. for Slingsby Channel anchorage where steamer will remain during inspections by launch, of the Nakwakto reserves. These inspections and a meeting at a point to be selected by Agent Halliday will occupy two days. Reserves to be visited in following order: Nos. 3,4,5,6,7,8, 13,14,15,16,17,12, 9,10,11. Meeting at either 3,4 or 5. |
| Thursday, June 4: | Included in above arrangement. |
| Friday, June 5: | Lv. Slingsby Channel daybreak for Fort Rupert. Inspections of reserves, Nos. 1,2,3,5,6 and 7. Meeting at a central point to be named by Agent Halliday. Inspection of No. 4 to be made from Hardy Bay. |
| Saturday, June 6: | Engaged in completion of above outlined work. |
| Sunday, June 7: | At Alert Bay. |
| Sunday, June 6: | Lv. Fort Rupert daybreak; arrive Alert Bay 8.am. |
| Monday, June 8: | At Alert Bay. Meeting with Indians of the Agency. Inspections of Nos. 1 and 2. Canoes to be taken for visitations of Nos. 3,4 and 5. |
| Tuesday, June 9: | Lv. Alert Bay daybreak for Gilford Id. Pass around Malcolm Island to Guayacduns reserve. Then through Spring Passage to Knight Inlet, visiting in turn reserves 1,2,3 and 4 of the Tanakteuk Band. Meeting of that band at Tsawatii reserve. |
| Wednesday, June 10: | Engaged as above. |

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| Thursday, June 11: | Lv. daybreak for Kingcombe Inlet. Visitations of reserves of the Kingcombe Inlet Band, Tsawataineuk, Ahwhamish and Kwawwawineuk. Returning from Knight Inlet by Tribune Channel visit Village Island reserves 4,3 and 2. Then proceed to No. 7 and hold meeting there. The vessel will be left at the head of the Inlet and the reserves be visited by launch. Afterwards visitations of reserves 8,9,2,5,4,3 and 6. |
| Friday, June 12: | Engaged as above. |
| Saturday, June 13: | Lv. daybreak for Blenkinsop Bay anchorage. Thence work by launch. Steamer anchors at Karlukwees. Visitations of reserves 1 and 5, Village Island. Meeting at No. 1 with Mamiiiilikulla Band. Others of these reserves inspected by Knight Inlet. |
| Sunday, June 14: | In this locality. |
| Monday, June 15: | Engaged as above. |
| Tuesday, June 16: | Arv. Salmon River. Meeting with Matilpi and Klawatsis Bands, now united and living on Turnover Island. Inspect reserves 4,3,2 and 1 of the Mahteelthpe Band, terminating with No. 1, Turnover Island. |
| Wednesday, June 17: | Lv. Daybreak for Campbell river, willows hotel if desired. Meeting with Indians of Wewaiakum Band on Campbell River Reserve No. 11 and visit No. 12. Cross to Cape Mudge and visit other holdings of the Wewaiaikai Band. Meeting at Cape Mudge and visitations of reserves 9,8, 7,6,5,4,3,2. These reserves are partly Wewaiaikai, Wewaiaikum and Kwaihkah. |
| Thursday, June 18: | Included in above engagements. |
| Friday, June 19: | " " |
| Saturday, June 20: | Return to Victoria. |

NOTE: Arrangements for Kwawkewlth Agency subject to minor variation upon consultation with Agent Halliday, who will meet the Commission party at Quatsino.

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VICTORIA, B.C. May 4th, 1914.

461291

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with yours of the 27th ultimo. received this morning, I am herewith enclosing copy of itinerary arranged by the Commission for visitations in the West Coast and Kwawkewlth Agencies.

During the trip the Commissioners will arrange itineraries for later visitations, advice of which will be sent you at the earliest possible date.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
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C O P Y.

Government of the Dominion of Canada

Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia.

Queen Charlotte Agency.

To H. EDENSHAW, Masset, B. C.

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To hire of launch "Josephine" from May 1st to 3rd, both days inclusive, for Indian Agent visiting Naden Harbour and reserves along North Coast Graham Island, valuing Indian Reserves.....$65.00.

I certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

(Sgd) Thomas Deasy,

Indian Agent.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

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Masset, B. C., May 5th 1914

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Sir,—

With reference to your letter of 7th February last, I have the honour to inform you that I received the following from the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia:-

"By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian "affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have "the honour to request that you prepare and forward to "me at your earliest convenience, a statement showing "the fair valuation of each of the several reserves "in your Agency, having due regard to its potentiali-"ties, situation, etc., etc.(Sd.) J. G. H. Bergeson, "Secretary."

In compliance with same, I visited a number of the Reserves, on the North Coast of this Agency, in the most seaworthy gasoline launch I could find on the islands, and made a careful inspection of same. At the time the weather was not settled, and the trip was one that should only be taken during the Summer months, on account of the fact that the reserves, generally, are deserted by even the Indians, until May and June, along the shores from Virago Sound to Parry Passage and Langara island.

I am leaving, shortly, for the South end of the island, to visit the Skidegate Reserves, and will report on them, when that work is accomplished.

In connection with the inspection of the Masset Reserves, I have the honour to enclose herewith Mr. H. Edenshaw's account for Hire of Gasoline Launch.

Your Obedient Servant,
Thomas Deasy
Indian Agent.

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT S.&F. ACCOUNTANT

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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May 9th, 1914.

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Honourable and dear Sir;-

In acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 22nd ultimo, relating to the attitude of the Indians of the Naas river towards the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honor to give you my opinion that the Indians of the agency will receive encouragement by being given your assurance that the Dominion Government will not consider that representations of the Indians as to their claims for additional reserve lands would in any way prejudice the claim they have advanced to title in this portion of the Province.

I am convinced that the Indians have been led by outsiders to believe that the acceptance of any land as reserves, recognized as such, would have a decided tendency to set aside the recognition by the Government of their larger claims.

The Indians have been scattering for the past few weeks to the various canneries along the coast. In a few weeks, they will be assembled together in numbers at the canneries, when it will be possible to reach them and place the matter of your letter before them, as a result of which I feel sure the Indians will be quite willing to receive the Royal Commission with courtesy with a view to the setting aside of such lands as may be in the meantime listed and placed in the hands of the Commission.

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The Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

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*Sir,—*

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I have been doing, and will do all in my power to bring this condition about. I wrote to the principal chiefs throughout the agency in January last, pointing out the same fact as mentioned in your letter: that it was highly important that reserve matters should be dealt with by the Commission; and that they should not be overlooked whilst an effort was being made by them to establish their claim to title.

The trend of all my advises to the Indians has been in this direction; and I am candidly convinced that the greater number of the Indians in my agency do not know what they want; and whilst some of them have acted rather arrogantly and ignorantly towards those trying to help them, I believe that, so far as the Naas agency is concerned, the Indians generally will receive the Commission graciously, even though they may discredit what the Commission discloses to them, as a looked-for consequence of prior advices taken by the Indians from legal representatives and agitators.

I thank you, Honourable Sir, for your letter, which, coming from you personally for the information of the Indians, I regard as being significant in the interests of both the Commission and the Indians.

I have the honor to be,
Honourable Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. Lela Clifton, Dep.
Indian Agent.

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Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Sup't of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Evening paper here announces Indian title goes Exchequer Court with Privy Council appeal that should decision be favorable treaty will follow on usual terms if unfavorable Dominion will deal with land question in Indians' best interest and that order in council makes provision for setting aside certain reserves please advise.

J. A. J. McKenna.

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Ottawa, June 24, 1914.

J.A.J. McKenna,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Reference your telegram as to submission to Exchequer Court of claims of B.C. Indians, Mr. Scott is now on his way to British Columbia and he will be able to advise you fully in reference to this.

J.D. McLean.

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| Sunday, May 17. | Lv. Ucluelet daybreak; proceed to Clayoquot leisurely, inspecting reserves en route. Clayoquot reserves are 10 in number. |
| Monday, May 18. | Arrive Clayuot 8 a.m. Meeting at Opitsat. |
| Tuesday, May 19. | At Clayoquot and adjacent inland waterways. Party proceeds on inspections by launch, steamer meanwhile proceeding to anchorage at Marktosis. Meeting there at 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 20. | Lv. Ahousaht 4 a.m. Arrive Hesquiot 8 a.m. Spend day at Hesquoit-<br>24 reserves for attention on the Tuesday and Wednesday, with meetings at Yarksis, Marktosis and Hesquiot. |
| Thursday, May 21. | Lv. Hesquiot daybreak; arrive Friendly Cove (Nootka) 8 a.m. Meeting in morning, and (if desired) afternoon meeting at Oke. Seventeen reserves here to be dealt with. |
| Friday, May 22. | At Muchalaht Arm, Gold River, etc., 13 reserves in this locality. Casual meeting. |
| Saturday, May 23. | " " " |
| Sunday, May 24. | Lv. at daybreak for Kyuquot Sound, inspections en route. Arrive Kyuquot during day. |
| Monday, May 25. | Meeting at Kyuquot (16 reserves). |
| Tuesday, May 26. | Proceed by launch to Checklesaht. |
| Wednesday, May 27. | Meeting at Hitsie, 7 reserves. Lv. midnight for Quatsino. |

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| Thursday, May 28. | Arv. Quatsino 8 a.m. Visit reserves 11, 12 and 13; meeting at No. 13, where main village is situated. Afterwards proceed up Sound to inspect reserves 14, 15, 16, 8, 9 and 10. Meeting at No. 1; visitations of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. |
| Friday, May 29. | Covered in above programme. |
| Saturday, May 30. | " " " " |
| Sunday, May 31. | Lv. 1 a.m. and proceed to Hope Island. |
| | Klaskino reserves, 3 in number, may be inspected en route. These reserve s are on Brooks Bay. Only one Indian left of this Tribe, he residing at Quatsino, where he will be examined. |
| | From Quatsino to Hope Island reserve, the headquarters of the Nahwitti Tribe, the trip is across Queen Charlotte Sound. |
| Monday, June 1. | Meeting at No. 1 Reserve of the Nahwitti Tribe, Hope Island. Inspection of reserves 2,3,4, and 5. |
| Tuesday, June 2. | Lv. 4 a.m. Arrive Takush Harbor on Indian Island 8 am. Inspections of reserves 1 and 2 of the Quawshelah Tribe and small meeting possibly. |
| Wednesday, June 3. | Lv. 5 a.m. for Slingsby Channel anchorage where steamer will remain during inspections by launch, of the Nakwakto reserves. These inspections and a meeting at a point to be selected by Agent Halliday will occupy two days. Reserves to be visited in following order: Nos. 3,4,5,6,7,8,13,14,15,16, 17,12,9,10,11. Meeting at either 3,4, or 5. |
| Thursday, June 4. | Included in above arrangement. |
| Friday, June 5. | Lv. Slingsby Channel daybreak for Fort Rupert. Inspections of reserves, Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7. Meeting at a central point to be named by Agent Halliday. Inspection of No. 4 to be made from Hardy bay. |
| Saturday, June 6. | Engaged in completion of above outlined work. |
| Sunday, June 7. | At Alert Bay. |
| Sunday, June 6. | Lv. Fort Rupert daybreak; arrive Alert Bay 8 a.m. |
| Monday, June 8. | At Alert Bay. Meeting with Indians of the Agency. Inspections of Nos. 1 and 2. Canoes to be taken for visitations of Nos. 3, 4, and 5. |
| Tuesday, June 9. | Lv. Alert Bay daybreak for Gilford Id. Pass around Malcolm Island to Guayacduns reserve. Then through Spring Passage to Knight Inlet, visiting in turn reserves 1,2,3, and 4 of the Tanakteuk band. Meeting of that band at Tsawatii reserve. |

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Wednesday, June 10. Engaged as above.

Thursday, June 11. Lv. Daybreak for Kingcombe Inlet. Visitations of reserves of the Kingcombe Inlet Band, Tsawatainuk, Ahwhamish and Kwawwaineuk. Returning from Knight Inlet by Tribune Channel visit Village Island reserves, 4, 3 and 2. Then proceed to No. 7 and hold meeting there. The vessel will be left at the head of the inlet and the reserves be visited by launch. Afterwards visitations of reserves 8,9,2,5,4,3 and 6.

Friday, June 12. Engaged as above.

Saturday, June 13. Lv. daybreak for Blenkinsop Bay anchorage. Thence work by launch. Steamer anchore at Karlukwees. Visitations of reserves 1 and 5, Village Island. Meeting at No. 1 with Mamilillikulla Band. Others of these reserves inspected by Knight Inlet.

Sunday, June 14. In this locality.

Monday, June 15. Engaged as above.

Tuesday, June 16. Arv. Salmon River, Meeting with Matilpi and Klawatsis Bands, now united and living on Turnover Island. Inspect reserves 4,3,2 and 1 of the Mahteelthpe Band, terminating with No. 1, Turnover Island.

Wednesday, June 17. Lv. Daybreak for Campbell River, willows hotel if desired. Meeting with Indians of Wewaiakum Band on Campbell River Reserve No. 11 and visit No. 12. Cross to Cape Mudge and visit other holdings of the Wewaiaikai Band. Meeting at Cape Mudge and visitations of reserves 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, These reserves are partly Wewaiaikai, Wewaiaikum and Kwaihkah.

Thursday, June 18. Included in above arrangements.

Friday, June 19. " " " "

Saturday, June 20. Return to Victoria.

NOTE: Arrangements for Kwawkewith Agency subject to minor variation upon consultation with Agent Halliday, who will meet the Commission party at Quatsino.

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## ITINERARY FOR VISITATIONS IN THE KOOTENAY AGENCY.

Monday, Sept. 7 - Leave Victoria 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, " 8 - Arrive Spences Bridge about 4 p.m.
NOTE: Agent J.F.Smith to be notified to meet the Commission at that point.

" " 8 - Leave Spences Bridge at 10 p.m.

Wednesday," 9 - Arrive Arrowhead in morning, leave Arrowhead by boat on arrival of train.
NOTE: Take on Agent at Burton or Nakusp; arriving at Nelson Wednesday evening the 9th remaining there Thursday, going on board the steamer that night.

Friday, " 11 - Leave for Creston, arriving there at 11 a.m. Meetings with Indians at Creston on Friday and Saturday, the 11th and 12th.

Sunday, " 13 - Proceed from Creston to Cranbrook in the morning by train, arriving at Cranbrook about 4 p.m.

Monday, " 14 - Meeting with St. Mary's Indians.

Tuesday, " 15 - " " " " "

Wednesday," 16 - Leave by motor in morning for Tobacco Plains (about 65 miles). May see Indians on way, but meeting to be held on Thursday the 17th, proceeding thereafter to Waldo for night.

Friday, " 18 - Waldo to Fort Steele by motor (About 40 miles).

Saturday, " 19 - Fort Steele to Windermere by motor (75 miles) Lunch at Canal Flat, arriving Windermere in evening.

Sunday, " 20 - At Windermere.

Monday, " 21 - Meeting in morning with Columbia-Kootenay Indians and in afternoon with Shuswap Indians, remaining at Windermere for night.

Tuesday, " 22 - Leave Windermere by motor for Golden (80 miles).

Wednesday," 23 - Leave for Victoria.

INDIAN AGENT GALBRAITH TO MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOTOR TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

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### Itinerary for visitations in the Lytton Agency.

Monday, Nov. 2 - Leave for Vancouver 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, " 3 - Leave Vancouver 8 :30 a.m. for Lytton, arriving there 3 p.m. staying there over night.

Wednesday, " 4 - Leave Lytton 9 a.m. by motor for Lillooet, 47 miles, lunch at Lillooet - meeting in afternoon.

Thursday, " 5 - Leave Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Pavillion, 22 miles - meeting with Pavillion Indians - lunch at Bryson's, going on to Clinton that afternoon, 27 miles.

Friday, " 6 - At Clinton - meeting with Clinton Indians in morning, and in afternoon meeting with Highbar Indians.

Saturday, " 7 - Leave Clinton 8 a.m. for Fountain, 40 miles, Lunch at Clarke's 11.30 a.m. meeting with Fountain Indians, returning to Lillooet same evening.

Sunday, " 8 - At Lillooet.

Monday, " 9 - Leave Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Seaton Lake, thence by P.G.E. boat 20 miles for Seaton Lake Indian Reserve - Meeting with Indians and inspector of Reserve. Lunch on boat, returning to Lillooet for night.

Tuesday, " 10- Leave Lillooet 7 :30 a.m. by motor for Seaton Lake en route to Anderson Lake Reserves 40 miles by P.G.E. boat over Seaton and Anderson Lake reserves Meeting with Indians - lunch on boat, and returning to Lillooet for night. (4 hours going by motor, boat and foot, and the same returning).

Wednesday," 11 - Leave Lillooet by motor, 2 miles for Cayoose Reserve - meeting with Indians and return to Lillooet for lunch.

Thursday, " 12 - Leave Lillooet 9 a.m. by motor for Bridge river- meeting with Indians and return to Lillooet for lunch.

Friday, " 13 - Leave Lillooet 9 a.m. for Lytton, 47 miles, lunch at Lytton - meeting with the Lytton Indians in the afternoon.

Friday, " 13 -Leave Lytton 5 p.m. for Victoria, arriving there on Saturday a.m. November 14th.

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Saturday, " 21 - Meeting with Hope Indians in morning, Union Bar and Texas Lake Indians in afternoon.

Sunday, " 22 - On train at Hope.

Monday, " 23 - Cross Fraser River and hold meeting with Yale Indians and visit reserves.

Tuesday, " 24 - Meeting with Spuzzum Indians in morning - proceed to Boston Bar and hold meeting in afternoon.

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Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Meeting with Boothroyd Indians and visit Indian Reserves.

Thursday, " 26 - Meeting with Lanaka Bar Indians in morning and Cisco Indians in afternoon. Leave for Port Mann en route to Victoria.

Saturday, " 28 - Arrive Victoria.

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COPY.

Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.,
October 31st, 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of I.A.,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the itinerary for the tour of visitations of reserves in the Lytton Agency upon which the Commission leaves next Monday, which itinerary will be followed to the completion of the first section, on the 13th November.

We had, as you will see, arranged for other visitations keeping the Commission in the Lytton field until the 28th proximo; but since the itinerary was drafted, we have found that satisfactory arrangements could not be made for transportation by the construction forces over the new line of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway.

Details of the itinerary for these remaining reserves of the Agency will therefore be left in abeyance until the Commission is at Lytton. After consultation with the Agent there our further route will be laid out, and I shall then send you from there copy of the adopted programme for the final section of our field work in that Agency.

Yours faithfully,

J.A.J. McKenna.

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Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.,
November 9th, 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General, of I.A.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I enclose revised Itinerary of the Commission for the Lytton Agency.

The Commission has been very much bothered by rain which, fortunately, stopped on the 4th of November; now they are having some cold weather - but dry - and they like it better. They are all well and in good trim.

I hope that you have received my letter of the 3rd instant, and will see that the request therein made is granted.

Yours very truly,
J.G.H. Bergeron,
Secretary.

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Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Lv. Lytton 8:30 a.m. by motor for Lillooet, 47 miles - meeting in afternoon.

Thursday, " 5 - Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Pavillion 22 miles. Meeting in forenoon - lunch at Bryson's going on to Clinton 40 miles.

Friday, " 6 - At Clinton - meeting in morning another in afternoon with High Bar Indians.

Saturday, " 7 - Lv. Clinton 8 a.m. for Fountain, 40 miles, Lunch at Clarke's 11:30 a.m. Lv. for meeting with Fountain Indians 5 miles on at 12:15 - meeting to open immediately on arrival - Leave for Lillooet not later than 5 p.m.

Sunday, " 8 - At Lillooet.

Monday, " 9 - Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. for Seaton Lake, 4 miles. Thence by P.G.E. boat 20 miles to Reserve - Lunch on boat - meeting and inspection to be immediately proceeded with - Lv. Reserve for return to Lillooet not later than 4 p.m.

Tuesday, " 10- Lv. Lillooet 7:30 a.m. by motor for Seaton Lake thence by P.G.E boat over Seatoh and Anderson Lakes, 40 miles to Reserve- lunching on board- Meeting with Indians immediately on arrival and leaving for Lillooet not later than 3 p.m.

Wednesday, " 11 - Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Cayoos I.R. 2 miles - meeting with Indians and return to Lillooet for lunch - Lv. Lillooet 1:30 for Bridge River 5 miles - meet Indians and return to Lillooet.

Thursday, " 12 - Lv. Lillooet 9:a.m. for Lytton, 47 miles.

Friday, " 13 - Meeting at Lytton.

Saturday, " 14 - Lv. Lytton 8 a.m. by motor for Cisco, 8 miles carry lunch - meeting with Cisco and Skuppa Indians in forenoon opening at 9 a.m. proceeding to Kanaka Bar 4 miles further on meeting Indians and leaving not later than 5 p.m. for Lytton. NOTE: not sure that trail to Kanka Bar can be travelled with motors as C.N.P. construction may have so affected the road to make travel possible only with teams and then with difficulty.

Sunday, " 15 - At Lytton.

Monday, " 16 - Lv. Lytton 8 a.m. by motor for Kanaka Bar 12 miles over same route as previous day and meet Indians (Boothroyd) at 9 a.m. Lv. at noon sharp for Lytton take train at 5 p.m. for North Bend.

Tuesday, " 17 - Meet Boston Bar Indians at N. Bend 10 a.m.

Wednesday, " 18 - Take Special C.P.R. engine and caboose for Spuzzum 8 a.m. meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 - proceeding to Katz Landing eating lunch en route, meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the Hope Band- lv. 4 p.m. for N. Bend.

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Thursday, Nov. 19 - Lv. North Bend by special Engine and Caboose at 8 a.m. for Ruby Creek carrying lunch and eating en route - meeting Indians at Shawalook, Ohamil and Squawtits - Lv. for Yale at 5 p.m.

Friday, " 20 - Meeting at Yale opening at 10 a.m. - Lv. by train at 7:40 for Hope.

Saturday, " 21 - Meet Indians of Union Bar and Texas Lake at former Reserve, 2 miles by team from Hope- Lv. Hope by train 8 p.m. for Agassis.

Sunday, " 22 - At Agassis or Harrison Hot Springs (Springs Hotel motor connects with train at Agassis).

Monday, " 23 - Proceed by motor from Agassis to Harrison H.S. to Ohsam 4 miles - meet Indians return to Agassis for lunch - Lv. by motor 2 p.m. for Popcum 6 miles meet Indians and return to Agassis by 6 p.m.

Tuesday, " 24 - Visit Maria Island, starting from Agassis 8:30 a.m. and meet Indians in the forenoon- return to Agassis for lunch and meeting with Board of Trade in the afternoon.

Wednesday, " 25 - Lv. Agassis for Vancouver by train at 8 a.m. or later train if preferred (3 hours from Agassis to Bancouver). The train could be taken 9 p.m. on Tuesday and connection made with night boat for Victoria.

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Directions as to mailing.

Mail posted in Victoria up to the closing of mail for night boat from Victoria on Monday the 9th to be addressed,

Excelsior Hotel,
Lillooet, B.C.

From then to and including night mail of Sunday 15th.

c/o Indian Agent,
Lytton, B.C.

From then to night of Tuesday 17th.

c/o C.P.R. Hotel, North Bend.

From then up to the night of the 22nd, to the

Bella Vista Hotel, Agassis, B.C.

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NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY - THIRD SECTION.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Itinerary for visitations in the New Westminster Agency.

Thursday, Jan. 7 - Leave Victoria.

Friday, " 8 - Arrive Vancouver; breakfast on boat. Proceed to New Westminster by tram, thence by motor car from Russell House to Coquitlam. Lunch at Colony Farm. Meet Indians at Coquitlam Reserve No. 1 at 2 p.m. Return New Westminster for dinner and night.

Saturday, " 9 - Leave New Westminster by launch 9 a.m. for meeting with Langley Indians at their headquarters Reserve in afternoon. Lunch at Langley Hotel. Leave for New Westminster to arrive there for dinner.

Sunday, " 10 - Free.

Monday, " 11 - Leave New Westminster 9:30 a.m. by tram for Matsqui arriving about 10:30, taking lunch along. Meet Indians on arrival and proceed to Sumass for night.

Tuesday, " 12 - Proceed from Sumass by teams to Indian meeting at Upper Sumass Reserve, returning to Sumass and taking tram there at 8 p.m. for Chilliwack.

Wednesday, " 13 - Motor at 1 p.m. to Skwah Reserve (1-1/2) miles and hold meeting with Indians, returning to Chilliwack for dinner and night.

Thursday, " 14 - Motor to Skul-kayn Reserve ( 4 miles) at 9 a.m. and meet Indians. Visit Coqualeetza Institute, lunching there. Return Chilliwack for dinner and night.

Friday, " 15 - Motor to Soowahlie (6 miles) at 9 a.m. Meeting Indians and leave at 1 p.m. for Chilliwack Junction. Afternoon visit Indian settlements and Reserves.

Saturday, " 16 - Proceed from Chilliwack to Harrison Hot Spring crossing River by ferry.

Sunday, " 17 - At Springs.

Monday, " 18 - Leave 8:30 a.m. by motor launch for Chehali to meet Indians at 9:30 a.m. returning to Hotel for night.

Tuesday, " 19 - Proceed to Schwlitz to meet Indians in morning and go on to Lakahahmen to meet Indians and see Reserves - thence to Mission City for night.

Wednesday, " 20 - Visit school and return to Victoria.

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Monday, April 26 - Proceed to Hawilgate, by team, for meeting with the Hawilgate Indians and inspection of reserves.

Tuesday, " 27 - Meeting in forenoon with Babine Indians at Old Hazelton; afternoon meeting with Kitsegas Indians.

Wednesday, " 28 - Meeting at Old Hazelton in forenoon, with the Kuldoe Indians; afternoon proceed to New Hazelton.

Thursday, " 29 - Proceed to Morricetown; special consideration to be given to the case of "Round Lake Tommy."

STUART LAKE AGENCY : THIRD SECTION.

(Commissioners Shaw & Carmichael)

Saturday, May 15 - Lv. Victoria for Burns Lake.

Sunday, " 16
to
Tuesday, " 18 - En route to Burns Lake.

Wednesday, " 19 - Arv. Burns Lake, there meeting Agent McAllan with saddle horses, packtrain and outfit.

Thursday, " 20 - Inspect lands at West End Burns Lake which are the subject of applications in behalf of Indians.

Friday, " 21 - Proceed by canoe or boat to East End Burns Lake and inspect land thereat, returning to West End of lake same day. Here meet Decker Lake and Maxim Lake Indians.

Saturday, " 22 - Proceed to Francois Lake.

Sunday, " 23 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 24 - Proceed by motor boat to inspect lands applied for at the South and West ends of Francois Lake. Consideration of these applications will occupy approximately three days.

Tuesday, " 25 - At Francois Lake - consideration of lands applications.

Wednesday, " 26 - ditto

Thursday, " 27 - Proceed en route to Ootsa Lake, reaching Umche Lake same day and inspecting lands applied for thereat.

Friday, " 28 - Arv. at Skin Tyee's on Skin's Lake and inspect same.

Saturday, " 29 - Arv. Ootsa Lake and inspect lands applied for in S. ½. Lot 425.

Sunday, " 30 - Proceed en route to Cheslatta Lake and inspect SE. ¼ of Lot 440.

Monday, " 31 - Arv. at and inspect land applied for by White Eye Jack, six miles on Bella Coola trail.

Tuesday, June 1 - Arv. at and inspect two locations on the W. end of Cheslatta Lake.

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| Wednesday, June | 2 - | Arv. at Chief Louis' and meet Indians from the East end of Cheslatta Lake. |
| Thursday, | " 3 - | Proceed by trail to Stella, inspecting en route land applied for as fishing station on Been-te-bunket Lake. |
| Friday, | " 4 - | Arv. at Stella. |
| Saturday, | " 5 - | At Stella all day, meeting with Indians and considering land applications. |
| Sunday, | " 6 - | Arv. at Fort Fraser, passing through and inspecting one reserve en route. |
| Monday, | " 7 - | Meeting with Fraser Lake Indians and consideration of application for fishing station. |
| Tuesday, | " 8 - | Lv. for Stoney Creek, arriving there same evening. |
| Wednesday, | " 9 - | Meeting with Indians of the Stoney Creek Tribe and consideration of applications for fishing stations. |
| Thursday, | " 10 - | Proceed to Stuart Lake via Vanderhoof. |
| Friday, | " 11 - | Arv. Stuart Lake. |
| Saturday, | " 12 - | At Stuart Lake: Meetings with all the northern Indians resident in the district between the Stuart Lake and Bear Lake, and consideration of various applications, principally in behalf of the Bear Lake and Tatla Lake Indians, and for fishing stations for the Stuart Lake Indians. |
| Sunday, | " 13 - | No official engagements. |
| Monday, | " 14 - | Continuation of arrangements as for Saturday. |
| Tuesday, | " 15 - | ditto. |
| Wednesday, | " 16 - | Lv. for Vanderhoof. |
| Thursday, | " 17 - | At Vanderhoof. |
| Friday, | " 18 - | Lv. for Blackwater via the Old Telegraph Trail, en route inspecting Blackwater reserves Nos. 3 and 4. |
| Saturday, | " 19 - | En route to Blackwater as above. |
| Sunday, | " 20 - | Arv. at Blackwater I.R. No. 2 in evening. |
| Monday, | " 21 - | At Blackwater I.R. No. 2 all day; meeting with Indians. |
| Tuesday, | " 22 - | Lv. for Trout Lake Johnnie's, Enchiniso River. |
| Wednesday, | " 23 - | Arv. at Trout Lake Johnnie's, remaining there Wednesday and Thursday for meetings with his Band and the consideration of land applications. |
| Thursday, | " 24 - | At Trout Lake Johnnie's; meeting with Indians of the Nazco Band. |
| Friday, | " 25 - | Lv. for Kluskus. |

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Saturday, June 26 - En route for Kluskus.

Sunday, " 27 - Arv. Kluskus evening.

Monday, " 28 - At Kluskus; meeting with Indians.

Tuesday, " 29 - Lv. for Ulkatcho.

Wednesday, " 30 - En route for Ulkatcho.

Thursday, July 1 - ditto.

Friday, " 2 - Arv. Ulkatcho.

Saturday, " 3 - Meeting with Indians of the Ulkatcho Tribe.

Sunday, " 4 - Lv. Ulkatcho for Bella Coola and Victoria.

Special Memoranda:

No provision has here been made for adverse weather conditions or unforseen delays, and on this account Agent McAllan advises the addition of five days to above iniherary;

Provision supply depots at Burns Lake, Fort Fraser, Vanderhoof and Stuart Lake.

## S T I K I N E A G E N C Y.

(The Chairman and Commissioners McKenna and Macdowall).

Saturday, May 29 - Lv. Victoria for Wrangel.

Sunday, " 30 - En route.

Monday, " 31 - Arv. Wrangel.

Tuesday, June 1 - Lv. Wrangel by H.B.Co. Steamer for "Telegraph Creek.

Wednesday, " 2 -
and
Thursday, " 3 - En route up river.

Friday, " 4 - Arv. Telegraph Creek.

Saturday, " 5 - Meeting with Indians of Tahltan Tribe at Telegraph Creek.

Sunday, " 6 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 7 - Meetings at Telegraph Creek with Indians of the Cassa Tribe (Morning) and Indians of the Liard Tribe (Afternoon).

Tuesday, " 8 - Meetings with the Graham Nomads (Morning) and with the Nelson Nomads (Afternoon).

Wednesday, W 9 - At Telegraph Creek awaiting down river steamer.

Thrusday, " 10 - Lv. Telegraph Creek for Wrangel, arriving same evening.

Friday, " 11 - Proceed to Atlin via American steamer and White Pass Railway.

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Saturday, June 12
to
Tuesday, " 15 - Enroute to Atlin.

Wednesday, " 16 - Arv. at Atlin and devote three days to meetings with Indians, inspections, etc.

Saturday, " 19 - Proceed to Whitehorse en route to Victoria.

Tuesday, " 22 - At Skagway.

Saturday, " 26 - Arv. Victoria.

## N A A S  A G E N C Y

(Complete Commission)

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Lv. Victoria by Chartered steamer for Prince Rupert.

Wednesday, " 22 -
and
Thursday, " 23 - en route.

Friday, " 24 - Arv. Prince Rupert, where Agent joins.

Saturday, " 25 - Proceed to Port Essington for meeting with the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas Indians in afternoon.

Sunday, " 26 - Np official engagements; return to Prince Rupert.

Monday, " 27 - Proceed to Metlakatla; superficial inspections of reserves en route. Inspection of reserves and meeting in afternoon with Indians of the Metlakatla Tribe.

Tuesday, " 28 - Proceed to Port Simpson, for inspection and meeting.

Wednesday, " 29 - At Port Simpson.

Thursday, " 30 - Proceed to Stewart, calling at Kincolith; arv. Stewart same day.

Friday, Oct. 1 - Proceed to Observatory Inlet, stopping at Anyox (Granby Bay). Inspections of reserves en route both ways. Special visit to Alice Arm to inspect reserve in dispute.

Saturday, " 2 - Lv. Granby Bay for Kincolith, inspecting reserves en route; meeting in afternoon with Kincolith Indians.

Sunday, " 3 - No official engagements; at Kincolith.

Monday, " 4 - Lv. by riverboat for Lak-kal-zap reserve; inspection.

Tuesday, " 5 - Meeting with Naas river Indians at Lak-kal-zap.

Wednesday, " 6 - Proceed by riverboat to Gwinoha (Git-wan-shilt-qu). Inspection and meeting with Indians of the Git-wan-shilt-qu Band.

Thursday, " 7 - Proceed by riverboat to Aiyansh; inspection and

Friday, " 8 - Meeting with Indians of the Aiyansh Band, Naas River Tribe.

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| Saturday, Oct. | 9 - | Proceed to Git-lak-dam-iks; inspection and meeting with Indians of the Git-lak-dam-iks Band, Naas River Tribe. |
| Sunday, " | 10 - | No official engagements. |
| Monday, " | 11 - | Proceed by riverboat to Grease Harbour; inspection of dispute lands. Meeting with a section of the Upper Naas River Indians. Proceed to Upper Canyon to inspect additional lands applied for. |
| Tuesday, " | 12 - | Proceed down river to Naas Harbour; superficial inspections en route. |
| Wednesday " | 13 - | En route. |
| and Thursday, " | 14 - | " . Arv. Naas Harbour evening. |
| Friday, " | 15 - | Awaiting return steamer; reach Victoria on or about 20. |

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Ottawa, July 9,1914.

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Memorandum for Mr. McLean:-

The telegram hereunder refers to letter of March 25, last, on file. Apparently the Royal Commission assumes that a large number of copies of its final report will be required by the Government. I think the Commission should make arrangements to have a sufficient number of copies of its final report printed and in as economical a manner as may be possible.

C. Bray

Chief Surveyor.

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Ottawa, July 10, 1914.

The Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Regarding the holding of type for statistical tabulations it is thought the Commission should make such arrangements as may be necessary to have a sufficient number of copies of its final report printed and in as economical a manner as may be possible.

J. D. McLean.

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Ottawa, August 15, 1914.

J.G.H.Bergeron,
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Victoria, B.C.

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July 24th, 1914

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I.A.,
c/o Inspector W. E. Ditchburn,
Victoria, B. C.

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Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to advise you that a meeting with the Indians of the Shuswap Nation at Canim Lake I.R., on the 15th instant, the Indians of the Band then and there present declined to make any general statement or to give evidence touching their reserves, giving as their explanation for such course the statement that their Chief had received the following letter:

"Indian Rights Association of B.C.,
"Office of the General Secretary,
"41 South Turner Street,
"Victoria, B.C.,
"June 23rd, 1914.

"Dear Sir:

"I am pleased to inform you that Mr Clark "has gone to England with full instructions to wait "upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and urge "that the original petition of the British Columbia Ind-"ians be submitted to the Judicial Committee of the "Privy Council. Mr Clark considers this step of the "utmost importance inasmuch as the Commission now at "work is not dealing with the question of Title, which "question covers the rights of the Indians not only to "the land, but also to the fish, game, timber, water and "other interests to which the natives laid claim before "the coming of the white man and which they have never "surrendered. We trust and pray that Mr Clark may be "successful as it seems the only hope of getting justice.

"This action will entail considerable expense, "with very little money in the treasury to meet it. For "two years you have not been asked to subscribe, but now "the time has come to urge this matter, and you know it "cannot be done without money. I think it would be well "to make a general appeal -- to the women as well as the "men -- for some of the best subscribers have been women

"Trusting that this matter will receive your "immediate attention.

"Yours faithfully (sd) "C.M.Tate,
"Gen'l Secretary

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I may add that at various meetings with the Indians held subsequent to that at Canim Lake on the 15th inst., statements were made by the Indians and evidence given as desired, touching the matter of reserves and the conditions obtaining generally among the Indians.

The Commission has thought it well to place these facts before you for your information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

C. H. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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The Secretary,

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"500 copies Final Report will be "sufficient."

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(1914) ITINERARY FOR VISITATIONS IN THE KOOTENAY AGENCY.

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| Monday, Sept. 7th. | | Leave Victoria 11.45 p.m. |
| Tuesday " | 8th. | Arrive Spences Bridge about 6 p.m.<br>NOTE. Agent J.F.Smith to be notified to meet the Commission at that point. |
| " " | 8th. | Leave Spences Bridge at 10 p.m. |
| Wednesday " | 9th. | Arrive Arrowhead in morning, leave Arrowhead by boat on arrival of train.<br>NOTE. Take on Agent at Burton or Nakusp; arriving at Nelson Wednesday evening the 9th. remaining there Thursday, going on board the steamer that night. |
| Friday " | 11th. | Leave for Creston, arriving there at 11 a.m. Meetings with Indians at Creston on Friday and Saturday, the 11th. and 12th. |
| Sunday " | 13th. | Proceed from Creston to Cranbrook in the morning by train, arriving at Cranbrook about 4 p.m. |
| Monday " | 14th. | Meeting with St Mary's Indians. |
| Tuesday " | 15th. | " " " " |
| Wednesday " | 16th. | Leave by motor in morning for Tobacco Plains (about 65 miles). May see Indians on way, but meeting to be held on Thursday the 17th., proceeding thereafter to Waldo for night. |
| Friday " | 18th. | Waldo to Fort Steele by motor (about 40 miles). |
| Saturday " | 19th. | Fort Steele to Windermere by motor (75 miles) Lunch at Canal Flat, arriving Windermere in evening. |
| Sunday " | 20th. | At Windermere. |
| Monday " | 21st. | Meeting in morning with Columbia-Kootenay Indians and in afternoon with Shuswap Indians, remaining at Windermere for night. |
| Tuesday " | 22nd. | Leave Windermere by motor for Golden (80 miles). |
| Wednesday | 23rd. | Leave for Victoria. |

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Lower Nicola P.O. Nicola Valley B.C. Oct. 2

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 8 1914

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the following are the dates of my visits to the Potatoes Stillias Reserve this year so far Jan 4th Feb 9th, Mar. 16th April 19th May 17th Aug. 20th Sept. 20th as a clergyman holding services.

I have the honour to submit this information as I understand that when the Indian Commissioners were up at that Reserve the Indian chief Billy Nickommen stated on oath amongst other things that the priest only went there once a year. As he mostly lives six miles up in the hills on his ranche it can easily be seen how he came to make such a statement. I have a large district with many reserves on it & services to hold for white people & I can just manage to get round in the month. As far as possible I try & make it the same Sunday each month but that is very often impossible as I have been called away from my work in this valley to do other work.

I remain

Your obedient servant

Rev. F. B. Eterson.

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Lower Nicola P.O.,
Nicola Valley, B. C.
Oct. 2nd.

Sir,-

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I remain,
Your obedient servant,
Rev. F. B. Ebeson.

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October 8th, 1914.

Rev. Sir -

I have your letter of the 2nd instant in reference to your church work on the Potatoes Hillies Reserve and have noted the contents.

I am sending a copy of your communication to the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. F. B. Ebbett,

Lower Nicola P.O.,

Nicola Valley, B.C.

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October 14th, 1914.

The Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant with enclosure of letter from the Rev. F. B. Ebeson, re religious services held in the Lytton Agency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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| Mon[illegible]ov. 2nd. | | Leave for Vancouv[illegible] |
| Tuesday " 3rd. | | " Vancouver 8.30 a.m. for Lytton, arriving there 3 p.m. staying there over night. |
| Wednesday " 4th. | | Leave Lytton 9 a.m. by motor for Lillooet, 47 miles, lunch at Lillooet - meeting in afternoon. |
| Thursday " 5th. | | Leave Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Pavillion, 22 miles - meeting with Pavillion Indians - Lunch at Bryson's, going on to Clinton that afternoon, 27 miles. |
| Friday " 6th. | | At Clinton - meeting with Clinton Indians in morning, and in afternoon meeting with Highbar Indians. |
| Saturday " 7th. | | Leave Clinton 8 a.m. for Fountain, 40 miles. Lunch at Clarke's 11.30 a.m. meeting with Fountain Indians, returning to Lillooet same evening. |
| Sunday " 8th. | | At Lillooet. |
| Monday " 9th. | | Leave Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Seaton Lake, thence by P.G.E. boat 20 miles for Seaton Lake Indian Reserve - Meeting with Indians and inspection of Reserve. Lunch on boat, returning to Lillooet for night. |
| Tuesday " 10th. | | Leave Lillooet 7.30 a.m. by motor for Seaton on route to Anderson lake Reserves 40 mil P.G.E. boat over Seaton and Anderson Lak Meeting with Indians - lunch on boat, to Lillooet for night. (4 hours going by boat and foot, and the same returning). |
| Wednesday 11th. | | Leave Lillooet by motor, 2 miles for C serve - meeting with Indians and re ooet for lunch. |
| Thursday " 12th. | | Leave Lillooet 9 a.m. by motor fo meeting with Indians and return t lunch. |
| Friday " 13th. | | Leave Lillooet 9 a.m. for Lyt at Lytton - meeting with the the afternoon. |
| Friday " 13th. | | Leave Lytton 5 p.m. for Vict on Saturday a.m. November |

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| Saturday, | 21st. Nov. | Meeting with Hope Indians in morning, Union Bar and Texas Lake Indians in afternoon. |
| Sunday | 22nd. " | On train at Hope. |
| Monday | 23rd. " | Cross Fraser River and hold meeting with Yale Indians and visit reserves. |
| Tuesday | 24th. " | Meeting with Spuzzum Indians in morning - proceed to Boston Bar and hold meeting in afternoon. |
| Wednesday | 25th. " | Meeting with Boothroyd Indians and visit Indian Reserves. |
| Thursday | 26th. " | Meeting with Kanaka Bar Indians in morning and Cisco Indians in afternoon. Leave for Port Mann en route to Victoria. |
| Friday | 28th. " | Arrive Victoria. |

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 4

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October 31st, 1914

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Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I.A.,
O T T A W A , C A N .

Dear Mr Scott:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the itinerary for the tour of visitations of reserves in the Lytton Agency upon which the Commission leaves next Monday, which itinerary will be followed to the completion of the first section, on the 13th November.

We had, as you will see, arranged for other visitations keeping the Commission in the Lytton field until the 28th proximo; but since the itinerary was drafted, we have found that satisfactory arrangements could not be made for transportation by the construction forces over the new line of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway.

Details of the itinerary for these remaining reserves of the Agency will therefore be left in abeyance until the Commission is at Lytton. After consultation with the Agent there our further route will be laid out, and I shall then send you from there copy of the adopted programme for the final section of our field work in that Agency.

Yours faithfully

J. G. H. Bergeron

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November 6th. 1914.

Dear Dr. McKenna,

I have to thank you for the copy of the itinerary. I shall be glad to know of your further movements when they have been decided upon.

Yours sincerely.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Belmont House,
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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

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| Wednesday, Nov. 4th. | | Lv. Lytton 8.30 a.m. by motor for Lillooet, 47 miles - meeting in afternoon. |
| Thursday | " 5th. | Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Pavillion 22 miles. Meeting in forenoon - lunch at Bryson's going on to Clinton 40 miles. |
| Friday | " 6th. | At Clinton - meeting in morning another in afternoon with High Bar Indians. |
| Saturday | " 7th. | Lv. Clinton 8 a.m. for Fountain, 40 miles. Lunch at Clarke's 11.30 a.m. Lv. for meeting with Fountain Indians 5 miles on at 12.15 - meeting to open immediately on arrival - Leave for Lillooet not later than 5 p. m. |
| Sunday | " 8th. | At Lillooet. |
| Monday | " 9th. | Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. for Seaton Lake, 4 miles. Thence by P.G.N. boat 20 miles to Reserve - Lunch on boat - meeting and inspection to be immediately proceeded with - Lv. Reserve for return to Lillooet not later than 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday | " 10th. | Lv. Lillooet 7.30 a.m. by motor for Seaton Lake thence by P.G.N. boat over Seaton and Anderson Lakes, 40 miles to Reserve - lunching on board - meeting with Indians immediately on arrival and leaving for Lillooet not later than 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday | " 11th. | Lv. Lillooet 8 a.m. by motor for Cayoos I.R. 2 miles - meeting with Indians and return to Lillooet for lunch - Lv. Lillooet 1.30 for Bridge River 5 miles - meet Indians and return to Lillooet. |
| Thursday | " 12th. | Lv. Lillooet 9 a.m. for Lytton, 47 miles. |
| Friday | " 13th. | Meeting at Lytton. |
| Saturday | " 14th. | Lv. Lytton 8 a.m. by motor for Cisco, 8 miles carry lunch - meeting with Cisco and Skuppa Indians in forenoon opening at 9 a.m. proceeding to Kanaka Bar 4 miles further on meeting Indians and leaving not later than 5 p.m. for Lytton. NOTE: not sure that trail to Kanaka Bar can be travelled with motors as C.N.R. construction may have so affected the road to make travel possible only with teams and then with difficulty. |
| Sunday | " 15th. | At Lytton. |
| Monday | " 16th. | Lv. Lytton 8 a.m. by motor for Kanaka Bar 12 miles over same route as previous day and meet Indians (Boothroyd) at 9 a.m. Lv. at noon sharp for Lytton take train at 5 p.m. for North Bend. |
| Tuesday | " 17th. | Meet Boston Bar Indians at N. Bend 10 a. |

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| Wednesday, Nov. | 18th. | Take Special C.P.R. engine and caboose for Spuzzum 8 a.m. meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 - proceeding to Kats Landing eating lunch on route, meeting at 1.30 p. m. with the Hope Band - lv. 4 pl m. for N. Band. |
| Thursday, " | 19th. | Lv. North Band by special engine and caboose at 8 a. m. for Ruby Creek carrying lunch and eating on route - meeting Indians at Shawlook, Chawil and Squawtits 0 Lv. for Yale at 5 p. m. |
| Friday " | 20th. | Meeting at Yale opening at 10 a.m. - Lv. by train at 7.40 for Hope. |
| Saturday " | 21st. | Meet Indians of Union Bar and Texas Lake at former Reserve, 2 miles by team from Hope - Lv. Hope by train 8 p. m. for Agassis. |
| Sunday " | 22nd. | At Agassis or Harrison Hot Springs (Spring's Hotel motor connects with train at Aggassis). |
| Monday " | 23rd. | Proceed by motor from Aggassis to Harrison H. S. to Chehalis 4 miles - meet Indians return to Agassis for lunch - Lv. by motor 2 p.m. for Popcum 6 miles meet Indians and return to Aggassis by 6 p.m. |
| Tuesday " | 24th. | Visit Maria Island, starting from Aggassis 8.30 a.m. and meet Indians in the forenoon - return to Aggassis for lunch and meeting with Board of Trade in the afternoon. |
| Wednesday " | 25th. | Lv. Agassis for Vancouver by train at 8 a.m. or later train if preferred ( 3 hours from Agassis to Vancouver). The train could be taken 9 p.m. on Tuesday and connection made with night boat for Victoria. |

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Directions as to mailing.

Mail posted in Victoria up to the closing of mail for night boat from Victoria on Monday the 9th to be addressed,

Excelsior Hotel,
Lillooet, B. C.

From then to and including night mail of Sunday 15th.

C/o Indian Agent,
Lytton, B. C.

From then to night of Tuesday 17th.

C/o C.P.R.Hotel, North Band.

From then up to the night of the 22nd. to the

Bella Vista Hotel, Agassis

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November 9th, 1914.

Secretary

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

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NOV 17 1914
SURVEYS

Dear Mr. Scott:

I enclose revised Itinerary of the Commission for the Lytton Agency.

The Commission has been very much bothered by rain which, fortunately, stopped on the 4th of November; now they are having some ~~peor~~ cold weather - but dry - and they like it better. They are all well and in good trim.

I hope that you have received my letter of the 3rd instant, and will see that the request therein made is granted?

Yours very truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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BELMONT HOUSE,

VICTORIA, B. C., 3rd December, 1914.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

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Sir,
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(SGD) J. G. H. Bergeron,
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NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY - THIRD SECTION.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Itinerary for visitations in the New Westminster Agency. 47399.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday, | Jan. | 7th. | Leave Victoria. |
| Friday, | " | 8th. | Arrive Vancouver; breakfast on boat. Proceed to New Westminster by tram, thence by motor car from Russell House to Coquitlam. Lunch at Colony Farm. Meet Indians at Coquitlam Reserve No. 1 at 2 p. m. Return New Westminster for dinner and night. |
| Saturday, | " | 9th. | Leave New Westminster by launch 9 a. m. for meeting with Langley Indians at their headquarter Reserve in afternoon, Lunch at Langley Hotel. Leave for New Westminster to arrive there for dinner. |
| Sunday, | " | 10th. | Free. |
| Monday, | " | 11th. | Leave New Westminster 9.30 a.m. by tram for Matsqui arriving about 10.30, taking lunch along. Meet Indians on arrival and proceed to Sumas for night. |
| Tuesday, | " | 12th. | Proceed from Sumass by teams to Indian meeting at Upper Sumass Reserve, returning to Sumass and taking tram there at 8 p. for Chilliwack. |
| Wednesday | " | 13th. | Motor at 1 p. m. to Skwah Reserve (1-1/2) mile and hold meeting with Indians, returning to Chillwack for dinner and night. |
| Thursday | " | 14th. | Motor to Skul-kayn Reserve (4 miles) at 9 a.m. and meet Indians. Visit Coqualeetza Institute, lunching there. Return Chilliwack for dinner and night. |
| Friday | " | 15th. | Motor to Soowahlie (6 miles) at 9 a. m. Meet Indians and leave at 1 p. m. for Chillwack Junction. Afternoon visit Indian settlements and Reserves. |
| Saturday | " | 16th. | Proceed from Chillwack to Harrison Hot Springs crossing River by ferry. |
| Sunday | " | 17th. | At Springs. |
| Monday | " | 18th. | Leave 8.30 a. m. by motor launch for Chehalis to meet Indians at 9.30 a.m. returning to Hotel for night. |
| Tuesday | " | 19th. | Proceed to Scowlitz to meet Indians in morning and go on to Lakahahmen to meet Indians and see Reserves - thence to Mission City for night. |
| Wednesday | " | 20th. | Visit school and return to Victoria. |

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December 23rd, 1914.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

Herewith I beg to send you for your information and in order that you may the better keep track of the movements of the Commission, an Itinerary for visitations on the third section of the New Westminster Agency, these visitations being inaugurated on January 7th proximo.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. McKenna

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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Please let me know if you will be at your office thursday 7th inst would like to meet you.

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Ottawa, January 5th. 1915.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Windsor Hotel,
Montreal, Que.

Will be in office Thursday and pleased to see you.

Charge I. A.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Telegraph Creek,

January, 19th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 1915

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

47561

Sir,

I have been instructed by Inspector Tyson to notify the indians of Liard, and Mc Dames Creek that the Commissioners will be at Telegraph Creek about 1st of June 1915 and that the interior Indians will have to come in to Telegraph Creek to meet them, I Wrote in to these posts notifying them and I have since met an Indian from Liard ,who tells me that these Indians say that they cant make the trip as they will have to leave in April on the last Ice in order to reach Dease Lake before the rivers brake, there are several small Lakes on the Dease River that do not break up before 24rt df May, and if they wait till then they wont reach Telegraph Creek , in time, I would suggest that Six men be taken from each Band, to meet the Commissioners, and in that case it will be necessary to leave their families at the Liard and issue Rations to them while the men are away, which could be arranged through the Hudsons Bay Company. The men will have to be furnished with food from the time that they leave until they return, and this will mean quite an expense. Even then I am in doubt if they can be persuaded to leave their families. The distance from Liard Post to Telegraph Creek is, 250 miles. I will be leaving for the Interior about the latter end of February, ~~[illegible]~~ before a reply to this letter could reach me by Mail, so would suggest that you give me instructions over the Wire, on receipt of this letter.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

A. Scott Simpson

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Ottawa, February 19th, 1925.

W. S. Simpson,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

You may make necessary arrangements as suggested to have six representatives from the Liard and McDames Creek Bands to meet the Commissioners, Telegraph Creek, and issue rations where necessary.

Duncan C. Scott.

(Chg. Dep't I.A.)

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN
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DEPARTMENT

February 22nd, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bergeron -

I received on Saturday morning a communication from Mr. W. Scott Simpson, Indian Agent, Stikine Agency, Telegraph Creek, B.C., in which he stated that the Indians of Liard and McDames Creek, who were asked to meet the Commission at Telegraph Creek about the 1st of June, cannot make the trip unless they leave in April on the last ice, as if they wait until the break-up of the ice they would not reach their destination in time.

Mr. Simpson suggests that six men be chosen from each band to meet the Commissioners, and I have approved of the suggestion, and authorised him to issue the necessary rations to these Indians while en route, and to the families whom they may leave behind.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esqr.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs,
P.O. Box 755, Victoria, B.C.

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March 4th, 1915

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I.A.,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo re. arrangements to be made by Agent W. Scott Simpson for representation of the Indians of the Liard and McDames Creek sections at the meeting of the Commission at Telegraph Creek.

The Commissioners desire me to express to you their high appreciation of and thanks for the action taken by you, as noted in your letter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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Ottawa, March 31st. 1915.

W. J. McAllan, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Stuart Lake Agency,
Fort Fraser, B. C.

Your letter March twentieth. Will approve of bringing delegates from the bands mentioned to interview the Commission, take necessary steps. Question of apportionment of expense can be settled satisfactorily.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Charge I. A.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 28 1915

Stuart Lake Agency

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Fort Fraser Mar 20 1915

*Sir,—*

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I wish to say that I have just returned from a consultation with the Royal Indian Commsrs. at Victoria. In discussing with the Commsrs. the arrangements in detail pertaining to their forthcoming visit in May to this Agency it was found that a great deal of time and money could be saved if certain outlying bands could be broughtin to certres easier of access. This procedure i might say would not in the smallest sense jeopardise the interests of these Indians.

The proposal is to send runners ahead to notify all Indians affected but only to bring two members from each of the bands or parts of bands affected. Runners would require to be paid two dollars a day and provisions for the trip, the two delegates from each band would require to be provisioned for their trip both ways but would require no money payment. I would strongly advise the Dept. to sanction this as otherwise it would take the best part of two seasons to visit the outlying places.

The Commsrs. advised me that Dept had agreed to a similar plan in Mr. Scott-Simpson's Agency and if it is sanctioned in mine I would like to be advised as soon as possible. Also there seemed to be some doubt with the Commsrs. as to what part of the cost ~~of~~ should be assumed by them and I would be glad if Dept. would advise me on this also.

The bands affected are Bear Lake, Trembleur Lake, Grand Rapids, Tatcee, Yacutcee, Pintcee and some Indians who live on North Tacla Lake, these delegates would all come in to Ft. St James. There are also some at Maxine and Decker Lakes who would come to Burns Lake, and the Nazco River Indians and some of the

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outlying Cheslatta and Francois Lake bands whom it is desirable to bring closer in.

Even with this arrangement it will take the Commsnrs. seven weeks of hard travelling to complete the Agency.

Awaiting a reply at your earliest convenience.

I have etc

Your obedient servant

W. J. McAllan.

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April 3rd, 1915.

Dear Sir -

On the 16th ultimo the Department received from Mr. W. J. McAllan, Indian Agent, Stuart Lake Agency, Fort Fraser, B.C., a communication in which he suggested that Indians of certain outlying bands in his Agency should be brought to a central point easy of access for the purpose of representing their bands before the Commissioners, along the lines of the scheme adopted in the Stikine Agency, as submitted to you in official letter of February 22nd, last.

Mr. McAllan's suggestion was that two representatives each from Bear Lake, Trembleur Lake, Grand Rapids, Tatcee, Yacutcee, Pintcee, etc., should come to Fort St. James, and that two each from the Maxine and Decker Lakes' Bands would come to Burns' Lake; as well as representatives from other outlying bands, whom it is desirable to bring closer in. The Agent's proposition was approved

A.G.M.

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approved by me.

I trust that this arrangement will expedite the work of the Commission in this particular Agency.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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March 26th, 1915 477616

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A , C A N .

Sir;

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission yesterday, the Commission having before it your telegrams of the 6th July last, re printing of the Final Report of the Commission, it was, upon motion,

> "ORDERED: That the Secretary communicate with the Department, requesting that the Commission be advised as to whether the Governments desire the Evidence printed with the Report, the Department to be informed as to the approximate volume of such Evidence, and being also requested to inform the Commission if it is the wish of the Government to have the Commission's separate Report as to Policy (requested by the second Order-in-Council) printed also, and, if so, what number of copies of such Report will be required".

The Transcript of Evidence above referred to, I may state for the information of the Governments, is contained in 2483 pages of typewritten manuscript, covering the Bella Coola, Cowichan, Queen Charlotte, Kamloops, Kwawkewlth, West Coast, Kootenay, Lytton, Okanagan and Williams Lake Agencies.

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There is yet to be added the evidence record for the Stuart Lake, New Westminster, Babaine and Upper Skeena River, Naas and Stikine Agencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J.G.H.Bergeron

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Secretary.

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The INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,

NORTHERN INSPECTORATE,

Vancouver, B. C. March 29th 1915

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Sir:-

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On February 26th at the request of the Royal Commission I proceeded to Victoria to interview them re itinerary of their visit to the Northern Inspectorate this Spring. Mr. Loring of the Babine Agency, Mr. Perry of the Nass Agency and Mr. Simpson of the Stickine Agency were also present, and final arrangements for the Northern trip were made. April was set aside for the Babine Agency, June for the Stickine and September and October for the Nass.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Thos. Tyson

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General,

Ottawa, Canada.

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April 10th. 1915.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of March 26th. with reference to the printing of the report of the Royal Commission. It would be hardly necessary to print the evidence which will no doubt be made available for the Governments in bound typewritten volumes.

Of the report on policy, which will be of interest and value to the Governments, 50 copies might be printed and marked "Confidential". These copies would be for the use of the Members of the Cabinets and the Officers of Government, but would not be for public circulation.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. E. H. Bergeron, Esq., B.C.L., K.C.,
P. O. Box 755,
Victoria, B. C.

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April 9th, 1915

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A.

47/8/65

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. re. the proposal of Agent McAllan that Indians be assembled at central points to meet the Commissioners during their visitation of the Stuart Lake Agency; and to say that the arrangement proposed and approved by your Department meets also with the approval of the Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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Wednesday, Sept. 22
and
Thursday, " 23 - En route.

Friday, " 24 - Arv. Prince Rupert, where Agent joins.

Saturday, " 25 - Proceed to Port Essington for meeting with the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas Indians in afternoon.

Sunday, " 26 - No official engagements; return to Prince Rupert

Monday, " 27 - Proceed to Metlakatla; superficial inspections of reserves en route. Inspection of reserves and meeting in afternoon with Indians of the Metlakatla Tribe.

Tuesday, " 28 - Proceed to Port Simpson, for inspection and meeting.

Wednesday, " 29 - At Port Simpson.

Thursday, " 30 - Proceed to Stewart, calling at Kincolith; arv. Stewart same day.

Friday, Octr. 1 - Proceed to Observatory Inlet, stopping at Anyox (Granby Bay). Inspections of reserves en route both ways. Special visit to Alice Arm to inspect reserve in dispute.

Saturday, " 2 - Lv. Granby Bay for Kincolith, inspecting reserves en route; meeting in afternoon with Kincolith Indians.

Sunday, " 3 - No official engagements; at Kincolith.

Monday, " 4 - Lv. by riverboat for Lak-kal-zap reserve; inspection.

Tuesday, " 5 - Meeting with Naas river Indians at Lak-kal-zap.

Wednesday, " 6 - Proceed by riverboat to Gwinoha (Git-wan-shilt-qu). Inspection and meeting with Indians of the Git-wan-shilt-qu Band.

Thursday, " 7 - Proceed by riverboat to Aiyansh; inspection and

Friday, " 8 - Meeting with Indians of the Aiyansh Band, Naas River Tribe.

Saturday, " 9 - Proceed to Git-lak-dam-iks; inspection and meeting with Indians of the Git-lak-dam-iks Band, Naas River Tribe.

Sunday, " 10 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 11 - Proceed by riverboat to Grease Harbour; inspection of dispute lands. Meeting with a section of the Upper Naas River Indians. Proceed to Upper Canyon to inspect additional lands applied for.

" 12 - Proceed down river to Naas Harbor; superficial inspections en route.

" 13 - En route.

Friday, " 14 " . Arv. Naas Harbour evening.

Sunday, " 15 - Awaiting return steamer; reach Victoria on or about

" 20.

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Itineraries Arranged

Acting upon the reports and recommendations of its Itineraries Committee, the Commission has arranged the following tentative itineraries for visitations and inspections of reserves during the approaching Spring and Summer, the Commissioners, as will be noted, dividing forces for a considerable portion of such field work, with the object of securing desirable economies in both time and money cost:

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April 16 1915

BABINE AND UPPER SKEENA RIVER AGENCY

(Complete Commission)

Monday, April 12 - Lv. Victoria for Prince Rupert.

Tuesday, " 13 - En route to Prince Rupert.

Wednesday, " 14 - Arv. Prince Rupert and leave by G.T.P. eastbound for Newtown (Van Arstdol).

Thursday, " 15 - Meeting at 10 a.m. with Kitselas Indians and inspection of reserve.

Friday, " 16 - Arv. Kitwangar and meeting with Kitwangar Indians, remaining overnight at Kitwangar.

Saturday, " 17 - Meeting with Kitwancool Indians at Kitwangar, and, if transport arrangements can be made, visit the Kitwancool Valley.

Sunday, " 18 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 19 - Proceed to Andimaul for meeting with Indians of the Andimaul tribe same day.

Tuesday, " 20 - Proceed to Carnaby and hold meeting same day with Indians of New and Old Kitseguklas and inspection of New Kitsegukla Reserve. Indians of Old Kitsegukla will meet the Commission at New Kitsegukla.

Wednesday, " 21 - Proceed to New Hazelton and thence by stage to Old Hazelton.

Thursday, " 22 - Meeting with Indians of the Getmax Tribe at Old Hazelton and inspection of reserves.

Friday, " 23 - Proceed to Glen Vowell for meeting with Glen Vowell Band and inspection of reserves.

Saturday, " 24 - Proceed to Kispiox for meeting with Kispiox Indians and inspection of reserves. Fishing rights questions to be considered. Return to Old Hazelton in evening.

Sunday, " 25 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 26 - Proceed to Hawilgate, by team, for meeting with the Hawilgate Indians and inspection of reserves.

Tuesday, " 27 - Meeting in forenoon with Babine Indians at Old Hazelton; afternoon meeting with Kitsegas Indians.



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Wednesday, Apl. 28 - Meeting at Old Hazelton in forenoon, with the Kuldoe Indians; afternoon proceed to New Hazelton.

Thursday, " 29 - Proceed to Morricetown; special consideration to be given to the case of "Round Lake Tommy".

**STUART LAKE AGENCY : THIRD SECTION**

(Commissioners Shaw & Carmichael)

Saturday, May 15 - Lv. Victoria for Burns Lake.

Sunday, " 16 to Tuesday, " 18 - En route to Burns Lake.

Wednesday, " 19 - Arv. Burns Lake, there meeting Agent McAllan with saddle horses, packtrain and outfit.

Thursday, " 20 - Inspect lands at West End Burns Lake which are the subject of applications in behalf of Indians.

Friday, " 21 - Proceed by canoe or boat to East End Burns Lake and inspect land thereat, returning to West End of lake same day. Here meet Decker Lake and Maxim Lake Indians.

Saturday, " 22 - Proceed to Francois Lake.

Sunday, " 23 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 24 - Proceed by motor boat to inspect lands applied for at the South and West ends of Francois Lake. Consideration of these applications will occupy approximately three days.

Tuesday, " 25 - At Francois Lake - consideration of lands applications.

Wednesday, " 26 - ditto

Thursday, " 27 - Proceed en route to Ootsa Lake, reaching Umcha Lake same day and inspecting lands applied for thereat.

Friday, " 28 - Arv. at Skin Tyee's on Skin's Lake and inspect same.

Saturday, " 29 - Arv. Ootsa Lake and inspect lands applied for in S ½ Lot 425.

Sunday, " 30 - Proceed en route to Cheslatta Lake and inspect SE. ¼ of Lot 440.

Monday, " 31 - Arv. at and inspect land applied for by White Eye Jack , six miles on Bella Coola trail.

Tuesday, June 1 - Arv. at and inspect two locations on the W. end of Cheslatta Lake.

Wednesday, " 2 - Arv. at Chief Louis' and meet Indians from the East end of Cheslatta Lake.

Thursday, " 3 - Proceed by trail to Stella, inspecting en route land applied for as fishing station on Been-te-bunket Lk.

Friday, " 4 - Arv. at Stella.

Saturday, " 5 - At Stella all day, meeting with Indians and considering land applications.



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| Sunday, June | 6 - | Arv. at Fort Fraser, passing through and inspecting one reserve en route. |
| Monday, " | 7 - | Meeting with Fraser Lake Indians and consideration of application for fishing station. |
| Tuesday, " | 8 - | Lv. for Stoney Creek, arriving there same evening. |
| Wednesday | 9 - | Meeting with Indians of the Stoney Creek Tribe and consideration of applications for fishing stations. |
| Thursday, | 10 - | Proceed to Stuart Lake via Vanderhoof. |
| Friday, " | 11 - | Arv. Stuart Lake. |
| Saturday, | 12 - | At Stuart Lake: Meetings with all the northern Indians resident in the district between the Stuart Lake and Bear Lake, and consideration of various applications, principally in behalf lf the Bear Lake and Tatla Lake Indians, and for fishing stations for the Stuart Lake Indians. |
| Sunday, | 13 - | No official engagements. |
| Monday, | 14 - | Continuation of arrangements as for Saturday. |
| Tuesday, | 15 - | ditto |
| Wednesday, | 16 - | Lv. for Vanderhoof. |
| Thursday, | 17 - | At Vanderhoof. |
| Friday, | 18 - | Lv. for Blackwater via the Old Telegraph Trail, en route inspecting Blackwater reserves Nos. 3 and 4. |
| Saturday, | 19 - | En route to Blackwater as above. |
| Sunday, | 20 - | Arv. at Blackwater I. R. No. 2 in evening. |
| Monday, | 21 - | At Blackwater I. R. No. 2 all day; meeting with Indians. |
| Tuesday, | 22 - | Lv. for Trout Lake Johnnie's, Enchiniso River. |
| Wednesday, | 23 - | Arv. at Trout Lake Johnnie's, remaining there Wednesday and Thursday for meetings with his Band and the consideration of land applications. |
| Thursday, | 24 - | At Trout Lake Johnnie's; meeting with Indians of the Nazco Band. |
| Friday, | 25 - | Lv. for Kluskus. |
| Saturday, | 26 - | En route to Kluskus. |
| Sunday, | 27 - | Arv. Kluskus evening. |
| Monday, | 28 - | At Kluskus; meeting with Indians. |
| Tuesday, | 29 - | Lv. for Ulkatcho. |
| Wednesday, | 30 - | En route to Ulkatcho. |
| Thursday, July | 1 - | ditto. |
| Friday, | 2 - | Arv. Ulkatcho. |
| Saturday, | 3 - | Meeting with Indians of the Ulkatcho Tribe. |
| Sunday, | 4 - | Lv. Ulkatcho for Bella Coola and Victoria. |



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Special Memoranda:

No provision has here been made for adverse weather conditions or unforseen delays, and on this account Agent McAllan advises the addition of five days to above ininerary;

Provision supply depots at Burns Lake, Fort Fraser, Vanderhoof and Stuart Lake.

## S T I K I N E  A G E N C Y

(The Chairman and Commissioners McKenna and Macdowall)

Saturday, May 29 - Lv. Victoria for Wrangel.

Sunday, " 30 - En route.

Monday, " 31 - Arv. Wrangel.

Tuesday, June 1 - Lv. Wrangel by H. B. Co. steamer for Telegraph Ck.

Wednesday " 2
and
Thursday " 3 - En route up river.

Friday, " 4 - Arv. Telegraph Creek.

Saturday, " 5 - Meeting with Indians of Tahltan Tribe, at Telegraph Creek.

Sunday, " 6 - No official engagements.

Monday, " 7 - Meetings at Telegraph Creek with Indians of the Casca Tribe (Morning) and Indians of the Diard Tribe (Afternoon).

Tuesday, " 8 - Meetings with the Graham Nomads (Morning) and with the Nelson Nomads (Afternoon).

Wednesday, " 9 - At Telegraph Creek awaiting down river steamer.

Thursday, " 10 - Lv. Telegraph Creek for Wrangel, arriving same evening.

Friday, " 11 - Proceed to Atlin via American steamer and White Pass Railway.

Saturday, " 12
to
Tuesday, " 15 - En route to Atlin.

Wednesday, " 16 - Arv. at Atlin and devote three days to meetings with Indians, inspections, etc.

Saturday, " 19 - Proceed to Whitehorse en route to Victoria.

Tuesday, " 22 - At Skagway.

Saturday, " 26 - Arv. Victoria.

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(Complete Commission)

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Lv. Victoria by chartered steamer for Prince Rupert



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MONTREAL,

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Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:--

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ultimo and thank you very much for your kind word of congratulations.

I hope that you have been able to arrange satisfactorily with the financiers of the Royal Commission. As you have probably seen, anyway, my books are in proper order, and I have no doubt that the whole matter will be settled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. H. Bergeron

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MAY 1915

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April 26th, 1915

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN.

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Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant (Your File 59335-5B) with reference to the printing of the Report of the Commission; and to advise you that the same will be laid before the members of the Commission for attention immediately upon their return from the Babine and Upper Skeena Agency, which it is expected will be on or about the 1st proximo.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. Jacobs
Acting Secretary.

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Duncan C. Scott,

Dep'y Sup't Gen Indian Affairs, OTTAWA.

Mr Bergeron having left commission will you kindly arrange to have transportation requisitions signed by Chairman Honoured by Rail and Steamship Companies.

C. H. Gibbons,

Acting Secy Royal Indian Com.

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Ottawa, May 8, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to your night lettergram of the 6th instant, I beg to state that the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Companies have been requested to instruct their Agents in British Columbia to honour transport requisitions signed by Mr. N. W. White, Chairman of the Commission, over their railway lines and steamships.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Acting Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Copy

Ottawa, May 8th, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to inform you that it has been decided to appoint Mr. Charles H. Gibbons, the present Assistant Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, Secretary as successor to Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron. Mr. Gibbons' salary will be continued at the rate of $450.00 a month.

The duties of Treasurer may be performed by one of the Commissioners to be selected by yourselves after due consideration.

Yours very truly,

Chas. Stewart

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

N. W. White, Esq., K. C.
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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May 14th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 21 1915

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,

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Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, and to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was , upon motion, unanimously

> ORDERED: That the letter of the Hon. the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs dated the 8th May instant, re appointment of Secretary, be acknowledged, with an expression of the Commission's pleasure at the appointment of Mr Gibbons, and stating that, in view of the increased responsibility and the satisfactory performance of his duties, the Commission would recommend an increase in his remuneration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

O. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Aiyansh, B.C., Oct 10-15.

Duncan C. Scott,
Ottawa.

Commission well received on the Naas River, Meeting grand success. Special thanks to Richard Woods for the aid given by him.

A.M.Tyson

1.34PM Oct 12.

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OFFICE OF

The INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,

NORTHERN INSPECTORATE,

Vancouver, B. C. Oct. 18th 1915

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OCT 26 1915

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Sir:-

SUMMARY OF VISIT TO NASS AGENCY WITH ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

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Left Vancouver September 22nd per S. S. "Chilosin" to accompany the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs to the Nass Agency. Arriving at Prince Rupert on the 24th, we were joined by Mr. C. C. Perry, Indian Agent for the Nass Agency, and proceeded to Port Essington on the morning of the 25th.

The following Indian Villages were visited by the Royal Commission and meetings held:-

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| Port Essington | Sept. | 25th |
| Metlakatla | " | 27th |
| Port Simpson | " | 28th & 29th |
| Kincolith | Oct. | 2nd & 4th |
| Lachalsap (Greenville) | " | 5th " 6th |
| Gitwanshiltqu (Gwinaha) | " | 7th |
| Aiyansh. | " | 8th & 9th |
| Gitladamike | " | 9th |
| Grease Harbour | " | 10th |

At the different villages visited the Royal Commission was given a hearty welcome, the brass band turning out on each occasion to greet the Commissioners and the streets being decorated with flags, and bunting, while at some of the villages arches had been erected bearing appropriate mottoes. With the exception of Port Simpson, the meetings of the Indians were a great success. The Commissioners were courteously received and careful attention paid to the remarks

DUNCAN C. SCOTT, ESQ.
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

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of the Chairman who explained to them the object of the visit. The Indians then gave the required information in every instance and filed applications for more lands. At Port Simpson, however, they were not willing to give this information for some reason or other. They were apparently afraid any answers they might give to the questions asked, would be detrimental to their best interests, and although everything was carefully explained by Mr. White, the Chairman, no satisfactory information could be obtained from them, so that the meetings at this point were not altogether a success. At Grease Harbour the Commissioners received the statement of Michael Inspring and his brother, who applied to have certain lands set aside for a reserve.

The satisfactory results obtained from the visit to the Nass Agency were no doubt largely due to the fact that Richards Woods and Charles Barton followed the practice of attending the meetings held at one village and then proceeding in advance of the Royal Commission to the next village and there holding a meeting. This unquestionably had a marked influence on the Indians, as after Woods and Barton had held the advance meeting, the Land Committee seemed to hage lost its influence, and the Commissioners were extended a right hearty welcome. Indeed this welcome given the Royal Commission surpassed that of any other Agency visited and I am convinced that same was largely attributable to the efforts put forth by Woods and Barton.

At Mill Bay it was found necessary to exchange from the S. S. "Chilosin" to a gasoline launch in order to visit the points on the Nass River.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT, ESQ.
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL,
OTTAWA, CANADA.



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Vancouver, B.C. Oct. 18, 1915.

The Indians have applied for considerable more land than can be granted to them but I am looking forward to the Commissioners giving a settlement which will be entirely satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.



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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Metlakatla, B.C.,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 27 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. N.A.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

October 18th, 1915

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Sir,—

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I have the honor to transmit herewith a batch of letters being recommendations that may also be presented by the Royal Commission.

It was pleasing to find the Indians of the Naas River taking advantage of the Commission's visits by dropping for the time being their agitation concerning the title to lands and subordinating this question to considerations which more vitally affect their immediate interests.

Now that these Indians are in a frame of mind that will welcome the proposed appointments, it may be advisable to take quick steps to meet the Indians' wishes as expressed. In this way the Indians can be shown that the Government is anxious to see them advance; and it may be that the work of agitators for many years can be overthrown.

At the same time, I would take the precaution of pointing out to the Department the fact that these requests of the Indians were made coincidentally with demands for land areas that have been alienated by the Provincial Government. Whether any disappointments that may arise in this latter connection will affect the success of any policy that may from a Departmental point of view appear progressive at the present time, it is difficult to say. It would not, however, be taking too great a risk to give the Indians the benefit of a doubt.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Mr.

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Mr.Inspector Tyson and I accompanied the Commission. We are agreed as to the need for these appointments, but have not discussed details,as to salaries etc. For this reason it will be well for the Department to have Mr.Tyson's recommendations,in addition to the Royal Commissions,before taking action.

I would suggest that steps be taken to ascertain at the earliest date possible what are the views held by those mentioned,in this connection,in order that the work might be commenced before transport becomes difficult and expensive in consequence of winter. The river may be frozen over in a couple of weeks' time,or it may remain open for a month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles E. Ogilvie Pond

Indian Agent.

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November 10, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 18th of October, drawing my attention to Indian affairs on the Naas River. As you well know, we are endeavouring to obtain school teachers and a physician for this district; I hope, indeed, that we will be successful, but, in any event, I wish you to advise the Indians of the steps we are taking to reopen the school and to give them proper medical attendance. It is most important just now that they should be kept advised of the Department's continued interest in their affairs.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
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Ottawa, November 2nd. 1915.

Dear Mr. White,

Now that the field work of the Royal Commission is drawing to a conclusion, I thought it well to write you as to the continuance of the Commission's work and the preparation of the final report. In discussing this question with my colleagues I have found a very general impression that it would be desirable to conclude the work at an early date, not later than the 31st. March next. I have to request that you will bring our desire to the notice of your fellow commissioners and take steps that will insure the receipt by the Governments of the final report on or before the date mentioned.

It may be difficult to obtain an appropriation for the continuance of the work, and even if funds are placed at the disposal of the

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Department by Parliament. It is not thought advisable to carry the expenditure beyond the close of the present fiscal year.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) W.J. Roche

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Ottawa, November 2nd. 1915.

Dear Sir Richard McBride,

I am sending herewith copy of letter which I have just addressed to the Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. I am sure that you will concur in my view and on behalf of your Government take somewhat similar action.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) W.J. Roche

Hon. Sir Richard McBride,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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November 8th, 1915

Dear Dr Roche:

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, which was this morning placed before my colleagues of the Commission, when it was upon motion ORDERED that in acknowledgment you be advised that the progress which is being made in bringing to a close the work of the Commission convinces the Commissioners that the work of the Commission will be completed and the Report ready by the 31st March next, the date mentioned by you, and that it will therefore not be necessary to ask Parliament for any appropriation for the Commission for the coming fiscal year.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Dr Roche,

yours faithfully

N. W. White

Chairman

The Hon W. J. Roche M.D.,

Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

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November 16, 1915.

Dear Mr. White,-

In the absence of Hon. Dr. Roche, who is at present in the West, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 8th of November, and to say that I will bring it to the attention of the Minister as soon as he returns to the city.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Keatzie Indian Reserve
Port Hammond
Nov. 18th 1915

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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D.M.

To The Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont.

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Sir.

Owning to the many enquiries coming to me from all the various Indian Chiefs and Indians asking what results of the Indian Land Question, or what the Indian Commissioner in B.C. intend to do in regards to the Indians, or when is the Court Coming out, or is there going to be any or not. Is all the Indian Chiefs going to be called to Ottawa when the Court comes out in regards to the Land Question, is There going to be any Change of Laws for the Indian in the Province of British Columbia or same as it is. All these I could not answer to the Indians. so I desire to get explanation from the Indian Department for to Satisfy them, because there are lots of peoples agitating them. If I get an early reply I will notify them all.

I have the Honour to be
Your most obedient Servant

Simon C. Pierre
Sec. & Interpreter

P.S. please send me the Latest Annual report. & the Auditor Generals Report

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Keatzie Indian Reserve
Port Hammond B.C.
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DEC 23 1915

To The Deputy Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs

Ottawa Ont

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Hon Sir.

Written before on the month of November or October asking in regards to the Land Question in British Columbia ast the Indian are ~~as~~ anxiously wants to hear, in what going to be done in their behalf, or what the Commissioner doing in their Interest.

I have the Honor to be
Your Most obedient
Servant
Simon C. Pierre
Interpreter & Secty

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Ottawa, 18th January, 1916.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th ultimo, I have to say that the Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia expect to complete their work and to present their final report early in the spring. This report will receive attention with as little delay as possible, and such action as it calls for will be taken as soon after its receipt as its consideration will permit.

Your obedient servant,

J D McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Mr. Simon C. Pierre,
Port Hammond, B.C.

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January 19th. 1916.

Dear Dr. Moore,

I have pleasure in enclosing two copies of Clause 13 of the Terms of Union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

With reference to the Indian Reserve question in British Columbia, I wish to point out that although the selection of the reserves was left to the Dominion and the Province, the greatest care has always been exercised to please the Indians and to select for them lands which were in every respect desirable. The various commissions that dealt with these matters after Confederation consulted the Indians and listened to full representations from them. The result was that they were given lands in the old haunts, their camping grounds, fishing stations, burial grounds and generally their traditional locations were all respected.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D.,
46 Wesley Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION

Re Work still to be done to complete the labours of the Commission.

Bella Coola Agency: Additional lands applications to be finally dealt with upon the completion by Agent Fougner of his applications; formal Minutes to be passed upon allowed applications; additional lands, confirmations and new reserves tables to be put in type, proof-read and finally passed.

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Babine Agency: Information re established reserves table to be completed and sent to printers, set, proof-read and passed; existing reserves to be confirmed or otherwise dealt with, tables thereupon to be prepared, sent to printers, proof-read and passed; additional lands applications to be dealt with, formal Minutes to be passed on allowed applications, confirmations and new reserves tables to be prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

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Cowichan Agency: Confirmations and cut-offs tables to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Kamloops Agency: Confirmations and cut-offs tables to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Kootenay Agency: Confirmations and new reserves tables to be set, proof-read and passed; information as to reserves tables to be read on final revise.

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Kwawkewlth Agency: Additional lands applications to be finally dealt with and Minutes passed on allowed applications; tables of confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves to be prepared, set, proof-read and finally passed.

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Lytton Agency: Information as to reserves to be tabulated, set, proof-read and finally passed; (existing reserves to be confirmed or otherwise dealt with) and tables thereon prepared, set, proof-read and finally passed; applications for additional lands to be dealt with and minutes passed on allowed applications, also tables thereon and re cut-offs prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

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Naas Agency: Information as to reserves table to be prepared on receipt of Agent's reports, set, proof-read and passed; additional lands applications to be dealt with upon receipt of Agent's report, Minutes passed on allowed applications, tables of lands applications, confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves set, proof-read and finally passed.

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New Westminster Agency: Examination of Agent to be completed and transcribed (estimated three to four weeks required for transcription); reserves of Agency to be dealt with by confirmations or otherwise and tables of confirmations and cut-offs prepared, set, proof-read and passed; information re reserves to be tabulated, set, proof-read and passed; additional lands applications to be dealt with and Minutes passed on allowed applications, tables prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

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Okanagan Agency: Tables of confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Queen Charlotte Agency: Tables of confirmations, cuttings-off and reserves allowed to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Stikine Agency: Information re reserves to be tabulated, set, proof-read and passed; additional lands applications to be dealt with and Minutes passed on allowances; tables of confirmations and new reserves to be prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

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Stuart Lake Agency: Information re reserves to be tabulated, set, proof-read and passed; additional lands applications to be finally dealt with, approved and Minutes passed on allowances; tables of confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves to be prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

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West Coast Agency: Additional lands tabulation to be read on final revise; tables of confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Williams Lake Agency: Established reserves to be dealt with by confirmations or otherwise; additional lands applications to be dealt with on Mr Green's report; tables of confirmations, cut-offs and new reserves to be set, proof-read and passed.

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Maps of Agencies shewing confirmed, reduced or cut-off and new reserves to be prepared by Mr Green and made.

Photographs to be sent for cut-making and cuts proof-read and sent to printers.

Transcript of evidence for seven or eight agencies to be edited and revised.

Evidence for seven agencies to be read and annoted for preparation of Final Report.

Final Report under the Agreement to be prepared, set, proof-read and passed.

Report under O/C of 19th June to be prepared and set, proof-read and passed.

Files of Record to be checked and returned to Ottawa.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

February 19th, 1916

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Dear Dr Roche:

Referring to my letter to you of the 8th November last, as to time required for completion of the work of this Commission, I have now to advise you that, after careful consideration, my colleagues and I feel that, despite the fact that every effort has been made to bring the work to a close within the period of estimate, it will be impossible to do so.

Delays and interruptions have occurred since my letter of November 8th was written which could not have been anticipated or provided for. Particularly an impediment to progress was the factor of unprecedented weather conditions, owing to which a number of the Agents of the Department in the Northern districts from whom reports in reference to additional lands applications were required, have been unable as yet to complete this essential detail. Other Agents summoned for examination by the Commission in Victoria have upon arrival here been seized with the prevailing malady of la grippe, and have been unable to complete their testimony for weeks.

Meanwhile the winding up of the business of the Commission has been advanced as rapidly as could be possible, the Commission and staff bending all energies toward securing an early completion of the work in hand.

The Commission, being most anxious to avoid asking for a further appropriation for use after the 31st ultimo, if it should be imperative to carry on the work beyond that date would prefer waiting until the end of the present month before advising you more definitely as to what additional time will be necessary for winding up the work with due regard to its final completeness and thoroughness.

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Meanwhile, for your information, I enclose herewith a memorandum prepared by the Commission's Secretary of the work remaining to be done.

Believe me, dear Dr Roche,

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman

Enclosure

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February 28th. 1916.

Dear Mr. White,

The Hon. Dr. Roche, to whom you addressed your letter of the 19th. instant, has asked me to reply. He would be very glad to know the date which you can fix upon for the termination of the work of the Royal Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Ottawa, 10th March 1916.

C.H.Gibbons

Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Victoria, B.C.

Reference your telegram ninth instant all deductions for railway or road rights of way in Naas and Babine Agencies noted in schedule furnished you except two and two tenths acres for road in Gitsault as per your report number eighty-eight.

Chg. Dept. I.A.

J.D.McLean

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Please wire any deductions for railway or road rights of way in reserves of Naas and Babine agencies

C H Gibbons

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March 6th, 1916.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo in respect to the time requisite for completion of the work of the Commission. My letter to the Honourable the Minister, of Saturday last, anticipates the reply which would be made to your communication.

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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March 4th, 1916

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Dear Dr Roche:

Re. Completion of Work of the Commission:

Referring to my letter to you of the 19th ultimo, re time required for completion of the Commission's work, I have now to advise you that, after careful checking and close estimating on time required, the Commission finds that -- by special effort and the exercise of pressure to secure all possible despatch -- the Commission cannot give any assurance that the work can be completed until about mid-May.

It would be well therefore to provide sufficient funds to meet expenses of the Commission for an extra period of two months, although the Commission will endeavour to come well within this period and have a surplus to return to the Treasury at the close of its activities.

It will also be necessary to provide funds for the payment of printing and map making accounts in connection with the Final Reports, the maximum estimate of which is $17,500.00.

Yours faithfully

N. W. White

Chairman.

The Hon. W. J. Roche M. D.,
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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March 11, 1916.

Dear Mr. White,-

The Honourable the Superintendent General has transferred to me your letter of March 4th. We hope that the work of the Commission may be completed in the time specified, and the Department will be prepared to make the necessary expenditure.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Victoria Daily Times
March 11th. 1916.

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## A BIG JOB IN HAND.

A lusty offspring of the by-elections in Victoria and Vancouver is the Public Accounts Committee of the legislature, which will commence its labors next Tuesday. If it is permitted to make a serious investigation of the expenditures of the province a tradition of more than ten years will have been shattered. In this connection we recall quite vividly a remark made by Mr. Bowser on the platform on the eve of the election of 1912. He admitted that a Public Accounts Committee had not met for seven years, but assured the audience that the interests of the taxpayers had been so zealously safeguarded by the government that no inquiry by such a body was necessary. The Premier has seen a great white light within the last fortnight.

Of course it would be impossible for the committee to cover all the suspected expenditures of the past six or seven years during one legislative session. This would require at least twelve months' continuous labor. But it ought to be able to learn a great deal about the transactions which have figured most prominently in political discussion and a few of those items in the public accounts statement which must send a chill down the back of every taxpayer who peruses it.

For instance, the committee, we presume, will inquire searchingly into the expenditures on royal commissions since 1912. Up to March 31 last year this exceeded $225,000. The labor and agriculture commissions alone cost the country some $90,000, and the chief beneficiaries were a select company of party politicians. The country, of course, has nothing to show for the outlay. But the star prodigal is the Indian Lands Commission. That imposing body was appointed by the Dominion and Provincial governments to inquire into the subject of Indian reserves in the province and to settle the questions at issue between the two authorities in relation to it. Each is to bear half the cost. Up to March 31, 1915, the total expenditure under this head was about $176,000, $80,000 in the year 1913-14, and $96,000 for the year 1914-15. British Columbia's share of the cost for those two years was $88,000. What the expenditure has been in the year now nearly at an end we are unable to say, but it cannot have been less than the figure for the previous twelve months, and it may be more.

A few details of the Indian Commission account for the year ending March, 1915, will interest the taxpayers. The Chairman, N. W. White, drew a salary of $6,795 and a living allowance of $2,745, a total of $9,588. Commissioner D. H. MacDowall received a salary of $7,330 and a living allowance of $3,620, a total of $10,950. Mr. MacDowall is a resident of this city. Commissioner J. P. Shaw received a salary of $7,330 and a living allowance of $3,620, a total of $10,950. Mr. Shaw represents Kamloops in the provincial legislature and also draws his sessional indemnity of $1,600. A special act was passed by the government to enable this member and other legislators on royal commissions to escape the disqualification provision of the constitution. Commissioner S. Carmichael received a salary of $7,190 and a living allowance of $3,550, a total of $10,753. Commissioner McKenna was paid $4,000 and a living allowance of $3,650. J. G. H. Bergeron, secretary, received a salary of $4,280 and a living allowance of $2,140, a total of $6,567. J.G.H. Bergeron, who formerly represented Beauharnois in the Dominion Parliament, is no longer with us, having been translated to the postmastership of Montreal, which must be a bonanza indeed. C. H. Gibbons, the assistant secretary, received in salary and expenses, $5,932, and A. F. Green, "technical officer," $3,600 and $875 expenses. So much for salaries.

These commissioners traveled a great deal, and, we observe, showed a marked preference for motor car transportation. The cost of this for the two years was about $7,700, the bill for the year ending March 31, 1915, being $4,300. The enterprising firm of Maysmith & Elmer enjoyed liberal patronage and charged $3,625 last year. Mr. Maysmith also has a separate item of $550. In the year 1913-14 he was paid $3,212 for similar services. The Canadian Pacific Railway received $3,811 for transporting this commission during the year ending March, 1915, and $7,126 for similar services in the previous year. Apparently the commissioners did not permit transportation expenses to encroach upon their salaries or living allowances. It will be the duty of the Public Accounts Committee to investigate these extraordinary outlays from the public purse. It is time, too, some intimation was received from the government as to when this body will complete its work. Has it become a permanent luxury?

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SATURDAY.....MARCH 11, 1916

## A COSTLY COMMISSION

A CERTAIN Royal Commission on Indian Affairs has been perambulating the province of British Columbia for some years past. It consists of five commissioners who draw from $7000 to $10,000 each in salaries and expenses, a secretary who gets $6500, an assistant secretary who costs $5932 and a number of other officials. Its duty is to travel about the country securing all the information it can about Indian reserves and the conditions in which the Indians live.

That it is efficiently discharging its duty of inspecting the reserves and interviewing the Indians is apparent from the Public Accounts of British Columbia for the year ended March 31, 1915. According to this truthful record the commission spent in twelve months, $7099 for the hire of automobiles and $1244 for the chartering of steamers and launches. Interpreters were a necessary but somewhat expensive adjunct. They cost $588. Telegrams were numerous; hotel expenses varied.

Altogether, the year's work of the commissioners cost the not inconsiderable sum of $96,712.84, of which British Columbia's proportion is $48,356.41, less an amount of $10-965 disallowed by the province on account of the secretary's salary and expenses.

Such figures as these for one year's work of a Royal Commission need some small explanation. What does the province hope to gain from such expenditure? How long is it to go on? What have the commissioners to show as the result of their well-paid labors? British Columbia has a right to ask these questions for it is paying half the cost of the commission and it would like to know what it is obtaining in return. The finances of the province just now are in a state very much the reverse of satisfactory. Economy is the watchword of the day. Surely in the matter of such a Royal Commission as this a splendid opportunity for the practice of this virtue unfolds itself.

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Such figures as these for one year's work of a Royal Commission need some small explanation. What does the province hope to gain from such expenditure? How long is it to go on? What have the commissioners to show as the result of their well-paid labors? British Columbia has a right to ask these questions for it is paying half the cost of the commission and it would like to know what it is obtaining in return. The finances of the province just now are in a state very much the reverse of satisfactory. Economy is the watchword of the day. Surely in the matter of such a Royal Commission as this a splendid opportunity for the practice of this virtue unfolds itself.

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MAR 21 1916

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 506 & 560.

Immediate

March 13th, 1916.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir:

In order that the Commission might not in error deal with any of the Reserves of the Babine and Naas Agencies as containing greater areas than may be left for the use and purposes of the Indians after the deduction of allowed rights-of-way for railway or public roads, etc., I telegraphed you on the 9th instant, as follows:

> "Please wire any deductions for railway or road
> "rights-of-way in Reserves of Naas and Babine
> "Agencies."

To the above a reply was received on the 10th instant, as follows:

> "Reference to your telegram ninth instant, all de-
> "ductions for railway or road rights-of-way in Naas
> "and Babine Agencies noted in Schedule furnished
> "you except two and two tenths acres for road in
> "Gitsault as per your Report number eighty eight."

With a desire to be quite certain in this matter, despite the assurance contained in your above-quoted telegram, I beg to give below acreages for certain Reserves which would seem to be considerably at variance with the official figures. Kindly have same examined without delay and advise by wire if our information herein or that of the Department is correct:

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| Tribe or Band | Reserve | No | Area shown in Revised and correc-ted Sched-ule. | Alleged al-lowance for right-of-way. | Present area as per Com mission's in-formation. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hawilget | Coryat-saqua | 2 | 360.00 | 39.54 | 320.46 | R/W allowed G. T. P. R. Co., 1910. |
| Kitselas | Kitselas | 1 | 1102.00 | 29.42 | 1072.58 | Do. |
| Do. | Chimdi-mash | 2 | 214.00 | 8.46 | 205.54 | Do. |
| Do. | Kshish | 4 | 125.00 | 65.95 | 59.05 | Do. |
| Kitwan-gar. | Kitwan-gar | 1 | 3385.00 | 99.30 | 3285.70 | Do. |
| Kitsegue-cla | Kitsegue-cla | 1 | 2483.00 | 120.37 | 2362.63 | Do. |
| Do. | New Kit-seguecla | 2 | 1032.00 | 23.60 | 1008.40 | Do. |

Deduction of 3.41 acres from the area contained in Squin-lix-stat Reserve No. 3 of the Kitselas Tribe is duly noted. Were there any right-of-way allowances ordered affecting Hazelton Reserve No. 1, Andimaul (Provisional), Kshish No. 4A, Kitwangar No. 2, Kwa-tsa[illegible]lix No. 4 or Kits-ka-haws No. 6?

Re Naas Agency were any right-of-way allowances ordered affecting Meanlaw, Khyex, Kitsumkaylum or Zimgord?

The favour of an immediate reply by wire will greatly oblige.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Secretary.

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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*Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, 22nd March 1916

C.H.Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Your letters thirteenth and fourteenth instant correct except area taken by Grand Trunk Pacific in Kitsumkalem thirty-two and ninety-four hundredths; Zimmercord three and five hundredths; Coryatsaqua thirty-nine and fifty-three hundredths. Probable area finally taken in Kitwangar and Kitseguecla number one will be that given by you but final plans not yet filed. Your schedule already corrected for right of way through Willoclough, Meanlaw and Khyex.

Chg. Dept. I.A. J.D.McLean

Noted
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March 14th, 1916.

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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

With further reference to my letter to you of yesterday re deductions for rights-of-way from the acreages contained in reserves of the Naas Agency, I have now to say that the Commission is informed that the following subtractions not covered in the revised and corrected Schedule obtain with respect to the named reserves of the Naas Agency:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| plan 881 | 32.94 | Kitsumkaylum ---------- | 32.48 acres, | |
| " 883 | 3.05 | Zimagord ---------- | 3.05 " | , |
| plan 873 | 3.93 | Willoclough ---------- | 3.93 " | , |
| " 874 | 1.18 | Meanlaw ---------- | 1.18 " | , and |
| plan 874 | 2.53 | Khyex ---------- | 2.53 " | . |

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. Gibbons

Secretary.

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PRIME MINISTER

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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VICTORIA

13th March, 1916.

D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and beg to state that the interim report of the Royal Commission upon Indian Affairs will be shortly considered by the Provincial Executive and I shall be glad to advise you of our decision in this connection.

Faithfully yours,

Premier.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

March 17th, 1916.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant with respect to the completion of the Commission's work, and in behalf of the Commission to thank you for the prompt and satisfactory arrangement made for the continuance to completion of the work in question.

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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February 21st, 1916.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt, per Dominion Express, of one volume containing Minutes of Decision re Indian Reserves of the Lower Fraser District.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. W. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Nos. 18 & 19.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

## Monday, 27th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. T. Archbold.*

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution—"That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

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The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. In what bank or banks were the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by "Canadian Northern Terminal Act, 1913," originally deposited?
2. Was there any transfer or transfers of the deposit or deposits or any part thereof to another bank or banks?
3. If so, to what banks and to what accounts in each case?
4. In what bank or banks are the proceeds now deposited?
5. Has any amount or amounts been paid out of said proceeds of said bonds since the 31st March, 1915?
6. What is the total amount now to the credit of the account or accounts with respect to said terminal bonds?
7. What amount in dollars of terminal bonds have been sold?
8. What is the net amount of money received as the proceeds of such sale?
9. What amount of the money realized from the sale or by hypothecation of terminal bonds has been expended to date?
10. For what purposes have such expenditures been made, with particulars in each case?
11. Have any of the guaranteed terminal bonds been hypothecated; and, if so,—
12. To what amount?
13. Have any of the moneys realized from the sale or hypothecation of bonds been diverted to any purpose except those connected with terminals?

The Hon. Mr. *Campbell* replied as follows:—

"1. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
"2. No.
"3. Answered by No. 2.

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"4. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
"5. $176,145.13.
"6. $5,543,336.75.
"7. $8,614,000.00.
"8. $7,954,814.43.
"9. $2,411,477.68.
"10. (*See* Report below.)
"11. No.
"12. Answered by No. 11.
"13. No."

(Report.)

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS, March 24th, 1916.

CANADIAN NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

*Terminals Expenditures to December 6th, 1915.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Port Mann— | | |
| Engineering construction | $ 14,737 48 | |
| Clearing | 8,537 75 | |
| Grubbing | 29,724 75 | |
| Grading | 8,319 08 | |
| Culverts | 1,486 32 | |
| Ties | 2,866 90 | |
| Rails and fastenings, switches and frogs | 17,787 16 | |
| Tracklaying | 965 19 | |
| Ballasting | 930 71 | |
| Piling to wharf | 19,103 98 | |
| Superstructure to wharf | 16,351 51 | |
| Roundhouses | 88,631 28 | |
| Locomotive repair-shops | 121,485 84 | |
| Bunk-houses | 18,449 48 | |
| Warehouses | 8,167 26 | |
| Sundry buildings | 2,593 45 | |
| Real estate | 193 46 | |
| Carried forward to Summary | | $ 360,331 60 |
| New Westminster— | | |
| Real estate sundry expenses | $ 2,872 60 | |
| Completed— | | |
| (1.) Lots 11-15, parts 9 and 10, Blocks 7 and 51, 52 and 53 | 201,670 41 | |
| (2.) Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block M | 55,084 50 | |
| (3.) Lot 2, Block M, and Lot 56 | 42,365 54 | |
| (4.) E. ½ Lot 7, Block 7 | 22,483 53 | |
| (5.) W. ½ Lot 7, Block 7 | 22,344 34 | |
| (6.) Lot 5, Block 7 | 55,792 15 | |
| (7.) Lot 2, Block 7 | 46,670 91 | |
| (8.) Lot 3, Block 7 | 50,005 50 | |
| (9.) N. part Lot 9, Block 7 | 29,050 11 | |
| (10.) N.W. part Lot 4, Block 6 | 70,042 63 | |
| (11.) Lot 10, Block M | 21,534 29 | |
| (12.) S. ½ Lot 1, Block 6 | 39,533 50 | |
| (13.) Part Lot 2, Block 6 | 42,850 80 | |
| (14.) Lot 1, Block M; Lot 16, Block 7 | 76,119 95 | |
| (15.) Lot 8, Block 7 | 56,615 90 | |
| (16.) Lot 6, Block 7 | 46,545 82 | |
| *Carried forward* | $ 881,532 48 | |



| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Brought forward* | $ 881,532 48 | |
| (17.) S. ½ Lot 4, Block 6 | 76,687 25 | |
| (18.) Royal City Mills | 386,894 16 | |
| (19.) Part Lot 1, Block 8 | 22,713 50 | |
| (24.) Lots 1-8, part Lot 14, Block 9 | 73,856 26 | |
| (25.) Royal City Mills, foreshore | 112 00 | |
| | $1,441,795 65 | |
| Less rents collected | 65,434 50 | |
| Carried forward to Summary | | $1,376,361 15 |
| Vancouver— | | |
| Engineering location | $ 614 07 | |
| Engineering construction | 17,754 69 | |
| Filling in False Creek | 233,089 59 | |
| Drainage and sewage | 2,248 29 | |
| Real estate | 73,145 50 | |
| Sea-wall | 63 11 | |
| Stations and freight-sheds | 88 97 | |
| Piling temporary tracks | 2,159 18 | |
| Ties | 1,086 40 | |
| Carried forward to Summary | | $ 330,249 80 |
| Steveston— | | |
| Real estate— | | |
| (6.) Parts Sections 7 and 8, Block 3 N. | $ 138,248 12 | |
| (8.) Part Section 8, Block 3 N., R. 5 W. | 94,278 24 | |
| (10.) Part Section 12, Block 3 N., R. 6 W. | 70,019 62 | |
| (11.) Part Section 12, Block 3 N., R. 6 W. | 41,995 13 | |
| Carried forward to Summary | | $ 344,541 11 |
| Patricia Bay— | | |
| Engineering construction | $ 1,752 96 | |
| Wharf superstructure | 35,677 80 | |
| Carried forward to Summary | | $ 37,430 76 |

*Summary.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Port Mann | | $ 360,331 60 |
| New Westminster | | 1,376,361 15 |
| Vancouver | | 330,249 80 |
| Steveston | | 344,541 11 |
| Patricia Bay | | 37,430 76 |
| | | $2,448,914 42 |
| Drawbacks— | | |
| Port Mann | $13,105 40 | |
| Vancouver | 21,180 50 | |
| Patricia Bay | 3,150 84 | |
| | | 37,436 74 |
| Amount of Estimates to December 6th, 1915 | | $2,411,477 68 |

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Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

In reference to the Public Accounts for 1914-15, Vote 160,—

1. What rate of wages was paid to the workmen, and for team-work as men, termed under heading of "Pay-list labour and team-work, $55,581.12?"

2. Did such wages include board for men and teams?

3. If not, were any deductions made on account of such board; and, if so, how much?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

"1. Superintendents, $200 per month and board; engineers, $200, $175, and $100 per month and board; foremen, $125, $105, $67.50, $65, and $60 per month and board; transitman, $85 per month and board; cook, $80 per month and board; cookee, $50 per month and board; teamsters, $60 per month and board; hook-tenders, $5 per day and board; blacksmith, $90 per month and board; blacksmith, $4 per day, less board; powdermen, fallers, and buckers, $3.40 per day, less board; rock-drillers, $3.25 per day, less board; axemen, 40 cents per hour, less board; labourers, 40 cents and 35 cents per hour, less board; teamsters with their own teams, $7 per day, less board.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Deductions for board amounted to $11,142.89."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Are District Lots 1431, 939, 1432, 1433, Fort George Land Recording District, reserved from sale or settlement for Government purposes?

2. If so, when was such reservation made?

3. Since such reservation has been made has any application been received for a pre-emption record covering any portion of such lots?

4. If so, has any such application for a pre-emption record been granted?

5. If so, to whom has such pre-emption record been granted?

6. When was such pre-emption record (if any) granted?

7. What are the Government's reasons for granting such pre-emption record (if any)?

The Hon. Mr. *Ross* replied as follows:—

"1. The unoccupied lands in said lots are reserved.

"2. December 17th, 1908.

"3. No.

"4, 5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 3.

"The Government Agent at Barkerville, on March 14th, 1908, issued Pre-emption Record No. 599 to Peter Roy, Jr. Following the gazetting of the survey of Lot 1433, Cariboo, it was ascertained said survey included said pre-emption. The lot was therefore occupied at the date of the reserve notice, and a Crown grant of the same was issued to the pre-emptor under date of January 11th, 1912."

The Hon. Mr. *Campbell* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1917;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1916;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*
*27th March, 1916.*

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at next sitting.



Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until eight o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

## Monday, 27th March, 1916.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, seconded by Mr. *Watson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be granted of all correspondence between the Rev. John Mackay, D.D., Principal of Westminster Hall, and any member of the present or late Cabinet, relative to his pleading his cause to be made President of the British Columbia University.

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*,—

Whereas an election was held in the City of Vancouver on the 26th day of February, 1916, in which Mr. M. A. Macdonald was elected a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Vancouver City, and an election was held in the City of Victoria on the 4th day of March, 1916, in which Mr. H. C. Brewster was elected a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Victoria:

And whereas the Returning Officers for the said electoral districts have not complied with the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act":

And whereas said M. A. Macdonald and H. C. Brewster have occupied seats on the floor of the House since the 2nd day of March and the 7th day of March, 1916, respectively:

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Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. *Mackay, Mills, Place*, and the mover, to take into consideration the circumstances in connection therewith and report to this House what steps (if any) should be taken.

After debate, the motion, with leave of the House, was withdrawn.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Is the Mr. J. P. Shaw (who is a member of the Indian Land Commission, and who according to the report of the Auditor-General of Canada, and the report of the Auditor-General of British Columbia, received payment for 365 days' services at $20 per day from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915 (inclusive), and also received $10 per day living allowance for the same period), the same Mr. J. P. Shaw who sits as a Member of this Legislature for Kamloops Electoral District?

2. Did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw sit as a Member of this House during the Session of 1915?

3. How much money did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw receive from the Treasury of this Province on account of his attendance at the Session of 1915?

4. During what period was this House in Session in 1915, and what number of days did it sit?

5. If it appears that the said Mr. J. P. Shaw has received payment for services and living allowances from the Dominion Treasury (one-half of which is paid from the Treasury of the Province of British Columbia) at the rate of $30 per day, and also for a portion of the same time received indemnity and mileage on account of his attendance at a Session of this House, will this Government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

6. Are the members of the Indian Land Commission paid at the rate of $20 per day for every day only on which they actually work, and are the said members paid a living allowance of $10 per day for each day only on which they actually work?

7. Did the Indian Land Commission work every Sunday from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915; if not, why has the said J. P. Shaw been paid for 365 days during the said period from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915?

8. If it appears that the said J. P. Shaw has received moneys for days on which he did not work, will this Government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

9. When will the Indian Land Commission complete its work?

10. Has this Government received any final or interim report, or copy of either thereof, issued by the Indian Land Commission; and, if so, will the Government place copies of such report before the Members of the House?

11. How much does the Province of British Columbia contribute to the cost of the Commission appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate Indian reservations in British Columbia?

12. What year was the Commission formed?

13. What has been the total cost to the British Columbia Government up to date?

The Hon. Mr. *Campbell* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. $1,600.

"4. Between 21st January, 1915, and 6th March, 1915. Total, forty days.

"5. This is a Federal Commission and payments are made by Federal authorities who pay the expenses of the Commission and afterwards ask the Provincial Government to recoup them as to its share. The matter of these payments will be brought to the attention of the Federal Department for them to take such action as they may think proper.

"6. Cannot answer this question as the matter is determined by the Federal Department.

"7. This information is in the hands of the Federal Department.

"8. Answered by No. 5.

"9. I am informed the Indian Land Commission will complete its work in about six weeks.

"10. This Government has received progress and interim reports from time to time. It might not be in the public interest to submit these to the House at the present time.

"11. One-half of the cost.

"12. May 19th, 1913.

"13. $114,705.95."



Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Who are the shareholders of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company?

2. Who are the directors of said company?

3. What company, firm, or individual is principal contractor for said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company on the branch of said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway between Victoria and Port Alberni?

4. If a company or firm is principal contractor, what are the names of the shareholders in said company or partners in said firm?

5. Were any persons appointed by the Government to check, on behalf of the Government, classifications as regards grading, quality of materials used, and the carrying-out of construction properly?

6. Were specifications as to the standard of construction prepared or approved by the Government and supplied the railway company for the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?

7. If so, will the Government immediately place copies of same before the Members of the Legislature for their information?

8. On how many miles of line have construction operations been started on the said branch line between Victoria and Port Alberni?

9. How many miles of grading have been completed on this line?

10. How many miles of track (if any) have been laid on this line?

11. What amount of money (if any) will be required to complete the grading and bridging on the line on which construction of any kind has been started?

12. What amount of money will be required to lay track and put the line in condition to operate so far as now graded?

13. What amount of money has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company paid to contractors for construction purposes on the whole line between Victoria and Port Alberni up to February 1st, 1916?

14. What amount of money has been released by the Government to the said railway company with respect to said Victoria-Alberni branch out of moneys the proceeds from sale of guaranteed bonds up to February 1st, 1916?

15. Has any estimate been made of the amount of depreciation caused by the stoppage of work on said branch line?

16. What is the amount of such depreciation?

17. With respect to this branch line, is it a fact that only approximately 55 per cent. of the work has been done and approximately 83 per cent. of the moneys guaranteed have been released to the railway company?

18. If so, has the Government taken any steps to secure the return of moneys so overpaid contrary to the provisions of the Act?

19. When does the said railway company intend to complete the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?

The Hon. Mr. *Taylor* replied as follows:—

"1. No information.

"2. No information.

"3. A. J. McDonald; A. J. McDonald & Nettleton; Bruce & Bachbach Company; Grant, Smith & Company; Moore & Pethwick; and the Northern Construction Company.

"4. No information.

"5. The Chief Engineer of the Provincial Government. Messrs. E. T. Johnson and Alexander Ferguson were appointed by the Dominion Government.

"6. The standard of construction was that set forth in subsection (*b*) of section 7 of the Schedule to chapter 3, 1910, which states 'that the road when completed and equipped shall in every respect be equal to the standard of the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway as constructed between the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, and the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, as the condition of that line was when first completed and ready for operation.' The standard specification of the Canadian Northern Railway has been adopted throughout as a basis of construtcion.

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"7. A copy of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company's specification will be laid on the table forthwith.

"8. 136½ miles.

"9. 130 miles.

"10. None.

"11. $861,294.

"12. $1,380,662 in addition to the sum mentioned in reply to question No. 11.

"13. $4,100,105.66.

"14. $2,879,259.34.

"15. Not necessary. An improvement has occurred in the condition of the embankments, as they have had time to solidify, and no shrinkage should occur after track is laid. Small slides and wash-outs have occurred in cuttings and embankments, but only what would have taken place if track had been laid. Generally, improvement by settlement of embankments far outbalances the slides and small wash-outs.

"16. Answered by No. 15.

"17. No. The work performed is 64½ per cent. of the total estimated cost of the work. The amount released is 58 per cent. of the total amount of the guaranteed bonds.

"18. No overpayment.

"19. As soon as financial conditions will permit."

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What salary did J. Wilmhurst (Road Superintendent for Comox District) receive during the year 1914?

2. What salary did J. Wilmhurst receive during the year 1915?

3. What salary did J. McLeod receive as Road Superintendent for Comox District for the year 1915?

4. How much money has been expended in Strathcona Park to date?

5. How much money was expended on Strathcona Park in the year 1914 and in the year 1915?

6. How much of the money expended on Strathcona Park for the years 1914 and 1915 was paid to the following:—

(*a.*) Campbell River Trading Company:
(*b.*) Willows Hotel:
(*c.*) Thulin Bros.:
(*d.*) Charles Thulin?

The Hon. Mr. *Campbell* replied as follows:—

"1. 1914-15, $1,859.

"2. 1915-16, $1,760.

"3. 1915-16, $1,350.

"4. $349,039.08.

"5. 1914-15, $96,937.49; 1915-16, $7,881.60.

"6. (*a.*) Campbell River Trading Co., 1914-15, $1,105.05; 1915-16, $194.54. (*b.*) Willows Hotel, 1914-15, $305.80; 1915-16, *nil.* (*c.*) Thulin Bros., 1914-15, *nil;* 1915-16, *nil.* (*d.*) Charles Thulin, 1914-15, *nil;* 1915-16, *nil.*"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Hon. Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

D. M. EBERTS, *Speaker.*



# NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*—On Wednesday next—Questions of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to close the Provincial Botanical Office?

2. What was the total cost of maintenance during the last fiscal year?

3. If the Government have decided to discontinue this Department, state the grounds for so doing.

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PRIME MINISTER

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA

31st March 1916.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose you copy of the Votes and Proceedings of our Legislative Assembly under date 27th March, in which you will see a series of questions asked by one of the members of the Opposition in reference to the payment to Mr. J. R. Shaw, M.P.P., of certain moneys under the Indian Land Commission.

I bring this matter before your attention to take such steps as you may think proper.

Yours faithfully,

H. Stevens

Premier.

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CHAPTER 7.

An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act

Assented to 18th March, 1914.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:-

Rev. Stat. c.11, s.10, repealed.

1. Section 10 of The Legislative Assembly Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

Disqualification of persons holding office under Crown.

10.--(1) Except as hereinafter specially provided, no person accepting or holding any office, commission or employment, in the service of the Government of Canada, or of the Government of Ontario, at the nomination of the Crown or at the nomination of any of the officers of the Government of Canada or of the Government of Ontario to which any salary, fee, wage, allowance, emolument or profit of any kind is attached shall be eligible as a member of the Assembly or shall sit or vote therein.

Exceptions.

(2) Nothing in this section shall render ineligible as aforesaid or disqualify from sitting and voting in the Assembly when not otherwise disqualified,

Executive Council.

(a) A Member of the Executive Council;

Militia.

(b) An officer of His Majesty's Army or Navy, or an officer in the Militia or a Militiaman (except officers on the staff of the Militia receiving permanent salaries);

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Justices of the Peace, etc.

(c) A Justice of the Peace, Coroner, Notary Public or Public School Inspector;

Temporary employment by Dominion Government.

(d) Any person holding any temporary employment in the service of the Dominion of Canada requiring special qualifications, or professional skill, or a Commissioner appointed under the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter 104.

Commencement

(3) This section shall be deemed to have been in force and effect since the 14th day of April, 1908.

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April 10th. 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 31st. March, with copy of Votes and Proceedings of your Legislative Assembly, 27th. March, 1916.

I am not aware whether the laws of the Province would permit Mr. Shaw to receive his sessional allowance and to sit in the House, at the time that he was in receipt of money from the Dominion while acting as one of the Royal Commission. I think it improbable, but you would be certain of the fact.

You may remember a similar case in which a member of the Ontario House was concerned. It was found necessary for the House to amend the Legislative Assembly Act by repealing Section 10 and making the new Section retroactive from the 14th. day of

Hon. W. J. Bowser, K.C.,
Prime Minister of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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April, 1908. I am sending you a copy of the Act.

It may be necessary for you to take like procedure in order to protect Mr. Shaw, although I am not in a position to advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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## CHAPTER 37.

An Act to authorize the Payment of certain Expenses in connection with Commissions issued under the Great Seal.

[*21st January, 1914.*]

Preamble.

WHEREAS on the fourth day of December, 1912, a Commission was issued under the "Public Inquiries Act," appointing seven Commissioners to cause inquiry to be made into and concerning the conditions affecting agriculture in all its branches throughout the Province:

And whereas two of the Commissioners so appointed were on the said day and have since been members of the Legislative Assembly, but have received no salary, fee, emolument, or profit of any kind whatsoever from the Province for their services as Commissioners:

And whereas it is just and right that the Province should pay their travelling, incidental, and necessary expenses while employed in the work of the Commission:

And whereas under the provisions of the "Inquiries Act," chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, a Commission was issued under the Great Seal of Canada appointing five Commissioners to inquire into matters relating to Indians and Indian reserves in British Columbia, under an arrangement whereby the Province agreed to pay to the Dominion one-half of the expenses of the Commission:

And whereas one of the Commissioners so appointed was on said day and has since been a member of the Legislative Assembly, and a doubt exists as to whether his qualification as such member is affected by his receiving from the Dominion an allowance, one-half of which will be contributed by the Province in pursuance of the said arrangement:



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Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

No disqualification or penalties.

1. (1.) Nothing in the "Constitution Act" contained shall apply or extend, or be deemed to have at any time applied or extended, to render ineligible or disqualify as a member of the Legislative Assembly either of the said members thereof so appointed a Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act," as appearing in the preamble to this Act, by reason of his acting under such appointment, or by reason of his receiving from the Province an allowance for his travelling, incidental, and necessary expenses while engaged in the work of the said Commission appointed the fourth day of December, 1912, whether such expenses or any of them have been paid before or shall be paid after the passing of this Act; nor shall he be liable to or incur by reason thereof any penalty provided by section 33 of the "Constitution Act."

Auditing.

(2.) The amount to be allowed to each of such members for his said expenses shall be subject to approval by the Auditor-General.

No disqualification or penalties.

2. Nothing in the "Constitution Act" contained shall apply or extend, or be deemed to have at any time applied or extended, to render ineligible or disqualify as a member of the Legislative Assembly the said member thereof so appointed a Commissioner under the said "Inquiries Act" by reason of his acting under such appointment, or by reason of his receiving remuneration therefor from the Dominion under the circumstances appearing in the preamble to this Act, whether such remuneration or any portion thereof has been paid before or shall be paid after the passing of this Act; nor shall he be liable to or incur by reason thereof any penalty provided by section 33 of the "Constitution Act."

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May 1, 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MAY 19 1916

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th ult. in which you refer to the case of Mr. Shaw, M.P.P., one of the two Provincial representatives on the Indian Commission. For your information I enclose copy of the Act passed at the session of 1914, which empowers Mr. Shaw to receive remuneration for his services in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

Premier.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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May 30th, 1916.

The Honourable Dr. Roche,

Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir:

The work of the Commission is drawing to a close and in the very near future the Minutes of our decisions and Reports will be completed and signed, and the remaining work of printing and doing up the usual matters pertaining to such a Commission will be looked after by my colleagues.

As I have some important business requiring my attention at home, it does not seem to me necessary that I should remain here after the Reports are signed and after consultation with my colleagues, I have about concluded to leave here and wait on you at Ottawa with the manuscript copies of the Reports, but in the meantime I would like to have a wire of approval from you and any instructions you may wish to give.

I have the honour to be,

Yours respectfully,

N. W. White

Chairman.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, June 5th. 1916.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Mr. Scott left for Victoria this morning.

Await his arrival.

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C. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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My dear McLean,-

The Royal Commission will complete its final report this week. When the report is sent I take it that the commission is disolved automatically. We should pay Mr. White and Mr. Carmichael until they reach their respective homes. The pay of Messrs. Shaw and McDowall will cease also. Dr. McKenna will have to remain at Victoria for a while, but until we make some definite arrangement as to his future salary, he will have to go back to the old rate, namely - $2,800.00 a year. (2600)

Very likely Mr. White will call to see you when he passes through Ottawa.

I thought I would drop you a line on this subject so that there may be no uncertainty about the financial arrangements.

I am going to Prince Rupert by the night boat, and expect to get home the last week in July.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Ross

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Ottawa, Ont. July 5th, 1916

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Dear Mr. Scott,-

In what position is the work of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate matters connected with Indian Reserves in British Columbia. I would be glad to know at what date a final report may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

R L Borden

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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July 6, 1916.

Dear Sir Robert Borden,-

In answer to your enquiry of the 5th instant, as to the position of the work of the Royal Commission, appointed to investigate matters connected with Indian Reserves in British Columbia, I beg to say that the Commissioners have completed their work, and their final report is expected here now at any day.

I attach a copy of a letter, dated the 28th ultimo, received from the Deputy Minister who is now in British Columbia.

Yours respectfully,

J. D. Nelson

Acting Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ont.

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO C. H. Gibbons, Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

| DATE 1916 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
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| June 30 | Special remuneration as Secretary to the Commission during the period of its operations ..... | $ 2,500.00 |
| | Payment recommended by the Commission as per Minute and Resolution of June 30th, 1916: | |
| | Chairman. | |
| | | $ 2,500.00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED:

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MINUTE OF JUNE 30th, 1916:

Moved by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall,
Seconded by Mr. Commissioner McKenna:

"WHEREAS Mr. G. H. Gibbons, since the inception of the Commission, first as Assistant Secretary and from the 1st May, 1915, as sole Secretary, has rendered invaluable service by reason of his special training and experience in work of similar nature and his intimate knowledge of the country and its conditions; and

"WHEREAS his zealous and unremittent attention to duty, irrespective of hours, has reduced the cost of the Commission's work by a very large amount,

"BE IT RESOLVED: That this Commission approves the payment to Mr. Gibbons of a sum of twenty five hundred dollars ($2,500), in addition to his salary, the Commission being convinced that such extra sum has been more than fairly earned by him and should in simple justice be allowed; and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to both Governments, together with voucher covering the said allowance."

Carried unanimously:

(sd) N. W. WHITE

Chairman

Victoria, British Columbia,
30th June, 1916.

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June 30th, 1916.

To His Honour,

The Lieutenant-Governor

of British Columbia-in-Council,

Government House, Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith Resolution of the Commission this day unanimously adopted, together with duplicate of Voucher therein referred to, and to request the favourable consideration thereof by Your Honour's Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. W. Tyre

Enclosures.

Chairman.

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Chairman.

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June 30th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am enclosing herewith for your information copy of a Resolution today adopted by the Commission in connection with extra remuneration for Mr. Gibbons, together with copies of correspondence transmitting the same.

The Commission would greatly appreciate your assistance in securing the passage of the amount referred to in the Resolution.

Trusting that Mrs. Scott and you had an interesting and pleasant return journey, and with kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Enclosures.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B.C., June 30, 1916.

To His Royal Highness
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Ottawa, Canada.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) N. W. White
Chairman.

Enclosures.

Referred to the Acting Minister of the Interior
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Seconded by Mr. Commissioner McKenna:

"WHEREAS Mr. C. H. Gibbons, since the inception of the Commission, first as Assistant Secretary and from the 1st May, 1915, as sole Secretary, has rendered invaluable service by reason of his special training and experience in work of similar nature and his intimate knowledge of the country and its conditions; and

"WHEREAS his zealous and unremittent attention to duty, irrespective of hours, has reduced the cost of the Commission's work by a very large amount,

"BE IT RESOLVED: That this Commission approves the payment to Mr. Gibbons of a sum of twenty five hundred dollars ($2,500), in addition to his salary, the Commission being convinced that such extra sum has been more than fairly earned by him and should in simple justice be allowed; and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to both Governments, together with voucher covering the said allowance."

Carried unanimously:

(Signed) N. W. White
Chairman.

Victoria, British Columbia,
30th June, 1916.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs

To C. H. Gibbons, Secretary, Victoria, B.C.

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(Signed) N. W. White,

Chairman.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

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Sir Clifford Sifton
Chairman
James White
Assistant to Chairman
Deputy Head

Ottawa, Canada. July 18th, 1916.

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Dear Sir:

In the absence of Mr. White, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication under date of the 14th instant, having reference to data respecting Indian Reserves, in the province of British Columbia. I note that the information desired will be forwarded as soon as you have received the report ~~from~~ of the Royal Commission, which is dealing with these reserves.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully

Oliver Master

Assistant Secretary.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, 21st July 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 20th instant reading as follows,-

"Please send quick three volumes Minutes Decision Sproatt described as unfinished work".

These three volumes have been bound in one book and are being sent you this day under separate cover by parcel post registered mail.

MRW.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J.D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C.H.Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, July 25th, 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I have to inform you that when Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, who was appointed Secretary to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, accepted the position of Postmaster at Montreal, it became necessary to appoint a successor. Mr. Charles H. Gibbons, who had been acting as Assistant Secretary, was appointed Secretary by a letter from the Superintendent General dated 8th May, 1915, a copy of which is sent herewith. Mr. Bergeron was in receipt of a salary of $20.00 a day and $10.00 a day living allowance. Mr. Gibbons applied for appointment at the same rate, but the application was not favourably considered and he was continued with his old rate of pay, namely, $450.00 a month without living allowance but with actual travelling expenses when he was absent from Victoria.

Yours truly,

D. C. Scott

Deputy Supt. General.

The Secretary of
The Treasury Board,
Finance Dept.,
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July 26th, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant (Your File No. 59335-5) advising of the transmission of Minutes of Decision as requested, also the volume in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons

Secretary.

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August 26th, 1916.

Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21st. Please send me copy of report of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

A. Dean,

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August 31st, 1916.

Dear Sir -

Replying to your communication of the 26th instant, I have to advise you that the report on the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia has not as yet been received by the Government. When it has been received and considered by the Government and this Department it may be available for distribution to the public, but I am not aware what action will be taken by the Government in this respect.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

A. Dean, Esqr.,
503-4 North West Trust Building,
509 Richards St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Ottawa, September 12th, 1916.

A. E. O'Meara,

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Toronto, Ont.

Do not wish you to incur expense in coming to Ottawa.

Have nothing particular to see you about.

(Chg. Dep't I.A. Duncan C. Scott.

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Mr Duncan C. Scott,.

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Deputy Supt. General Indian Dept.

Ottawa Ont---

Ottawa tomorrow could then meet you as suggested in your conversation with Mitchell forenoon preferred

A.E. O'Meara

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*Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the* 8TH SEPTEMBER 1916

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The Committee of the Privy Council submit for the information of Your Royal Highness the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, appointed under Order in Council of the 27th November, 1912, and the report on policy of the said Commission, prepared in accordance with the Order in Council of the 10th June, 1913.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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September 8th, 1916

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Dear Mr Scott:

Between other things Mr Gibbons has been putting together for shipment to Ottawa all records and papers of the Commission. Mr Macdowall and I were of the opinion (and so directed) that where there was only one copy of an exhibit or report it should go to Ottawa. I still think that the correct position; but a question arose to-day which suggested to me that it would be unwise to send to your Department the sole copies of reports and correspondence bearing on applications for additional lands before the Government here, by approval of the Commission's Report, confirms the Commission's allowances of additional lands for Indians.

For each Agency there is a land application file, containing reports, correspondence, and in many instances sketch plans, which give the history of applications made by Indians, and in most cases afford much more valuable and explicit information than is disclosed in the evidence itself. When the Provincial authorities take the Commission's Report under consideration, the allowances of additional lands may be carefully canvassed, and information may be desired which the evidence does not disclose, but which may be fully disclosed in the papers on the additional land files. If the Provincial authorities baulk at any allowance

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on paucity of evidence, it is important that the said files should be at hand so that full information may be promptly produced.

Until all the Commission's papers are assorted and arranged in accordance with the Department's system of filing, it would be exceedingly difficult for an official there to find the material on the required land file. And in any event the necessity of sending to Ottawa for papers would cause delay, which you desire to avoid and which would assuredly be baneful.

Under the circumstances I would recommend that all papers bearing on additional land applications be held here until the Province acts upon the Commission's Report.

Pending your reply the shipment of papers will be stayed.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. J. McKenna

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Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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September 14th, 1916.

Dear Dr. McKenna -

I have your letter of the 6th instant. I agree with you that it would be advisable to hold in Victoria copies of all papers bearing on the application for additional lands until such time as the Provincial Government takes action upon the report.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J.A.J. McKenna, Esqr., LL.D.,
Belmont House,
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15 Sept 16

My dear Mr Scott:

In studying the Henderson lease matter I referred to evidence taken by Commission respecting Reserve, and it occurred to me that while I remain here to do business for the Department it would be well for me to have for ready reference a set of volumes of the evidence. Please advise if a set is to be held here for my use.

Yours faithfully

J. A. McKenna

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September 21st, 1916.

Dear Dr. McKenna -

I have your communication of the 15th instant, in reference to copies of the evidence taken by the Commission. I do not know how many copies of this evidence the Commission had made, but if a copy of it is available for you it would be of much value. and may be returned.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J.A.J. McKenna, Esqr., LL.D.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.

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August 17th. 1916.

Dear Mr. Perry.

I have just had an opportunity to look at the correspondence we had with reference to Rev. Mr. McCullough and his activities at Gwinoha. I find we wrote Bishop DuVernet in 1910 and later had a reply from him in which he rather took sides with Mr. McCullough. He stated that he had been assured by Mr. McCullough that all he was doing was putting the Indian case in shape for them. I do not think it would be good policy for me to write just now to the Bishop, but if you notice Mr. McCullough showing his hand you might let me know.

(59335-1 10 June 1910)

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Metlakatla, B. C.

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THE DAILY NEWS-ADVERTISER, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUM
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1916.

# The Week End

I heard the sermon delivered last week by an Indian chief to the reverend and legal white officers of the Indian Rights Association. It was an impressive discourse. A white missionary finding himself among Indians who were making and contradicting charges of dishonesty and graft, and exhorting them to refrain from violent language and recrimination, would be interesting and instructive, but not a startling exhibit. In this case the accusations of dishonesty and of slander, the refusal to sit around the same board, were addressed by white missionaries to each other. The exhortation to harmony, or at least to moderation of language, and the request that scenes of anger and excitement should be avoided for the sake of the example, came from an Indian chief.

The surprising thing about it was the admirable and highly civilized delicacy with which the admonition was given. Nothing in the tone of the speaker suggested the superior person speaking de haut en bas. This Indian modestly asked as a favor to himself and his people that their white leaders should avoid "excitement." He did not say abuse, or attack, or dispute, or quarrel, but used the gentlest word in sight. He did not suggest that one or both or all the disputants had done wrong. Rather, he argued that they might be speaking more strongly than they meant. He recalled scenes in court where lawyers seemed to be fighting, when it was found next day that they were good friends.

But, he pleaded, the Indians are not so. They are not educated. They do not understand these white men's ways. When they get excited they mean it. They may then become dangerous and do something very wrong. Therefore, he begged the white advisors and helpers of the Indians not to "get excited" in these meetings when the Indians were present. Though it might mean no harm among the whites it would be bad for the Indians. He hoped that they would now talk about the business of getting the Indians their rights. This was what they came for, for they greatly needed the help of the white men.

The Chief was much more effective in his simple, dignified and perfectly sincere appeal than this vague report shows. I do not know a white man who could have given this sermon in these circumstances with so little imputation of blame, such absence of assertion, and such freedom from self-consciousness. How much of a gentleman this Chief is at home I do not know, but he was a Bayard at that meeting. Knowing as little as he professed to know about the merits of the dispute, I was as fully persuaded that this Indian was right as I am that Paul made no mistake in writing the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

Indian rights engaged the attention of a highly educated group of men for several days. Despite the modesty of some of the chiefs, they have some right to be considered scholars. Consider them as linguists. In conversation they seem able to talk English fluently. One who talked with me had a quick and complete command of the vernacular. Nearly all seemed able to follow an address in Chinook. Each one understands his own language, and many of them can use one or two of the other languages in his group. Compared with a native so equipped, how feeble in facility of making himself understood by the masses is the average English-speaking person.

There was a chief of the Thompsons who spoke to the meeting in straight forward, correct English. But he wished to use his own language, and so called upon James Teit to translate. The reason he preferred his own tongue was soon plain. He became eloquent. He emphasized his words—the strong words. He used his hands, both hands, freely, gracefully and, it may be said, logically. No one understands better the value of the hands in speaking than the Indian. Perhaps they gain it partly from the use of the sign language.

Rev. C. M. Tate, who presided over some of these meetings, is a scholar in Chinook. He is a missionary, and doubtless knows some native tongues. But his specialty is this curious artificial language, the esparato of this continent. Mr. Tate has collated a dictionary out of several Chinook dictionaries. He has translated the Gospel of Mark into Chinook. He speaks this dialect with great boldness and vigor, like a man sure of his ground. It is evidently possible to be eloquent in Chinook.

It is probable that Chinook existed as a clearing house among the Indian languages before Europeans saw this coast. There was need of it. In this province alone there may be nine or ten groups of Indian languages, with four or five tongues in each group. Mr. J. A. Teit of Spence's Bridge, believes that it would be possible to gather thirty different Indians in British Columbia, no two of whom could understand each other's speech. Moving about the province in old times they gradually found or invented words to be used in common. It had to be that or the sign language, and even the sign language has conventions and needs to be learned. To this narrow vocabulary the traders added new words. It became the language of local commerce, and of conversation. Mr. Teit says that there is a considerable body of Chinook poetry and many songs, some of them ribald "chanties," not suitable for publication even in Chinook.

This Mr. James C. Teit ought to have his biography published. Yet he is not even in "Who's Who." He is one of the men better known as scholars abroad than at home. In the Interior he has high repute as an interpreter and as an authority on native customs and traditions. They know him well in Columbia University, New York, as a philologist and ethnologist. Professor Boas, head of the department of Anthropology in that school, has made great use of him. The Smithsonian Institute at Washington knows his work on anthropology. He has work- Museum of Natural History. He collects specimens of ancient and modern Indian workmanship for the Geological Survey of Canada and for the Provincial Museum.

Recently Mr. Teit was engaged to make a historical and ethnological survey of the Indian tribes and lands in Washington state, with regard to their former habitat, their language and lore, their arts and crafts. This was a delicate and complicated study, involving excavation and many other forms of research.

He has long been collecting material for a comparative study of the art and handicraft of the interior tribes of this province. He has gathered a great store of examples and made many drawings. The various forms of basket work make a study by themselves. Mr. Teit can tell when he sees a specimen of coil weaving by what tribe the work was done. The material, the preparation, the weave, the coloring, all enter into it. Much history can be gathered by research into the ways, knowledge and experience of one tribe reacting on others. So with carving, painting, fashioning tools, making decorations and clothing.

But this treatise on comparative Indian art will not be written and given to the public by Mr. Teit. He says that he has not an adequate basis of artistic training and learning. Some man with a command of art vocabulary and knowledge of its history will prepare for publication the material which Mr. Teit has collected. This student and teacher of Indian lore is modest in his estimate of his own ability and absolutely careless of name and fame.

He came to this country when a young man a quarter of a century or more ago. He may have begun his language studies in his native Shetland Islands, where there were about a hundred Gaelic speaking families in a population of some thirty thousand. He speaks French as well as English. His native repertoire includes a perfect knowledge of one language, a working acquaintance with the whole group of four or five dialects, and more or less knowledge of several other language groups.

So equipped, M. Teit patiently and steadily gathers in knowledge of Indian speech, literature, folk lore, art, religion and history. He has learned how to gather knowledge from the taciturn, guarded, and forgetful veterans. This is not to be obtained by abrupt and persistent questions. Rather, it is absorbed by long and slow conversations, beginning with talk on common things until the old folk become social and easy, and allow themselves to be led by suggestion to the real question. Infinite patience, genial friendliness, and a happy gift of interesting the man in his own story sometimes give excellent results.

Mr. Teit has in his short residence up country seen one language disappear. When he began his enquiries there were two or three men left who spoke the language of their tribe, which had been nearly absorbed by the speech of the larger group in which they lived. He gathered from these survivors some idea of the vanishing tongue, and recorded so much of its vocabulary as he could. By and by the speech and those who knew it died together. Mr. Teit is watching another merger in the Okanagan country, where an Indian language is fast being replaced by that of the dominant race. Soon this tongue will be heard no more. He does not know how many languages have come and gone since human speech was first heard on this coast.

It was good to hear this quiet man translate the speeches of his Indian friends. Sitting low in his chair he seems to be paying only a weary kind of attention. But when the orator has spoken a few sentences, Mr. Teit gives it simple yet elegant English that one does not hear every day. The melancholy cadence of the tone which he brought from the Highlands improves the effect.

The secretary of these meetings of the Indian Rights Association was Rev.

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THE DAILY NEWS-ADVERTISER, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1916.

# WHITE HELPERS URGED TO AVOID EXCITEMENT

## Indian Chief Mediates in Warm Debate Between Members of Executive and Indian Rights Association

In order to secure redress for their grievances, the Indians of the province must stand together and unitedly decide upon some course of action. This was the tenor of the advice offered by all the speakers, white men and Indians, at the resumed meeting of the Indian chiefs of the province held in the Metropolitan Building yesterday afternoon. Discussion on the subject reached such a heat, however, as to bring about the resignations of Rev. C. M. Tate, chairman and secretary of the Indian Rights' Association, and Mr. J. Edward Bird, the secretary.

The dispute was chiefly between Rev. Mr. Tate and Rev. E. A. O'Meara, and it went to the point of imputing dishonesty to the latter before a native chief called upon the white helpers to "avoid excitement." The meeting finished with Rev. Lashley Hall of North Vancouver in the chair, and with two resignations still to be discussed. Mr. Duncan C. Scott, head of the Indian Department of the Dominion Government, will address the Indians in private this morning.

In the meantime a telegram is awaited from Mr. Clark, K.C., of Ottawa, solicitor for the Indian Rights' Association, to whose reported remark that the Indians had endorsed the Dominion Order-in-Council so much exception had been taken to the day before. Mr. Clark is reported to have changed his attitude and further advices are expected from him this morning. Upon this reply will depend the Indians' decision to appeal the question as to their rights to land in British Columbia to the Privy Council, or to abide by the decision of the Dominion Government. The latter have asked the Indians to relinquish any claims they might have to land in the province in return for certain promised considerations.

Those present at yesterday's meeting included the Indian chiefs, Rev. C. M. Tate, secretary of the association; Mr. J. Edward Bird, the counsel; Mr. J. A. Teit of Spence's Bridge, who is acting as interpreter for the Indians from that district; Prof. Charles Hill-Tout, Rev. Dr. Osterhout, president of the Methodist conference; Mr. P. R. Pelly, recording-secretary; Rev. E. A. O'Meara and a few others.

The meeting resumed in the afternoon at about half past two. Some time was occupied by reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which the secretary had drafted at great length. Mr. O'Meara took exception to some of the records and after some discussion they were adjusted.

After this matter was settled the chairman, Rev. C. M. Tate, and Mr. O'Meara got into an animated debate in the course of which Mr. Tate declared that he would not act on the executive of the Indian Rights Association so long as Mr. O'Meara was connected with it.

"I will not sit on that Board," said he, "with a person who is not an honest man."

Mr. O'Meara protested that Mr. Tate was unfit to be chairman of a meeting while he continued to use such language. Mr. Tate went on to say that Mr. O'Meara had obtained a sum of money from the Association and failed to pay it back. This statement the latter pronounced false and slanderous.

The chairman insisted that Mr. O'Meara should withdraw from the room and the meeting.

During these discussions the resignation of Mr. J. Edward Bird, counsel for the Association, was handed in and Mr. Tate produced his own resignation as secretary of the Association. He held that the resignations should be dealt with at once, while Mr. O'Meara maintained that they ought to stand over till a later stage of the meeting. This latter conclusion was finally adopted, Mr. Tate and Mr. Bird consenting.

### Appeal to White Men.

Before this stage was reached one of the Indian chiefs who spoke excellent English made a serious appeal to "the white men who are helping us" to "avoid excitement." This native mediator gravely and modestly pointed out that the Indian chiefs and people were not well educated and could not exactly understand the reason of these disputes. He knew that white people, especially lawyers, often fought each other bitterly at meetings and were good friends afterwards, but Indians were different. If they got excited and angry they became dangerous. Therefore he strongly exhorted their white helpers to try and keep the peace.

Chief Tidlinitza from the Thompson band spoke in his own language after a brief introduction in excellent English. His address was translated by Mr. Teit. He gave the history of his visit to Ottawa and his understanding of the case. He objected strongly to the Order-in-Council and declared that Mr. Clark was quite wrong in saying that the Indians were in favor of it.

There were other addresses in the native tongue and in Chinook which were not translated.

Rev. Mr. Osterhout, president of the Methodist conference, addressed the Indians briefly in English though he said he could if necessary speak in their own language to the tribe with which he was formerly associated as missionary.

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# BRINGS FORTH A REBUKE

**Dispute Between Ministers of Gospel Shown Up by Indian Chief.**

A dispute between two ministers of the gospel which brought forth a rebuke from an Indian chief was the feature of yesterday afternoon's session on Indian rights before Mr. Duncan S. Scott, deputy minister of the interior, who is here trying to adjust the troubles between the British Columbia Indians and the British Columbia and Dominion Governments. Several white men have interested themselves in the claims of the Indians and Rev. C. M. Tate has been secretary of the Indian Rights Association, but he and Rev. E. A. O'Meara have had some trouble and they indulged in a brisk argument. It remained for one of the chiefs to urge his white friends to avoid excitement. The ministers provided most of the excitement by arguing over the minutes and at the end Mr. Tate resigned as also did Mr. J. Edward Bird, who has been acting as counsel for the Indian Association. It was urged that the Indians should get together and appoint one head to present their grievances to Ottawa and at this point the meeting adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1916.

# INDIANS PETITION FOR REDRESS OF WRONGS

## Petition of Rights Has Been Given Scant Attention Declare Chiefs in Eloquent Addresses

At the office of Mr. J. Edward Bird in the Metropolitan Building last night a unique meeting was held, at which the grievances of the Indians of British Columbia, sore trials to the red men who have seen the white people in a lifetime take their hunting grounds and fishing rights, dispossess them of all but parcels of reserve land here and there, and surround them with restrictions interfering with their happiness and material welfare, were set forth by the chiefs of all the important tribes of the province while Mr. Duncan C. Scott, deputy minister of the interior, and head of the Dominion Indian Department listened. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Indian Rights Association with Rev. C. M. Tate, general secretary of the association, and a lifelong missionary among the British Columbia tribes, in the chair. There were present beside the chiefs, Mr. P. R. Pelly, recording secretary of the association, a full blooded Queen Charlotte Indian, who made his way through Columbian College in New Westminster and was ordained a month ago; Rev. A. E. O'Meara, representative of the Naas Indians; Mr. J. A. Teit of Spence's Bridge, an anthropologist of international note, and a member of the association; Mr. Bird, Mr. Scott and Rev. Mr. Tate.

The discussion centred about the order-in-council passed at Ottawa in June, 1914, relative to the claim of the Indians to land in British Columbia, which stated in effect that if the Indians were found to have title to British Columbia land by the Privy Council they should relinquish such title, receiving in return from the Dominion government benefits accorded Indians in the past in satisfying claims for unsurrendered territory, and that they should also accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia as approved by the governments, dominion and provincial. Further clauses of the order state that by granting reserve land the Provincial Government will have satisfied all claims of the Indians, and that in case the Privy Council find that the British Columbia Indians have no title to land in the province the policy of the Dominion Government shall be governed by consideration of their welfare and future development.

### Terms Not Satisfactory.

Apparently Mr. Clark, K.C., of Ottawa, solicitor for the Indian Rights Association which practically is an association of all the tribes in the province, had stated to Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister for the Interior, that the terms of the order-in-council were satisfactory to the Indians but by unanimous vote this was denied last night and a resolution was telegraphed to Mr. Clark to that effect last night. The statement said to have been made by Mr. Clark had caused dissensions in the ranks of the chiefs and it seemed last night as though there was suspicion abroad that someone had either made a blunder or "sold them out."

The land title question is the one which is at the bottom of the difficulty. The government of British Columbia has never admitted that the Indians have any right to title of land while the Indians of the rest of Canada have been allowed to have such right of title. The apparent discrimination is what hurts the British Columbia Indians, beside the economic difficulties in which they claim it places them, and they want to be treated as the Indians to the east of them are treated. They decline to relinquish any rights they may be found to have in return for what they think is a shadowy promise of benefits. Therefore they will have nothing to do with the order-in-council.

### Land Insufficient.

Last evening Rev. Mr. Tate set forth the claims of the Indians for the benefit of Mr. Scott and then spoke in Chinook so that the older chiefs could understand. He pointed out that the Indians were confined to small reserves without in many cases enough land to support them, so that they were forced to spend months in canneries and hop fields to earn enough to carry them over the winter. He instanced the Cowichan Indians at Duncans on Vancouver Island who had seen the reserve given them by Sir James Douglas gradually encroached upon by white settlers so that some members of the tribe did not even own a potato patch, while the logging on the Cowichan River had ruined their fishing. The Dominion Government had done something but not enough. He had known of old Indians who had hardly a blanket to cover them and who could hardly get food enough from the Indian agent. That their marriages were not registered was another grievance of the Indians.

### Chief's Eloquent Speech.

Chief Andrew Barton of the Nishga, Naas, Indians, was the first of the chiefs to speak, and like all the Indians, his remarks were eloquent and to the point. "We feel thankful for the burden borne on our behalf by our friends," he said in English, "and we reaffirm that our main desire is the acknowledgment of our tribal rights to the land, with no clash with the rights of the neighboring tribes. In ages past the Naas Indians were planted on the Naas River by God, and were free and well supplied with food and clothes. Then there was no decrease before the white people came. There were firm settlements and comfortable dwellings. We claim that our rights should be declared in court before we choose what treaty to accept."

"Why did the Naas people withdraw from the Indian Rights Association?" asked Mr. Tate.

In answer to this Mr. O'Meara started to answer, but his explanation was cut short by a small explosion, in which Mr. Tate and Mr. Bird intimated that Mr. O'Meara had organized the Naas people separately, to which Mr. O'Meara made a denial. Mr. Bird added that matters would not be helped much for the Indians unless they were left to manage their own affairs more than they were and the tension subsided.

### Perhaps Something Will Be Done.

Then John Tidlinitza, chief of the Thompson tribe, spoke in the Thompson dialect, which was translated by Mr. Teit. "We have talked a long time on this matter," he said, "and are still talking. We have been crushed and hurt, and our cry comes from no white man, but from ourselves only. We are hurt. We are uneducated, and do not near all like the white people. We do not read and write, and need someone to help us so that we can give expression to our thoughts and say what we think. For many years we have gone hither and thither in distress seeking our rights and we believe that all the British Columbia tribes are in the same position. Matters should be righted. We have felt the hand of the British Columbia Government heavy all over the province. We have spoken to Victoria, to Ottawa, our words have gone to England, we have travelled to Ottawa. On our last trip we opened up our minds to Messrs. Scott, Borden, Laurier, Dr. Roche and the Governor-General. Our trouble now is with Mr. Clark, who said that we would accept the terms of the order-in-council, which we do not want. We never heard here that we would accept the order-in-council. We only heard it in Ottawa. There is very great doubt in our minds, but we come to see what is in the minds of the government. Then there is no tribe in the province which is really acquainted with the government proposition, so how could we be in favor of it? The government spoke very well to us in some things, but not very well in others. There is no word about hunting or fishing, or even of the land. Cannot even the land question be settled by the Indian commission? Then there are foreshore rights. We cannot mine gold on the lake shores of our reserves in the interior, and on the Coast we cannot fish on the shore, because the government owns the foreshore. The Provincial Government still speaks of reversionary rights, which are not settled yet.

About all these things our hearts were sore and are still sore. Mr. Clark has spoken good to us and it seems that a mistake has been made. Perhaps what Mr. Clark has said has influenced the government so that it did not speak to us as favorably at it might. We are glad to see Mr. Scott with us and we will open our hearts to him and he will open his heart to us and perhaps something will be done."

### Negotiations Too Slow.

Chief Andrew Mercer of another band of Naas Indians, a keen looking man, spoke next, also in his native tongue, and gave the reasons why the Naas people had left the association and had worked by themselves, the tenor of which was that negotiations were so slow and that some tribes did not seem to take enough interest in the matter, although the Naas people had spent much money to support the association. There had also been a lack of enthusiasm shown of late and therefore the Naas people had on the advice of Mr. O'Meara and the late Rev. Mr. Green begun their own negotiations. "We were afraid that the government would wear us down, as it is trying to do. We do not wish to drag along the tribes who have no interest in the land, and where would the Nishga Indians be if we had upheld Mr. Clark, who says something oppoiste to our wishes? In a fine fix."

### Petition of Rights.

H. M. McMillan, chief of the Kitimat tribe, made a few terse statements not overflowing with respect for some government officials. "The Kitimat people are of the same mind as before and hold to the original petition for rights sent to Earl Grey 10 years ago. I am sorry to say that the Indian commission, when they came to us, tried to make the Kitimat people afraid. They told Johnny Bolton, a chief, to shut up when he spoke. One member, when they were with us, was dead drunk, and, dead drunk as he was, told our chief to shut up. As for the Naas people, when I have visited the Port Simpson people, my father's people, to fish in past summers, [illegible]

[illegible] architects' fees, amounting to $27,131.50, making the total cost of the building $408,231.00.

The directors endeavored to collect and had in the bank about $150,000.00 before letting the contracts, but the subscribers of the larger amounts refused to pay till the money was needed to meet bills, stating that they could make large returns on the money themselves, and they would pay the amount of their subscriptions due, promptly upon request. The directors finally decided to

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# INDIAN CHIEFS ARE HOLDING CONFERENCE

## Object to Order-in-Council Dealing With Land Titles.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott, deputy minister of the interior, and head of the Dominion Indian department, last night held a conference with representatives of various British Columbia tribes in order to tabulate the grievances of the Indians against the Provincial Government. The meeting was held at the office of Mr. J. Edward Bird, Metropolitan building, and the matter turned on the rights of Indians to their reserves. Fishing rights and mining rights also figure in the dispute, and for many years the Indians have been trying to obtain a satisfactory settlement. To enforce their demands they formed the Indian Rights Association, which includes practically every tribe in the province. They hired Mr. Clark, K. C., of Ottawa, to look after the legal end, and the general secretary is Rev. C. M. Tate. The recording secretary is P. R. Kelly, a Queen Charlotte Indian, who is a graduate of Columbian College, New Westminster.

There was an order-in-council passed in June, 1914, to the effect that if the Privy Council found that the Indians had a title to their land in British Columbia, they should relinquish that claim, and receive in return benefits from the Dominion Government, and that they should also accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian affairs, which was appointed by the Provincial Government.

The Indians present last night don't think much of the Royal Commission, and think less of the order-in-council. They sent a telegram to Mr. Clark denying that they had agreed to the order. The claims of the Indians were set out by Rev. C. M. Tate and his views were endorsed by Chief John Tidlinitza of the Thompsons; Chief Andrew Mercer, Naas; Chief H. H. McMillan, Kitimat, and Chief Julius, Sechelt. The Indians complained that their claims had been ignored, and they could get no satisfaction. The conference will proceed this afternoon.

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# INDIANS MAY WAIT FOR REPORT OF COMMISSION

## Satisfied to Leave Settlement Over If Report is Made in Reasonable Time.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott, deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs, yesterday met the Indians of the provinces who have been here in convention for the purpose of discussing their grievances, and asked them to wait for a report from the Indian Commission before coming to any decision as to their course of action, and it is likely that they will accede to his request.

Mr. Scott went carefully into the matter of the rights of the Indians and explained that the Indian Commission, representing the Dominion and provincial governments, which had been investigating conditions in British Columbia, would finish their work soon and would bring in a report. The government would then consider it and then lay it before the Indians. They might find that it would meet their demands, and in any case a little further delay would not hurt and they would still have their recourse to the courts open.

Some of the Indians expressed their willingness to wait for a time, but said they did not wish to wait two or three years, and Mr. Scott assured them that it would not be anything like that time before a decision was reached. He was himself anxious that their claims should be fully and quickly considered, and that they should receive justice. He would be in the city a few days yet and would be glad to meet any of the Indians and explain anything which had not been made clear.

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# INDIAN COMMISSION COMPLETES ITS WORK

## Record of Activities Fills 6,000 Pages—Will Be of Value in the Settlement of Lands Question.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, which was appointed early in 1913 to adjust outstanding matters of difference between the Governments of the Dominion and of this Province in respect to Indian lands in British Columbia, has officially completed its work. The final reports are signed and the commission disbanded, Mr. N. W. White, K.C., the chairman, leaving for his home in Nova Scotia on Tuesday last. Mr. Saumarez Carmichael, K.C., one of the commissioners acting for the Dominion, proposes to spend a few months longer in British Columbia in order to become better acquainted with the country and its manifold attractions. Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, his Federal colleague in the work now closed, will also be here for some time longer, engaged in work of the Department of Indian Affairs, to which he has been permanently attached for many years, being one of that Department's most valued officers. Messrs. J. P. Shaw and D. H. Macdowall were the Provincial Commissioners.

Although the reports of the commission have now been signed and will shortly be transmitted to the Governments interested, much detail work remains to be disposed of—loose ends to be tied up, tabulations to be worked out and amplified and the reports printed, checked and finally prepared for the interested Governments, the Colonial Office and the public. This work has been left in the hands of the late secretary of the commission, Mr. C. H. Gibbons, who has for that purpose been attached to the Department of Indian Affairs from the time of the commission's dissolution, and will be henceforward in charge of affairs arising out of the late commission until all such are finally disposed of.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia was appointed on April 23, 1913, by virtue of an order-in-council of November 27, 1912, with the object of consummating an agreement entered into on September 24, 1912, by Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, acting for the Dominion Government in the capacity of Special Commissioner in that behalf, and the then Premier of British Columbia, Sir Richard McBride. This agreement defined the major work of the commission and indicated its limitations, reading as follows:

### Work of Commission

"Whereas it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject to the approval of the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia:

"1. A Commission shall be appointed as follows: Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

"2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the following manner:

"(a) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the Reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the Commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

"(b) At any place at which the Commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality, the Commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians. And they may set aside land for any band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

"3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the Commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

### Sale at Public Auction

"4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

"5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion, and all moneys received by the Dominion under this clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

"6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

"7. The lands comprised in the Reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to the condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band, and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned, or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian Reserve in the Province of British Columbia, shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

"8. Until the final report of the Commission is made the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian Reserves or which may during the sitting of the Commission, be specified by the Commissioners as lands which shall be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian Reserve are required for right-of-way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or municipal public work or purpose, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners, who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an interim report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the Commissioners into effect."

### Report on Policy

The Commission was later instructed, by a Dominion Order-in-Council of June 10, 1913, to prepare and present a second report on policy, based upon its field investigations and observations, containing suggestions for revision of administrative policy with the object of improving the condition of the Indians of British Columbia and rendering them better fitted for self-maintenance and ultimate citizenship.

As originally constituted, the Commission consisted of Dr. J. A. J. McKenna and Mr. N. W. White, K.C., ex-M.P., representing the Dominion of Canada; Mr. J. P. Shaw, ex-M.P.P., of Kamloops, and Mr. D. H. Macdowall, of this city, representing the Province of British Columbia, with Hon. J. G. H. Bergeron, K.C., of Montreal, as secretary. The Commissioners above named duly selected Hon. E. L. Wetmore, LL.D., former Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, as chairman, and that veteran jurist continued in this capacity until the Spring of 1914, when he resigned in consequence of the work afield being found too strenuous for one of his advanced years. He was succeeded in the chairmanship by Mr. Commissioner White, and Mr. Saumarez Carmichael, K.C., of Montreal, was appointed to the vacancy on the Commission occasioned by this promotion, Hon. Mr. Bergeron becoming Postmaster of Montreal early in 1915, his position was filled by the appointment of Mr. C. H. Gibbons, for many years actively identified with journalism in British Columbia, who had been acting as assistant secretary prior to Mr. Bergeron's retirement.

The Commission was formally organized here on May 19, 1913, and since that date has visited virtually all of the important Reserves of the 25,000 odd native inhabitants scattered over the far-spread area of British Columbia, there being in existence 1,103 Indian Reserves established in British Columbia at the time the Commission began its work, these having an aggregate area of 729,573.81 acres, and many of them being far removed from all normal facilities of travel. Nine hundred and seventy-nine applications for additional Reserves have also been carefully investigated and adjudicated upon by the Commission, in addition to the disposal of a multitude of applications by Governmental, municipal and other public bodies, railway companies, etc., affecting Indian lands of this Province.

### 6,000 Pages

The record of the Commission's work in transcript of evidence alone fills twenty-seven large typewritten volumes, of approximately 6,000 pages, reinforced by a vast array of exhibits, maps, plans, photographs, etc. The final reports of the Commission, including tabulated analysis of evidence, applications, Reserve conditions, etc., will fill four large printed volumes of approximately 1,800 pages, with maps, etc., and these will shortly be completed for the guidance of the Governments in the final solution of the long vexed Indian lands question in British Columbia.

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Sir,

Your request for a copy of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, has been transferred to this Department. In reply I have to state that this report is a confidential one made to His Royal Highness in Council. I am not aware whether after consideration by the Government and the Department it will be made available for distribution to the public.

Yours very truly,

S. Stewart,

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Ottawa, 27th October 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to our letter of the 21st July last transmitting to you as Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B.C., a volume containing Minutes of Decision relating to Indian reserves in British Columbia (Commissioner Sproat) and to request you to be good enough to return the volume at once.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) D Stewart

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Dear Mr Scott:

In the latter part of September, after going into the matter with the printers, we had what we regarded as a practical assurance from them that some bound volumes would be ready for delivery before the middle of this month. We were anxious that bound volumes should be supplied the Province before the change of Government and spared no effort to that end. Proof reading has been promptly done and there has been, the printers themselves admit, no delay on that score. The putting on of an extra shift was suggested, but we were later informed by the Company that extra help could not be secured for the printing and machine work.

To-day we have interviewed the Manager of the Acme Press Company and regret to find that he cannot promise any bound volumes before the 26th or 27th; probably it will be the end of the month. All statements, tables and agency introductions are printed, and about a quarter of the main portion of the report set up.

We are much disappointed, but realizing the difficulty of getting expert help owing to enlistment for war service we cannot adjudge the company blameworthy. We feel

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that we should, owing to the position we were placed in respecting the report, advise you of the position of the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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E. H. Macdowall Esq.,
Member of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.
Room 417. Belmont Building.

Re tenancy of Commission Offices.

Dear Sir:

As the member of the Commission who arranged with us the tenancy of the offices occupied by the Commission, in this building, and in confirmation of the converstaion between yourself and the writer, I beg to advise you that after the 30th November it will be perfectly satisfactory to us if we receive fifteen days notice of the intention of the Commission to vacate the premises.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory,
We are,
Yours faithfully,

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28th Oct.,1916.

Dear Mr.Scott:

434896

For your information I enclose a letter of the 27th instant re tenancy of Commission Offices.It was Mr.Macdowall ~~who arranged~~,as you will see by Mr.White's last interim report ,who made,at the desire of the Commission, the arrangement with the Company,and hence the letter is addressed to him.

The printers advise me to-day that the setting up is nearing completion.There will be a proof on Monday of the final portion.That,of course,is apart from the table of contents and the index.They could not to-day give an estimate of how long the press work still to be done will take,but the work of folding etc is keeping pace with the press work.They cannot at the present stage say when we may expect the first delivery of bound volumes,but give assurance that ~~that~~ they are pushing the work as fast as they can,and of that there is evidence.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. McKenna

Duncan C.Scott,Esq.,
D'y Superintendent -General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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October 30th, 1916

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Sir:

The enclosed portion of File 59335 has served its purpose here and as it is an important record is returned by registered post.

Your obedient servant,

J. A. McKenna

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Enclosure

List of reserves prepared by A. W. Green 19 Feb 1909 (Let. No 337910) returned to file 59335-1 in order of date

6/11/16 G. B. M.

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OFFICE OF

THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,

SOUTHWESTERN INSPECTORATE

P. O. Box 775

Victoria, B. C., 4th November, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 11 1916

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 710/W.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

495230

Dear Sir:-

I should like to obtain, if possible, a copy of the instructions sent to the Joint Reserve Commissioners of 1875. In reading over the report for the Department of the Interior for 1876, on page xvi, the following appears:-

".....The necessary Commissions, accompanied by full instructions, were sent to the Dominion Commissioner and to the joint Commissioner on the 23rd August last."

and again lower down on the same page

".....and they were officially enjoined as little as possible to interfere with any existing tribal arrangements; and, particularly, that they were to be careful not to disturb the Indians in the possession of any villages, fishing stations, fur trading posts, settlements or clearings which they might occupy, and to which they might be specially attached."

I am of the opinion that these instructions will be of great assistance when the time for arbitration with the Provincial Government on the matter affecting the Kitsilano reserve arrives.

I think I saw a copy of these instructions on the files in 1912 when Dr. J. A. J. McKenna was in Victoria and was using my office when negotiating with the Government of British Columbia.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, November 8, 1916.

D. H. Macdowall,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B. C.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

Have dispensed with Gibbons' services by wire. Mrs. Maysmith must cease work.

The Minister desires you co-operate with McKenna completion of printing and indexing of report; he will arrange proper remuneration.

Charge D.I.A.

Duncan C. Scott.

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File

November 11th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn -

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, in which you ask for a copy of the instructions sent to the Joint Reserve Commissioners on the 25th August, 1876, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the instructions with the accompanying letter.

Encl.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esqr.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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Extract from letter of B.G.Hamilton, Secretary
Windermere District Board of Trade,
Dated Oct.31, 1916.
Original on File No.116911

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Windermere District Board of Trade

British Columbia,

Secretary's Office,

Invermere, British Columbia, Canada,

Oct. 31st, 1916.

Superintendent of

Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

May I obtain through you a copy of the report of the Commission on Indian Reserves, for the information of our members.

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Ottawa, 15th November, 1916.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo in which ask on behalf of the Windermere Board of Trade for a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I beg to state that the report is a confidential one made to His Excellency in Council, and I am not aware whether after consideration by the Government and the Department it will be made available for distribution to the public.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

B. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Secretary
Windermere District Board of Trade,
Invermere,
B. C.

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535:

June 14th, 1916.

C. A. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Alberni, B. C.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant with respect to any recommendations made by the Commission in connection with the leasing in whole or in part of Indian reserved lands for mining purposes, and to advise you that all such questions are to be dealt with by the Commission in a second and confidential report to the Dominion Government, which report it is expected will be transmitted at an early date.

As the recommendations of the Commission which may be contained in this report will be of a confidential nature affecting possible changes in Departmental policy it would not be within the province of the Commission to communicate any intimation as to its recommendations prior to the submission of the same to the Government and Department concerned, from which, no doubt, the Agents interested will in due course be able to obtain any desired information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Alberni, B. C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

June 12, 1916

*Sir,—*

I would be pleased if you would inform me if the Commission has made any recommendations to the Indian Department with regard to leasing of part, or the whole of any Indian Reserves within this Province, for mining purposes. If so, of what nature are the recommendations, and when are they likely to come into effect?

I have several applications for leases for mining purposes, pending the settlement of the Reserves. It seems very unwise to tie up any industry which would benefit the District and yet would not impair the Reserves as fishing stations. This, as you are aware is the only use made of the majority of the Coast Reserves.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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August 25th, 1916

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

495370

Dear Mr Scott:

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy of a letter received some weeks ago from Mr Agent Charles A. Cox of Alberni, together with the Commission's reply thereto.

I may say that the Commission did not deal in its confidential Report on policy with the question raised or any of similar nature, it being felt that this question was too involved for consideration in such a Report as the Commission was asked for and ~~are~~ is rather matter~~s~~ for Departmental action after such enquiry as may be deemed necessary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Fort Fraser

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ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH NOV 20 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NOV 17 1916

495344

I would be pleased if you would kindly furnish me with the findings and awards of the Royal Ind. Commission in regard to land applications for Indians in this Agency. If not yet available could you indicate probable date when this information will be given out.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your obedient servant

W. Jas. McLean

Ind. Agt.

J.D.McLean Esq.,
Asst. Dep. and Secy.,
Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, November 20, 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. asking to be furnished with the findings and awards of the Royal Indian Commission in regard to land applications for Indians in your Agency.

In reply I beg to state that the report of the Royal Commission is a confidential one made to His Excellency in Council, and I am not aware whether after consideration by the Government and the Department it will be made available for distribution.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. J. McAllan, Esq.,
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Fort Fraser, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 24 1916

17th November, 1916.

495618

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendant General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:-

Mrs. Maysmith of this City has called upon us in reference to her having been advised by the representative of the Indian Commission here that her services would no longer be required - this notification having been given to her on the 9th instant.

Mrs. Maysmith informs us that she has been employed by the Commission as stenographer since on or about the month of October, 1915, at a monthly salary calculated at the rate of $2.00 per day and she has received monthly cheques from the Department at Ottawa.

It would appear, therefore, that Mrs. Maysmith should be entitled to receive payment for her services during the present month, namely $60.00, and to a month's salary in lieu of notice to quit.

Mrs. Maysmith has requested us to write to you in reference to the foregoing and we trust, therefore, that you will consider the above claim a just one and that payment of the amount mentioned will be made in due course by the Department.

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We may add that Mrs. Maysmith, whose husband is engaged in active service at the front, is, in the meantime, endeavouring to secure another position, but, up th the time of writing, has not succeeded in obtaining one.

We trust, therefore, that you will favourably consider the application made and let us hear from you in due course.

We have the honour, to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Moresby, O'Reilly, & Lowe

PER

R.C.L/I.G.S.

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November 25th. 1916.

Dear Dr. McKenna,

I am sending you herewith copy of letter from Messrs. Moresby, O'Reilly and Lowe, making a claim on behalf of Mrs. Maysmith, and a copy of my answer thereto. If you think Mrs. Maysmith should receive anything, I would be glad if you would make out the vouchers and forward them to me. You will note in my reply that I am not favourable to paying the whole claim, but if you think we should do so I will agree.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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November 25th. 1916.

Gentlemen,

I have your note of the 17th. instant written in the interest of Mrs. Maysmith. I understand that her engagement was by the day, and I have, therefore, written to Dr. J. A. J. McKenna with reference to her claim. I do not think that we could meet your wishes fully in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Messrs. Moresby, O'Reilly & Lowe,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc.,
P.O. Box 576,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF NAVAL SERVICE
DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE
OTTAWA, CANADA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 21 1916

W.J.C.
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November 20, 1916

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Yours truly,

W. J. Chisholm

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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| COWICHAN | 507.04 ACRES | $94,223.00, AS PER VALUATION OF AGENT OR $115,125.00 AS PER VALUATION OF MR MYERS | NIL | — |
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| KOOTENAY | 2,370.00 ACRES | $38,440.00, AS PER VALUATION OF AGENT | 8,260.00 ACRES | $59,620.00 – 2960 ACRES AT $12.00 PER AC.; BALANCE AT $5.00, CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR 2ND CLASS LAND |
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| ORANAGAN | 16,919.00 ACRES | $951,140.00, AS PER AVERAGE ON VALUATIONS BY AGENT AND MR D. H. WATSON | 3480.00 ACRES | $17,400.00, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR 2ND CLASS LAND. |
| QUEEN CHARLOTTE | NIL | — | 360.10 ACRES | $1,800.50, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR 2ND CLASS LAND |
| STIKINE | NIL | — | 9,628.00 ACRES | $48,140.00, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR 2ND CLASS LAND |
| STUART LAKE | 409.00 ACRES | $2,620.00, AS PER VALUATION OF AGENT | 15,028.2 ACRES, EXCLUSIVE OF CERTAIN SMALL ISLANDS IN STUART AND LUCHA LAKES, THE AREAS OF WHICH ARE NOT OBTAINABLE, THIS ALLOWANCE TOTAL BEING SUBJECT TO SLIGHT REDUCTION. | $75,141.00, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR 2ND CLASS LAND |
| WEST COAST | 840.00 ACRES | $5,400.00, AS PER AVERAGED VALUES OF AGENT OR $10,360.19 AS PER AVERAGED VALUES OF AGENT AND MR W. PRESCOTT | 661.95 ACRES | $3,309.75, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR SECOND CLASS LAND. |
| WILLIAMS LAKE | 1,779.74 ACRES | $41,745.20, AS PER VALUATION OF AGENT. | 12,017.00 ACRES | $60,085.00, AT CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRICE FOR SECOND CLASS LAND |
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VICTORIA, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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June 12th,
1916

Dear Mr Scott:

405863

I am enclosing herewith memorandum which I think will serve your purpose. I am sorry I could not have it typed for you and get it to you tonight.

You will note that the allowances are not completed for Lytton and New West-minster Agencies. The former will be about as heavy as Stuart Lake I imagine, and the latter very small.

With these still to come, the summary shews approximately 43,200 acres cut off, of a value of $1,691.273.13, and approximately 71,193 acres added (without the Lytton and New Westminster new reserves), of a value of $376,313.30.

Hoping this is what you want,

Yours sincerely

C. H. Gibbons

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General Report, Interim Reports, Progress Reports
201 pp. mss ..... To be set

Abstract of Reserves Table: Confirmations, Reductions and New Reserves, Acreages and Valuations ..... Printed

### BABINE AGENCY

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| Agency Map ..... | In Hand |
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| Illustrations ..... | " |
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| Correction of Reserves Areas ..... | " |
| Lands Applications Schedule ..... | " |
| Special Table re' Allotments, Acreages, etc. ..... | O.K. To Print. |
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### COWICHAN AGENCY

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## KOOTENAY AGENCY

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## LYTTON AGENCY

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## NAAS AGENCY

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| Lands Application Schedule | Printed |
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## QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY

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WILLIAMS LAKE AGENCY

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VICTORIA, B.C. 28th Oct., 1918.

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Dear Mr.Scott:

The enclosed was prepared at the time I wrote you that we had reason to believe that some bound volumes would be delivered before the new government took office here.The belief was contingent upon the printers securing extra expert help.That,as you were afterwards informed,was found to be impossible.I am not at the moment sure,and this afternoon I cannot put my hand on the file,whether it was sent you at the time or not;but now I send it in another connection.

In conference to-day Mr.Gibbons expressed the view that a particularized table of contents, to be included in the first volume, would be sufficient.I suggested that there should be in the first volume a table of contents,of which the enclosed would form so good a frame that scarce anything would have to be added but the page numbers,and that at the end of the fourth ,or it may be third, last there should be an alphabetic index running on these lines; Additions to Reserves,page..., Agencies ....., Analysis of Evidence....., Confirmations of Reserves....., Corrections of Reserve Areas.....,Fishing Rights..... etc.,etc.This is a very rough way of putting it,but it will give you a conception of my idea.Mr.Gibbons thought the suggestion excellent.The Department's use of the report,which will go on for years,will be made much more easy by such an index.

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The work of making the table of contents and the index will be proceeded with along the lines of my suggestion. I write so that you may be informed and be in a position to express your view in the matter should you desire.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. J. McKenna

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
D'y Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

P.S.

I had a request from the Provincial authorities late yesterday for a conference respecting the issue of marriage licenses by Indian Agents. I arranged for the conference Monday, this being but a half day and I having to go into the report business with the Printers this morning. On Monday I hope to have the instructions to our Agents under the Marriage Act compleated and agreed to.

J. A. J. McKenna

EXTRACT ON 4-5-54

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November 6th. 1916.

Dear Dr. McKenna,

I have your note of the 28th. October with the enclosed table of contents which I think is all that will be required.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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Ottawa, December 1st. 1916.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

Until you deliver up all papers belonging to Commission held by you and give any necessary explanation to Dr. McKenna this Government will pay you nothing more and will not even consider question of special gratuity.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Duncan C Scott

Deputy Supt General Indian Affairs, Ottawa

Kindly advise when I may expect settlement of accounts am held here idle meanwhile and recently under considerable medical expense if special voucher not yet disposed of please have salary balanced wired if not already remitted to Bank.

C H Gibbens.

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December 1st. 1915.

Dear Dr. McKenna,

It seems to me that Gibbons' action is most inexplicable. I received from him a telegram yesterday to which I have replied. I am giving you the text of both messages:-

" Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

" Kindly advise when I may expect
" settlement of accounts am held here idle mean-
" while and recently under considerable medical
" expense if special voucher not yet disposed of
" please have salary balance wired if not already
" remitted to bank.

C. H. Gibbons."

"C.H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

" Until you deliver up all papers
" belonging to Commission held by you and give any

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
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" necessary explanation to Dr. McKenna this
" Government will pay you nothing more and will
" not even consider question of special gratuity."

Duncan C. Scott."

If he does not deliver up these documents we must take the necessary steps to get them. Don't you think, to be quite candid, that the condition of the offices of the Commission shows that there was hardly proper control of Gibbons? It seems so to me. The Minister was highly dissatisfied with the outcome of the Commission's work, and he expects matters to be closed up as soon as possible. He was asking me the other day whether the bound copies of the report had been received yet.

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Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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VICTORIA, B.C. December 13th. 1916.

Memo. for Dr. McKenna

Re printing Report of Indian Commission.

1. You were so good as to show me Mr. Scott's letter of the 1st inst. relating to the final work of the Royal Commission. B. C., in which the following snetences occur:-

a. "there was hardly proper control of Gibbons".

b. "The Minister was highly dissatisified with the outcome of the Commission's work".

2. That there was hardly proper control of Mr. Gibbons is accounted for as follows:-

Mr. White took a letter from his pocket which he stated he had received from Mr. Scott practically dismissing the Commission and appointing Mr. Gibbon as in sole charge of the Office and printing, and I, in common with others, handed over my keys to Mr. Gibbons.

Later I received a letter from Mr. Bowser instructing me to act for the Province in relation to the printing and the care and return of documents.

Instructions were given to Mr. Gibbons to procure the return of fifteen volumes of the evidence which had been removed by a member of the Commission from the office, the only result being a somewhat peculiar letter declinging to return the volumes. This was hardly a good example to set Mr. Gibbons.

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Later we sent a telegram to Mr. White asking for a copy of Mr. Scott's letter in order that we might know the true position of affairs and our proper relation to the office. Unfortunately Mr. White had lost the letter and there were no sign of any authority given us by the Dominion Government.

On the 10th of October we were threatened with a suit by the Simon Leiser Co., who declared they held the Commission, and individual Commissioners, responsible for a debt incurred by Mr. Gibbons.

In the beginning of November we took charge of the office and tried to push the work of printing. We have found since that there are many glaring mistakes in the Minutes of Decision as printed, and the Minutes are the formal embodiment of the work of the Commission. In the Okanagan Agency a piece of land is confirmed as a Reserve, there being no such minute, and the land being private property; in another the minute constituting one new reserve is not printed, two are printed as granted which were not entertained as they were not available and twenty-one are printed all wrong.

From the above the Minister will most likely be able to form a correct idea as to whether the work we are doing is necessary, but to me it would appear to be necessary to make such alterations in the printed volumes as will make the printed Minutes accord with the true Minutes.

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The Printers are bright, active young men, who are anxious to do their work well and quickly. Every day saved by them is a saving of expense and the sooner they get their contract filled the better it will be for them.

There are four large volumes in each copy of the Report, making 3,200 volumes to be printed, assembled and bound.

I can understand the Minister's dissatisifaction at what seems to be unnecessary delay, but facts cannot be overlooked, and it is hardly to be supposed that either he or the province, would like to issue so many volumes when filled with so many errors.

The printed Minutes of Decision in the Williams Lake, Okanagan, Babine and Naas Agencies have now all been checked with the original Minutes, and we hope there may not be so many errors in the other eleven Agencies.

D. H. Macdonald

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VICTORIA, B.C. December 13th. 1916.

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Dear Mr. Scott:-

On Saturday afternoon last (9th) I received yours of the 1st inst., and as I met Mr. Macdowell in the evening in connection with the Commission work I thought it my duty to show him your letter so that he might be informed as to the views therein expressed respecting Mr. Gibbons and the work. ~~To-day~~ On Monday he gave me the enclosed memorandum with which I must express complete concurrence.

I would add to Mr. Macdowells remarks that, prior to the period following the dissolution of the Commission with which Mr. Macdowell deals, the control of Mr. Gibbons and the staff rested with the Chairman. At the same time I desire to bear testimony to Mr. Gibbons ability and capacity for work, and great apparent devotion to duty, which led us all to support him in his request for a gratuity to in some measure compensate for the difference in his salary as Assistant Secretary (which continued the same after his appointment as Secretary) and the salary which had been originally fixed for the Secretary.

Since Mr. Macdowell wrote his memorandum the checking has disclosed the ommission of two Minutes affecting the Cowichan Agency, one constituting a new Reserve in the Kootenay Agency, and one constituting a new Reserve in the Kwawkwlth Agency, as well as erroneous and confusing descriptions in certain printed minutes.

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The cost of reprinting twelve pages to make correct the Naas Agency Minutes will ~~cost~~ be about $40.00.

The corrections in Williams Lake and Cowichan Agencies can probally be made on a blank half sheet in each agency at little cost. As to the other corrections found to be necessary there has not yet been an opportunity of conferring with the printers.

It would never do to let the printed report go out with such serious errors uncorrected, but the Minister may rest assured that the work of necessary correction is being speedily done and that there will not be an unnecessary day's delay in the issue of the corrected printed volumes.

Ten sets of the four volumes had already been bound before the ommissions and errors were detected. This may seem strange; but we never dreamed that Mr. Gibbons would not have furnished the printers correct copy which in the case of the Minutes was, or should have been but a copy of the original Minutes. What we think best to do with the ten unncorrected sets is to have them stamped incorrect and forwarded you in a separate package.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. J. McKenna

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

P.S. Mr Green has been continually engaged with Mr Macdonald in the checking & correcting of the report. The work as you will understand is detailed & demands close & sustained attention

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Ottawa.

Gibbons has returned lot of documents declaring they were all he had at home on that ground and because of urgent need of money presses that part of salary due be paid his credit Imperial Bank here checking of report still going on discloses important omission ad error of his necessitating additional printing cost of which cannot yet be fully estimated.

J? A. J. McKenna

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the
Province of British Columbia,

Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C., December 13th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

On the 7th I wired you as follows : -

" Gibbons has returned a lot of documents, declaring they are all he had at home. On that ground, and because of urgent need of money, he presses that part of salary due be wired his credit Imperial Bank here. Checking of report still going on discloses important omissions and errors of his necessitating additional printing, cost of which cannot yet be fully estimated. "

The papers returned by Mr. Gibbons consisted of several volumes of evidence, a volume on fisheries, some galley proof, disconnected pages of evidence, and an incomplete MSS. schedule re Water Rights. He also returned the tan leather portfolio bearing the initials of Mr. Bergeron.

As there is no record of what papers Mr. Gibbons had at his house there can be no check upon what he returned, but I think he has returned all papers he could lay his hands on.

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Ottawa, 11th December 1916.

Sir,-

On the 21st July last a volume containing Minutes of Decision relating to Indian reserves in British Columbia (by Commissioner Sproat) was mailed to Mr.C.H.Gibbons, the then Secretary of the Royal Commission. A letter was written to him dated the 27th October last requesting the return of the said volume. It has not been received; I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to have a search made for the book and to return it to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J.D.McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

S.B. Foote

Dr.J.A.J.McKenna,
Indian Office,
Victoria, B.C.

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Dec.,1st 1916

J.D.W.Mc Lean Esq.
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;-

We are obliged to you for the information contained in yours fof the fifteenth ultimo in regard to the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. Should this ever become phàic property we would greatly appreciate being furnished with a copy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W.H.Hamilton
Secretary.

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6th December, 1916.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendant General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:-

496043

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 25th ultimo and must thank you for your attention to this matter.

It seems clear, however, that the young lady's contention as to term of monthly hiring is correct, and this is borne out by the payments from the Department, and our client would be very grateful to receive payment of the amount requested in our previous letter.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

R.C.L/I.G.S.

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Deputy Supt Genl of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Am unaware any action or omission on my part calling for your telegrams eighth ulto, and first inst, only commission documents I had were transmits under revision evenings and long since returned to Dr McKenna should have wired you earlier but mcKenna has been Ill. can see no reason for non settlement salary with one months lieu of notice kindly have same wired imperial bank here as urgently needed advising me

C H Gibbons

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December 12, 1916.

Dear Mr. Gibbons,-

I have your telegram of the 11th instant, and in reply would say that my telegram was founded on information to the effect that you had only done two or three days' work in October, last, and none at all in November, and that it was necessary to terminate your services. I regretted the position affairs had assumed, but no other course was open to me under the circumstances. Then, again, I understood you were to trace and explain the difference of $375.00 in the accounts, and nothing has been done about this so far as I know.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Victoria, B.C.

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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DUNCAN C SCOTT

DEPY SUPT GENERAL INDIAN AFFAIRS

OTTAWA

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING ACKNOWLEDGMENT MY TELEGRAM OF MONDAY CANNOT BUT FEEL MYSELF VICTIM SYSTEMATIC INJUSTICE UNLESS FUNDS RECEIVED BEFORE BANK CLOSING FRIDAY CANNOT AVERT RUINOUS LOSS PLEASE ANSWER QUICKLY

C H GIBBONS

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Ottawa, December 14, 1916.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,

Victoria, B.C.

Informed that you only did two days' work in October and nothing in November. Serious oversights and omissions in your work have been disclosed. Cannot understand your request for funds.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Chge. D.I.A.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON LAST LAP OF JOURNEY

## Met Various Representatives of Different Indian Tribes When Several Knotty Problems Were Discussed

New Westminster, Sept. 4.—The Royal Commission appointed by the Dominion and Provincial governments to investigate conditions among Indian tribes and the knotty questions of title to the Indian reserves in British Columbia and of reversionary rights met representatives of the Scowlitz, Nicomen, South Sumas and Skwehaam tribes here today on the last lap but one of their journeyings throughout the province. The commission has just come from Pemberton Meadows and are next bound for the Naas country and it is expected that this will be their last place of visitation. The commission has been in existence three years and the chairman of the commission, Mr. N. W. White, a Nova Scotian who has sat in the Provincial and Federal Legislatures, expects that the work of the commission will be completed this year.

"The general idea seems to be that this commission represents a fat job for the commissioners," said Mr. White this afternoon. "Few have any idea of the amount of labor and of the amount of real beneficial work we are doing. That will be shown when our report is made. I may say this, that while there is a certain amount of prejudice against Indians here in British Columbia, we find the Provincial and Dominion authorities ready to do anything they can in reason for the Indians.

**Own Valuable Lands.**

"We have to deal with the questions of setting off the land, their interest in fishing and hunting and encouraging them in agriculture. There is no doubt that in many places they have valuable lands and I think with the example they have in some places and the encouragement given them in other places, the Indians are progressing along the line of agriculture. We have had a very good reception from the Indians generally and they are pleased the two governments have taken an interest in their welfare. Some of their ideas are unreasonable, but I think we will be able to modify them and that they will look at things in a proper light."

**Excellent Fruit on Reserve.**

Having come from Pemberton Meadows, Mr. White declares he tasted as fine fruit on the Indian reserve there as he had tasted anywhere. The greengages were most delicious and the Indians had a large quantity of the real damson plums, with the trees as full as they could be. There were splendid tomatoes there and watermelons were also being raised.

Have travelled practically from end to end of the province in the course of the work of the commission, which has been principally field work, Mr. White says that as one coming from the East he has greatly admired the magnificent roads in British Columbia, roads fit for autos where ever one went. In spite of all the criticism one heard, the development of the roads in British Columbia certainly spoke well for those who had to do with it.

**Develop Sheep Industry.**

As one familiar with the harbors of Halifax and St. oJhn and in touch with the carrying trade, Mr. White wonders why it is with the wonderful lumber resources of British Columbia, the example of the Martime Provinces should not be followed and ships built here for the carrying trade. They are building these windjammers in the East now and shipping any amount of lumber, he says, and St. John's and Halifax harbors are crowded with vessels of this type. Why cannot they be built here, he asks. People who don't own lumber are building them there for the freight. It seemed to him that people looked to the Provincial Government, the Dominion Government or the Imperial Government when they should be looking to themselves for reasons why they could not get enough vessels for the lumber export trade.

The commissioners are: Messrs. N. W. White, chairman; H. V. Shaw, S. H. McDowell, S. Carmichael and Dr. A. S. McKenna.

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Duncan C Scott

Deputy Supt Gen Ind Affairs Ottawa Ont.

With Gibbons solicitor have gone over his possession and believed have now all property and papers belonging to Commission. Additional printing necessitated by Errors in report will cost roughly one hundred dollars. In view of Gibbons Past good service would recommend payment for nine days in Novemebr and additional thirty days in lieu of notice answer.

J A J McKenna.

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Victoria, B. C. Dec. 20

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Supt Gen.Ind an Affairs Ottawa

My solicitors T. M. Miller advises Dr.McKenna recommended payment nine days for my services november and thirty days additional in lieu of notice requesting amount be wired miller nothing yet received am in urgent need of funds please wire when money will be transmitted.

C.H Gibbons.

1225am.

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December 28, 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I regret extremely that we cannot accept Dr. McKenna's recommendation and make any further payment.. The information which reached us was from such a trustworthy source that it could not be ignored, and there is in addition to that the unsettled matter of furniture and the discrepancy in the accounts. Under all these circumstances, I am not enabled to make any further payment.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. December 18th. 1916.

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Sir:-

I have yours of the 11th instant, file 59335-5A, and am sending by registered post today the volume, "I. R. C. Decision, Lower Fraser," which I think is what you refer to.

Your obedient servant,

J. A. J. McKenna

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 2nd January 1917.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo and the volume of Minutes of Decisions being a large leather covered book in red. The book which has been especially requested to be returned is a volume bound in leather in black, large foolscap size and about 2 inches thick. I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to have search made for this volume and to return it.

S.B. Fur E

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J.D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Dr. J.A.J. McKenna
Indian Office
Victoria, B.C.

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Duncan Scott

Deputy Supt General Indian Affairs

Ottawa Ont

Galley proof corrections indian commission report to be ready eighth instant revised printing twelfth first ten copies bound volumnes twenty fifth . McKenna can make all arrangements for forwarding further deliveries printed volumne evidence etc consequently think my services will not be required after that date . Have been engaged on this work since first july and should like to have settelemnt in terms of your telegram of november eighth Kindly wire if these proposals are satisfactory May have to attend to other important matters shortly

D H MacDowell

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VICTORIA, B.C. December 29th. 1916.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

The work of checking the Report, to which my Provincial colleague, Mr. Macdowall, gave his full time, was completed just before Christmas. On the 27th the final proof of the table of contents was passed upon. And on conferring with Mr. Stevens of the Acme Press it was learned that the printing necessitated by the making of necessary corrections would be done by the 10th, and that by the 20th proximo ten sets of four volumes each of the corrected Report would likely be ready for delivery. As soon as delivery is made and the volumes found to be in good shape the Province will be given its quota of this first lot and the balance will be forwarded to Ottawa.

It is thought that deliveries thereafter as binding proceeds might be made direct by the Acme Press to the Dominion and the Province in the proportion of five to three, the receipts for such deliveries being accepted by your Department as satisfactory vouchers in favor of the Acme Press.

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Be good enough to advise me whether the Dominion's copies are to be forwarded to the Secretary of State or direct to the Superintendent General or you.

The Report as presented to both Governments, partly in manuscript and partly in print, contains errors such as were discovered in the first volumes that came from the press. We are having extra copies of the corrections printed and propose procuring from the Provincial authorities the Report originally submitted so that therein the corrections may be inserted and the ommissions made good. To prevent delay and the trouble of shipping the Report back here from Ottawa, it is thought well to send you printed copies of the ommissions and corrections as soon as available so that you may have similar action taken with the Report presented to the Dominion Government as we propose taking in respect to that submitted to the Government here.

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As to the ten incorrect sets, which had been bound before the mistakes were discovered, it is thought that the Acme Press may be able to so insert the emendations as to make the volumes of more use to the Department than they would be if simply stamped "incorrect" as was at first proposed.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. J. McKenna

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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January 8th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Macdowall,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your nightlettergram of January 4th. After the work of the Commission ceased it was believed that the Secretary would be able, with occasional advice from yourself and Dr. McKenna, to complete the printing of the Report. It was not considered necessary that any of the Commissioners should be continuously engaged, and the understanding was that you or Dr. McKenna should give such advice as might be required, and would be paid for the time actually spent on this duty. The Department did not, therefore, pay the voucher for your per diem allowance which came forward, and I think under the circumstances we will now require a statement of the days you actually spent on the work since July first. If you can get the Hon. Mr. Brewster to agree, the Minister

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B. C.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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authorises me to say that he would pay our moiety for this time at the rate of $20.00 a day, but under the circumstances could hardly pay any per diem living allowance,

If you will let me have such a voucher approved by the Provincial Government, we shall be glad to send you a cheque.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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January 10th. 1917.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dr. McKenna has been superannuated with three months' leave of absence from first January. Kindly immediately assume responsibility for unfinished work of printing report, office furniture etc. Will write you fully.

Charge I. A.

J. D. McLean.

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January 10th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

I have to confirm the following telegram sent you by the Assistant Deputy this morning.

" Dr. McKenna has been superannuated with
" three months' leave of absence from first January.
" Kindly immediately assume responsibility for unfinished
" work of printing report, office furniture etc.
" Will write you fully."

J. D. McLean.

Dr. McKenna and Mr. Macdowall will no doubt give you full information as to the present standing of the work on the Commission's report. I had a telegram from Mr. Macdowall dated the 4th. instant in which he said, " Galley proof corrections Indian " Commission report to be ready eighth instant, revised " printing twelfth, first ten copies bound volumes " twenty-fifth, McKenna can make all arrangements for " forwarding further deliveries printed volumes evidence, " etc., consequently think my services will not be

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" required after that date."

I trust that you will be able to pick up the threads of this business and carry it through successfully. I think it should be possible to give up the rooms in Belmont House at the end of this month. We have paid for them up to the end of December last. As for the furniture, it is the joint property of the two Governments, and you might arrange for a division of it. If there is anything you would like to keep for your own office, it would be all right to do so, after a proper understanding is had with the Provincial Government.

I presume that Mr. Ashdown Green could return to his old office in your building. I am anxious that he should be arranged for comfortably, and we are continuing to pay him from month to month at the same rate as he no doubt will be required from now on in connection with work arising out of the Commission's report.

I had sent to Dr. McKenna certain files with reference to an investigation into the affairs of the

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Okanagan agency. You had better get these files and hold them and await further instructions.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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DUNCAN C SCOTT

DEPUTY SUPT GENERAL INDIAN AFFAIRS

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DITCHBURN HAS SHOWN ME TELEGRAM FROM SECY DEPT AND HAVING NO REPLY TO MY MESSAGE FOURTH AM AT A LOSS TO KNOW WHAT I AM TO UNDERSTAND KINDLY ANSWER

D H MACDOWALL

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Ottawa, January 12, 1917.

D. H. Macdowall,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, British Columbia,
Belmont House, Victoria, B.C.

Your wire eleventh wrote you fully on eighth instant. Only intended that Ditchburn should substitute for Dr. McKenna and take full responsibility after the twenty-fifth instant, when you wished to be relieved.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Victoria, B. C. Jan 11- 12 - 17.

J. D. McLean

Secy. Deprt. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Dr. J. A. J. McKenna,

Victoria, B. C.

Kindly hand the Okanagan papers to Ditchburn. It will be decided later who is to investigate.

J. D. McLean.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 27 1917

The Vancouver World.

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MONDAY ..... January 22, 1917

## Exit the Indian Commission

THE announcement that the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs has finished its work in British Columbia will bring a sigh of relief to the taxpayer. As has been urged in The World many times during the past year this commission has been altogether too expensive a luxury for the province to maintain.

Figures given to the provincial legislature in March last indicated that up to that time the total cost of the commission to the provincial taxpayer exceeded $114,000, this representing half the actual expenditure, which was divided with the Federal government in equal shares.

While the Indian Commission may have done work of much value there is little doubt that it could have done it more expeditiously and thus save the province sums of money that in these times it can very ill spare.

It is to be hoped the commission's report will soon be issued that we may judge whether the information it contains is worth a quarter of a million dollars to Canada.

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DUNCAN C SCOTT

DEPUTY LUPT GEN INDIAN AFFAIRS

OTTAWA

WROTE SEVENTEENTH INSTANT RE MISSING FILE FIVE SIX FIVE A HAS BEEN FOUND TODAY SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU

D H MACDOWELL

Copied Vas.

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January 24, 1917.

Sir:-

We have the honor to transmit herewith three copies of the Evidence taken by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia in the fifteen Agencies in this Province. The packages contain forty-five (45) volumes, and are forwarded to you for transmission to His Excellency The Governor General in Council.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Honorable The Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Ont.,

Canada.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BELMONT HOUSE

VICTORIA, B.C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 755
TEL. 1302

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO._____

January 24, 1917.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

We have today transmitted to the Secretary of State, for His Excellency the Governor General in Council, three complete copies of the Evidence taken in the fifteen Agencies of this Province, by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. The package contains in all forty-five (45) volumnes.

We enclose herewith a copy of our letter to the Secretary of State and presume that your Department will be able to obtain such copies of the evidence as you may desire to have.

We considered it to be our duty to transmit the Evidence to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, as our Reports and Interim Reports were so addressed.

We are, Dear Mr. Scott,

Yours truly,

J. A. J. McKenna

S. H. Macdonald

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(OFFICE OF DEPUTY MINISTER AND PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER)

VICTORIA January 27th,1917

INDIAN AGENCY
JAN 30 1917
VICTORIA, B.C.

Parliament Buildings.

Furniture.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith, in duplicate, is a receipt for the furnishings from the Offices of the Indian Commission taken over by the Province. I am appending also, in duplicate, the list by rooms. A voucher for $456.00 in favour of the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, will be prepared and on receipt of cheque from the Treasury Department will forward to you.

Mr. Ryan, our Head Janitor, will arrange for the moving of the furnishings and will be on hand Monday next at 10 a.m.

Yours obediently,

A. Hood

Chief Clerk and Accountant.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Inspector Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

AH/AP.

Encl.

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Parliament Buildings.

Furniture.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
JAN 29 1917
VICTORIA, B. C.

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa:

Received from Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian Agencies, Victoria, the furnishings, etc., from the Offices of the Indian Commission, as detailed in list attached herewith and taken over by the Province of British Columbia at a valuation of 50 cents on the dollar:-

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| Inventory: | $1,824.00 |
| Valuation: | 912.00 |
| Department of Indian Affairs $456. | |
| Province of British Columbia 456. - | 912.00 |

J. E. Griffith

Deputy Minister & Public Works Engineer.

AH/AP.

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INVENTORY

FURNITURE, ETC., OFFICES OF INDIAN COMMISSION

BELMONT HOUSE.

SOUTH WESTERN INSPECTORATE
JAN 29 1917
VICTORIA, B.C.

ROOM 517:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 - 4 Drawer Steel Cabinets, cap size - | 155.25 | |
| 1 - Double Flat Top Office Desk - | 80.00 | |
| 2 - Type Tables - | 14.00 | |
| 3 - Document tables - | 9.00 | |
| 3 - Arm Chairs No. 1304 @ $12.00 - | 36.00 | |
| 1 - R. & T. Chair No. 149 - 22.50; 1 Cushion $3.50- | 26.00 | |
| 1 - Wall Clock | 8.00 | |
| 1 - Tapestry Square - | 24.00 | |
| 1 - Hall Mirror | 15.00 | |
| 2 - Wire Paper baskets | 1.60 | |
| 1 - Brass Cuspidor | 1.65 | |
| 1 - Goose Neck Desk Lamp - | 6.50 - | 377.00 |

ROOM 518:

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|---|---|---|
| 1 - Wardrobe with mirror - | 45.00 | |
| 1 - Special Round table - green baize top | 55.00 | |
| 1 - Fir table 8'x2'6" $10.00; Pencil Sharpener 4.50 - | 14.50 | |
| 1 - Double Drop Type Desk - | 50.00 | |
| 1 - Underwood Typewriter No. 5 - | 119.25 | |
| 1 - Stenographer's Note Stand - | 1.25 | |
| 1 - Ledger Rest - | .75 | |
| 1 - Floor Rug - 10'x11' | 75.00 | |
| 2 - Sectional bookcases, 1-3S. and 1-4S. | 63.50 | |
| 1 - Fumed Oak round table - | 8.50 | |
| 10 - Early English Office Chairs - No. 1304 | 120.00 | |
| 1 - " " " " - No. 570 | 14.00 | |
| 1 - Desk Lamp and Cord | 12.05 | |
| 4 - Wire Waste Paper Baskets | 3.20 | |
| 3 - Brass Cuspidors | 4.95 | |
| 1 - Wall Clock | 48.00 | |
| 1 - Document Table | 3.00 | |
| 1 - Fountain Pen | 5.25 - | 643.20 |
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**ROOM 519:**

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| 1 - Fir Table, 8'x4' | 13.50 | |
| 1 - Standing Desk - 8' | 30.00 | |
| 1 - Settee - Golden Oak | 20.00 | |
| 1 - Umbrella Stand | 7.50 | |
| 1 - Typewriter Chair (broken) No. 609 | 11.25 | |
| 1 - Cheque writer | 45.00 | |
| 1 - Adding Machine | 7.50 | |
| 1 - Folding Typewriter | 60.00 | |
| 1 - Yeirs Kodak 65.00 and case 3.50 | 68.50 | |
| 1 - Document table | 3.00 | |
| 1 - Webster Dictionary | 24.00 | |
| 1 - Desk Lamp | 3.80 | |
| 2 - Base doors | 55.00 | |
| 5 - Wire letter trays | 2.50 | |
| 9 - Stationery holders | 15.75 | |
| 3 - Metal Letter Boxes (1 in room 517 attached to table). | 2.25 | |
| 26½ Yds. Linoleum | 39.75 | |
| 7 - Pen racks | 1.75 | |
| 16 - Ink wells | 7.75 | |
| 1 - Glass Jug - 2 Tumblers | 2.50 | |
| 1 - Leather Typewriter travelling case - secondhand - | 7.50 | |
| 8 - Desk Pads | 16.00 - | 44 4.80 |

**ROOM 520:**

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|---|---|---|
| 1 - Double Drop Type Desk | 50.00 | |
| 1 - No. 5 Underwood Typewriter | 119.25 | |
| 1 - Office desk, single | 32.50 | |
| 1 - Wall Clock | 6.00 | |
| 1 - Floor Rug | 27.50 | |
| 1 - Tilting Chair - Leather seat No. 149. | 22.50 | |
| 1 - " " No. 165 | 12.50 | |
| 1 - Document table | 3.00 | |
| 1 - Wall Mirror | 8.00 - | 281.25 |
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JAN 29 191
VICTORIA, B.C.

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| **ROOM 524:** | | |
| 48½ Yds. Linoleum - | 72.75 | |
| 4 Window blinds (various Rooms) - | 5.00 | 77.75 |
| | Total: | $ 1,824.00 |

Valuation: $912.00

Department of Indian Affairs ----$456.00

Province of British Columbia ---- 456.00 $912.00

SOUTH WESTERN SUPERCORPORATE
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## POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

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# ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL

AND

# AGREEMENT

ORDER-IN-COUNCIL OF 27TH NOVEMBER, 1912:

"P. C. 3277.

*"Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Royal Highness, the Governor-General on the 27th November, 1912.*

"The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated the 26th October, 1912, from the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, submitting an Agreement entered into by Your Royal Highness' Special Commissioner and the Honourable the Prime Minister of British Columbia respecting Indian Reserves in that Province, together with a report of the Commissioner.

"The Minister of Justice to whom the said report was referred, observes that the agreement contemplates the constitution of a Commission with certain powers, and confirmation of the proceedings of the Commission by the two Governments;

"That the statutory authority of your Royal Highness-in-Council to constitute this Commission is to be found in Part 1 of the Enquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, and it appears to the Minister that in view of the Statutory provisions the proceedings of the Commission must be subject to approval.

"The Minister of Justice, therefore, advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provision which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can become effective providing that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained, the acts and proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments, and that the Governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the Commission, with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

"The Committee, concurring, advise that a copy hereof approving of the agreement subject to the aforesaid modification be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia for the information and approval of his Government.

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"The Committee further advise that, as the British Columbia Indian question has been the subject of communications from the Colonial Office, Your Royal Highness may be pleased to forward a copy of this Minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

"(Signed) RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
*"Clerk of the Privy Council."*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CANADA,
Ottawa, 26th October, 1912.

THE HONOURABLE ROBERT ROGERS, P. C.,
*Minister of the Interior, and*
*Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.*

The undersigned has the honour to submit the following interim Report on his mission to British Columbia:

Pursuant to the Commission issued to him by His Royal Highness the Governor-General on the 24th May last, the undersigned proceeded to British Columbia and opened negotiations with the Government of that Province in respect to the Indian Question.

During intervals in the negotiations he visited different parts of the Province and met many representative Indians. His investigations confirmed the opinion, which he had formed from a study of the records, that the great source of Indian disaffection was the Provincial interest in lands reserved for Indians, recognised by the joint agreement of 1875-6, and, as the country developed and Indian reserves in certain districts increased enormously in value, asserted more clearly and largely by the Province through legislative acts and otherwise. That agreement was the outcome of discussion respecting Article Thirteen of the Terms of Union, which determines the respective obligations of the Dominion and the Province as to the Indians of British Columbia. The position taken by the Province was that the title of Indians to lands reserved for them was a mere right of use and occupancy; that under said Article no beneficial interest in such lands was to be taken by the Dominion as guardian of the Indians; and that, whenever the Indian Right to any such lands or to any portion or portions thereof became extinguished through surrender or cessation of use or occupation, or diminishment of numbers, the land reverted, unburdened, to the Province. The Indians as they advanced in knowledge of affairs, became aware that they were not regarded as having the same right in reserved lands as Indians in other parts of Canada were recognized as having in lands set apart for them; and without clearly understanding the situation, became in the measure of their advancement disaffected by the consequences of the unsatisfactory nature of the Dominion's tenure of their reserves. The undersigned, therefore, concentrated his efforts to the extinction of the interest in reserves claimed by the Province,



and to securing for the Indians of British Columbia lands by the same title as that under which lands are held by the Dominion for Indians in the other parts of Canada.

There have been reserved for Indians in British Columbia some seven hundred and fifteen thousand acres of land. Taking the Indian population as shown by the report of 1911, viz., 21660, the allotments average about thirty-three acres per capita. There is, however, a very striking inequality of allotment, the per capital allotment in one Indian Agency being under two acres, in another over one hundred and eighty-four. And the difference in acreage of allotment is apart altogether from difference in values of lands allotted.

After several conversations, the agreement attached hereto, was arrived at, subject to the approval of both Governments.

The undersigned considers the agreement to be in the best interest of the Indians of British Columbia, as well as to the public advantage. Under its operation the interest heretofore asserted by the Province in lands reserved or to be reserved for Indians will be extinguished, an adjustment of inequalities of allotment may be effected through the provision that such further lands as are required will be provided by the Province in so far as Crown Lands are available while no diminishment of existing reserves shall be made without the consent of the Indians, and the Government of the Dominion will be put in a position to pursue a progressive Indian Policy in British Columbia.

(Signed) J. A. J. MCKENNA,
*Special Commissioner.*

*"Memorandum of an Agreement arrived at between J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in British Columbia and the Honourable Sir Richard McBride as Premier of the Province of British Columbia.*

"WHEREAS it is desirable to settle all differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian lands and Indian Affairs generally in the Province of British Columbia, therefore the parties above named, have, subject to the approval of the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province, agreed upon the following proposals as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia:—

1. A Commission shall be appointed as follows: Two Commissioners shall be named by the Dominion and two by the Province. The four Commissioners so named shall select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.

2. The Commission so appointed shall have power to adjust the acreage of Indian Reserves in British Columbia in the following manner:—

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(*a*) At such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve as now defined, than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the Reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the Commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

(*b*) At any place at which the Commissioners shall determine that an insufficient quantity of land has been set aside for the use of the Indians of that locality, the Commissioners shall fix the quantity that ought to be added for the use of such Indians. And they may set aside land for any Band of Indians for whom land has not already been reserved.

3. The Province shall take all such steps as are necessary to legally reserve the additional lands which the Commissioners shall apportion to any body of Indians in pursuance of the powers above set out.

4. The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary for the use of the Indians shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction.

5. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion, and all monies received by the Dominion under this Clause shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians of British Columbia.

6. All expenses in connection with the Commission shall be shared by the Province and Dominion in equal proportions.

7. The lands comprised in the Reserves as finally fixed by the Commissioners aforesaid shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to the Dominion to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians, including a right to sell the said lands and fund, or use the proceeds for the benefit of the Indians, subject only to a condition that in the event of any Indian tribe or band in British Columbia at some future time becoming extinct, then any lands within the territorial boundaries of the Province which have been conveyed to the Dominion as aforesaid for such tribe or band, and not sold or disposed of as hereinbefore mentioned, or any unexpended funds being the proceeds of any Indian Reserve in the Province of British Columbia, shall be conveyed or repaid to the Province.

8. Until the final report of the Commission is made, the Province shall withhold from pre-emption or sale any lands over which they have a disposing power and which have been heretofore applied for by the Dominion as additional Indian Reserves or which may during the sitting of the Commission, be specified by the Commissioners as lands which should be reserved for Indians. If during the period prior to the Commissioners making their final report it shall be ascertained by either Government that any lands being part of an Indian Reserve are required for right-of-way or other railway purposes, or for any Dominion or Provincial or Municipal Public Work or purpose, the matter shall be referred to the Commissioners who shall thereupon dispose of the question by an



Interim Report, and each Government shall thereupon do everything necessary to carry the recommendations of the Commissioners into effect.

Signed in duplicate at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24th day of September, 1912.

(Signed) J. A. J. McKENNA,
" RICHARD McBRIDE.

Witness:
(Signed) E. V. BODWELL.

## RESOLUTION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, ADOPTED 20TH MAY, 1913:

"Moved by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, seconded by Mr. Commissioner MacDowall and ordered:

"WHEREAS the Commission is of opinion that its jurisdiction is confined to "the scope of the agreement referred to therein;

"AND WHEREAS it appears that many matters and questions extraneous to "the agreement will be brought before the Commission;

"AND WHEREAS serious dissatisfaction among the Indians is likely to be "created if the Commission declines to consider and report upon such questions;

"AND WHEREAS for the satisfactory disposal of such matters and questions it "may be necessary to report upon conditions and make suggestions as to policy;

"BE IT RESOLVED: That it be intimated to the Governments of the Dominion "and the Province that if they so desire and instruct the Commission, the Board "will be pleased to deal with all such questions and matters and report, submitting "suggestions as to the action to be taken and the policy followed."

## ORDER-IN-COUNCIL OF 10TH JUNE, 1913:

P. C. 1401.

*Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 19th of June, 1913.*

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a Memorandum, dated 31st of May, 1913, from the Acting Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, submitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, dated Tuesday, 20th May, 1913.

The Minister observes that it is clear that the agreement between the representatives of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion does not contemplate an investigation and settlement of matters appertaining to general

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Indian policy in British Columbia. It is confined to matters affecting Indian lands which require adjustment between the parties.

The Minister is of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to burden the Commission with the investigation of all matters that might be brought to their attention by Indians, many of which would be of slight importance not affecting the relations of the two Governments. Unless great care were taken misconception might arise in the minds of the Indians as to the action of the Commission if authorized to make a general investigation; the Commission having power to deal finally with all matters mentioned in the agreement subject to the approval of the two Governments, but having only instructions to report and make suggestions as to other matters.

The Minister submits that the Commission would, however, during its sittings in different districts of the Province obtain valuable information as to Indian conditions and progress and would probably form distinct opinions on these points and on the future policy which should be adopted by the Dominion Government towards the Indians of British Columbia.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that the Commission be restricted in action to the terms of the agreement but that the Commission be informed that this Government would be prepared to receive a general report on the conditions of the Indians with suggestions as to the future policy and administration of Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia, the Indians being distinctly advised concerning the scope of the enquiry under the agreement and that the Commission will merely convey to the Government the views of the Indians respecting any matters extraneous to the agreement brought to their attention.

The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for approval.

(Signed) RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

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BABINE AGENCY

Application Nos. 19, 21, 24, 29, 32, 37, 40, 80, 82, 83, 85.

BELLA COOLA AGENCY

Application Nos. 76, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 90, 94, 95, 97, 99, 77.

COWICHAN AGENCY

Application Nos. None

KAMLOOPS AGENCY

Application Nos. None

MOOTENAY AGENCY

Application Nos. None.

KWAW KEWLTH AGENCY

Application Nos. 140, 142, 145, 146, 151, 161, 166, 99, 34, 20, 76, 77, 22, 25, 26, 27, 86, 66, 190, 191, 194, Bull Harbour.

LYTTON AGENCY

Application Nos. 6, 2, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31B, I. R. 5B & 5C, 92, 59, 74, 108, 116, 118, 119, 120, 123, 32, 33, 34, 3, 4.

NAAS AGENCY

Application Nos. 29, 1, 7, 13, 23, 75, 123, 36, 37, 42, 50, 55, 56, 59D, 60, 61, 70, 72, 73, 134A, 165, 166, 187, 40, 168, Tsimpsean Cut Off, Finlayson Island Cut Off.

NEW WESTMINISTER AGENCY

Application Nos. 33, 44, 54.

OKANAGAN AGENCY

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY

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STIKINE AGENCY

Application Nos. 4, 9B, 10, 24.

STUART LAKE AGENCY

Application Nos. 64, 65.

WEST COAST AGENCY

Application Nos. 48, 49, 9, 13, 17, 20, 32, 33, 39A, 39B, 40, 43, 45.

WILLIAMS LAKE AGENCY

Application Nos. 59, 60A, 60B, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64, 65, 66, 9, 10, 15, 16, 23, 43, 45, 47, 1, 48, 49, 52, 39, 40, 42, Alexandria No. 1.

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January 24, 1917.

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D. C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General,

Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

We have today forwarded one hundred and ninety-four Blue Prints showing new Reserves referred to in the Minutes of Decision of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

A list of the Blue Prints is attached hereto.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants

J. A. McKenna

D. W. Sandwell


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BOX NO. 1.

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| 3 Pkgs. | Containing | | Interim Reports. |
| 1 Pkg. | " | | Files Nos. 500 to 510 (inc.) |
| 1 " | " | " " | 511 to 520C " |
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| 1 " | " | " " | 565 to 594 " |
| 1 " | " | " " | 600 to 694 " |
| 1 " | " | | 6 Photos (5 Bella Coola Agency & 1 Kamloops Agency Exhibit) |
| 1 " | " | | 5 Cash Books |
| 1 " | " | | Vouchers (Triplicate) |
| 1 " | " | | Cheque Books and Registration Receipts. |
| 1 " | " | | Requisitions for Transportation. |
| 1 " | " | | Miscellaneous Files. |
| 1 " | " | | Orders-in-Council (Re Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.) (Printed) |

This box contains 15 packages.

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## BOX NO. 2.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ | 1 Pkg. | Containing | 2 Letter Registers (Inward & Outward) |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | 2 Photo Albums |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | Photos - Taken on Indian Reserves in B. C. |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | 1 Port Folio Case. |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | 1 Loose-leaf Book |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | 4 Index Books |
| ✓ | 1 " | " | 1 Letter Register. |

Box No. 2 contains 7 packages.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

January 27, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 1 1917

497566

D. C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the work of winding up the affairs of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I beg to inform you that I am shipping by Dominion Express, two boxes addressed to the Secretary. The contents of these boxes are shown on the statement attached hereto.

On the 24th instant a box was also shipped per Dominion Express, addressed to the Secretary of State, Ottawa, containing forty-five volumes of Evidence taken by the Royal Commission in the fifteen Agencies of the Province of British Columbia. On the same date, One hundred and ninety-four Blue Prints of the new Reserves required were also sent to the Secretary of State, Ottawa, by registered mail.

The Provincial Secretary for the Province of British Columbia has been furnished with fifteen volumes of Evidence taken by the Royal Commission in British Columbia. Being one volumn for each Agency. The Provincail Secretary has also been furnished with one hundred and ninety-four Blue Prints of the new Reserves required.

Within the next few days I will forward a type written copy of the Minutes of Decision of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, as well as a type written Report. These latter are held for the time being until some Minutes of Decision are corrected, printed and inserted in the Report. The volumes of the Minutes of Decision will be forwarded to you at the same time.

The offices will be closed at the end of the present month. I have made arrangements with the Provincial Government to remove the furniture on the 29th.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Dickhum

Inspector Indian Agencies.

Rec'd 30 vol. only JSW

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at British Columbia.

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Registrar
5th Feb 1917

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506, 506-A, 506-B, 506-C1, 506-C, 506-D.
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Package 511 to 520-C.

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512, 512-A, 512-B, 512-C, 512-D.
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517, 517-A.
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520, 520-1, 520-A, 520-B, 520-C. – 520 3

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524, 524-A, 524-B, 524-C, 524-D, 524-E, 524-F.
535, 535-A, 535-B, 535-C.
536
538, 538-A, 538-B, 538-C.
539
541, 541-A, 541-B.
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560, 560-A, 560-B, 560-C.

Package 565 to 594.

565, 565-A, 565-A, 565-B, 565-C.
571, 571-A, 571-B, 571-C.
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Package 600 to 694.

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672, 672-A, 672-B, 672-C.
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The Royal Commission
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The Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs in B. C.

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560C. (inclusive)

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594/1 inclusive

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561, 562, 563, 564, [redacted],
566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 572,
573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578,
579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584,
585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 591,
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on Indian Affairs in B. C.

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611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 617, 618,
619, 620, 621, 623, 624, 625, 627,
628, 629, 630, 631, 633, 634, 635, 636,
638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645,
646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653,
654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 663,
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Memorandum:-

I have checked over the contents of the two boxes received from the B. C. Royal Commission with the statement sent to the Department by Inspector Ditchburn in his letter of the 27th ultimo.

The files were done up in five packages with a memorandum on each giving a list of the "missing" numbers between No. 500 and No. 700, and according to the Registers forwarded there should be a further number from 701 to 780.

A list of the files received is attached hereto and shows that out of 280 files only 54 have been received here.

G. M. Matheson.

February 6th, 1917.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

January 24th 1917

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 5 1917

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. Pr.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

497778

*Sir,–*

My dear Mr. Scott,-

I have been informed that the report of the Royal Indian Commission has been completed and is available. May I remind you of your promise to furnish me with a copy?

Yours sincerely,

Chas. P. Perry

Indian Agent.

Duncan C. Scott Esqr.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA. Ont.

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February 3rd, 1917.

Dear Mr. Perry -

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo, in reference to the report of the Royal Commission. While this report has been received it has not as yet been considered by the Government. When the sanction of the Government has been received it will be made available for distribution.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

C. C. Perry, Esqr.,

Indian Agent,

Prince Rupert, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. 2nd February, 1917.

Mr Graham
Are albums
around?

DM

Sir:-

497693

Having reference to your letter of 23rd December, 1916, to J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., dealing with the furniture in the offices of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs of Victoria, B. C., in which you enclosed an inventory made by Mr. Gibbons on 4th September, 1916, and also a list of the furniture purchased as well as a list of the articles not included in Mr. Gibbons' inventory, which papers Mr. McKenna turned over to me on 11th January, I beg to inform you that as soon as I took on the work of closing up the offices I checked up the furniture and found that there were a number of articles enumerated in your list that were missing. I also found articles to the value of $81.55 which were not included in your list.

As to the articles missing I am giving you hereunder the only explanations I can get with respect to the same:

Nine photograph albums and leaves--- Seven of these were filled with photos and presented to the various Commissioners the remaining two, which I found with a collection of photos, I have already sent to Ottawa and are contained in Box No. 2, which went forward on 27th January. These two albums, I understand, were to have been sent to the Dominion and Provincial Governments after the photos had been inserted.

2 blank photo albums and a box of photos received. J.M.M.

Of the three fountain pens purchased only one was found, the other two having been retained by some of the Commissioners or staff.

The

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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The seven admiralty charts and the two map holders have been sent to Mr. Green's office, as he said he could find much use for these articles.

The two axes were sold with other equipment purchased by Commissioners Shaw and Carmichael after their Stuart Lake trip and were accounted for at that time.

The four Thermos bottles are said to have been broken or lost in transit.

Two special folio cases---These were purchased for Commissioner Carmichael and one of the stenographers and have been retained by them.

One type chair, ($11.25) and an office chair ($8.00) are supposed to have been broken and discarded.

One type table $7.00---Your list mentions three type tables at $7.00; apparently there has been a duplication here, as in checking over Weiler's invoice I found that only two of these $7.00 desks were purchased.

The minute book at $9.00 has been used by the Commission.

The three mats at $3.00 were worn out and discarded.

One jug, one tray, 16 tumblers, four waste paper baskets, three cuspidors, two pen racks, two desk pads and one stationery rack are missing altogether and I can get no trace of them or explanation for their disappearance.

In Mr. Gibbons' inventory of 4th September he mentioned that five arm chairs, one large typewriting desk and two stationery racks were in the custody of Messrs. Maddowall

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Macdowall and Shaw in Room 503, Belmont House. Mr. Macdowall informs me that both he and Mr. Shaw returned all these articles.

I am herewith enclosing tabulated statements being:

Table No.I--List of supplies purchased, as sent on 23rd December, 1916.

Table No.II--List of supplies purchased with shortages and corrections marked in parenthesis.

Table No.III--Items deducted from original list.

Table No.IV.--Articles not included in the original list.

The furniture which I found in the offices of the Commission according to value amounts to $1,824.00 as shown hereunder:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Supplies purchased as per original list(see Table NoI) | $ 1924.65 |
| Less: Deductions(see Table Nos.II and III) | 182.20 |
| | $ 1742.45 |
| Plus: Articles not included in original list(see Table No.IV) | 81.55 |
| Total first cost of furniture | $ 1824.00 |
| Valuation at 50 per cent. | 912.00 |

By the arrangement with the Provincial Government of 20th January, and your approval of the same of the 22nd, the Government of the Province of British Columbia took over the whole of the furnishings of these offices at a valuation of 50 per cent. on the invoice prices which is shown to be $912.00, and they are forwarding a cheque for $456.00, being the amount due the Dominion Government.

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I am herewith enclosing the Provincial Government's receipt for the furniture with their inventory of the goods, which works out at the same figures as shown in my statements.

The offices in the Belmont Building were closed on 31st January.

The only article of any importance that I would have cared to have had was the camera, as it would have proved useful in my travels in taking views of Indian reserves, but as this might be construed as an extravagence I thought it better to let it go with the rest.

In conclusion I may say that I also found on the walls in the offices of the Royal Commission five maps as follows:-

| | | SIZE. |
|---|---|---|
| Eastern Hemisphere) Western Hemisphere) | by Edward Sanford, London | 4.6x5ft. |
| Dominion of Canada | (Copp Clark & Co., Toronto) | 5x7 " |
| United States of America | (Edward Sanford, London) | 4.6x5 " |
| Dominion of Canada | (Dept. of Interior) | 5.6x8.10" |

I am not sure whether any charge was ever made for these, though I have been told that Secretary Bergeron got them free. However, I sent them all over to the Provincial Government with the other goods as they were of no possible use to us.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditthburn

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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## TABLE NO. I

List of supplies purchased for British Columbia Land Commission.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Dictionary | $ 24.00 |
| 1 Adding Machine | 7.50 |
| 1 Check Writer | 45.00 |
| 3 Fountain Pens $5.25; $3.75 and $4.00 | 13.00 |
| 9 Photo Albums & leaves | 39.50 |
| 7 Charts | 12.95 |
| 2 Axes | 1.50 |
| 4 Thermos Bottles | 12.25 |
| 1 Desk Lamp | 3.80 |
| 2 Special Folio cases | 21.25 |
| 1 2nd hand leather case for typewriter | 7.50 |
| 1 Folding typewriter | 60.00 |
| 2 Typewriters @ $119.25 | 238.50 |
| 2 " desks $50.00 & $11.25 | 61.25 |
| 26½ yds. Linoleum | 39.75 |
| 48⅝ " " | 72.75 |
| 2 Office Chairs | 24.00 |
| 1 Type table | 7.00 |
| 1 Chair | 8.00 |
| 3 Tables | 18.00 |
| 2 Jugs, tumblers & tray | 6.75 |
| 1 Double desk | 50.00 |
| 1 Parlor table | 8.50 |
| 1 Type desk | 7.00 |
| 1 Desk | 32.50 |
| 1 Double desk | 80.00 |
| 1 Settee | 20.00 |
| 1 Type chair | 11.25 |
| 2 Chairs @ $22.50 | 45.00 |
| 1 Chair | 12.50 |
| 2 Map racks | 22.50 |
| 10 Waste Paper baskets | 8.25 |
| 1 Pencil Sharpener | 4.50 |
| 1 Minute book | 9.00 |
| 2 bookcases 5 sections $34.50 & 4 sections $29.00 | 63.50 |
| 1 Type desk | 7.00 |
| 1 Tapestry square | 24.00 |
| 2 Hall Mirrors $8.00 & $15.00 | 23.00 |
| 4 shades | 5.00 |
| 3 Vertical uprights | 155.25 |
| 1 Fir table | 10.00 |
| 1 Standing desk | 30.00 |
| 1 Umbrella stand | 7.50 |
| 7 Arm chairs | 86.00 |
| 1 Special rd. table | 55.00 |
| 1 " Wardrobe | 45.00 |
| 2 Rugs $75.00 & $27.50 | 102.50 |
| 3 Mats | 9.00 |
| 5 Office chairs | 60.00 |
| 7 Brass cuspidors 1 @ $3.00; 6 for $9.90 | 12.90 |
| 3 Letter trays | 1.50 |
| 9 Pen racks | 2.25 |
| 15 Ink wells | 7.75 |
| 10 Desk Pads | 20.00 |
| 10 Stationery racks | 17.50 |
| 3 Clocks $48.00; $8.00 & $6.00 | 62.00 |
| 1 Yeirs kodak & case $65.00 & $3.50 | 68.50 |
| 1 Ledger rest | .75 |
| 1 Golden Fir table | 13.50 |
| | $ 1924.65 |

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## TABLE NO. II.

List of supplies purchased for British Columbia Land Commission, with Shortages and Corrections marked in Parenthesis.

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| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Dictionary | $ 24.00 |
| 1 Adding Machine | 7.00 |
| 1 Check Writer | 45.00 |
| 3 Fountain Pens $5.25; $3.75 & $4.00, (2 missing $3.75 & $4.00) | 13.00 |
| 9 Photo Albums & leaves(7 in possession of Commissioners, 2 sent to Ottawa in Box No. 2) | 39.50 |
| 7 Charts(sent to Surveyor Green's office) | 12.95 |
| 2 Axes(sold withbother equipment by Commissioners Shaw and Carmichael after Stuart Lake trip). | 1.50 |
| 4 Thermos Bottles(broken in transit). | 12.25 |
| 1 Desk Lamp | 3.80 |
| 2 special folio cases(used by Commissioners and retained). | 21.25 |
| 1 2nd hand leather case for typewriter | 7.50 |
| 1 Folding typewriter | 60.00 |
| 2 typewriters @ $119.25 | 238.50 |
| 2 " desks $50.00 & $11.25(should be 1 desk $50.00 and 1 typewriting chair $11.25) | 61.25 |
| 26½ yards Linoleum | 39.75 |
| 48½ " " | 72.75 |
| 2 Office chairs | 24.00 |
| 1 type table | 7.00 |
| 1 chair (broken and discarded) | 8.00 |
| 3 tables(should be 6 tables @ $3.00) | 18.00 |
| 2 Jugs, tumblers & tray(1 jug, 16 tumbers and tray missing) | 6.75 |
| 1 Double desk(should be 1 double typewriting desk) | 50.00 |
| 1 Parlor table | 8.50 |
| 1 Type desk | 7.00 |
| 1 desk | 32.50 |
| 1 Double desk | 80.00 |
| 1 Settee | 20.00 |
| 1 type chair(broken and discarded) | 11.25 |
| 2 chairs @ $22.50 | 45.00 |
| 1 chair | 12.50 |
| 2 Map racks(sent to Surveyor Green's office) | 22.50 |
| 10 Waste paper baskets(4 missing) | 8.25 |
| 1 Pencil sharpener | 4.50 |
| 1 Minute book(evidently used by Commission) | 9.00 |
| 2 Bookcases 5 sections $34.50 & 4 sections $29.00 | 63.50 |
| 1 Type desk(evidently an error, as only 2 type tables in Weilers invoice). | 7.00 |
| 1 Tapestry square | 24.00 |
| 2 Hall Mirrors $8.00 & $15.00 | 23.00 |
| 4 Shades | 5.00 |
| 3 Vertical uprights | 155.25 |
| 1 Fir table | 10.00 |
| 1 Standing desk | 30.00 |
| 1 Umbrella stand | 7.50 |
| 7 Arm chairs | 86.00 |
| 1 Special rd. Table | 55.00 |
| 1 " Wardrobe | 45.00 |
| 2 Rugs $75.00 & $27.50 | 102.50 |
| 3 Mats(Worn out and discarded) | 9.00 |
| 5 Office chairs | 60.00 |
| 7 Brass Cuspidors 1 @ $3.00 and 6 for $9.90(1 @ $3.00 and 2 @ $1.65 missing). | 12.90 |
| 3 Letter trays | 1.50 |

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TABLE NO. II.--(Continued).

List of supplies purchased for British Columbia Land Commission with Shortage and Corrections marked in Parenthesis(Continued

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| | |
|---|---|
| 9 Pen Racks(2 missing) | $ 2.25 |
| 15 Ink Wells | 7.75 |
| 10 Desk pads(2 missing) | 20.00 |
| 10 Stationery racks(1 missing) | 17.50 |
| 3 Clocks $48.00, $8.00 & $6.00 | 62.00 |
| 1 Yeirs Kodak & case $65.00 & $3.50 | 68.50 |
| 1 Ledger rest | .75 |
| 1 Golden Fir table | 13.50 |

TABLE NO. III.

Items Deducted From Original List.

| | |
|---|---|
| 9 Photo Albums & Leaves | 39.50 |
| 2 Fountain Pens | 7.75 |
| 7 Charts | 12.95 |
| 2 Axes | 1.50 |
| 4 Thermos Bottles | 12.25 |
| 2 Special Folio cases | 21.25 |
| 1 Type Chair | 11.25 |
| 1 Chair | 8.00 |
| 1 Type table | 7.00 |
| 1 Jug, 16 Tumblers and tray | 4.25 |
| 4 Waste paper baskets | 3.45 |
| 2 Map racks | 22.50 |
| 1 Minute book | 9.00 |
| 3 Mats | 9.00 |
| 3 Cuspidors 1 @ $3.00 & 2 @ $1.65 | 6.30 |
| 2 Pen Racks | .50 |
| 2 Desk pads | 4.00 |
| 1 Stationery rack | 1.75 |
| | $ 182.20 |

TABLE NO. IV.

Articles Not Included in Original List.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Cushion | 3.50 |
| 2 Desk Lamps 1 @ $12.05; 1 @ $6.50 | 18.55 |
| 2 Green baize doors | 55.00 |
| 1 Stenographer's Note rest | 1.25 |
| 3 Japanned tin letter holders @ $ .75 | 2.25 |
| 2 Extra Letter Trays @ $ .50 | 1.00 |
| | $ 81.55 |

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, 7th February 1917.

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Memorandum

Mr Scott,-

Re- Lytton Agency

In the Lytton Agency there were 158 old reserves, of which 157 have been confirmed by the B.C. Commission. The area cut off in the old reserves is given as 3100 acres. There are 54 new reserves established by the Commission, with an aggregate area of 15,707.65 acres and making the total area of the 211 present reserves in this Agency, 67,089.26 acres. The value of the confirmed old reserves is $972,302.17 and that of the cut-off, $130,663.70. The valuation of the new reserves is not given as they have to be surveyed and defined yet in many instances.

Re-New Westminster Agency

Little change has been made in this Agency by the Commission. There were 157 reserves of an aggregate area of 42,310.99 acres; six reserves have been sold entirely and one cut off in the City of New Westminster. (New Westminster, B.C.)

One reserve (Kapilano No 5) was reduced by its cutting off of 130. acres.

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The total area of reduction is 152.48 acres Eighteen new reserves were created with a total area of 1168.45 acres, making the new total of area for reserves in this Agency, 419,39.30 acres. The value of the confirmed old reserves is $3,257,140.00 and that of the cut-off and surrendered land (exclusive of Rights-of-way) is $628,510.00. The value of the new reserves cannot be ascertained.

Henry Fabien

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February 6th, 1917.

Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, notifying the Department of the shipment by express of two boxes containing the letter registers, interim reports, files, &c, of the Royal Commission, as per lists enclosed.

Upon checking the contents of the boxes it is found that there should be 280 files (500 to 780) and of these only 54 have been sent to the Department. Can you explain what has become of the missing files.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esqr.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

G.B.M.

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February 9th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

The Department has received from Inspector Ditchburn the files of the Royal Commission with a long list of "missing numbers" attached. According to the books there should be 280 files (numbered from 500 to 780) and of these only 54 have been received.

No doubt the Commissioners left all the clerical part of the business to Mr. Gibbons but it just occurred to me that you might be aware of the reasons for there being so many missing numbers in the files. I thought I would write to you as being the nearest available source of information. I do not want you to be troubled unduly about it, but if you would drop me a line I would be very much obliged.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

S. Carmichael, Esq.,
291 Mountain St.,
Montreal, Que.

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291 Mountain St.,
Montreal, Feb. 10th, 1917.

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Dear Mr. Scott.-

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File

Yours of yesterday received today. I would of course be only too glad to give you any information I have about the Commission files, but I fear that I cannot be of much assistance in this instance.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 13 1917

I remember that we had to pay for outside assistance in getting the correspondence and files generally into order and they were placed, as you suggested, under Gibbons' charge so that I never had any detail knowledge of them. Before the Commission broke up, there was no special order made regarding the files, that being left for later arrangement by McKenna and MacDowall.

From the limited information you have given me, I can only conjecture that Gibbons went over the files, putting aside these which dealt wholly with matters of a nature incidental to the working of the Commission in every day course, and that, as these had been finally disposed, he did not include them in the ones given to Ditchburn. There would be a number of files that would come under this heading.

It would appear reasonable to me, that he should have taken this course, and it may account for the apparent discrepancy. But this of course is only conjecture . I am under the impression that there was an index indicating what each file contained and its number. If you have this you ought to be able to ascertain whether there is anything in my suggestion.

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S. Carmichael.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, 13th February 1917.

MEMORANDUM

497934

Mr. Scott,-

The valuations on Lytton and New Westminster Agencies are given in a summary by the B.C. Commission as follows,-

Lytton

| | |
|---|---|
| Acreage of confirmed reserves | 51,381.61 |
| Value $781,215.97 | |
| Acreage of reductions or cut-offs | 3,100.00 |
| Value $181,318.70 | |
| Acreage of New Reserves | 15,707.65 |
| Value $ 78,538.25 | |

New Westminster

| | |
|---|---|
| Acreage of confirmed reserves | 40,923.37 |
| Value $3,458,253.81 | |
| Acreage of reduction and cut-offs | 152.48 |
| Value $159,476.19 | |
| Acreage of new reserves | 1,168.45 |
| Value $5,842.25 | |

This statement differs from the one I gave you previously. My totals were ascertained by calculating the different areas and valuations given separately for each Agency in the B.C. Commission's Report and there may be some further changes which I have not seen yet. However the statement above is that given by the Commission on page 211 of Vol.1 of their manuscript report.

Henry Fabien

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Duncan. C. Scott, Esqre,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

497984

Dear Mr Scott,

On saturday the 3rd inst I finished the final revision of the page print of the Commission's Report and Mr Stevens, of the Acme Press co, told me that they have 400 of the first volume bound, also a large number of the third volume, and that he expects to have the first ten copies ready for delivery this week. The two thousand vols to go to Ottawa will weigh about 8000 lbs, which may be too heavy to send by mail, and I would ,therefore, suggest that youintimate to the Acme Press Company the manner of transmission you desire.

I hope the Report may be satisfactory to both Governments and the work of the Commission accomplish the objects for which it was appointed.

As my connection with the work is now ended I shall be glad to hear from you as to your Minister's decisionregarding the allowance it is proposed to make me.

With kind regards, Believe me,

Your's very truly,

D.H. Macdowall

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 13 1917

7th February, 1917.

Minute received
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Sir:-

I am forwarding to-day per Dominion Express three bound volumes of the Minutes of Decision of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. This parcel is addressed to The Secretary.

A full index of the three volumes has been compiled by Mr. Ashdown H. Green and I have had this typewritten and inserted inside the front cover of each volume. This will assist greatly in locating the Minutes of Decision bearing on the various agencies.

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Dickhen

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
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Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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February 12th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Macdowall,

I have your letter of the 5th. instant and in reply beg to say that I will instruct the Acme Press Company to have the volumes sent here by freight.

The Minister has been so busy with sessional matters during the past few weeks that I have not been able to see him, but at the earliest opportunity I will take up with him the question of your remuneration.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

D. H. Macdowall, Esq.,
Victoria, B. C.

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February 12th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

I received a letter from Mr. Macdowall to the effect that the volumes of the Commission's report are very weighty, and I have today instructed the Acme Press Company to have them forwarded by freight, and have so informed Mr. Macdowall.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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February 12th. 1917.

Dear Sirs,

As I understand that the volumes comprising the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs are very heavy, I would ask that you have them forwarded to me by freight. They should be addressed to Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Booth Building, Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Acme Press Company,

Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. 10th February, 1917.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 19 1917

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that I have received Ten(10) printed copies of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, being Four(4) volumes of each full copy. Six(6) of these I am shipping today to the Department per Dominion Express addressed to "The Secretary" and Four(4) volumes I am sending to the Provincial Government. Of the Eight Hundred(800) copies of the report being printed I understand Three Hundred(300) are to go to the Provincial Government and will have at least Fifty(50 volumes sent to them before the opening of Provincial Parliament which meets on the 22nd instant.

Your obedient servant,

M. E. Ditchburn

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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*Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the* 10TH FEBRUARY 1917

PRIVY COUNCIL CANADA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 27 1917

497863

The Committee of the Privy Council submit for your Excellency's consideration the evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Robert Le Murray

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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The Honourable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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VICTORIA, B.C. 15th February, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 22 1917

Your File No. 59,335-5A.

Mr. Beasley

498033

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in which you seek information with respect to files of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs which were forwarded to you on the 27th ultimo.

In reply I beg to say that at the time of packing up the files a number of them were apparently not on hand, and slips were attached to each parcel indicating by numbers the ones which were not to be found and marked as missing. At that time I could get no trace of any index of the files as it was not in the filing cabinet, where it should have been kept, and I was therefore unable to make any check with regard to the numbers for which there was no files to correspond. Upon making enquiry from Mr. MacDowall on this matter he said that he thought that the missing numbers must have been sent to Ottawa when forwarding special reports.

The file index was eventually located in the Board room mixed up with a lot of loose papers after the bundles of files had been tied up, numbered and packed in Box No. 1. This index was sent in Box No. 2.

Now, with regard to what may appear to have been files which were missing, on receipt of your letter today, I had an interview with Miss Porritt, who was employed by the Commission for some time and who compiled the file index. I have also seen Mr. Gibbons and the information obtained from both

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of Indian Affairs,
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both of these former employees seems to coincide. It appears that in starting the filing system the Commissioners thought that it would be advisable to leave room for additional or supplementary files on certain subjects which might be made up later, and consequently some numbers were left open; this will be noticed on perusal of the typewritten index, where it is shown that a good many of the numbers do not represent any subject or file. Therefore, without this explanation, what at first glance would appear to be missing files, are merely numbers on the index for which there was no file to correspond.

The filing system of the Commission was, in my opinion, faulty, for instead of giving an agency file a certain number, say 500, and then lettering supplementary subjects dealing with that agency "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and so on, in all instances, they merely got out a list of numbers from 500 to 780 and filled in the subjects afterwards, leaving some numbers blank for additional files on that particular agency, which, in a number of instances, did not develop. As a matter of fact the last file was No.694.

I think the foregoing will explain the discrepancy, but in the event of you still finding that there are some files, represented by numbers on the index, which never reached Ottawa, if you will let me know the number and the subject, I will endeavor to trace it or them up.

Your obedient servant,

W. C. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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FEB 19 1917

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VICTORIA, B.C. 14th February, 1917.

498065

Sir:-

With reference to the disposal of the furniture etc. used in the offices of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs to the Government of British Columbia, a report on which I submitted on the 2nd instant, I am herewith enclosing Cheques #18,128 for $361.20; #18,411 for $94.00, and #18,641 for $ .80, totalling $456.00, which I have only received today.

I am also herewith enclosing a Postal Note for $1.00, being refund from the Victoria Postmaster in return of the key for Box No. 755, which was used by the Commission.

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Dobbs

Enclosures:-

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 28 1917

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 5025

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 457.00 *Ottawa,* February 22nd. 1917

*RECEIVED from* W.E. Ditchburn,

*on account* Indian Funds,

*the sum of* Four hundred & fifty-seven 00/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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March 1st. 1917.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 22 1917
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I have to confirm my telegram of yesterday's date as follows:-

"Instruct binders to bind for this Department
" only two hundred copies of report. Keep remain-
" ing three hundred copies in sheets. Am writing."

When I saw what the cost of the binding was to be, it occurred to me that it would be economical to bind only 200 copies and keep the remaining 300 copies in sheets, which might be bound when need arose for them. When we ordered 500 copies I did not think that the report would be so extensive; I expected it would be one volume of about 200 or 300 pages, but the matter is so expanded that it is necessary to save some of the expense of binding.

I am looking forward to seeing you here soon.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector
of Indian Agencies.
Victoria, B. C.

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59335-5A

April 19, 1917.

Dear Mr. Boudreau,-

I am returning herewith the original of the final report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rodolphe Boudreau, Esq.,
Clerk of the Privy Council,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA

April 23rd. 1917.

MEMORANDUM

See letter 24 E. apl. G. M. M.

Mr. Matheson -

Kindly send officially to Mr. W. E. Ditchburn one copy of the evidence taken by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Duncan C. Scott

D. S. G. I. A.

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G.H.

Ottawa, April 24th, 1917.

Sir,-

With reference to your request for a copy of the Evidence taken by the Royal Commission I beg to refer you to your letter of January 27th, last, in which you stated:

"On the 24th instant a box was also shipped, per Dominion Express, addressed to the Secretary, of State, Ottawa, containing forty five volumes of Evidence taken by the Royal Commission in the fifteen Agencies of the Province of British Columbia."

G.H.M.

The Box in question was transferred to this Department and was found to contain but thrity volumes in fifteen packages marked "( 3 Vol.)" but containing only two.

It is thought therefore that there must still be in your office a copy of the evidence available for your official use.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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Indian Office,
Victoria, B. C.,
April 16th, 1917.

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APR 25 1917
SURVEYS

499971

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, No. 59335-5A, and in compliance with the instructions contained therein I have to-day forwarded by Dominion Express the Minutes of Decision book you ask for.

I note that the File number does not agree with that in your letter, but as it is the only book of that description in the office, I presume it is the one you require.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Ashdown H Green
B. C. L. S.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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59335-5A

Ottawa, 25th April 1917.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and to inform you that the volume of Minutes of Decision to which you refer has been duly received.

Another volume of Minutes of Decision of Reserve Commissioner Spreatt was also sent to the Reserve Commission. I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to have a search made for it and forward it here. It is foolscap size in black and about two inches thick.

S.B.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J.D.McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A.H.Green Esq., B.C.L.S.
Indian Office,
Victoria, B.C.

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[VICTORIA, B. C. April 20th 1917]

500200

Duncan C. Scott Esq.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to advise you that the binding of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. will be completed on April 30th.

We informed Mr W.E.Ditchburn of this city when he instructed us on March 1st to complete only 200 copies for your department that we had already completed 800 copies of volume 1, and that there were a number of each of volumes 2, 3 & 4 in excess of 200 in course of completion . We are now in a position to quote the exact number completed in excess , as follows,

Vol. #1.300 copies Vol. #2.242 copies Vol. #3. 79 copies Vol.#4 33 copies. There are also 13 copies each of volumes 2, 3 & 4 which we completed for your department by direction of the commissioners, but owing to the fact that the Minutes of Decision of some of the agencies not being correct we were instructed to hold them until final delivery was made.

As there are only 546 volumes remaining to complete the original order for 3200 volumes, and as there is likely to be considerable expense entailed for storage and insurance on same if left in sheets for any length of time, we would suggest that you instruct us to complete the original quantity as we could complete them before the exist-

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We are, Dear Sir,

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Ottawa, 30th April, 1917.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 20th April, I regret to say that this Department cannot alter the decision already conveyed to you in regard to the number of volumes of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, which it is desired to have bound and sent forward to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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CABLE ADDRESS "DEDO"
TELEPHONE MAIN 311

Toronto, 19th April, 1917.

500251

Duncan Campbell Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott :-

If you happen to have the ~~settlement~~ submission to arbitration between the Dominion Government and British Columbia with regard to Indian lands, in printed form, I would be very much obliged if you would forward me a copy of the same.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Denton

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April 23rd. 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have your note of April 19th. I am not quite sure what you require. We have only had one arbitration in connection with Indian lands in British Columbia, the arbitration regarding the Kitsilano Reserve; I have nothing in printed form as regards that, and the papers are all with our Counsel in Vancouver. If this is not the question to which you refer, I would be glad if you would let me have further particulars.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Frank Denton, Esq., K.C.,
Barrister, Solicitor, etc.,
20 King Street, E.,
Toronto, Ont.

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TORONTO, 24th April, 1917.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General Indian Affairs,
Parliament Buildings,
O T T A W A.

500249

Dear Sir,-

Re British Columbia Indian Lands.

I am indebted to you for your favor of the 23rd instant. It was not the question of arbitration but the question of the submission to arbitration that I had in mind. A commission was appointed representing Federal and the British Columbia Governments in recent years. I think a man now by the name of White from the maritime provinces is chairman of the same. I know that our good friend, Mr. McGregor Young, K.C. of this city was counsel for some time and lived or, rather, worked for many days or months on the western slope of the Rockies looking toward the sun set. I think, perchance, he gave up the work before it was completed.

Now what I want is a copy of the agreement under which this commission was to work or is working.

Thanking you for your attention, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Denton

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April 26th. 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 30 1917

ACCOUNTANTS
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BRANCH.

Dear Mr. Denton,

I am sending you herewith the agreement that you asked for in your letter of April 24th. This Commission made its final report to the Governments on the 30th. June 1916, and disbanded on that date.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Frank Denton, Esq., K.C.,
Barrister, Solicitor, etc.,
20 King Street, E.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Victoria Daily Times
May 8th, 1917

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 8 1917

## THAT INDIAN COMMISSION.

Dr. J. A. J. McKenna, a member of the late Indian Lands Commission, writes a letter to the press correcting our observation the other day that the Commission might have become a permanent institution if its labors had not been terminated by the new Government. He points out that this body dissolved of its own accord in July and submitted its report before Mr. Bowser and his colleagues left office.

We learn on inquiry that the last payment on account of the Commission was made in October, 1916, so it is correct to say that before the late Government vacated office the Commission terminated the highly profitable connection it had maintained with the Treasury for several years with such tenacity that it had come to be regarded almost in the light of a permanent institution.

Now that the budget debate is in progress it would not be inopportune at this time to cite the Indian Lands Commission as an example of reckless prodigality which never should be repeated in this Province. The Commission, which was fathered by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, began its work early in 1913. Up to March, 1914, it had cost $30,000. It must have been an expensive body to move, for in that year alone its transportation charges totalled $12,800.

The year ending March 31, 1915, however, was its banner year. In that period it cost, all told, $96,772, its transportation expenses being $14,500. In the year ending March, 1916, it cost $87,199, but evidently it had seen all the Province it cared to see and did less travelling, for the cost of moving it had dropped to $7,000.

Just what the Commission cost between March, 1916, and October the same year, we have not been informed. We should assume, however, that such a record would be wound up with a grand finale. The total cost from the time the Commission began its work in 1913 until March, 1916, was $264,000. Altogether the whole outlay on this account probably was nearly $300,000, of which British Columbia had to pay half.

Several members of the Commission received more than $10,000 per annum each in salary and living allowance. One of the Commissioners was Mr. Shaw, late provincial member for Kamloops, who performed the miraculous feat of being in two different places at the same time, for he drew $20 per day as Commissioner and his sessional indemnity as a legislator. Mr. Shaw was top-liner in the Public Accounts of 1916 with $15,271 for his services on the Commission for that year. What did the country get for all this expenditure? Well, it has a report. We can be pardoned for wondering if the Indian Commission would have finished its labors before Mr. Bowser was forced out of office had the political signs of the times been of a different complexion.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 18 1917

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Indian Office,
Victoria, B. C.,
May 11th, 1917.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 19 1917
SURVEYS

500827

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April last, No. 59335-5A, in which you request that one of Mr. Commissioner Sproat's Minute of Decision books, lent by you to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, be returned.

In reply I beg to state that I have this day forwarded to you by Dominion Express (value $300.00) the book you require.

In this connection I may say that no copies of these minutes are in this office; I have therefore copied them and after identification have inserted the name and number of each reserve in the margin. I now have copies of all Mr. Sproat's Minutes with the exception of the following, viz:-

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|---|---|---|---|
| Similkameen | Reserves | No. | 1,2,7,8,9,10,11 and 12. |
| Oregon Jack | " | " | 1,2,3,4. |
| Bonaparte | " | " | 1,2,3. |
| Lytton | " | " | 21,22,23,24,25 and 26. |

If I remember right these Minutes were in three books labelled "Interrupted Work" left by Mr. Sproat for the guidance of his successor, and I should be obliged if you would cause copies to be sent to me so as to make my book complete, or should you have any difficulty in identifying them, you could send me the three books and after copying I would return them at once.

There are in this office Mr. Sproat's original Minutes

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Minutes of some of the reserves in the Cowichan, Okanagan and Kamloops Agencies; now that I have copies of them there is no reason why they should not be sent to Ottawa if you wish.

Your obedient servant,

Ashdown H Green.

B. C. L. S.

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59335-5A

Ottawa, 21st May 1917.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant No.454 I beg to inform you that there will be sent you by express a book containing the Minutes of Decision of Mr.G.M.Sproatt to which you refer. Be good enough to take copies of what you require and return the book with as little delay as possible.

Please send here Mr.Sproatt's original Minutes of Decision of certain reserves in the Cowichan, Okanagan and Kamloops Agencies mentioned in your letter.

S.B.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J D McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A.H.Green Esq., B.C.L.S.,
Indian Office,
Victoria, B.C.

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JUN 11 1917

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Indian Office,
Victoria, B. C.,
June 5th, 1917.

501489

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, No. 59335-5A, together with a book containing Minutes of Decision of Mr. G. M. Sproat.

I now have copies of all Mr. Sproat's Minutes with the exception of a few at Lytton, viz:-

Lytton No. 21 Inkluckcheen...old and temporary reserve.
" No. 22 Kleetlekut.....old reserve.
" No. 23 Nohomeen.....old reserve.
" No. 24 Tuckozap.....temporary reserve.
" No. 25 Nickeyeah.....old reserve.
" No. 26 Skwayaynope....temporary reserve.

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JUN 15 1917
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None of these reserves were apparently allotted or confirmed by either Commissioners Sproat or O'Reilly but they were approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands 24th June, 1887, and were confirmed, as described in the official schedule of Indian Reserves 1913 at Page 83, by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, March 15th, 1915.

I have to-day returned to you by Dominion Express the Minutes Book sent me on 21st ultimo, also the original Minutes relating to some of the reserves in Nicola, Fraser Superintendency (duplicate) and Cowichan Agency.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Charles Cox Pilcher

B. C. L. S.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Memorandum

Ottawa, 26th June 1917.

Mr Gray,-

Referring to the 6 Lytton reserves mentioned by Mr.A.H.Green,viz:-No.21 to 26,the schedule of 1913 states that they were allotted by Commissioner Sproatt on July 10th 1878 & approved by the Provincial Government,June 24th 1887.

In the books we have of Sproatt's decision I found no record of Minutes regarding these reserves but on page 77 of book bearing reference No.25114, there is a map by Comm. Sproatt showing all these reserves. No.26 is mentioned as belonging to"a subgroupof the Lytton". Again in bound book No.5,F.29858,p.136,in a letter to the Supt. Gen. of I.A.,dated Victoria,B.C.Oct.27,1887,Comm.P.O! Reilly writes,-"5th-Inkluckcheen reserve is numbered 21 and Kettle cut reserve No.22 on the original plan".
"These reserves were defined by the late Indian reserve Commissioner who also is answerable for instructions contained in the Minute of decision." Plan No.85 B.C.,on record in this office shows all these res rves & bears the signatures of F.G.Vernon C.C.L & W.,and of P.O'Reilly,I.R.C.,24th June 1887. All these reserves have been confirmed by the Royal Commission.

Henry Fabien

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN
JUN 18 1917

Victoria Daily Times June 8th 1917

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# INDIAN COMMISSION WOULD ADD ACREAGE

## Makes No Recommendations but Gives Natives Forty Thousand Acres More

The net result of the expenditure of some four hundred thousand dollars, one-half of which has had to be borne by the province, on a joint commission on Indian lands, which was to have settled this troublous question for all time, is four bulky volumes of reports, maps, plans and tables.

So far as a perusal of the volumes enables one to judge the commission makes no recommendations of any kind and does not make any proposals as to policy to be adopted or followed by the Dominion or the province in the matter. All it does is give a summary of the various reserves, their area, the population of the tribes or bands occupying each, and the changes which it makes in the area. What effect the changes mentioned have in point of actually altering the size of the reserves is difficult to see, unless there is expected to be some legislation following the report.

The area of the reserves which the commission confirm to the Indians is 660,640 acres, the value of which is placed at $17,639,449 by the Indian agents and at $19,890,000 by valuers employed by the commission. Deductions are made aggregating 47,058 acres, valued at from $1,247,912 to $1,522,764, but, on the other hand, there are additions to the area and new reserves are set out to the total of 87,391 acres, so that the commission would give the Indians, although diminishing in number, over forty thousand acres more than they have now.

In the Cowichan Agency, of which Wm. R. Robertson, Duncan, is in charge and which includes all the reserves on the south end of Vancouver Island, there were sixty-six reserves, containing 19,898.15 acres and occupied by 1,036 Indians. After reductions which the commissioners make there are left fifty-nine reserves, of an area of 19,362.55 acres. The value of the reserves is estimated all the way from the $2,935,917.65 of Indian Agent Robertson to the $4,653,282.66 of J. T. L. Meyer, who valued them for the commission. The value of the 517.04 acres cut off by the commission is placed by the agent at $94,235 and by Mr. Meyer at $115,125.

The following reserves are confirmed by the commissioners: Becher Bay tribe, the reserves at Becher Bay, Lamb Island, Frazer Island, Village Island, the three small islands, 761¼ acres in all; Esquimalt tribe, reserve to the east side of Esquimalt harbor, 47 acres; Saanich tribe, reserves at South Saanich (483 acres), East Saanich (596.34 acres), Cole Bay (705 acres), Union Bay (71 acres), Fulford Harbor (43 acres), Mayne Island (323 acres), Saturna Island (360 acres), Pender Island (8 acres), Benanus Island (2.99 acres), Malahat (588 acres), Hatch Point (93 acres), Goldstream (12 acres); Songhees tribe, new reserve (169 acres), Discovery Island (50 acres), Chatham Islands (57 acres); Sooke tribe, re- [illegible] of 65 acres and 118.75 acres [illegible] of .95 acre.

To the Sooke reserves there is added 7.66 acres as a result of a re-survey by Ashdown Green, while .03 of an acre of the graveyard has been entirely lost by erosion. The Saanich tribe have 8.76 acres deducted from the East Saanich reserve for right-of-way for the Patricia Bay line and for public roads, and one-tenth of an acre is taken at Benanus Island for a lighthouse.

Five reserves are cut off altogether. The Songhees lose Deadman's or Halkett Island, in Victoria Harbor, half an acre in extent; the Becher Bay tribe lose the reserve at Creyke Point (2½ acres) and Wolf Island (11 acres); the Comox tribe, the Puntledge reserve of 209 acres at Puntledge and Tsolum, and the Chemainus and Sicheneen bands of the Chemainus tribe, the reserve of 296 acres on the east shore of Oyster Harbor.

It is understood that at the present time the so-called Friends of the Indians, represented by Rev. A. E. O'Meara, who take the ground that the Indians own the whole of the area of the province and that the whites ought to buy it from them or make some other arrangements, are pressing further representations before the Executive Council, and have placed before them a memorial which has been referred to the Attorney-General for an opinion on some of the points raised.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN
JUN 19 1917

Fort Fraser

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. D 4
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

June 13 1917 191

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Sir,

2 I would be very much obliged if you could advise me when I can expect to be informed of the awards and findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Lands in B.C. which completed its labours some time ago.

I would point out that a very large number of Indians were landless before the advent of the Commission. Applications were put in for lands on account of such Indians. These all came up for consideration before the Commissioners and the Indians affected are now very impatient to know the result.

Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant

W. J. M. Allan
Ind. Agt.

The Asst. Dep. and Secy.,
Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.

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59,335-5A

June 21, 1917.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 13th instant, asking information regarding the findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Lands in British Columbia. In reply I have to say that I cannot give you the information you ask until the report of the Royal Commission, which is now under consideration by both the Dominion Government and the Government of the Province of British Columbia, is confirmed.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

DCS

W. J. McAllan, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Fraser, B.C.

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JUN 7 1917

Mr Scott
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[VICTORIA, B. C. May 30th. 1917 ]

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Duncan C. Scott Esqre.

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

Booth Building, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

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Vancouver, B.C. Sept. 4th.1917.

Please endorse your reply
For attention J.E.B.

Duncan Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Sir:-

I have just had a call from the Rev. C. M. Tait of Victoria, who has been spending the summer among the Indians at Steveston. He tells me that he is constantly being asked concerning the report of the Commissioners who were appointed to look into the Indians affairs, and which we understand has for many months been in the hands of your Department.

We would like very much to know if it is going to be presented before the House of Commons this Session. Now that more weighty matters have been disposed of, we sincerely hope that the Indian case would be advanced one step further by this matter being laid before the House.

The Indians are very anxious to know what the Commissioners reported.

Yours truly,

JEB:S.

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File 59335-25A

September 10, 1917.

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your letter of September 4, I have pleasure in saying that the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia was submitted to the Government some time ago. I understand that the Premier of British Columbia stated to the Rev. A. E. O'Meara that his Government would not consider the report of the Commission until the question of Indian title in the lands of the province has been considered. You will understand that this report was not to be laid before the House of Commons, as the agreement between the Province and the Dominion did not call for that, it simply has to be approved by both Governments.

Yours truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. E. Bird, Esq.,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 17 1917

Office of The Auditor General,

Canada.

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Ottawa, Sept. 14, 1917.

Mr Payne

Sir,-

I find that on February 22nd last the amount of $457 was refunded to the credit of the British Columbia Vote, being the amount remitted by Inspector W.E. Ditchburn, as the amount realized from the sale of the furniture of the offices occupied by the British Columbia Land Commission.

I should like to know if an inventory was taken, when the offices of the Commission were closed, of the furniture, etc.. I should also like to have a detailed statement showing the various articles sold and the prices realized in such sale.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

ACCOUNTS BRANCH

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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, September 20th.,1917.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to say that an Inventory was taken of the furniture etc., when the offices of the British Columbia Land Commission were closed. The statement asked for is herewith enclosed. The valuation of 50 cents on the dollar was arrived at jointly by Mr. Inspector Ditchburn of this Department and an official of the British Columbia Government.

Your obedient servant,

D B S

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

J. Fraser Esq.,
Auditor General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OCT 9 1917

P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. October 2, 1917.

Answer

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 9 1917
SURVEYS

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Sir:-

As Mr. Ashdown H. Green, the surveyor, is preparing the necessary notes, sketches and copies of field books for surveyors when they go into the field on account of new work as arising from the report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs, it is found that many of the descriptions of the new reserves in the report are somewhat indefinite but fuller descriptions are on the Royal Commission file (565A), which was forwarded to Ottawa in January last.

Will you kindly let me have the above file for a short time and as soon as Mr. Green is through with it I will return the same to you.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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H.A.

Ottawa, October 10, 1917.

Sir,-

In accordance with your request of the 2nd instant, the Royal Commission file No.565 A will be sent to you by registered mail. It should be returned at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

Duncan C. Scott

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

S.B. Smith

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria,
B.C.

File sent 12 Oct. 1917 S.B.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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VICTORIA B. C. Feb. 15th, 1918.

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH.

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The Department
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:--

Would you kindly furnish me with the particulars of the salary paid to Dr. A. J. Mckenna, one of the Indian Commissioners in connection with the B. C. enquiry.

If possible I would like to have the amounts paid during the years 1916 and 1917.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. Leeming

Assessor & Collector.

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Ottawa, 22nd February, 1918.

E.A.D.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, in which you ask to be furnished with particulars of the salary paid Mr. A.J.McKenna, ~~Indian Commissioner~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the years 1916 and 1917) in connection with the British Columbia ~~salary~~; and in reply I have to inform you that the total payment made by this Department to him in salary in those years was $3807.97. In 1916 he received $3170.98 and in 1917 $636.99.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

F.H.Leeming Esq.,
Assessor and Collector,
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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Keatzie Indian Reserve
Port Hammond B.C.
March 13th 1918

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 19 1918

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Sir.

I am derected by the Indians and Chiefs to enquire to the Department of Indian Affairs in regards to the land question in the Province of B.C. If there was any definitely decision made yet, or to the Royal Commission Works, or what have they done in regards to the said land questeion, or what have they done for the Indians in British Columbia or if there is nothing done yet. is there going to be any thing done in the near future.

As the Indians are anxiously awaiting for a decision to be arrived at. At the earliest possible date.

For there are numerous rumours afloating amongs the Indians by agitators in regards to this land questions. The wise ones advices me to enquire to the Department for a right hearing So Please advice me as best to be of very use for the Indians. And oblige I am your most obedient Servant

Simon Pierre
Interpreter.

Mr Duncan Scott
Deputy Minister of
Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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Please Sir Send me the new
Copy of the annual report of
the Indian affairs. & one of the
Auditors Generals report.

Simon Pierre
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File

March 18th. 1918.

EXD.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of March 13th. I have to inform you that the Governments have not yet accepted the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. I hope the action will not be very long delayed.

The reports that you ask for are being sent under separate cover.

Reports sent Wed. 15/3.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mr. Simon Pierre,
Interpreter, Kootzie Indian Reserve,
Port Hammond,
B. C.

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Ottawa, April 3, 1918.

His Excellency
The Governor General in Council.

Approved

The undersigned has the honour to recommend that the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia appointed under the terms of an agreement of 24th September, 1912, between the Dominion and the Province - which report, dealing with Indian reserves both inside and outside of the Railway Belt, was presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 30th June, 1916 - be now approved and confirmed by Your Excellency in Council in so far as it relates to Indian reserves inside of the Railway Belt.

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Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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April 3, 1918.

Explanatory Memorandum in connection with Report to Council of 3rd April, 1918, recommending approval and confirmation of Final Report of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

British Columbia claimed a reversionary interest in Indian reserves in that province, maintaining that, in connection with the setting aside of Indian reserves, any extra land required for the reserves should be allotted from Crown lands and that any lands taken off of a reserve should revert to the province.

With a view to settlement, Mr. J.A.J.McKenna of the Indian Department was appointed a special commissioner to investigate the claims put forth by the province. An agreement was entered into between Mr. McKenna and Sir Richard McBride, the Premier of British Columbia, on the 24th September, 1912, under which a commission was to be appointed for the adjustment of the acreage of Indian reserves in British Columbia, the commission to consist of two Dominion and two provincial commissioners and a

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The agreement was ratified by Dominion Order in Council of 27th November, 1912, and Provincial Order in Council of 31st December, 1912, the acts and proceedings of the Commission to be subject to the approval of the two Governments. The personnel of the Commission was provided

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State

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Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C., April 3,1918.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 10 1918

Sir,-

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In connection with the Gitzault matter the Honourable the Premier informed me that he did not deem it advisable to discuss any particular reserve at present without dealing with the report as a whole, and that was impossible while the Legislature is in session. He has given me his assurance that as soon as the House prorogues he will give his attention to the consideration of the report of the Royal Commission and I will then have a long interview with him taking up the different phases of the question. It is expected that the House will prorogue in three weeks.

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W. E. Ditchburn,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Summerside, P. E. Island,

October 26, 1918.

INTERIOR DEPT. OTTAWA
OCT 30 1918
REGISTRATION BRANCH

Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me the report of the Indian Commission of which N. W. White was chairman, finished I think in 1916. The other member of the Commission I think were Bergeron, Carmichael, Shaw and McKenna.

You will oblige

Yours truly,

A. A. Lefurgey

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November 4, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

I have your communication of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, in which you ask for a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. This Report, until it has received consideration by the government at Ottawa and that at Victoria, is confidential and not available for distribution to the public.

I regret, therefore, that I cannot comply with your request.

Yours truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

DCS

A. A. Lefurgey, Esq.,
Summerside, P.E.I.

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File 500050-1.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C., 29 Oct., 1918.

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Sir,-

file

In compliance with your request of 14th September I am forwarding to you to-day per Dominion Express thirty-four blue prints of Indian Reserves in British Columbia, being two complete sets for each of the fifteen agencies. It has required two prints for the Bella Coola Agency. The reserves which have been confirmed by the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs are marked in red, the cut-offs in brown and the proposed new reserves in green.

One set of these blue prints is for the Timber Inspector and the other for the Surveys Branch. As I had no cartons in which the two sets could be shipped separately I beg to ask that you will deliver to the Timber Inspector and to the Surveys Branch one set of each.

Your obedient servant,

W.E. Ditchburn,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Vancouver World, November 25th. 1918.

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OVEMBER 25, 1918.

# MAY DEVELOP INDIAN LANDS

## Federal Members at Recent Conference Recommended Opening Up of Indian Reserves.

The question of the opening up of undeveloped areas of good agricultural luand, now lying idle, was given considerable consideration by the British Columbia members of the Federal government at their conference in the Hotel Vancouver last Thursday, and one direct result was the recommendation that the government take over the uncultivated Indian reserves of the province and make them available for settlement, preferably for returned soldiers.

The question of reimbursing the Indians was considered, some provision, of course, to be made for their settlement.

To The World, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., expressed the opinion that the Indians should be placed upon productive land, encouraged to become good producing citizens, educated along modern lines, and given an opportunity to take an active interest in their country's affairs. In other words, he thought that the Indians should become full citizens.

The possible opening up of the British Columbia Indian reservations for agricultural development uncovers an interesting situation. Wherever the aborigines decided to locate a village was found to be one of the most advantageous places in any given district. River bottom land at the junction of streams was invariably selected, or else some suitable point on a large lake. The finest agricultural land was always chosen, and as a rule the locations most desirable from a transportation and trading point of view were also rich in agricultural value. The British Columbia Indian being anything but a tiller of the soil, these splendid lands were but little used and today are lying waste.

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Mr. Scott

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# MAY DEVELOP INDIAN LANDS

## Federal Members at Recent Conference Recommended Opening Up of Indian Reserves.

The question of the opening up of undeveloped areas of good agricultural luand, now lying idle, was given considerable consideration by the British Columbia members of the Federal government at their conference in the Hotel Vancouver last Thursday, and one direct result was the recommendation that the government take over the uncultivated Indian reserves of the province and make them available for settlement, preferably for returned soldiers.

The question of reimbursing the Indians was considered, some provision of course, to be made for their settlement.

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BOARD OF INVESTIGATION UNDER WATER ACT

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General

of Indian Affiars,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

Please refer to File 3/22

I have to thank you for calling my attention to the report of the Royal Commission issued in 1916, a copy of which I have succeeded in procuring for inspection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
J.F. Armstrong,

Chairman, Board of Investigation.

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To the Royal Commissioner
Ottawa Ont.

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Sir:-

We have the honour in writing you concerning our "Land question" which we understood, was laid aside during the great war, which is now over.

We the Chiefs, and people of "Kitselas" humbly desire to hear from you regarding our "Land question".

We have the honour to be, Sir:-

Your obedient servant,
Chief.
Samuel Wise.

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## *Dealing with the Indians*

In the remote past when the government of British Columbia had more money than it knew what to do with, there existed a public body which is known to fame as the Indian Commission.

As a free spender, the commission has had no equal in the history of Canada. But, in addition to setting a standard in this respect, there is a rumor that it presented some sort of report in which were recommendations as to the treatment of Indian tribes and the title to Indian lands.

What has become of this report? Have the authorities of the Dominion or the province considered the findings of the commissioners? Is any action to be taken thereon, and when?

Or is the whole matter to be forgotten for another decade, and will another commission then be appointed to have another high old time at the public expense?

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Stuart Lake Agency

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Fort Fraser Jan 24 1919

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Sir,—

I would be pleased if the Department could advise me as to when it is possible to announce the findings of the Royal Indian Land Commen of B.C. I am sure you will realise that a decision now is imperative.

In some cases the Indians, getting tired of waiting, have gone ahead and improved and built upon the lands applied for and I was powerless to stop them as "The Government has to give us Lands anyway" was their argument and it is a strong argument in the case of Indians who have not previously had lands allotted to them.

Kindly advise at earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. M. Allan.

Ind. Agt.

The Asst. Dep. and Secy.,
Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.,

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Mr. Paterson

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Ottawa, February 3, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 24th of January, and to say in reply that the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia has not yet been accepted, but I understand that it is now under discussion by the British Columbia Government. I hope that the acceptance of the report will not now be long delayed.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. J. McAllan, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Fraser, B.C.

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# INDIANS OF PROVINCE WANT ACTION HALTED

## Object to Action on Commission's Report Until Petition Disposed Of

Legislative Press Gallery,
February 5.

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The delegation had complaints against all Governments and especially the Borden Government because it had chosen to reverse the policy laid down by Sir Wilfrid Laurier by attempting to ride roughshod over the Indians.

Premier Oliver promised that he would give the matter his consideration and refer the matter to his colleagues in the Cabinet.

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## REPORT ON INDIANS IS BROUGHT DOWN

VICTORIA, Feb. 15.—Almost seven years ago, a joint Dominion and provincial commission was appointed to investigate the claims put forth by and on behalf of the Indians of British Columbia with respect to lands and rights at issue between the Dominion and Provincial governments and the Indians. The commission consisted of Chief Justice Wetmore of Saskatchewan, N. W. White of Nova Scotia, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna of Ottawa, and J. P. Shaw of Kamloops. Chief Justice Wetmore acted as chairman for a time, and on his retirement Mr. White succeeded. The report, whose very existence had been forgotten, was presented in the Legislature on Friday. It is a bulky document, filling four large volumes.

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The Creston Review
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# Board of Trade Delegate Reports

Seventeen members were out for the special meeting of Creston Board of Trade on Tuesday night, which was held for the purpose of hearing the report of President Constable, who is just home from Victoria, where he had been as a delegate from the board to take up with the government a number of matters affecting the interests of the Valley, as well as to consider a report from the Reclamation Commitoee arising out of an in-advance statement from Mr. Constable as to what had been accomplished on behalf of the project as a result of his visit to the capital.

The president's remarks were chiefly concerning a rather unsatisfactory interview he had with Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, on the reclamation scheme, at a session of the executive council, when that body was wited upon by a delegation composed of Messrs, Constable, Mallandaine and Chas. Moore of Creston; Jas. Anderson of Kaslo, and O. F. McHardy Nelson on February 7th.

The unfortunate feature of the Reclamation discussion with Mr. Pattullo was the point blank refusal of the minister to give any information as to when work would be re-commenced to finish up the engineering features of the work on the Canadian side so that a joint conference with the U.S. authorities could be had and the feasibility or otherwise of the undertaking be finally determined. Mr. Pattullo's attitude was that his department had other matters of equal moment and that so far as he was concerned not even a probable date of getting back to work on the scheme could be given.

Premier Oliver did not share this view, however, and pressed upon the land's minister to make some statement, but even the premier's good offices were of no avail, and Mr. Pattullo at this juncture excused himself from the meeting, pleading another engagement. Mr. Constable reported a splendid reception from the other ministers of the cabinet, the premier, the minister of agriculture and the minister of mines all speaking of the worth whilness of the Kootenay lands, and the desirability of reclamation. However, as the scheme is one that lies with the department of lands the other ministers could give no assurances and shortly after Mr. Pattullo's exist the meeting concluded.

During his stay in Victoria Mr Constable had very satisfactory interview with the minister of works who is hopeful of being able to open the road from Sirdar to Kuskanook so as to provide the needed facility for autoists to get on from Creston to Nelson without having to load their motors on freight cars at this point.

The question of the proposed giving of more lands on the flats to the Creston Indians to augment their present reserve, as per the recommendation of the Indian Commission, was discussed with Premier Oliver, who assured that no more land would be conceded either here or at any other points where the Indian commission had made similar unwise concessions.

In concluding Mr. Constable expressed appreciation of the assistance John Keen, M.P.P., had lent him in all his work at Victoria, stating he felt that Mr. Keen fully as much as himself resented the rather high-handed stand Mr. Pattullo had taken, and that if there was anything Mr. Keen could do to show the minister of lands the error of his ways on this occasion, certainly the local member would be very busy in that direction.

The Reclamation Committee's recommendation was presented by J. W. Hamilton and was very fully discussed by the members, including Lieut. R. Sinclair-Smith, who outlined what action the Creston War Veterans had already taken with a view to getting some statement from Victoria on the same Reclamation work.

The meeting unanimously agreed to leave the matter of pushing the Reclamation project in the hands of that committee, who are empowered to co-operate with the Great War Vereranas, and if thought expedient to lend such assistance as may be necessary to send a veterans delegation to Victoria before the houses rises to re-open the question.

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P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. 10th February, 1919.

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Dear Mr. Scott:-

With further reference to the matter of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs being dealt with by the British Columbia Government, I am herewith enclosing a news item from the Victoria "Times" of 6th February in which it is shown that Rev. Mr. O'Meara and J. A. Teit, of Spences Bridge, have been endeavouring to persuade the Provincial Government not to take any action with reference to the report.

Although this news item is dated the 6th instant I may say that it was the 29th ultimo when Messrs. O'Meara and Teit were in the city. I was laid up at the time with an attack of bronchitis but these gentlemen called at my house to see me to discuss Indian matters generally. They, however, gave me no idea that they were opposing any action of the Government with reference to the report of the Commission.

On the 9th ultimo I reported that there was every probability of the Provincial Government dealing with the report either before or during this session of Parliament. I now wish to say that action is being taken. The Minister of Lands has written letters to the various members of the Legislature asking their opinion as to how their constituencies will be affected in the event of the report being adopted in view of the fact that a number of new reserves have been allotted.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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allotted. Accompanying the letter of the Minister is a map on which it is shown the new reserves, the reserves which have been confirmed and also the cut-offs. It is apparent that the Government is looking at this matter more from its political aspect than that of carrying out a duty laid down by the 13th article of the Terms of Union.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

H. E. Dickebrum

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

February 17, 1919.

Memorandum,-

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Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Incl. I beg to send you herewith a letter from Chief Inspector Ditchburn, of Victoria, with reference to the manner in which the British Columbia Government is dealing with the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. It was the intention of the two governments that the report of the Commission should be accepted without delay and without alteration. If the British Columbia Government is now making a political matter out of it, their action seems to me reprehensible. New reserves were allotted in the northern part of the province, and, if the granting of these reserves is to depend on local whims and prejudices, the Indians may not be fairly treated.

Owing to the inability of the British Columbia Government to deal with matters in a consistent way, to my mind, we are rapidly drifting towards the point in which we must get legislation to bring British Columbia into the courts on the question of the Indian title in British Columbia. If they would approve of the report of the Royal Commission in its entirety, I think this might be avoided, but, if they refuse to give the allotments of reserves recommended by a commission on which they were well represented, I think that firm action will have to be taken.

Mr S
We should take firm action now. What steps do you recommend?
Geo

Duncan C Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

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Mr. Scott

Department of Public Information
OTTAWA.

Daily News
Nelson
Feb 19/19

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# INDIAN LANDS QUESTION IS UP

**Introduce Bill in Legislature to Provide for Settlement of All Differences**

(By Daily News Leased Wire.)

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—In the legislature today a bill was introduced to provide for a settlement of the differences between the federal and provincial governments respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs in British Columbia. It gives full powers to the lieutenant-governor in council to do whatever may be considered reasonable and expedient to carry out the recommendations of the royal commission on Indian affairs. Indian reserves may be adjusted, readjusted, reduced or increased and further negotiations or agreements may be entered into, either with the Dominion government or the Indians, so as to bring about a full and final adjustment between the two governments.

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# ...MITS SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## Legislation Tabled in Legislature Designed to Bring Dominion and Province to Final Arrangement—Other Acts.

Important new legislation was brought down in the Legislature Tuesday afternoon. By "An Act to Provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province Respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" it is proposed to carry into effect, to the extent the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may deem reasonable and expedient, the agreement entered into on September 24, 1912, between Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, Special Commissioner appointed by the Dominion to investigate the condition of Indian Affairs in British Columbia, and the late Sir Richard McBride, as Premier of British Columbia, an agreement arrived at subject to the approval of the two Governments for the purpose of settling all differences respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in British Columbia and for the final settlement of all matters relating thereto.

Under the above agreement the body known as the Indian Commission presented its inquiries for two or three years. The report, a most voluminous affair, has been before the Provincial Government for the past two years. It is to deal with the matters contained in the report that the legislation is now being brought down, as with Government there may give effect to any settlement arrived at by negotiation. The Dominion at its forthcoming session will also bring down legislation to that end.

But under the bill tabled yesterday provision is made that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may, for the purpose of effecting or confirming the arrangements respecting reserves or adding to existing Indian reserves, or making other provisions therefor, as proposed in the report of the Commission, carry on such further negotiations with the Dominion or with the Indians as may be found necessary for a full and final adjustment of the differences between the two Governments.

The bill was read a first time and will be proceeded with later.

[illegible] the Public Good Bonus Further Powers Act, provided for the transfer of all the assets of the P. G. N. Development Company to the railway company. This act, passed the session by the Government of the province which, at the time of the contract, promised the Government and the railway company that it would pass the Provincial legislation necessary to give effect to the terms of the contract, was not passed at a price [illegible] the terms of the contract. The bill, then, was [illegible] that the way in which the extension shall be continued until March 31, 1919.

Mr. Manson, Ontario, introduced a bill to amend the Legal Professions Act, to provide for the Ontario system of electing Benchers and to increase the number of Benchers from nine to twelve. Under the proposed new system members of the profession who shall be advanced as candidates for Benchers shall be nominated in writing by two or more members of the Law Society on or before March 1 each year, and a list thereof sent to members thirty days before election.

The first bill to get to its third reading and be passed was that to amend the Soldiers' Land Act, which was put through its committee stage yesterday without amendment. A similar process was adopted with the bill to amend the Mineral Survey Act and that to amend the Mineral Act.

In connection with the bill to provide for housing, to the end that advantage may be taken of the $25,000,000 fund which the Dominion will grant to the various provinces on the basis of population, British Columbia to secure some $1,250,000 thereof, Mr. Hawthornthwaite, Newcastle, has an amendment which he will present when the measure is considered in the committee stage. He seeks to have inserted in the measure a provision that in any agreement or contract entered into for the erection of dwellings under the powers of the bill that a fair-wage clause be inserted providing that the prevailing wage in the district where construction shall take place shall be paid to all workers, and that no person of Oriental birth or extraction shall be employed in or about such construction.

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

February 27,1919.

MEMORANDUM

Hon. Mr. Meighen -

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With reference to my memorandum of February 17, dealing with the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I attach two clippings on the subject, from which it would appear that the British Columbia Government has introduced legislation to enable the Lieutenant Governor in Council to give effect to the findings of the Commission or to carry on further negotiations with the Dominion or with the Indians, as may be found necessary for a full and final adjustment of the differences between the two Governments. I note the paragraph states that the Dominion at its forthcoming session will also bring down legislation to that end. Such legislation is not necessary, and I would not propose to recommend it.

We must now wait to see to what extent the Provincial Government will confirm the Report, and if there are any debatable points there are several cases which might be objected to by us. These might be passed in the event of a general acceptance of the report, but if there are awards of the Commission which the Provincial Government do not want to confirm, then we will have to fling them into the balance if items are to be weighed against one another.

Do we need legislation to enable Lieut. Gov. in Council to confirm the report? It appears to me we should wait and see how matters are before we should take action now.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL

OTTAWA

March 4th., 1919.

~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~

Dear Sir,-

I am sending you herewith a copy of that portion of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia which deals with your Agency.

Will you be kind enough to make a thorough examination of it, and note particularly the portions dealing with additions to and deductions from reserves.

I shall be glad to know at your earliest convenience whether the needs of the Indians for reserve lands have been fairly met by the findings of the Commission and whether any reductions in area have been judiciously made.

I may point out that under the terms of the agreement between the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia, at such places as the Commissioners are satisfied that more land is included in any particular reserve than is reasonably required for the use of the Indians of that tribe or locality, the reserve shall, with the consent of the Indians, as required by the Indian Act, be reduced to such acreage as the Commissioners think reasonably sufficient for the purposes of such Indians.

The lands which the Commissioners shall determine are not necessary shall be subdivided and sold by the Province at public auction. The net proceeds of all such sales shall be divided equally between the Dominion and the Province, and all monies received by the Dominion shall be held or used by the Dominion for the benefit of the Indians.

Yours truly,

(sgd) Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

To all Agents in B.C. except Ogden & Brown

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March 4. 1919.

Dear Sir,-

Under separate cover I am sending to you copy of that portion of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs which deals with the reserves in your inspectorate as formerly constituted.

I am also sending you a copy of the letter which I have addressed to all Indian Agents in British Columbia except Agents Brown and Ogilvie. I shall be very glad indeed if you will let me have as complete a report as you can in the matter at your earliest convenience.

I shall also be glad if you will give special attention to the decisions and recommendations regarding the Okanagan and Williams Lake Agencies.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

DCS/n

A. Megraw, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vernon, B.C.

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List of Inaccuracies and Corrections and Additional Data in Connection with Descriptions of Land, Contained in the Report of The Royal Commission of Indian Affairs.

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## KOOTENAY AGENCY.

### Lower Kootenay Tribe.

Application 10. Reserve No. 1-c.

Agent Galbraith asked that a piece of land, containing about 95 acres, and within Sections 31 and 32, Tp. 7, be added to Reserve No. 1-c; this land was not allotted by the Commission.

## LYTTON AGENCY.

Page 506, Application No. 91. On first line delete "Fish" and insert "Blue."
Application No.128. Delete 9 and insert 7.
Application No.129. Delete 10 and insert 9.

## NASS AGENCY.

### Tsimpsean Tribe.

Application 13. Tackuan Reserve No. 26A.

Lots 1129, 1130 and 1136 have been Crown Granted.

Lot 1137 or Fractional Mineral Claim No. 8, lying between the Indian Reserve No. 26 and Carney Lake contains about 1/2 acre or less of dry land. It would give the Indians access from the Reserve to the Lake, a distance in some places of six feet only.
The Mineral Claim expired on the 6th August, 1916, and the land has not been gazetted.

### Tsimpsean Tribe.

Applications 55 and 56. Reserves 38 and 39.

The blue print from which these reserves were allotted has been amended. The creeks have been traversed and the several timber limits have been gazetted though no survey of them has been made, nor posts planted. The two reserves have been ignored though sketch plans were sent to the Provincial Government on January 17th, 1919.

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Application 124. Reserve No. 40.

Surveyor General in communication with owners of Lot 6439 on which

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which this reserve is supposed to be.

Tsimpsean Tribe.

Application 129. Reserve No. 45

This reserve is on S.T.L. 5905P and S.T.L. 5885P, both of which were gazetted February, 1918. Allotted May 11, 1916.

Tsimpsean Tribe.

Application 130. Reserve No. 46

This Reserve is on S.T.L. 5904P. Gazetted February, 1918. Allotted May 11th, 1916.

Tsimpsean Tribe.

Application 132. Reserve No. 48.

Reserve on S.T.L. 5891P. Allotted May 11th, 1916.

Tsimpsean Tribe.

Application 152. Reserve No. 62.

By the description this reserve is not on Khyex River. (See Blue Print 19B.)

NEW WESTMINSTER AGENCY.

Seshelt Indians.

Application 79. Reserve No. 6A.

Lot 1269 contains about 560 acres. It was intended that the N.W. portion, about 80 acres, should be given to the Indians with another portion East of Klayekwim Reserve No. 6, making in all 140 acres.
The Commissioners made this allottment from the Provincial blue print which shows Lot 1269 contiguous to the S.E. corner of Indian Reserve No. 8. I (Ashdown H. Green) believe it is about 50 chains to the south of it.
The position of Reserve No. 6 is also indefinite and it may not be on the new reserves.
A sketch of the whole thing should be made on the ground. There is no copy of the New Westminster evidence in the office and possibly the land shown on the sketch is not what the Indians want.

Page 675, Application No. 33, "Glacier" not Glazier Creek.
Application No. 54, Lot No. 4429 and not P.R. No. 292.
Application No. 57, Delete the word "on" on first line.
Application No. 70, Lot No. 1577, not 1557; Timber sale X376 not X122.
Application No. 79, Insert "N.W. part of" before Lot No. 1269; delete "a small fractional parcel N," and "E" before Klayekwim Reserve No. 6.

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY.

Page 738, Application No. 11 "Dibrell Bay" not "Cohoe Point."

WEST COAST AGENCY.

Page 891, Application No. 20, Delete 33 and insert 34.
Application No. 33, Insert "Oke" before graveyard.

WILLIAMS LAKE AGENCY.

Alexis Creek Indians.

Application 45. Reserve No. 3

Lot 1238 has been surveyed by Mr. Coates, B.C.L.S., but as the applicants refused to pay for the survey the lot has not been gazetted and it is open. The Indians have cut hay on it for many years and it should be given them.

Page 935, Applications 15, 17, 18 &22, Tp. 43 not 23.

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OFFICE OF

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

P. O. Box 775

Victoria, B.C. 4th March, 1919.

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 3rd instant, reading as follows:-

"Have you copy of the report of the Royal Commission? If not "will forward one from Ottawa. Wish you to be in a position "to report on the recommendations of the Commission."

and my reply of to-day's date which read:

"I have copy of Indian Commission's report with corrections, "but no complete copies of the evidence taken. I wish you "would send me one copy of the evidence for each Agency at "it will be necessary."

You will note that I mentioned the word "corrections" In explanation of this I beg to say that when Mr. Ashdown Green was going through the report he noticed several instances where errors had occurred and I requested him to make notes of them as he went along and compile a statement of the same when he had finished. This he did and I am attaching herewith a copy of the same, which, nowthat the report is liable to receive consideration, I think it would be well to have printed and inserted in each volume to which they appertain. The Government of the Province should also be in possession of sufficient copies to be inserted in the 300 Reports which they received.

Noted in Report H. E.

In speaking of the evidence taken, I think I should be in possession of one of the complete official copies which were sent to Ottawa on 24th December, 1917. At the closing of the Commission five complete copies of the evidence taken in each

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each agency were bound up and three sent to the Secretary of State at Ottawa and two to the Provincial Secretary here. There were a few incomplete copies left but not for all the agencies and I retained some of these as I considered they might come in handy for reference purposes, and they have so far as they have gone.

I have a fairly good knowledge of what the Report contains, and think I will be able to deal with the matter.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

H. E. Detchevery

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Ottawa, March 3rd, 1919.

W. E. Ditchburn,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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D.I.A. Duncan C. Scott.

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W E DITCHBURN

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March 6th, 1919.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn -

In compliance with the request contained in your telegram of the 4th inst., I am today forwarding by Dominion Express a copy of the evidence taken before the Royal Commission. Only two copies of this evidence were sent to Ottawa so I would ask you to take the best care possible of the set I am sending you, and return it to me when you have finished with it.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Campbell Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Victoria, B.C.

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March 20, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th. and to say in reply that the question of Indian lands in British Columbia is receiving the attention of the Government.

Yours truly.

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C.A.G. Robinson, Esq., Sec.,
Indian Rights Association,
Hartley Bay, B.C.

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## CANADIAN INDIANS CONFER

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Canadian News Office

SARDIS, British Columbia—Indians from all over the Province held a meeting at Cheeachton, near here, recently, to take action in regard to the proposal being made frequently that certain Indian reserves should be turned over to the returned soldiers. Speaker after speaker protested against the suggestion that their land should be taken away from them. The land belonged to them, and in the war they were not behindhand in sending their sons to fight for the British flag. If power were given them, they might be willing to sell some of their holdings. They appointed Chief Billy Seepas and George Mathieson to go to Ottawa and lay their side of the question before the federal authorities.

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Hartley Bay B.C. Mar. 8/19

Mr Duncan C Scott
Indian Department
Ottawa Can.

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Sir,

Patiently waiting for so many years the pleasure of the Government with regard to the settlement of the Indian land question, I thought I had better write to you this letter on behalf of my people here asking you if the Government intends taking up the land question at this session? I have no doubt that this is the time to press the Government for the settlement of the Indian land question to the satisfactions of all concerned which all the Indian Tribes has been praying for so many years. May I ask your influence to see that the Government take up the land question at this session without any further delay.

Thanking you in advance for giving the Indians your best consideration by complying with our humble request in the name of Justice and Right - Trust that I may hear from you soon and oblige.

Yours faithfully

C. A. F. Robinson, Sec.

Branch
Indian Rights Association
of British Columbia

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE SECRETARY, DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Ottawa, March 22,1919.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Scott -

With reference to your request I beg to submit the following statement regarding Indian reserves reduced and cut-off within the Railway Belt.

There were 8 reserves reduced and 5 cut-off, as follows:-

Okanagan Agency

| | | |
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| Enderby Res. No. 2, reduced by | 1,680.00 | acres |
| Sicamous " " 3, cut-off | 201.00 | " |

Lytton Agency

| | | |
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| Seabird Island reduced by | 1,690.00 | " |
| Lytton Res. No. 27-B, reduced by | 79.97 | " |
| Boothroyd " " 5-B " " | 229.00 | " |
| Hope " " 1 cut-off | 10.50 | " |

Kamloops Agency

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|---|---|---|
| Kamloops Res. No. 1, reduced by | 380.00 | " |
| Switsemalph " " 3 " " | 480.00 | " |
| " " " 7 " " | 82.00 | " |
| Oregon Jack Creek " 5 " " | 330.00 | " |
| Unpukpulquatiun No.8, Cut-off | 6.53 | " |
| Meadow Res. " 3, " " | 60.00 | " |
| Scotch Creek Res." 4, " " | 2,105.00 | " |

Henry Fabien

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Ottawa, March 22, 1919.

J. F. Smith,

Indian Agent,

Kamloops, B.C.

Kindly give me immediately full report on agricultural possibilities for soldier settlement of Scotch Creek reserve, and portion of Oregon Jack Creek reserve and Meadow Reserve Number Three, cut off by the Royal Commission.

Duncan C. Scott.

Chgo. D.I.A.

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Dept. of Justice.

Ottawa, April 26th, 1915.

Dear Mr.Scott,-

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I see no objection to the 2nd stipulation, which, I should suppose, would govern as a matter of course.

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The 4th stipulation apparently has to do only with the definition of the authority by which the method of fixing the compensation is to be established. If it be necessary to legislate, of course there would be legislation; otherwise, I see no advantage accruing to the Indians by unnecessarily submitting the matter to Parliament.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Newcombe.

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The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for approval.

Rodolphe Boudreau.
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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1.- The Indians of British Columbia shall, by their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the Privy Council, decides that they have a title to lands of the Province, to surrender such title, receiving from the Dominion benefits to be granted for extinguishment of title in accordance with past usage of the Crown in satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered territories, and to accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, as approved by the Governments of the Dominion and the Province as a full allotment of Reserve lands to be administered for their benefit as part of the compensation.

2.- That the Province of British Columbia by granting the said reserves as approved shall be

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3.- That the Government of British Columbia shall be represented by counsel, that the Indians shall be represented by counsel nominated and paid by the Dominion.

4.- That, in the event of the Court or the Privy Council deciding that the Indians have no title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians shall be governed by consideration of their interests and future development.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

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COPY. FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO MR. LONG.

Government House,
OTTAWA.
21 September, 1918.

No. 784.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No.236 of the 5th June, 1918, regarding certain land claims of the Nishga Tribe of Indians in the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit, herewith, copies of two Approved Minutes of the Privy Council for Canada, which contain the decision of the Canadian Government on the matter in question. I also enclose copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice, dated the 26th April, 1915, which contains additional information.

19th June, 1915.
20th June, 1914.

I have, etc.,

(SD.) DEVONSHIRE.

The Right Honourable
Walter H. Long, M.P.,
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1. - The Indians of British Columbia shall, by their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the Privy Council, decides that they have a title to lands of the Province, to surrender such title, receiving from the Dominion benefits to be granted for extinguishment of title in accordance with past usage of the Crown in satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered territories, and to accept the finding of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, as approved by the Governments of the Dominion and the Province as a full allotment of Reserve lands to be administered for their benefit as part of the compensation.

2. - That the Province of British Columbia by granting the said reserves as approved shall be

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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be held to have satisfied all claims of the Indians against the Province.

That the remaining considerations shall be provided and the cost thereof borne by the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

3.- That the Government of British Columbia shall be represented by counsel, that the Indians shall be represented by counsel nominated and paid by the Dominion.

4.- That, in the event of the Court or the Privy Council deciding that the Indians have no title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians shall be governed by consideration of their interests and future development.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

(Sgd.) Rodolphe Boudreau.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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COPY. FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO MR. LONG.

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Government House,
OTTAWA.
21 September, 1918.

No. 784.

521086

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 236 of the 5th June, 1918, regarding certain land claims of the Nishga Tribe of Indians in the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit, herewith, copies of two Approved Minutes of the Privy Council for Canada, which contain the decision of the Canadian Government on the matter in question. I also enclose copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice, dated the 26th April, 1915, which contains additional information.

19th June, 1915.
20th June, 1914.

I have, etc.,

(SD.) DEVONSHIRE.

The Right Honourable
Walter H. Long, M.P.,
Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

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1621 Hutchison Street, Montreal,

November 19th, 1918.

Hon. Sir Thomas White,
Acting Prime Minister of Canada,
Eastern Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

521108

Dear Sir,-

On behalf of the allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia I am addressing this letter to you as acting Head of the Government of Canada and presiding officer of the Conference of Premiers about to be held.

Recently published statements of the Premier and Minister of Lands of the Province of British Columbia clearly show:-

1.- That under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act" passed in the year 1916 British Columbia proposes to administer, mainly for the benefit of soldiers, 2,200,000 acres of land which have been taken back by the Crown.

2.- That British Columbia is claiming ownership not only of lands, with certain well known exceptions, but also of natural resources.

3.- That British Columbia intends upon occasion of the coming Conference to ask that the lands known as the Railway Belt be handed back by the Dominion of Canada to the Province of British Columbia.

With regard to what I have above stated, I beg to request your attention and that of the Conference to the following facts and considerations:-

1.- That by their Petition which is now before His Majesty's Privy Council the allied Tribes are claiming that the Indian Tribes of British Columbia are entitled to tribal ownership of their respective tribal territories.

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2.- That in a report presented in January 1875 by the then Minister of Justice of Canada, (who soon thereafter became Judge Fournier of the Supreme Court of Canada), which was adopted by the Governor General in Council, it was declared that the land claims of the Indian Tribes of British Columbia are well founded and that they are entitled to an interest in the lands of British Columbia.

3.- That notwithstanding the declaration made in the report of the Special Commissioner presented in the year 1912 in pursuance of which the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia was appointed that "such further lands as are required will be provided by the Province in so far as Crown lands are available," the Legislature of British Columbia, while the report of the Royal Commission was being prepared, by the Act to which I have above referred dealt with the 2,200,000 acres of land above mentioned without any regard whatever to the rights and interests of the Indian Tribes.

4.- That according to the land claims of the Indian Tribes which are now before His Majesty's Privy Council British Columbia has no absolute ownership of natural resources, but on the contrary any such rights of British Columbia are subject to the Indian title which has never been extinguished, except in the case of a small part of Vancouver Island.

5.- That the allied Tribes are seeking to secure from the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council a judgment not only deciding what has been known as the Indian land question but also determining their foreshore rights, fishing rights, hunting rights, water rights, and other general rights arising from their Indian title.

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6.- That for the reasons stated the allied Tribes contend that the carrying out of the various proposals now being made would be beyond the power of the two Governments.

In conclusion, I beg to say that the position of affairs to which this letter relates will at the earliest opportunity be laid before His Majesty's Privy Council and will be relied upon as affording strong additional proof of the necessity of referring the Petition mentioned to the Judicial Committee with the least possible delay.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

A. E. O'Meara.

Counsel for the Nishga Tribe.

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Referred to Superintendent of Indian Affairs
R. Borden

Ottawa, November 21, 1918.

Dear Sir,

521105

On behalf of Sir Thomas White, Acting Prime Minister, I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of November 18th on behalf of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia which will be taken into consideration by the Government.

I have the honour to be,

Yours very truly,

Prime Minister's Secretary.

A. E. O'Meara, Esq.,
1421 Hutchison Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

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March 31st, 1919.

Dear Mr. Scott -

In compliance with your telephone communication of Saturday, I have pleasure in sending you herewith the Report of the British Columbia Royal Commission.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Campbell Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

P.S.

W. L. Scott, Esq.,
Barrister, Solicitor, etc.,
Ewart, Scott, Maclaren & Kelly,
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Ottawa.

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Mr D L Scott
Please return with any suggestions

Hotel St. Regis,
Vancouver, B.C.
8th February, 1919.

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Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Minister of Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

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March 31, 1919.

Dear Mr. Teit,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of statement of the Committee of The Allied Tribes of British Columbia dated the 5th February, 1919, and to say that the contents of same have been noted.

Yours truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J.A. Teit, Esq.,

Spences Bridge, B.C.

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Mr. Scott

FROM Province
ADDRESS Vancouver
DATE Mar 25/14

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
OTTAWA

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# INDIAN LANDS GOOD FOR SETTLERS

## F. W. Anderson of Kamloops Also Favors Taking Coldstream Ranch.

## Three Reports on Kootenay Flats Reclamation Before Committee.

## Dominion Government Is Asked to Embark in Trawling Business.

## Hon. T. D. Pattullo and Other Members on Rehabilitation Plans.

VICTORIA, March 22.—Two reports of the soldiers' rehabilitation committee of the Legislature, after explanation by Chairman G. G. McGeer, were adopted in the House Monday afternoon.

One report suggests that the Dominion Government be asked to embark in the trawling business, giving assistance to returned soldiers by means of employment on the trawlers and in the curing and marketing plants.

The other report refers to the desirability of settling up the southern and close-in areas of the province with soldiers, rather than placing them in more distant regions.

Speaking to the report on trawling, Hon. Mr. Pattullo said that the salmon industry would be a good one for the returned men if properly administered. Under the existing monopoly, the Fraser River had been depleted, he pointed out. In his opinion, with fishing thrown open to all, but at the same time properly regulated, the salmon should increase. He expressed his pleasure at the activity of Major Burde in seeking an investigation into the West Coast fishery situation and said that he thought there should be a full and complete enquiry into the whole question. He asked why could not licenses in the North be issued to returned soldiers. On the Skeena 350 would be issued to Japanese, etc., with 700 on Rivers Inlet and 350 on the Naas. Hon. Mr. Pattullo referred to the growing importance of Prince Rupert as a fishing centre, informing the members that no less than 400 fishing boats sailed out of that port.

**ACTIVITY DEMANDED.**

Major Burde expressed the hope that the province would be able to induce the Dominion to "wake up," for the federal authorities controlled an industry here which they apparently knew nothing about.

He paid a compliment to the "constructive genius" of Chairman McGeer of the rehabilitation committee. Mr. Pooley also took occasion to congratulate the member for Richmond upon the committee's reports. He suggested that measures be sought for the protection against trawlers of the fish-spawning beds. Pte. Duncan of Cowichan supported the report.

Hon. William Sloan said that trawling offered a wide field, particularly now that Ottawa controlled two through railway lines and would be able to handle shipments of fish all over the continent.

**EXPROPRIATION AT SUMAS.**

The land settlement report was also discussed at some length before its adoption by the House.

Chairman McGeer declared that there was at present an opportunity of getting a large number of capable and suitable returned men upon British Columbia lands. Referring particularly to the Sumas Lake area, he proposed that the private property there should be expropriated and cut up into sixty-acre lots.

Mr. F. W. Anderson of Kamloops told the House that there had been no politics in the rehabilitation committee. Speaking of the Kootenay flats reclamation scheme, he said that three reports on this project had been before the committee, but the reports all varied. He considered that the scheme should be carried out by Ottawa as it was an international project. He praised the Coldstream ranch property in the Okanagan as being a going concern practically ready for the returned men to go on. It comprised 4700 irrigable acres and 8000 acres of range land. There was 900 acres of orchard and 400 of hay.

**REVERSIONARY RIGHTS.**

Dealing with Indian reserves, he complained that there was little real information in the long report of the Indian commission. Everyone was agreed, however, that much of the reserve land in the province should be handed over to settlers. To this end it might be well for Victoria to give Ottawa reversionary rights in all cases where the Dominion Government proposed to buy reserves from the Indians for settlement purposes.

Lieut. MacKenzie spoke of the advantages of the Fraser Valley for soldier settlement.

Hon. Mr. Pattullo also discussed the report, giving the views of the department upon the subject.

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INDIAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

41 South Turner Street, VICTORIA,
2nd April, 1919.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.
Deputy Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA,

521449

Dear Sir,

I have many enquiries from the various Indian Tribes in this Province, with regard to the promised settlement of the land question. The general understanding among the Indians was to the effect that the matter would be taken up at the close of the war.

The new fishery regulations are causing a great deal of excitement especially among the Cowichans and the Indians in the north, on account of the weir, the scoop net, the spear, and the hook all being forbidden. From time immemorial the Indians have obtained their food by these instruments, and it does seem a hardship to rule them all out in a country which morally belongs to them. At the settlement of the land question all such matters could be set forth and proper regulations laid down; hence the necessity of expedition.

I suppose it is not necessary to inform you that Mr O'Meara is still to the fore, and has several agents collecting money from the Indians, under pretence of pushing the question through the Privy Council direct. I am trying to combat this delusion by telling the people that it can only go to the Privy Council on appeal, and that it must first be dealt with by the Dominion Government.

Kindly send me some assurance that the settlement of this long delayed, but nevertheless all-important question, is progressing toward final settlement.

Respectfully Yours,

C. M. Tate,
Secretary.

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Mr. Inglis
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April 12, 1919.

Reverend Sir,-

Insl.- I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd of April, and beg to inclose herewith a copy of letter, dated the 16th of December, 1918, signed by Sir Almeric Fitzroy, Clerk of the Privy Council in England, and addressed to Messrs. Smiths, Fox and Sedgwick, which was transmitted to the Government through the office of the Colonial Secretary; this contains the decision of the Privy Council with reference to the Nishga petition.

I cannot say that there has been any progress in the settlement of the main question, the British Columbia Government are still considering the report of the Commission, of which fact you are probably aware.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. C. M. Tate,
41 South Turner Street,
Victoria, B.C.

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from Kitwancool, March 15th.
P.O. Kitwanga S.R. B.C.

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His Royal Highness The Duke
of Connaught.

We the children of the Great White Empire, retain efectionate memories of the good Queen Victoria, and our ever-to-be remembered King Edward, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

We the native of this Great Country, wish to assure you of our loyalty to the Crown of which we are dutiful and humble subject, and we feel sure that when you have returned to the seat of the Government, and we hope that you will not forget us when you take your consideration and arrangement at the end of this great war, concerning the possession of your poor children in this ~~far~~ northern west.

sent our best regards to you.

Yours respectfully The Native of Skeena River.

Signed } Albert Williams, President of Kitwangaul.
second Stephen Morgan " "
S.B, house sect

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OFFICE OF
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
OTTAWA, CANADA.

file

10th April, 1919.

521631

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am submitting for your consideration a communication from Albert Williams and Stephen Morgan, Kitwanga P.O., British Columbia, as I am of the opinion this is a matter which comes within the purview of your Department.

I may say this communication was referred to me by the Under-Secretary of State on the assumption that probably its contents concerned this Department.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Minister.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, April 25th. 1919.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

What progress is Provincial Government making confirmation report Royal Commission.

Charge I. A.

Duncan C. Scott.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

OFFICE OF
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. 28th April, 1919.

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Sir,

Notes agm

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 25th instant, reading as follows:-

"What progress is Provincial Government making confirmation "report Royal Commission."

In reply I beg to say that I have had an interview with the Deputy Minister of Lands and learn from him that no further steps have been taken in this matter other than the passing of the "Indian Affairs Settlement Act" which gives the Lieutenant-Governor in Council power to deal with the report.

Since the prorogation of the Provincial Parliament a number of the Ministers have been absent from the city. It is expected that the Premier and the Minister of Lands will return in about ten days' time when it is probable that some further action will be taken.

Upon Mr. Pattullo's return to the city I will interview him personally.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Queen Charlotte Agency,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 60.15519
AND
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Masset, B. C., May 15th 1919.

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Sir,—

With further reference to the award of the "Indian Land Commission," awarding certain lands on "Langara Island" to the Masset Band of Indians, I beg direct the attention of the Lands & Timber Department to the enclosed applications to lease certain property on said island.

Parties requiring fishing rights, and water rights, are making application for lands on the said island, one of the Queen Charlotte group.

It would be advisable to inform the Provincial Lands Department of the Province of British Columbia of the award made of additional reserves, on this small island, in order that there will be no confusion in the future. It would be advisable to have surveys made.

Considering that the correspondence forwarded me is only for my personal inspection, it is my opinion that this matter should be taken up with the Provincial government from headquarters.

Your Obedient Servant,

Thomas Deasy

Indian Agent.

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
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# WELCOME TO RETURNED MEN BY ST. ANDREWS

**Enjoyable Time Spent Last Night By Sons of Scotland in Their Club Rooms.**

The St. Andrew's Society last night extended an official welcome to those members who have returned from overseas, and following out the custom, made a presentation to one who had returned with a Scotch lassie for a wife. There was a large attendance, so large that the gathering was held in the big hall. After a somewhat lengthy program of music and speeches, supper was served by the ladies in the rooms upstairs and following it was a dance which was kept up until Scotsmen's festive hours.

President Macdonald welcomed the men back on behalf of the society and mentioned that no less than 57 of their members out of 100 had gone overseas, and some would never return. He paid a tribute to the Scotchmen who, while not members, had made it possible for them to secure comfortable quarters, the best of their kind in B. C. Those who could not go overseas had felt it incumbent upon them to keep up the quarters in order to be in a position to welcome the members back. On behalf of the society he thanked those who had fought for them and for their families.

**Sergt. Kelly.**

Q. M. Sergt. Jack Kelly expressed his pleasure at being once more at home among friends and at finding the society more prosperous than ever. The news of how they were getting on at home encouraged them when at the front. They often met in groups over there and talked of the St. Andrew's Society. While Scotsmen were probably clannish, if everyone helped each other as they did it would be better for the world. Scotsmen had rallied to the flag, some of whom perhaps should have stayed at home. He had not thought he had so many friends in the world. The men at home had made it possible for him to go. The greatest worry had always been the possible answer to the question, "How are the folks at home?" He thanked the members for the way in which they had helped his family during his absence.

**Dr. Grant.**

Dr. Grant in mentioning the clannishness of the Scotchmen said there was no parsimony when it came to giving their lives for the Empire. They were always willing to support any good cause. The folks at home fully appreciated what the men had done. He spoke of the work of such men as Scotty Dennis, who in spite of severe handicaps, had helped to stop autocracy and were now home to help work out the problems here.

**Home Problems.**

Dr. Grant spoke of some of the problems of the present. There was the duty to the soldier who had gone and returned incapacitated, the duty to the widows and orphans, the re-establishment of the men in civil life. There was also the settling of the disturbance of civil society caused by the war. There was nothing to be gained by class division. The spirit of brotherhood must be shown in every walk of life so that every man might get his just due. He did not, however, believe in revolution but in evolution. At present all wage earners and he was one, felt the pinch of the high cost of living. He spoke of the large number of millionaires in the United States and of the extremes of wealth and poverty, giving a number of figures to illustrate the point. This made for discontent. The men had fought autocracy and he hoped they were come back to fight plutocracy. They should stand shoulder to shoulder to see that everyone got his just due. This could be done, not by dividing society but by the spirit of brotherhood on a religious basis.

J. C. Brady gave a short humorous address. He said that the world had changed when the men went away. The returned soldier philosophy he prophesied would permeate at home. He thanked the returned men for having fought on his behalf and on behalf of his household.

The presentation of an art reading lamp to Mr. and Mrs. Massie took place at the close of the supper.


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Tenders will not be considered unless made upon forms furnished by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

The engines may be seen on the inspection Launch "Wairondo" at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable, the Minister of Dominion Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10%) of the amount of the tender. War Bonds of the Dominion of Canada will be accepted as security, or War Bonds and cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,
E. P. GINGRAS,
Acting District Engineer.
Dominion Public Works Department,
Prince Rupert, B. C.,
April 23rd, 1919. F 14

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

WATER RIGHTS BRANCH
"WATER ACT 1914."

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE OF WATER

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, has been pleased to order:—

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 59 of the "Water Act, 1914" being Chapter 81 of the Statutes of 1914, that the reserve of the unrecorded waters of Refuge Creek, established pursuant to Order in Council No. 68, approved on the 7th day of January, 1919, be cancelled.

DATED this 17th day of February, 1919.

T. D. PATTULLO,
Minister of Lands.

WATER NOTICE
DIVERSION AND USE.

TAKE NOTICE that E. F. Duby, lumber manufacturer, whose address is care of Messrs. Patmore & Fulton, Prince Rupert, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use 500 c.s.f. of water out of Union Creek, which flows westerly and drains into Union Bay about at the head of said Bay.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point where Union Creek leaves Union Lake and will be used for power and incidentally industrial purposes upon the land described as District Lot Number 199, Cassiar District.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 3rd day of April, 1919. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

E. F. DUBY, Applicant.

The date of the first publication of this notice is April 11, 1919.

**WATER ACT, 1914.**
RIPARIAN RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that under the provisions of Section 6 of the Water Act, 1914, every riparian proprietor claiming any right to divert water or to the exclusive use of water for any purpose by virtue only of his being such riparian proprietor is required on or before the first day of June, 1920, to file a statement of claim setting forth the particulars of his claim. Such statements of claim shall be filed in duplicate with the Water Recorder of the Water District in which the water is diverted or used.

After the first day of June, 1920, no right to divert water or to the exclusive use of water for any purpose shall exist by virtue only of any ownership of land.

Forms of statement of claim can be obtained from the Water Recorders of the several Water Districts in the Province or from the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 11th day of March, 1919.

T. D. PATTULLO,
Minister of Lands.

**Notice to Advertisers**

Casual advertisements for insertion same day should be in the Daily News office before 10 a. m. Changes in advertisements should be on hand before 5 p. m. on previous day.

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, Recording District of Skeena, and situate on Langara Island.

Take notice that Norman Brodhurst, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation master mariner, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about 20 feet in an easterly direction from the S. W. corner of Lot 999; thence south 200 feet more or less to low water mark; thence northeasterly along low water mark about 4 chains to a point due south of the S. E. corner of Lot 999; thence north about 8 chains to the S. E. corner of Lot 999; thence southwesterly to this post and containing three acres, more or less.

NORMAN BROADHURST.

Dated May 7, 1919.

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, Recording District of Skeena, and situate on Langara Island.

Take notice that Hume B. Babington of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation master mariner, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about 8 chains in a southeasterly direction from the S. W. corner of Lot 998; thence south along high water 500 feet; thence west about 200 feet to low water; thence northwesterly about 4 chains along low water to a point due south of the S. W. corner of Lot 998; thence north about 8 chains to the S. W. corner of lot 998; thence southeasterly along high water to post and containing five acres, more or less.

H. B. BABINGTON.

Dated May 7, 1919.

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, Recording District of Skeena, and situate on Langara Island.

Take notice that Charles A. Coulson of Port Clements, occupation mariner, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about 3 chains west of the N. W. corner of Indian Reserve No. 16; thence north 10 chains; thence west 20 chains more or less to the West boundary of Lot 675; thence south 10 chains more or less to shore; thence easterly along shore to N. W. corner of Indian Reserve No. 16; thence east to point of commencement and containing 20 acres, more or less.

C. A. COULSON.

Dated May 7, 1919.

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, Recording District of Skeena, and situate in the vicinity of Indian Reserve No. 16, Langara Island.

Take notice that Clifton P. Riel, of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, occupation manager, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at northwest corner of Indian Reserve number 16; thence one hundred and fifty feet more or less in southwesterly direction to low water mark; thence 700 feet westerly along low water mark; thence northerly one hundred feet more or less to high water mark; thence easterly 800 feet more or less along high water mark to point of commencement and containing two (2) acres more or less.

CLIFTON P. RIEL.

Dated 5th April, 1919.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A FRESH CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 38, SECTION 5, CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT, (Map 923).

NOTICE is hereby given that it is my intention, unless valid objection is made thereto in writing, to issue, after the expiration of one month, from the first publication hereof, a fresh Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lots in the name of Ronald C. Ferguson, which Certificate of Title is dated 20th April, 1912, and is numbered 1253-I.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles.
Land Registry Office,
Prince Rupert, B. C.,
28th April, 1919.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" — and —

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT A. GRANT, DECEASED, INTESTATE.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honour F. McB. Young made the 17th day of February, A. D. 1919, I was appointed Administrator to the estate of Robert A. Grant, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 7th day of June, 1919, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

JOHN H. McMULLIN,
Official Administrator.

DATED this 1st day of May, 1919.


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**CURRIE HONORED**

The Senate of the University of Toronto has decided to offer the degree of L. L. D. to General Sir Arthur Currie. Sir Arthur has not intimated whether he will accept, but it is expected that he will. A special military convention is to be held next fall, at which this degree and others to other members of the C. E. F. will be conferred.

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## CANADIAN SCOTTISH, THEIR GREAT ADVENTURE ABROAD AND SERVICE TO EMPIRE

(Continued From Page One.)

left of the 16th and Generals Mercer and Williams were killed. The enemy advanced as much as three miles in some places, until stopped by the 7th, 10th, 14th and 15th Battalions. The 16th counter attacked on June 13 and recaptured all the territory which had previously been captured by the Germans.

The battalion proceeded to the Somme in September, 1916, and went over the top three times and suffered 1,260 casualties in three trips, being reinforced three times. For work on the Somme where he was killed Piper Richardson was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

**Helped at Vimy.**

From the Somme the battalion was ordered to the vicinity of Vimy Ridge and spent the winter in the trenches in that district. The capture of the ridge on April 9, 1917, is still fresh in the memory of all, where Cy Peck led the battalion with Piper Jimmy Grout who received the military medal for this exploit.

After a spell "in" at Hill 70 during the summer, the 16th went with the rest of the First Division to Passchendaele, which was probably the bloodiest battle of any in which the Canadian Corps took part. Heavy casualties was the rule in every battalion there.

From Passchendaele the Canadian Scottish were allotted to a sector of trenches in the Lens district. It was there that Lieut. Wilfrid Reddihough was killed, while bandaging a wounded comrade.

In the spring and early summer of 1918, during the German drive the 16th having been sent to stay the fresh attack, were in the trenches at Lens and Arras. They took their part in the British offensive at Amiens, which was the start of what is known as the Cambrai scrap.

**Hike to Germany.**

When Fritz was fairly on the run the battalion started on the long hike to Germany. About a month before the armistice was signed Rupert lost two more of her originals in Capt. E. O. Reitchel and Corporal Algy Hastings, so probably the first and last Rupert boys who made the supreme sacrifice were with the Canadian Scottish.

On arrival at Cologne the men just grabbed "Old Cy Peck" and packed him on their shoulders into the city.

**The Officers.**

The Sixteenth had three colonels, but Peck held the job down the longest, both his predecessors being made major generals. The Battalion has the unique record of having six V. C.'s on its roll, four of whom are alive. Among the notable officers who served in the 16th are Major General R. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., Major General Jack Edwards Leckie, D. S. O., Major R. O. Bell-Irving, D. S. O., killed in action, Major Godson Godson, D. S. O., Major J. A. Scroggie, Russian order of St. Michael and French Medaille Militaire, who went over as a private and who is now second in command, Capt. Tommy Brewer, M. M., who held every rank up to a captain, Captain E. O. Reitchell, "a brave and gallant gentleman," Lieut.-Col. Walter Flewin (48th Batt.) of Port Simpson, who was a private with Rupert's originals in the 16th, Lieut.-Col. William Rae, D. S. O., Lieut. Wilfrid Macdonald, who is now minus a leg, but with as big a heart as ever. The last of the "originals" from Rupert of the rank and file has recently returned in the person of Malcolm Lamb.

**Sports.**

In sports the battalion has always held up its end, winning the brigade football championship in 1917 and in 1918 No. 3 platoon won the Canadian Corps championship as the smartest platoon in the corps, every battalion competing for this coveted honor.

The regimental motto is "Deas Gu Cath," which means "Ready for Battle," a most fitting motto for a regiment with such a distinguished record as the 16th Canadian Scottish.

Smoke Players Navy Cut cigarettes, wrapped in tin foil.

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF RESERVE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over Lot 418, Queen Charlotte Islands, by reason of a notice published in the B.C. Gazette on the 30th of July, 1908, is cancelled.

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands.

Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
6th March, 1919. M 13

## MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY IS FEATURE PICTURE

**Splendid Production at Empress Tonight Based on Everett Hale's Book.**

A great six-reel Special Jewel production will be seen at the Empress tonight of the famous book by Edward Everett Hale "The Man Without a Country."

This peace-at-any-price believer is so annoyed at the insistance of his sweetheart and immediate friends that he do his bit that he damns the flag of his country and says he would like to be where he could never hear the name spoken again. Later he is tried for treason and the sentence imposed on him is that he be banished, never to hear of his flag or country.

For fifty-five years he is not allowed to see or hear anything from home. Before his death he prays night and morning for many years and asks to be returned

The uncle and aunt, who are pacifists, are convinced, although they are against war, that the country is for it, and they pledge their loyalty and support. The young man after reading "The Man Without a Country" is convinced it alludes to his case and immediately changes his views and joins the colors.

J. Robertson was among the arrivals from Vancouver on the Venture yesterday afternoon.

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**WATER NOTICE**
**DIVERSION AND USE**

TAKE NOTICE that Hume B. Babington, whose address is box 848 Prince Rupert, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use two cubic feet per second of water out of an unnamed stream, which flows south and drains into Houstung Bay, Langara Island, near the S. W. corner of Lot 998.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about twenty chains north of the S. W. corner of Lot 998, and will be used for domestic and steam purposes upon the land described as Lot 998, Queen Charlotte Land Disrtict.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 5th day of April, 1919. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

HUME B. BABINGTON, Applicant.

The date of the first publication of this notice is May 10, 1919.

IN PROBATE.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM McKENZIE LOGAN, DECEASED, INTESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN of an order made by His Honour, F. McB. Young, ocal Judge, in the above matter on the 25th day of April, 1919, as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that the said John H. McMullin shall be allowed to swear to the death of the said deceased as occurring on the 5th day of May, 1917, after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of notice of this order, unless in the meantime proof is furnished to the Registrar of this Court at Prince Rupert, B. C., that the said deceased William McKenzie Logan was alive subsequently to the said 5th day of May, 1917.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said John H. McMullin do publish notice of this Order in the Prince Rupert Daily News, a newspaper published at Prince Rupert, B. C., for a period of one month.

J. H. McMULLIN,
Official Administrator.

**NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.**
R. S. C. 115.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company hereby gives notice that it has, under Section 7 of the said Act deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry District of Prince Rupert at Prince Rupert, B. C., a description of the site and plans of car ferry slip and works proposed to be built in Prince Rupert Harbor at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, in front of water front Block "C."

And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will, under Section 7 of the said Act, apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa for approval of the said site and plans and for leave to construct the said works.

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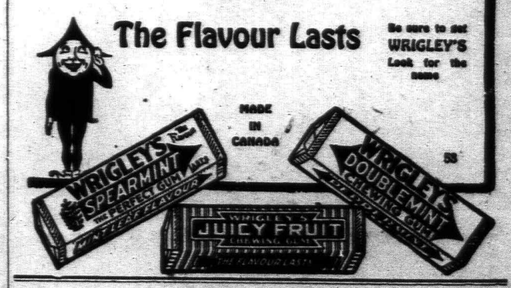


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June 17, 1919.

Inclosure.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

I am inclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Agent McAllan, and I would ask you to please endeavour to have some progress made with the Provincial Government in connection with the matter referred to therein.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE.

Prince Rupert, B.C.
June 17th, 1919.

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S.L.

Sir,-

524798

It will be noticed that Miss Capper has observed a change in the attitude of the Indians towards her. I would point out that this date Chief Timothy Derrick, of Aiyansh, Naas River, has left Prince Rupert for Vancouver and Spence's Bridge, B.C., where an Indian convention is being held in connection with the land agitation.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Charles C. Perry.

Indian Agent,

The assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Copy to W.E.Ditchburn Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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May 1919 Field Matrons Report Lakalzap

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Remarks

I notice a change in the attitude of the Indians this year. They do not seem so friendly as formerly. I cannot say that is personally directed toward the teacher and me. At the same time, they are less attentive when their help is required. We experienced some difficulty in getting transportation to and from Fisher Bay also there is a rumour amongst them that the Government is trying to take away their reserves.

(Sgd) P. Capper.
Field Matron.

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Mr Lemieux

Address - c/o Director of Records, O.M.F.C.
Oxford Circus House,
London, England.

25th. June, 1919.

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Dear Mr McLean :-

Certain Rulings have appeared from time to time in Canadian and Imperial Routine Orders dealing with the matter of Civil Servants, or former Civil Servants of Canada, now members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces serving Overseas, and as I am not quite certain as to my status in this respect, should be pleased to receive your ruling as to whether I am still considered by you as a Civil Servant, taking into consideration my length of service with your Department, where my work, as far as I am aware, met with every satisfaction.

No doubt you will remember my having been appointed on the Commission for Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia as Official Reporter from the date of its formation, which position I held until t the summer of 1916, when I received permission from the Chairman of the Commission (the late Hon.N.W.White) and Members to proceed Overseas as a member of the C.E.F.

This is the first opportunity I have had of bringing this matter to your attention, and as I am anxious to learn exactly what my standing is in the circumstances, I should be extremely obliged by your being so good as to let me have an early reply.

In all probability I shall be in Ottawa in the very near future when I hope to have the pleasure of calling on you and Mr Scott, the Deputy Superintendent-General, to whom I wish you would convey my kindest regards.

Trusting this finds you enjoying the very best of good health, and looking forward to again having the pleasure of seeing you,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Archie J. McArthur

To :
J.D.McLean, Esq.,
Secy Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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July 14, 1919.

My Dear Mr. McArthur,-

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo in which you ask with regard to your status as a Civil Servant.

In reply I beg to say that I very much fear your employment as Assistant Secretary to the Royal Commission would not be looked upon as giving the status of a Civil Servant.

The Royal Commission, as you are probably aware, has ceased to exist since some little time and I do not know of any of the employees who have been drawn into the Service.

I shall be very glad indeed to see you in Ottawa and trust you will accept my best wishes until I am able to give them to you in person.

Yours sincerely,

F. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

James S. McArthur, Esq.,
c/o Director of Records, O.M.F.C.,
Oxford Circus House,
London, England.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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OFFICE OF
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
BRITISH COLUMBIA

P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. 4th July, 1919.

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524083

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Indian Agent McAllan dealing with land applied for by the Uncha Lake Band of the Francois Lake Indians, which I learn by perusing the report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs is the southern half of Lot 887, Range 5, Coast Land District. The application is No. 14 and was not entertained by the Royal Commission as the land applied for was not available, it having been alienated by the Province. I note, however, in the evidence given by Indian Agent McAllan with regard to this particular application on pages 210-211 and 338-339 of the transcript that this band of Indians, eighteen in number, were living on this lot twenty-five or thirty years at least before the Royal Commission visited them and they have serveral houses with some fencing and cultivated patches of land.

I have laid the whole matter before the Deputy Minister of Lands of the Provincial Government asking that the purchase or pre-emption of Lot 887 be cancelled as it is quite apparent that the application did not show that the land formed part of an Indian settlement. I have asked that the southern half of this Lot shall be constituted an Indian Reserve for the Uncha Lake Indians.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, Aug. 6th, 1919.

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Sir;-

I should like to have, for the use of the Board, a copy of the report of the Commission regarding the British Columbia Indians, if the same is available. If the report is not ready, would you kindly let the Board have a copy when it will be?

Your obedient servant,

R Douglas
Secretary.

John D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy,
Superintendent General& Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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Mr. Jackson Sol. Gen. Ma. Gen. Rivers

8/8/19

Ottawa, August 7,1919.

Dear Sir -

Replying to your letter of August 6th, last, I shall be pleased to have a copy of the report of the British Columbia Royal Commission forwarded to you in due course.

Your obedient servant,

J D McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

R. Douglas, Esq.,
Secretary,
Geographic Board,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 9 August, 1919.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of a copy of the report of the British Columbia Royal Commission on Indian affairs.

Your obedient servant,

R Douglas,
Secretary.

J.D.McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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OFFICE OF
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. 25rd August, 1919.

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Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of 17th June with enclosure of a copy of letter from Indian Agent McAllan, referring to land applied for by the Uncha Lake Band of the Francois Lake Indians, under application No. 14 of the Report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs, being the southern half of Lot 887, Range 5, Coast Land District, I beg to say that after laying this matter before the Deputy Minister of Lands of the Provincial Government I have just received a letter from the Superintendent of Lands, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, stating that it is not now possible to meet my wishes, which were that the purchase of the southern half of Lot 887, Range 5, Coast Land District, be cancelled and constituted an Indian Reserve for the Uncha Lake Indians. A copy of my letter to the Deputy Minister of Lands is also herewith enclosed.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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File 33/270/K.

Office of
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.,
4th July, 1919.

Sir:-

When the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs visited the Uncha Lake Band of the Francois Lake Indians in the Stuart Lake Agency in November, 1915, an application was made for a new reserve of land comprised partly within Lots 886 and 887, Range 5, Coast Land District. The application was No. 14 and is to be found on Page 780 of Volume 4 of the report of the Commission. It was later amended to read "the southern half of Lot 887" as the Indian Agent stated in his evidence that it was on this piece of land which the Indians had always been living and was the home of the Uncha Lake Band. The Commission, however, were not in a position to entertain the application as the lot in question had been alienated by the Province, it being Crown Granted to a man named Steele, notwithstanding the fact that the Indians were in occupation at the time and had houses and other improvements on the land.

Attached hereto are excerpts fromthe transcript of evidence taken by the Royal Commission dealing with this particular application which goes to show that the Indians have been living on this lot for twenty-five or thirty years before the Commission visited them. Mr. Indian Agent McAllan, who is a very reliable officer, states that there are eighteen Indians in the band and have three houses, some farming implements and small patches of cultivated land as well as some fish drying places.

I may say that the powers of the Commission were not sufficiently

G.R.Naden, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Lands,
Provincial Parliament Bldgs.,
Victoria, B. C.

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sufficiently wide to permit of their dealing with cases of this nature and such new reserves as they recommended were to be allotted from the open Crown lands of the Province.

It is quite apparent that your Department was not placed in possession of the necessary information showing that the land did form part of an Indian settlement when application was made to pre-empt or purchase Lot 887.

From the evidence you will see that a great injustice has been done to the Indians of this band in alienating the land which they have always considered as their home and I therefore respectfully beg to recommend that you will give this case your most serious consideration, after which, I trust you will see your way clear to cancel the purchase or pre-emption of the said lot and allow the southern half of the same to be constituted as an Indian Reserve for the Uncha Lake Indians.

Your obedient servant,

Enclosure:-

(Signed) W. E. Ditchburn.

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Extract from Evidence of W. J. McAllan, Indian Agent, given before Royal Commission of Indian Affairs. Pages 210---211 and 358---359 of Transcript, Stuart Lake Agency.

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Q. Now coming to Item No. 14 on the tabulation, I notice you have an application there---Is the description given in that item No. 14 sufficiently clear to enable the Lands Office here to identify the pieces that are required?

A. Yes, quite, but I would make a recommendation here---I think that description (examining tabulation) should be amended. After visiting the place personally and seeing the improvements, I find that all the improvements are on Lot 887, when I put the application in first I did it from the Indian's sketch that he gave me without consulting a map---there are no Indian improvements on Lot 886---They are all on Lot 887, and if it could be amended to read the south half of Lot 887, that would cover the whole of the Indian improvements.

Q. You would strike out all reference to Lot 886 and apply for the S. 1/2 of Lot 887?

A. Yes.

Q. What Indian improvements are on that property?

A. Two or three houses and stables and a little fencing and some cultivated land---probably an acre in extent.

Q. This Uncha Lake Band of the Francois Lake Tribe are not in the Schedule, are they?

A. No.

Q. Is this location that we are dealing with now the main home of the Uncha Lake Band?

A. Yes, it is the main home of the Band.

Q. I notice, according to the tabulation, this is Crown Granted to a man named Steele?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know when the Crown Grant was issued?

A. When I put in my application, I think it was an application to purchase.

Q. Do you know how long the Indians occupied that piece of land at Uncha Lake?

A. I should say 25 or 30 years anyhow, and possibly longer.

Q. If it were available what is your opinion as to the granting of that land mentioned in Item No. 14?

A. I think it should be secured to them if available.

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With regard to the larger part of my applications, they are apparently clear and available. There are, however, a few instances, where I claim that lands applied for have been alienated contrary to the express provisions of the Land Act, and in other ways, and if the Commissioners have not power to investigate these claims, I am trusting that the applications will not go by default, but that the Commissioners, if they think favorably of the same, and are not able to grant them for reasons stated, will refer them to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa for investigation and action. I refer to three or four particular cases as follows: Lot 457, Range, Francois Lake, where these is undisputed evidences of long Indian residence. Two families live here, and it has been an Indian habitation for probably half a century. There are two houses, a barn and a graveyard, also an Indian clearing of about five acres and a little cultivated land. (This refers to Item 55

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on the tabulation). Refering to Item 14 in the tabulation, we have the case of the Uncha Indians on the south half of Lot 887, where the Indians have lived for many years and have no other lands. There are 18 Indians involved--they have three houses, some fencing, small patches of cultivated land and some fish-drying places, and the place abounds with evidence of long Indian occupation.

Then there is the case of the S.E. quarter of Lot 440, Range 4, which has been used as a hay meadow by the Indians for probably twenty or twenty-five years, and since it was staked by Mr. Loring in the Fall of 1905, it has been considered by the Indians as a Reserve, and several improvements have been made thereon--these would consist of clearing up the meadow, some fencing, a house and some stack yards for putting up their hay. There are one or two more cases similar to the above, but I refer to these as being the more serious. In two instances at least it might be necessary for the Provincial Government to evict the Indians before the owner can be given possession, and if the Indians were to resist eviction a very serious and depressing situation would develop.

It might be charged that the Indian Agent was not doing his duty to allow these lands to be so alienated. My defence is the clause in the Land Act which specially exempts "Indian settlements or parts of Indian settlements." For, and especially in the case of Indians who have no reserves granted to them, wherever they live must be their settlements, and I think that the Land Office is conceding that point now, as I understand their surveyors have recently been instructed to cut out Indian settlements and improvements when surveying land.

I did make a very strong protest in the case of the southeast quarter of said Lot 440 when it was under application to purchase, which reads as follows:-

Fort Fraser, B.C., June 22, 1912.

"W. Allison, Esq.,
Government Agent,
Hazelton, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to apply in the name of the Department of Indian Affairs, for the S.E. quarter of Lot 440, near the east end of Cotsa Lake, to be held in trust for Cheslatta Indians.

This quarter section is correct location of Indian Reserve Cheslatta No. 6 on Pre-emptor's Map, and Mr. Loring's signature is plainly visible on post but original notice is now undecipherable. This location was staked by Mr. Loring in the Fall of 1905, and has been continuously used as a hay meadow for a great number of years. Very great injustice will be done the Indians if this location is not secured to them."

The above communication was replied to under date of July 24th 1912 to the effect that the land "was not available as the whole of Lot 440 was covered by an application to purchase in the name of Flora B. Rolfe." I may further state the lot has since been Crown Granted.

I again say that these are special cases which call for serious consideration and action.

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(COPY).

Department of Lands,

Provincial Parliament Bldgs.,
Victoria, B. C.,
August 12th, 1919.

Sir:-

Please Refer to File No. 406/09.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th ultimo, in the matter of an Indian claim to Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District.

In reply I have to inform you that the said Lot was acquired by purchase in the name of Charles E. Mahon in the year 1909 and payment in full was made therefor and Crown Grant issued to the applicant on the 9th of June, 1914.

From your remarks I gather that this Lot was subsequently purchased by a man named Steele. It would therefore appear that the original applicant has parted with his interests therein, and that being the case it would not now be possible to meet your wishes in the matter. Even though the land still remains in the name of the original applicant, I doubt if the Department could at this date dispossess him and set the land aside for the Indians.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. Cathcart.

Superintendent of Lands.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector
Indian Agencies,
Box 775,
Victoria, B. C.

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OFFICE OF
CHIEF INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
BRITISH COLUMBIA

P. O. Box 775
Victoria, B.C. 7th July, 1919.

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Sir:-

I beg to inform you that recently when writing to the Comptroller of Water Rights with reference to the application of the Provincial Government for the purchase of a portion of Osoyoos Reserve No. 1 in the Okanagan Agency in closing my letter I stated that the only difficulty I could foresee arose from the fact that the Government of the Province had not seen fit up to that time to adopt the report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs. I informed him that I was saying this for the reason that the Department might be disinclined to take any action dealing with Indian reserves until the report of the Commission had been confirmed and asked him to draw this matter to the attention of his Minister as I hoped that this might have the effect of expediting matters. Shortly after this I received a letter from the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, from which the paragraphs below are quoted.

"With reference to the last paragraph, in which you refer to the Report of the Royal Commission not having been confirmed by the two governments, I beg to point out that we have already indicated to Ottawa that we are prepared to confirm the reservations which were recommended to be confirmed by the Royal Commission, leaving the matter of cut-offs and additions for future adjustment.

"In a letter which I received from the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, he stated it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Indians to any cut-offs, so that in any event it seems necessary that the cut-offs and additions must be a matter for adjustment."

Bill No. 17, being "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature is herewith enclosed, though I sent you a copy of this same Bill on the 22nd of February. This provides for further negotiations being entered into with regard to the cut-offs and the additional reserves.

I am of the opinion that the best manner in which this question can be brought to a conclusion would be that correspondence should be opened between the two Governments with regard to the new reserves and also the cut-offs. I do not think we can go any further than to assure the British Columbia Government that we will do everything possible to see that the spirit of sub-section (a) of Section 2 of the Agreement of 1912 is carried out. There may be some cases where the Indians will refuse to surrender the amounts of land recommended to be cut off, but generally I think they will surrender more especially if they are assured that they will receive 50 percent of the cash proceeds of the sale.

If you wish me to take up this work I could make a start by asking that all the new reserves recommended by the Commission should be confirmed, dealing with each Agency separately, though I am inclined to believe that it would be better that the correspondence should be opened up from Ottawa, after which I would be pleased to attend to any of the details.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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# Commission of Conservation

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Sir Clifford Sifton
CHAIRMAN
James White
ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY HEAD

Ottawa, Canada. September 4th, 1919

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Dear Mr. Scott:

I am anxious to obtain two copies of the report in four volumes of The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Is distribution being made from your Department or by the Commission ?

Yours faithfully,

James White

Assistant to Chairman

D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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September 5,1919.

Dear Mr. White -

I have your letter of the 4th instant, and in compliance with your request I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover two complete copies of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. This report has not yet been made public and it is understood that these two copies are for your personal use.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

James White, Esq., F.R.S.C.,
Assistant to Chairman and Deputy Head,
Commission of Conservation,
Ottawa.

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*Norley F. Tunbridge, B.A. (Oxon.)*
*Solicitor, Notary Public*
*Conveyancer, etc.*

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*Penticton, B.C.* September 2, 1919.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Parliament Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir:

I am interested in Indian matters in the province here, and I would be much obliged if you would be so good as to forward me a copy of the report of the Indian Commission which investigated into conditions in British Columbia a few years ago.

If the report is not issued from your department, would you be so good as to hand this letter on to the proper department.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

N. F. Tunbridge

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Ottawa, September 9, 1919

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant in which you ask to be supplied with a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

In reply I regret to say that this report has not yet been made public, and therefore the Department has no copies available for distribution.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

N. F. Tunbridge, Esq., B.A.
Penticton,
B.C.

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# Commission of Conservation

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Sir Clifford Sifton
CHAIRMAN.
James White
ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY HEAD

Ottawa, Canada. September 6, 1919

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Dear Mr. Scott:

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Order in Council of 27th. November, 1912.

P. C. 3277.

"Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Royal Highness, the Governor-General on the 27th. November 1912.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated the 26th. October 1912, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, submitting an Agreement entered into by Your Royal Highness' Special Commissioner and the Honourable the Prime Minister of British Columbia respecting Indian Reserves in that Province, together with a report of the Commissioner.

The Minister of Justice to whom the said report was referred, observes that the agreement contemplates the constitution of a Commission with certain powers, and confirmation of the proceedings of the Commission by the two Governments;

That the statutory authority of your Royal Highness in Council to constitute this Commission is to be found in Part 1 of the Enquiries Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, Chapter 104, and it appears to the Minister that in view of the Statutory provisions the proceedings of the Commission must be subject to approval.

The Minister of Justice, therefore, advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provision which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can become effective providing that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained, the acts and proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments, and that the Governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the Commission, with a view to give effect, as far as reasonably may be, to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

The Committee concurring, advise that a copy hereof approving of the agreement subject to the aforesaid modification be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia for the information and approval of his Government.

The Committee further advise that, as the British Columbia Indian question has been the subject of communications from the Colonial Office, Your Royal Highness may be pleased to forward a copy of this Minute to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

All which is respectfully submitted for approval.

(Signed) Rodolphe Boudreau,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Minister of Lands.

Victoria, June, 10,1919.

The Honourable the Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I wired you from Fairview, referring you to letter which we had sent on the 20th. of May to the Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies here with reference to a certain area of land adjacent to the large tract which we own in the South Okanagan and which we are developing.

Your Chief Inspector here, in reply to that communication, views our proposition favourably. He suggests that the only difficulty that he can foresee is that some question may arise by reason of the fact that the Joint Report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs has not been confirmed by the two governments.

You will recall that we have already intimated to your government that we will confirm any reservations which were recommended to be confirmed by the Indian Commission, leaving the matter of additions and cut-offs to be adjusted.

You will recall that I wrote you some time ago, asking whether or not it would be necessary to get the consent of the Indians to the cut-offs, and you replied that it would. Hence it is apparent that the question of additions and cut-offs must necessarily be a matter for negotiation and adjustment.

I would be very much obliged if you could give an early decision in respect of this piece of land in the South Okanagan as it is our desire to push through the project as rapidly as possible.

Faithfully yours,

T. D. Patullo.

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Dear Mr. Pattullo,-

June 20, 1919.

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Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo,
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DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

Memorandum,-

June 20, 1919.

Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Incl. I beg to send herewith a draft of a letter I propose to send to the Hon. T. D. Pattulo, Minister of Lands, Victoria, B.C.

At the last session of the British Columbia Legislature the Government was given power to deal with the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. Hon. Mr. Pattulo now says that they are willing to allow the reserves that were confirmed by the Royal Commission, leaving the matter of " additions and cut-offs to be adjusted". By these terms additions and cut-offs he means the setting apart of new reserves, adding land to reserves which had previously been constituted, and abolishing reserves or reducing their area.

In my letter I make the suggestion that the British Columbia Government should pass an Order in Council, accepting the report of the Royal Commission so far as the confirmation of reserves is concerned, and that representatives of our respective Governments at Victoria should be empowered to investigate the matter.

In Chief Inspector Ditchburn we have a highly capable officer, who understands conditions in the country, and who is of a conciliatory temperament; this method, of course, would not entail any expenditure of public funds, and would be a practical way of harmonizing our present differences.

I would ask for your approval of my proposal.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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July 17, 1919.

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Auguat 11, 1919.

Memorandum,-

Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Re Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia:-

Incl. I beg to send herewith a reply by the Department of Justice to the questions submitted by me, pursuant to your instructions on the above subject. I think we should be guided by this information, and obtain legislation at the approaching Session.

I had already drawn the attention of the Department of Justice to what appeared to me an objectionable feature of this provincial legislation, the Justice Department had communicated with the Attorney General of British Columbia, pointing this out, and the Deputy Attorney General replied in effect that it was not contemplated to act without mutual decision by the two Governments. I do not see how we can agree to anything which falls short of legal surrender by the Indians, as agreed to between Sir Richard McBride and Mr. J. A. J. McKenna.

I think the precautionary note at the close of Mr. Edwards' letter is wise.

The Provincial Government has stated that they are willing to confirm the reserves and want more time to consider the reductions and the new reserves. I do not think we ought to make any agreement until we come to a balance on all the divers questions.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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July 18th. 1919.

Dear Sir,

As you are no doubt aware a joint commission was appointed by the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province of British Columbia to investigate Indian affairs in that province ~~by Order in Council~~ The Dominion Order in Council was under date of the 27, November 1912 and later an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council was passed by the Provincial Government. The Order in Council was based upon a Memorandum of Agreement between Dr. J. A. J. McKenna and the Hon. Sir Richard McBride of the 24th. September 1912, copies of these instruments are attached hereto.

The Royal Commission reported to the Governments on the 1st. July 1916 but their report has not been accepted or confirmed by either Government. At the last session of the Provincial Legislature an Act was passed enabling the Provincial Government to deal with the Report. This Report confirms certain reserves, restricts the area of others and sets apart new reserves from the Crown lands of the Province. The Minister of Lands for the Province has stated that his Government is willing to accept the Report of the Commission in so far as the confirmation of the reserves is concerned, the matter of the additions and cut-offs to be adjusted.

Before giving consideration to his suggestion I would ask to be favoured with your opinion as follows:-

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Yours sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. Stuart Edwards, Esq.,
Acting Deputy Minister
of Justice,
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And whereas by Orders in Council subsequently made by the respective Governments of the Dominion and the Province the said Agreement was approved, subject to the further provision that, notwithstanding anything in the said Agreement contained, the acts and proceedings of the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the two Governments, and that the Governments agree to consider favourably the reports, whether final or interim, of the Commission, with a view to give effect as far as reasonably may be to the acts, proceedings, and recommendations of the Commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with the object of carrying into execution the settlement provided....

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And whereas a Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia was duly appointed for the purpose of carrying out the said Agreement:

And whereas the said Commission has since reported its recommendations as to lands reserved and to be reserved for Indians in the Province of British Columbia, and otherwise for the settling of all differences between the said Governments respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs generally in the said Province:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the "Indian Affairs Settlement Act."

2. To the full extent to which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may consider it reasonable and expedient, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may do, execute, and fulfil every act, deed, matter, or thing necessary for the carrying-out of the said Agreement between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province according to its true intent, and for giving effect to the report of the said Commission, either in whole or in part, and for the full and final adjustment and settlement of all differences between the said Governments respecting Indian lands and Indian affairs in the Province.

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Hon. Minister of Lands.

# BILL.

No. 17.] [1919.

An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia.

Preamble.

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Power to carry on further negotiations if found necessary.

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On the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

Wednesday Feb 19, 1919

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

Ottawa, August 9th, 1919.

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The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

August 11,1919.

Important

NOTE : -

Hon. Mr. Meighen.

As Hon. Mr. Oliver proposes to see you Tuesday morning, I think it would be advisable for you to read the attached memorandum before the interview.

Incl.

Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

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Have it returned

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Mr. Mitchell,-

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I beg to refer you to memorandum of the 11th of August, last, which I made to the Hon. Mr. Meighen, with reference to the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. With that memorandum, I forwarded him a letter from the Department of Justice, which does not appear to have been returned. As this is a very important letter, and I think it should be on the files of the Department, I would appreciate it if you would look it up, and, if there is no objection, return it to me.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

September 30th, 1919.

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Sir,- I have the honor to report for the month just closed as follows:-

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The so-called Indian Land Question is being fomented, and there is quite a stir on the Nass River, where a large mass meeting of Indians from far and wide and near was called for the 29th September, on which date, Rev. A.E.O'Meara was to be present to present some further phases of the situation.

During the Fair a large mass meeting of Indians was called in the Salvation Army Hall. This was well attended, and the Indians voiced their grievances, real and imagined, and agitators warmly denounced the Government and the white men in general who were held to have usurped their rights. It would seem to be most desirable to have these questions dealt with as expeditiously as possible, as I am informed the feeling is growing stronger in this connection amongst the Indians.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Charles C. Perry.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Copy to Inspector Ditchburn,
Victoria, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
SOUTHEASTERN INSPECTORATE

VERNON, B.C.

Nov. 3rd, 1919.

*File*

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Sir:

In further reference to your letter of March 4th, 1919, regarding Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, might I ask for copy of portions of the Report dealing with the Reserves of the Babine and Nass Agencies, as formerly constituted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

OK'd

A. Megraw
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, November ~~15th, 1919~~.

Dear Mr. Megraw,-

Replying to your request of the 3rd instant I am sending you herewith copies of that portion of the Royal Commission on the Babine and Naas Agencies. These have been taken from a report which had already been mutilated.

Yours very truly,

D.C.Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

A.Megraw, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vernon, B.C.

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Daily News, Prince Rupert B.C.

Friday, November 21, 1919.

# INDIANS HOLD BIG CONFERENCE HERE

## All Tribes Unite in Support of Claim in Connection With Lands of Province.

There was held in Prince Rupert on November 17 and 18 a conference between representatives of the Indian tribes of British Columbia allied in support of the petition of the Nishga tribe now before the Privy Council in England, and the united tribes of B. C. consisting chiefly of Tsimpshean and Kitikshean tribes.

To the Indian tribes of British Columbia and particularly to those of the northern coast, this conference was of outstanding importance as it resulted, not only in the settlement of differences which had existed for a number of years between the Nishga and neighboring tribes, but also in the alliance of the two organizations through a resolution passed, by which the United tribes pledged themselves to support the allied tribes in carrying forward the Indian case, until either they have obtained a judgment of the judicial committee of the Privy Council or the governments have arrived at a basis of settlement with them.

George Matheson of Sardis, B. C. was chairman of the conference and some of the northern places represented by delegates present at the conference were Kincolith, Greenville, Port Simpson, Meanskinisht, Kispiox, Hartley Bay, Kitimaat, Kitkatla, Kitlobe, China Hat, Kitselas, Kitsumgalum, Kitwengool.

### The Petition.

The Nishga petition is a direct petition presented by the Nishga tribe to the Privy Council in the year 1913 for securing independently of the governments a decision on the land question. Ever since 1915 the interior Indians have been allied with the Nishgas and have actively helped them. At the conference held in June, 1916, between the allied tribes and the Indian Rights Association the Nishga petition was accepted as a test case for all the Indian tribes of British Columbia.

In carrying on their agitation the allied tribes have been helped by the "Friends of the Indians of B. C.," the "Social Service Council of Canada" and the Aborigines Protection Society" of London, England.

### Act Independently.

There has been prolonged discussion between the Allied Tribes and the Government of Canada with a view to agreeing upon an arrangement for referring the Nishga petition to the judicial committee and afterwards to secure an adjustment of foreshore rights, fishing rights, hunting

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75 Madison Ave.
Toronto Nov 15th 19.

Chas. C. Perry Esq.
Indian Agent
Nittakatta - B.C.

Sir:

I have the honour to request you to kindly favor me the name and address of your most educated Indians in each one of the bands in your agency who would be capable of conducting correspondence intelligently; one in each band would be quite sufficient.

Your early reply is respectfully solicited and in anticipation I beg to tender you my thanks in advance.

Yours most respectfully
D. O. Lofft

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

SKEENA RIVER AGENCY,

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 776
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

November 28th 1919.

530016

Sir,—

Mr. Scott
Mind giving information

I have just received the enclosed letter from a Mr. F.O. Loft, of 25 Madison Ave., Toronto, requesting to be furnished with the names and addresses of the most intelligent of the Indians of this agency with a view to correspondence with them. I have not replied to the letter, thinking it best to forward the same to you in order that something may be ascertained as to the man's reasons for desiring to communicate with the Indians.

I have a suspicion that it is in connection with a series of meetings that have been held by Mr. O'Meara, Mr. Tait (of Spence's Bridge) and a Mr. Matheson, with the Indians of this district in connection with the "Land Question".

I am attaching hereto a newspaper cutting which may be of interest, and would inform you that meetings have been held in this city in the undertaking parlours of Haynor Brothers, situated in a back street. Indians from the Nass and Skeena rivers and from other places have held several gatherings here, as well as at Aiyansh, on the Nass River, during the past two months.

Duncan C. Scott, Esqr.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA. Ont.

Mr.

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Mr.O'Meara has in his possession the volumes of the report of the Royal Commission,which he appears to have been carrying around for the information of the Indians. The latter have informed me of their knowledge of the proposed cut-offs,and have informed me that Mr.O'Meara stated in a meeting that had it not been for his timely intervention the cut-offs would have been effected by the Government.

The Indians of Metlakatla attended the meetings for the first time since the agitation began; and the meetings have had the effect of making the Indians more suspicious of the intentions of the Government than ever.

I have been informed that at a meeting held here during the Fall Fair,Mr.O'Meara asked the Indians for $35,000.00.

I have also been informed that Rev.J.B. Mc Cullagh,Missionary at Aiyansh,on the Upper Nass, has consented to act as official printer to the organisation of Mr.O'Meara. He has a printing press in the village where he acts as missionary. This, in my opinion, should not be allowed. You asked me in a letter dated August 17th,1916,to let you know if I found Mr.Mc Cullagh showing his hand.This I now do.

(on 5-9335 5A)

I will await your reply before answering Mr.Loft's letter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Perry

Indian Agent.

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December 11,1919

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, inclosing a letter received from Mr.F.O.Loft, of 25 Madison Avenue, Toronto, I have to inform you that it is not considered advisable that you should give the information asked for therein.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

C.C.Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Indian Agent's Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C., Dec.1st,1919.

Sir,-

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I have the honour to submit herewith my official diary for the month of November and beg to report as follows,-

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On the 15th I had an interview with the Rev. A.E. O'Meara, legal adviser to the Allied Tribes of British Columbia and closely connected with the agitation now carried on among the Indian Tribes for the possession of their ancestral land rights. Mr. O'Meara was accompanied by Mr. Tait, of Spencer's Bridge,B.C., who is actively co-operating with him, and also the President and Secretary of the Nass River Indian Land Committee. The main purpose of the interview was to ascertain the disposition of the 'Gitsault' Indian Reserve, now in question. This information I was unable to give.

I might here draw the attention of the Department to the unsettling effect this continued agitation is having upon the Indians. Within the last two months several meetings attended by delegates from the several Indian Tribes, have been held at Prince Rupert and also on the upper Nass for the purpose of discussing and furthering the aims of the land question. More tribes are being drawn each year into the agitation and the general effect of this continued unsettlement is most unsatisfactory. In many ways it is gradually undermining the loyalty of the Indians and creating a spirit of suspicion and distrust among them regarding anything that may be done to further their interests. The prevailing idea being to let everything remain as it is until the "land question" is settled. I need not point out that so long as this state of mind exists, all progressive movement is handicapped and hampered. Knowing them as I do and having the advantage of being able to speak to them in their own languages I feel that an early solution of this vexed question would be in the best interests of the present as well as the future welfare of the Indians.

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W.E.Collison,
Indian Agent.

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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, December 19th, 1919.

MEMORANDUM:

Hon. Mr. Meighen - 531179

I am enclosing herewith for your perusal a file of recent correspondence with reference to an Act of the British Columbia Legislature to provide for the adoption of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

At their last session the British Columbia Legislature passed three acts in which this Department is interested. One was to amend the Placer Mining Act and another to amend the Provincial Mineral Act. Since these acts were passed we have amended the Indian Act giving the Governor General in Council power to make regulations in conformity with the British Columbia acts and regulations, and these regulations have been sent to Council for adoption, so that there is no objection to allowing the two acts mentioned to go into operation.

With reference to the third act, there has been some discussion between the Deputy Minister of Justice and the Deputy Attorney General of British Columbia. The objection which I raised to the act was that it gave British Columbia power to negotiate directly with the Indians. I put my objection pretty strongly to Mr. Newcombe in the last sentence of my letter of August 14th. and there I also objected to the provision enabling British Columbia to confirm the agreement in part. The Deputy Attorney General in his letter of the 21st October brushes aside these objections, and before writing Mr. Newcombe again I would ask for your views.

I think it very doubtful whether we can get British Columbia to amend their Act. You will remember that when I reported on Mr. Patullo's proposals I was favourable to allowing confirmation of the report with the exception of six reserves which they wished to reconsider. For the sake of arriving at a settlement I had abandoned the position that we must have complete confirmation of the report. I do not know whether you agreed with my suggestion but if you did we could hardly object to the passing of an act which would make possible what we wish to accomplish.

We cannot press matter further
It is a responsibility of the Justice Dept
(sgd) A. M.

I propose to lay before you very shortly a draft bill to enable our Government to accept the Report of the Royal Commission. The Department of Justice has said it will be necessary to obtain statutory authority and advises us to follow the lines of the British Columbia Act.

OK
A. M.

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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January 7th, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to attached correspondence being your file No. 1186, dealing with certain legislation of the Province of British Columbia, I have to state that I have nothing further to add to the remarks previously made. On submission of the papers to the Hon. the Superintendent General he advises me that we cannot press the matter further.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General.

E.L. Newcombe, Esq., C.M.G., K.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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March 26, 1920.

Dear Mr.King,-

Incl. I have pleasure in inclosing herewith, with the compliments of the Honourable the Superintendent General, a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, in four volumes.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon.W.L.Mackenzie King, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA
Leader of the Opposition

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Ottawa, 26th March, 1920.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Honourable W.L.Mackenzie King, to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours respectfully,

Lucien Gigère
Private Secretary

Mr. Duncan C.Scott
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

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GENERAL SECRETARY,
REV. T. ALBERT MOORE, D. D.

GENERAL TREASURER
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518 WESLEY BUILDINGS, 299 QUEEN STREET WEST
TORONTO ONTARIO CANADA

March 31st, 1920.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General
Indian Affairs,

Parliament Bldgs., Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Many thanks for your kindness in forwarding me a copy of Bill No. 13, and also the Report of the Royal Commission. They have all come duly to hand, and while the report is very voluminous, I am sure it will be of great assistance in regard to consideration of matters relating to the Indians of British Columbia.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Yours faithfully,

T. Albert Moore

General Secretary.

M/IW.

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Fox Stuart Lake Agency

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Fort Fraser Mar d12 191 9

Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter of March 4 with that portion of the Royal Land Commission's report which deals with this Agency.

I beg to say I will examine the report in the next few days and will then advise you fully on the matters mentioned in your letter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. M. Allan

Ind. Agt.

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General
Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Kamloops, B.C.,

March 14, 1919. 191

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No.
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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department Letter under date of the 4th inst., accompanying detailed report of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, on the Kamloops Agency. Having gone carefully over particularly that portion dealing with the reduction of the several Reserves named, I beg, therefore, to submit my report on the same. On the outset I beg to say that with the possible exception of Meadow, No. 3, and Scotch Creek No. 4, of the Little Shuswap Band, it would seem that the Commission went out of their way to engender serious bad feeling and trouble among the Indians on whose land they have recommended reductions. This is particularly true in regard to the Kamloops Reserve No. 1. Any attempt at its reduction, especially at the points marked out, is sure to cause serious trouble. It is observed that the portion of the Reserve selected to be cut out is directed to start from the northwest corner of the Industrial School Grounds, thence running west 116.00 chains to the banks of the North Thompson River, thence South to the junction of the said river with the South Thompson River thence up the said river along its right bank to the southwest corner of the Industrial school ground. This area, which is estimated to contain 380 acres to be cut off of the Reserve. If this recommendation is acted upon and carried out forcibly, it would be an act which would inflict serious losses as well as great injustice to Indians who have not only lived on the

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Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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the land but have worked it to my knowledge, for the past thirty five years. This Indian, Eli Lareau, who is now Chief of the Kamloops Band, would be turned off the land on which his dwelling, stables and outhouses are located, to begin life again at some other point, as the enclosure will take in all his buildings, his fruit trees, garden and his hay and grain fields. Besides him, there are Loo Leonard who cultivates a ten acre plot, half in grain, half in hay; Maggie Duncan, a hay field of about ten acres. Old Bob, five acres, meadow hay; Alex Phillip about five acres hay meadow, and Phillip Thoma fifteen acres below the long bridge, swamp hay. In addition to these, last summer, I allotted 30 acres to Allan G. Laviguer, a returned Indian Soldier, and ten acres to Alec Leonard. With the exception of the forty acres allotted to Allan G. Laviguer and Alex Leonard, for which preparations are being made to bring it under cultivation this summer, the holdings of the Chief which comprises about one hundred acres; Loo Leonard, Maggie Duncan, Old Bob, Alex Phillip and Philip Thoma have all been in continuous occupation and worked annually for a number of years past. This plot of land (with the exception of Phillip Thoma, which is west of the long bridge) are all east of the wagon road leading from the Bridge andfrom which considerable hay is secured annually. The land west of the wagon road is included in this cut off, is a continuous sand dome and alkali land down to the North Thompson River. Down at this end, however, it will include the dwelling and outhouses of Johnny Leonard, which are situated on the west side of the road referred to above, and within a short distance from the banks of the North Thompson River. Aside, therefore, from the unsightly and most objectionable cut-off of the face of the Reserve, it will turn all the Indians I have named off the land on which some have lived and others have worked for years. It appeals to me as being such a gross injustice that I do not think, after the Department is in possession of the facts

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facts of the situation that it would entertain it for a moment. Why deprive the Indians of a tract of land on which there is a possibility of getting a moderate supply of water from their present water supply for growing their crops, and which can now be brought under the influence of the hydro-electric pump? The Indians of the Kamloops Reserve could utilize to good advantage every acre of cultivable land on the Reserve if there were sufficnent water to moisten their growing crops. As it is today, the older heads have patches here and there where they can catch a little water with which to irrigate. On account of this disability, the younger men have to wait until the older ones die off before they can come into possession of a piece of land where water is available for growing crops. The proposed cutting off of this tract of land on which a moderate supply of water is available each year, must necessarily further complicate matters. Thequestion which arises in my mind is where are these people to go? There is no more land on the Reserve for which water can be had from the present source of supply. In conclusion I beg to say that the areable land on the Kamloops Reserve, if water was to be had for all of it, would not be in excess of the needs of its population, and in consequence of the very limited supply of water that the area under cultivation is infinitely inadequate to their present or future needs.

While I cannot put up such a strong case against the reductions recommended for the Switsémalph Reserves at Salmon Arm, yet from their nature, it is evident that outside influence has been at work. I am sure that the Indians of the Adams Lake Band will not give their consent to the reduction proposed for the Switsemalph No. 7, which at present contains 313 acres. This Reserve is now occupied by two families. The portion proposed to be cut off has been in occupation of a young family for the past three years, who have cleared a large proportion of its standing stumps and grew splendid crops of grain and vegetables last year. It is figured that as all the available land on the

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the Sahhaltkum Reserve is now fully under cultivation by the older heads in which there are several in the family, making it imperative for some of the younger ones to branch out and occupy available lands at other points on their Reserves, as a result of a few of the young men who have got married, have secured locations on each of the Reserves belonging to the Band at Salmon Arm. One on No. 7, with his wife and child have cleared in the neighbourhood of five acres on which he raised crops last year. In addition to this family about twelve acres of this land have been under cultivation for years by the late Chief Narcisse, who erected a frame two storey dwelling stables and outhouses thereon which since his death have been occupied by his widow and grand daughter who have continued the cultivation of the land, aportion of which, and all the land of the other are included in the cut-off, to which, I am sure, strenuous objections will be met with as at least one quarter of this Reserve is swamp land which is kept flooded by the Shuswap Lake during the summer months. The recommendation does not appeal to me as being a just one. On No. 6, there are two additional young families who had no holdings on the Sahhaltkum Reserve who have located here, in addition to the one family who has lived thereon for several years. I am not sure that the jutting point proposed to be cut off (except for its standing timber) will affect them a great deal. In any case it will not interfere with any of their clearing or buildings, hence would be doing no injustice to any individual of the Band.

Switsemalph No. 3, of the Neakainlith (Halaut) Band, containing 1258 acres, and from which it is proposed to cut off 480 acres, leaving 778 acres, on this Reserve there are forty five souls, comprised as follows: Two families of three persons each, 6; four families of four each 16; two families

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of six each; 12; Twp couples 4; and seven singles; 7; 45 all told. This population of 45 people who have made their homes on this Reserve will left ~~to~~ with 778 acres, an average of a little over of 17 acres per head. Although the area marked out to be cut off is at the back of this Reserve and will not interfere with any improvement, yet I do not consider that the 1258 acres is any too large for the needs of the Indians who have made their homes on it.

The cutting off of the Scotch Creek Reserve No. 4, of the Little Shuswap Lake will not work any hardship on any of the Indians, they having, several years ago, cut off nearly all of the valuable timber there was on this Reserve. They have not attempted to make any use of the land since I have been in charge of this Agency, it being too far up the Shuswap Lake to be conveniently handled by them.

Meadow No. 3, up to two years ago, no use was made of this small Reserve. The past two years, it has been rented to Mr. George Chase, who paid $40.00 the first year to the Chief. Mr. Chase cleaned the meadow that year and cut the hay. Last year he paid $50.00 for the hay, which amount was paid over to the Chief for the use of the Band, therefore there are liable to be strenuous objections by the Indians to the elimination of this Reserve although they themselves have never made any attempt to make any use of it, until it was cleared off by Mr. Chase.

The cutting off of 330 acres from Oregon Jack Creek Reserve No. 5, which contains at present 1043 acres, I think the remainder is ample for the needs of the two families who are residing on this particular Reserve.

The serious objections are, ~~therefore~~, recorded against any interference with Kamloops Reserve No. 1, Switsemalph No. 7 and Switsemalph No. 3 of the Adams Lake and Neskainlith groups . . Under existing conditions, Uppukpulquatum No. 8, Nicomen Group is of no value.

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I am exceedingly pleased and feel grateful for the consideration given to the needs of the North Thompson Band in the allottment of 640 acres of pastural land to them, which was very much needed, also for the enlargement of Zoht No. 5 Reserve by an addition of 900 acres.

I trust that I have been able to give the Department a clear view of the situation, and the effect of any reduction of the Kamloops Reserve No. 1, the Switsemalph Reserves Nos. 7 and 3.

I will be glad to answer any direct questions concerning any of the Reserves in this Agency.

Your obedient servant,

John H. Smith
Indian Agent.

JFS/S.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Prince Rupert, B. C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. R. C.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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14th March 1919

520899

Sir,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter of the 4th inst/ together with the report of the Royal Indian Commission respecting the Naas Indian Agency. I will go thoroughly into the matter in accordance with your request and write you again as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent,

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Alberni, B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

March 14, 1919

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Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 4th., to-gether with report of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the province of British Columbia dealing with this Agency.

Reporting thereon, would say that all the additional Reserves asked for by the Indians in this Agency and wherever the application was on vacant land, it was allowed by the Commission. There were a few beyond the bounds of reason and which I could not recommend. In all cases the applications were for fishing stations, and I asked for small acreage, five, ten and twenty acres. As for the reduction of the two reserves, namely Seashaht Res. No. 1, reduction 240 acres and Numukamis, Ohiaht Res. No. 1 reduction of 600 acres, although I do not altogether believe in reducing these Reserves, yet I feel that while the Indians of this Agency are fishermen, there is no advantage of there holding so much land uncultivated.

I would however, strongly recommend that these lands be held until such times as land becomes more valuable. Of the fourteen reserves there were six surveyed and would ask that the others eight be surveyed this summer.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Deputy Supt. Gen.
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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New Westminster, B.C.

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March 15th, 1919. 191

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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., with a copy of that portion of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, which deals with New Westminster Agency.

I have carefully perused it and note particularly the portions dealing with additions to and deductions from reserves, and after studing the requirements of the Indians, I am of the opinion that their needs for new reserve lands have been fairly met with by the findings of the Royal Commission.

As to the reductions and cut-offs of reserves, would say that the 130 acres taken from the Kapilano Indian Reserve No. 5 of the Squamish Band, is of very little use to the Indians for agricultural or other purposes, as the land is badly cut up by the Kapilano River which flows through it, and is subject to freshets, changing its course almost every summer, destroying new land and leaving the old channel nothing but a bed of gravel and boulders. The value of this land is in its close proximity to the City of Vancouver, and its adaptability for Industrial Sites, being fronting on the salt water and having the Pacific Great Eastern Railway running through it. At the time the Royal Commission visited this Reserve the Indians of this Band consented to this cut-off.

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The Reserve containing 19.71 acres, being three blocks in the City of New Westminster has not been used by the Indians for many years, except a small block bounded by 4th Avenue on the north, 15th Street on the East and the Fraser River on the South and West. On this block there are two houses, which were, until a year ago, occupied respectively, by an indian woman, named Agnes, a widow, and a half-breed, named Vianna, a widow with a large family. The half-breed woman is now dead and her children are in the care of the "Children's Aid Society", and the indian woman has left for some place unknown to me. If this Reserve is sold the Owners of these houses should be compensated for their improvements. If this were done I am of the opinion that no- injustice would be wrought on the Indians by the cutting off of these Reserves.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Peter Byrne

Indian Agent.

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Indian Agent's Office

Fort Fraser P.O. March 17/19

Sir.-

Referring again to your letter of the 4th inst marked "Confidential" re the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. I beg to say I have examined the report and in regard to your enquiry would say as follows.-

Begin

ADDITIONS TO OR NEW RESERVES- On page799 it[illegible]31 for the Francois Lake Band Lot No 748 Range 4 Coast Dist. containing 320 acres more or less. I wish to say that this Lot was never applied for either by myself or any Indian and futthermore that it is a rock mountain and utterly useless as a reserve and should not be accepted on any account.

On page 801 item No 93 the reservations of trail right-of-way of 66feet and 5 acres at landing place are incorrect here but are correct and applicable to item No 95 on same page.

On page 804 item No 171 the description in the original application reads "Northwesterly from Nazco I.R." evidently a typographical error now has it read "Northeasterly from Nazco I.R." in the report. This places the reserved land ten miles distant from that which was intended should be reserved.

DEDUCTIONS FROM RESERVES- On page 798 the Nahl-quo-nate or Blackwater Reserve No 2 is given as cut off. I think this decision is not in accordance with the wishes of the Indians resident there. An att-

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was made to get Blackwater Jimmy(the only family living on No 2) to move to Umliisle, No 4, where he could be attached to the Stony Creek band and have the other three Reserves sold. Jimmy did journey to Stony Creek and see if the Indians there would agree to take him in to their band but he was told he was too lazy and they wo uld have nothing to do with him. But he did agree to sell Reserves No's 1,3, and 4 and it is my impression that I advised the Commissioners accordingly but I could not be certain of this.

LANDS APPLIED FOR BUT NOT GRANTED- On page 779 item No 7 ,W½of Lot 558 R.5 Coast D. for Decker Lake band. Considerable Indian improvements on S.W. corner this Lot.

On page 780 item No 12 also 13 and 14 Indians are residing on these lands 13 & 14 and I would strongly advise that the recommendations of the Commissioners in respect to No 12 be undertaken and an enquiry called for as to why these and other lands upon which Indians were living were alienated directly contrary to the provisions of the B.C.Land Act (Chap 30 Sec 5) . Eighteen Indians are involved in the item No 14 application and the tragedy of the situation consists in the decision of the Commissioners which awards them two small islands in Uncha Lake as fishing places while denying them the place on the mainland where they were born and raised. Of what use will the Islands be to them if they are evicted from their present ~~xxxxxx~~ habitations and if evicted where are they to go to?.

Page 781 Item 33- similar case to the preceeding one but only one family involved.

Page 783 Item No 51 - This represents the original

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Cheslatta application No 6 staked and applied for by Indian Agent Loring in 1905 and reapplied for by me June 22 1912 notwithstanding all of which it is now marked Crowngranted to Flora B. Rolfe.

I may say I made a special appeal to the Commissioners in regard to these applications in a letter dated Nov 27 1915 which says among other things the following.- "I might say that when the Commission "was formed I,and the Indians generally were of the "opinion that the Commissioners had much larger "powers and would be prepared to deal finally with all "questions regarding lands. It is only recently we "learned differently. With regard to the larger part "of my applications they are apparently clear and "available. There are,however, a few instances where I "claim that lands applied for have been alienated "contrary to the express provisions of the Land "Act and in other ways,and if the Commissioners "have not power to investigate these claims I am "trusting that the applications will not go by de-"fault,but that the Commissioners , if they think "favourably of the same and are not able to grant "them for reasons stated, will refer them to the "Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa for invest-"igation and action. I refer to three or four " particular cases as follows.- Lot 457 R.4 Fran-"cois Lake etc.etc."

With the remainder of the report I have no fault to find.

Kindly advise me at your earliest opportunity what can be done for those Indians mentioned who are

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living on or using land which the Commissioners found was alienated and they were unable to grant as reserves.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. W. Allan.

Ind. Agt.

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Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.

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No. 450. 19

KOOTENAY

FORT STEELE, B.C. MAR 27 1919.

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Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th March, marked confidential together with a portion of the Royal Commissioner's Report on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia which deals with this Agency, and requesting me to make an examination of it and note particularly additions and deductions from reserves.

In reply I beg to say, that as the Commission made no recommendation as to deductions I have only to deal with the additions.

St Mary's Reserve. The Commission recommended that an addition of 1280 acres be made to the reserve. What the Indians expected was land on Marks or Lutes Creek that had been logged off, but it was found that this land had or was sub-divided for settlement purposes, and was not available so the Commission gave in lieu thereof, land some four or five miles from the Reserve on Cherry Creek, as there is snow on the ground at present I have not been able to make an examination as to its value, but hope to do so later.

Columbia Lake. On this reserve 2960 acres is the addition recommended, as the land is on the mountain slope, it can only be used as a pasturage for cattle and horses, and its value for farming purposes is nil.

Shuswap Reserve. The additional land amounts to 1940 acres and is known as Dry Gulch and runs into the mountains and is only useful as a stock range, and contains no arable land.

Lower Kootenay. The additions recommended by the Commission are as follows No. 1. 365 acres 1 acre recommended by the late Mr. J. R. Farrell and confirmed by Commission, 1300 ac. No. 2. 200 ac. No. 3. 130 ac. No. 4. 195 ac. No. 5. 350 acres. Total 3660 acres.

These additions are bottom or overflowed land and have been squatted on by the Indians for years, and upon them they have built dwellings, cattle sheds and barns and have put up some fencing, and when the final surveys are made they great care must be taken so as to

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include these within the area given to the Indians,

In addition to the above and since the Commissioner's report a Reserve has been put upon 100 acres of land at the Ferry Landing, which has been used by the Indians for years and was in some way overlooked,

There is no doubt, that the late Mr Vankoughnet's recommendation and selection was best for the Indians, as the land was quite back of the old reserve and is marked on the Map "Yellow" The Commissioner confirmed his finding, but it was found afterwards that it was held by Timber Leases in perpetuity,

I regret to say, that the Indians are not at all satisfied with the lands assigned for their use and last season during hay cutting showed that they were determined to give trouble and opposition, and I am satisfied there will be dissatisfaction and friction between them and the White settlers, until they realize and understand that they have been fairly dealt with.

Should you require further information I will be pleased to give it,

Your obedient servant.
R. L. Fitzwilliam
Indian Agent.

D. C. Scott Esq.
Deputy Superintendent General
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Kootenay,
Fort Steele, B.C., Mar.27, 1919.

Sir,-

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Lower Kootenay. The additions recommended by The Commission are as follows, No.1A, 365 acres; 1B, 1215 acres, recommended by the late Mr.A.W.Vowell and confirmed by Commission, 1200 A.c; No.2., 200 A.; No.3, 130 A.; No.4., 195 A.; No.5. 356 Acres; total 3660 acres.

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Your obedient servant,

R.L.T.Galbraith,

Indian Agent.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Bella Coola B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 271/E
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

March 25, 1919.

521337

Sir,—

Confidential

Referring to your letter of 4th. instant, I have the honor to state that the Detailed Report for the Bella Coola Agency prepared by the Royal Commission has been received and carefully examined.

The only deductions of area were made at Ulkatcho, and the land detached has been personally examined by me, and declared to be of no value to the Indians. They were given other valuable areas in return.

In the coast section of the Agency no changes were made with the exception that some bands were given additional reserves. The land allotted, in most cases, has, at present, only sentimental value to the Indians. The coast Indians are fishermen, and only very small parts of the reserves will ever be cultivated.

Your obedient servant,

Ivor Tougner.

Indian Agent.

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Deputy Sup't General,
Dep't of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Lytton, B. C.,

March 29th, 1919

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

521312

I have your letter of March 4th, marked confidential, together with that portion of the report of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs dealing with this Agency, which you ask me to go through carefully and report to you as to whether I consider the findings of the Commission in regard to reductions in certain areas having been judiciously made.

I certainly think they have, but of course this is not the view taken by the Indians, as they hate the idea of any land being taken from them, even though they may have been given far more in other parts which was asked for by them.

In regard to Seabird Island, this deduction will I think be taken very kindly by the new Seabird Island Band, provided they are given some of the proceeds in order to improve their farms, which are so heavily timbered that it takes a lifetime to make a farm in this area without money.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. Graham
Indian Agent.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

H.E.B

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OFFICE OF

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VERNON, B.C., March 30, 1919

Sir,-

In obedience to instructions contained in your letter of March 4th, I beg to report that I have gone over the detailed report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs and noted carefully the work they performed in reviewing and, in a measure, re-apportioning the reserves belonging to the various bands of the Okanagan Agency. This examination of the Commission's report has not on my part been done in any hurried or haphazard manner, but every minute of decision has been carefully studied and checked with other data which I have, and in the light of my own personal knowledge of local circumstances.

As result of this examination I must say that in the few isolated instances of where small and comparatively unused reserves have been cut off, this has not been done without good grounds, and no valid reasons apparently can be advanced in any case in objection to the decisions arrived at.

On the other hand in the case of the thirty-four reserves that have been confirmed unchanged, it is seen that the Commissioners have in many instances been generous and broad-minded, and have refrained from disturbing existing conditions when a narrower spirit might have prompted them to cut and carve. The two main cases in which material reduction in the size of reserves has been made, are those of Penticton and Westbank. When we examine the case of Penticton we find that on the census of the year taken by the Commission, the per capita acreage was 286.3 which is abnormally high, for on the basis of five members to a family it would mean 1431.5 acres to each head of family, whereas 80 acres per family

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family was the highest claim made by the Federal Government on behalf of the Indians , but not agreed to by the Province at the time it was made. The portion proposed by the Commissioners to be cut off in this instance is 14060 acres of the northeast corner of the reserve, which, with the exception of a strip of good bottom land along the lake shore, is land that is practically uncultivable without an adequate supply of water. It is also seen that the valuators attach no value whatever to 10989 acres of it, although I think it should have some value as spring and fall pasture range. Out of this portion recommended to be cut off, there is of course the 564.55 acres comprising the Dominion Experimental Farm. The temper and disposition of the Penticton band of Indians offers little hope that they will consent to any arrangement for cutting this off, although in view of the fact that it has never been made any use of by them and is held of so little worth by the valuators and they have already received almost $8000.00 for the portion of it used as Experimental Farm and will have still remaining 34119 acres after this and the two timber reserves Nos. 2 & 2a are cut off, or still a per capita acreage of 189 acres remaining, it is difficult to see where they would have much ground of complaint as compared with any other Indians in the province.

In the case of Westbank this band as compared with Penticton would appear to have much greater ground for complaint. The Commission found them with a total acreage of 3238 acres or a per capita acreage unstated in the Table A but in all probability not exceeding 60 acres per capita, as against Penticton's per capita acreage of 286.3 acres. Yet the amount proposed to be cut off Tsinstikeptum or Westbank No. 9 is 1764 acres

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acres, or over 54 per cent of their entire holding and bringing their present per capita acreage down to 21.05 acres as based on the present population of 70 given me by the Indian Agent, while Penticton Indians are seen to have been left still with a per capita acreage of 189 acres. Of course the water situation at Westbank would be a dominating factor, and most of the ground marked to be cut off would be useless without water, while if by making an advantageous disposal of the 1764 acres marked to be cut off an abundant supply of water could be obtained for the 1474 acres remaining to them, their position would be bettered. But unless there is some definite plan in this regard, I think the minute of decision affecting No 9 reserve at Westbank should be re-considered and revised.

Of the other few reserves marked to be cut off, like Swan Lake, Long Lake, Okanagan Mission, Dog Lake, and the reserves at Wolf Creek on the Similkameen, the areas involved are so small and the need of them so difficult to see that there does not appear to be any good reason for their retention for Indians who already fare better in their land holdings than those of any other Agency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Megraw,

Inspector of Indian Agencies

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

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VERNON, B.C. 521390

File

March 30, 1919

Sir,-

I beg to submit report in reference to my examination of the detailed report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in the Okanagan Agency.

I am now examining the Williams Lake report, but will be at some disadvantage in checking up the various minutes of decision owing to limited local personal knowledge of the circumstances in each case.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. McGuire
Inspector of Indian Agencies

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Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,
Kwawkewlth Agency
Alert Bay B.C.

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Sir,—

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th enclosing that portion of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs which refers to the Kwawkewlth Agency.

I have looked this over very carefully and find that on the whole the allotment of lands is fair and ample, but there are two items to which I particularly would like to draw your attention.

On Page 429 in dealing with the confirmation of reserves the Commission allot Quinsam Reserve No 12 to the Wewayakum Band while it has always been recognised as belonging to the Wewayakay or Cape Mudge Band and I am of the opinion that if this is not altered it will cause considerable dissatisfaction amongst the members of the Cape Mudge Band. You may remember that I recently got an appropriation from the funds of the Cape Mudge Band to assist in putting a road from the Main waggon Road to this reserve and four members of the Cape Mudge band are preparing to go on this reserve and commence farming operations.

I have gone very carefully into the history of the Indians themselves on the question of ownership and the

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facts of the case are that formenrly the Wewayakum band lived at Green PointReserve . Old Captain John Quackeistala had a mother who was of the Wewakaum band and he was brought up partly by the Wewayakay and partly by the Wewayakum Indians. He called some of his mothers people to come and live with him on the Campbell River reserve and became their chief. The reserves on Vancouver Island originally were located for the Wewayakay band but on account of the Wewayakums having been called there and lived there for some years the Cape Mudge Indians made them a deed of gift to the Campbell River Reserve which arrangement was assented to by the Department but it was distinctly understood at the time that the Quinsam Reserve was not included in the gift.

I notice also that there has been little additional land given to the Klawatsis Band who will only have a total of 0.77 acres pper capita . This is not sufficient land for their requirements. The report on this matter will be found on page 380 of the report. I trust that some arrangement will be made to secure additional land for this band.

Your obedient servant,

Tom Halliday

Indian Agent.

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**KOOTENAY**

FORT STEELE, B.C.

APR 2 1919.

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Re Lots 8019 & 8020.

Sir,

In connection with my letter of the 27th March 1919 No. 427, the following information I obtained from the Government Agent at Cranbrook, about the addition recommended by the Royal Commission on Indian Lands for British Columbia.—

A. Morris Reserve, I am enclosing your letter of the 29th ult. I beg to state that Mr. Kennedy, the late pre-emption Inspector tells me that Lot 8019 is practically useless except for pasturage. The ground there is rising rapidly and is very sandy and stony.

Lot No. 8020. is a much better section, Meadow Brook School House is built on the North East corner and the North half of the lot is agricultural land, in fact the most of this could be made use of.

There is a section reserved for Indian purposes which was divided up into 80 acre lots. This I think covers on Lot 8020 on the south-east, I believe this is good agricultural land.

Signed
H. A. Mathieson.
Govt. Agent.

Your obedient servant.
R. L. T. Galbraith
Indian Agent.

The Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
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Ottawa.

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Queen Charlotte Agency,

Masset, B.C., March 27th, 1919.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th instant, marked "Confidential," with reference to that portion of the Report on the Indians of the Province of British Columbia, dealing with the Indians in the Queen Charlotte Agency, submitted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

Made a thorough examination of same, and find, in my opinion, that the Indians have been given additional land, in this Agency; but it must be remembered that their quota will advance the per capita for the Agency to only 6.44 acres. " The alienation of the lands applied for antedated the official applications therefor," in many instances; but it must be noted that, in almost every instance, no use is made of the lands, which are principally held for speculative purposes, even if the holders have complied with the requirements of the Provincial Government.

The Skidegate Band refused to deal with the Royal Commission, in any way. In placing before the Royal Commission the claims the Indians made for "New Clew," I considered the personal application of a few Indians.

Considering that the Haida Indians are fishermen, annually garnering a harvest from the sea, I am more concerned in the privileges they should enjoy in the restricted areas in this neighbourhood. So long as the Haida Indians retain their present mode of living, and environment, the sea will remain their means of livelihood, and their large output of fish will be marketed for the use of mankind. Fishing out their small streams should be guarded against.

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Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
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It was principally for that reason that I staked and asked for lands at the mouth of streams, which would give the Indian a right to reside there, and keep off "poachers," during the "spawning" season.

I do not expect that the Indians will be satisfied with the decision of the Royal Commission. Until their "alleged grievances" are settled, they will continue dissatisfied, and in making demands. It is plainly apparent that no Haida Indian ever has been, or ever will be, a farmer. All they possess, they made from the sea-all they ever will possess, whilst they live in a "communistic" manner, will be made from the products of the water. Give them, and guard, fishing privileges, and they will be of service to themselves and to the world at large. They are merging into Whites, far more rapidly than many imagine. They are nearer the stage of "self-support" than any others of the "race." They are overcoming their isolation by the introduction of gas-driven boats, and the proximity to cities and towns. The stage has arrived when the Indians of these islands are able to care for themselves, in the way of making a living; but their "unmoral" customs and environment are against their further advancement.

It is useless to discuss the question of disposing of any of the lands apportioned them. The value of lands in this neighbourhood, at the present time, is so low that little could be obtained from the sale of any.

The fishing rights, on the Yakoun and Jalun rivers as mentioned in the Report, is misunderstood by the Indians. Are they allowed to fish in the rivers mentioned at any time, for "commercial purposes," or only for "domestic purposes?" The "siene-net fishermen" cast their "seines" off the mouth of a river, and catch the fish intending to spawn therein. The Indians

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own no "seine nets;" but they, with White and Japanese fishermen, use the cannery "seine nets," and are paid a certain sum, per fish, delivered to the waiting cannery scows. Our rivers are small-practically streams of little depth, at low water. They are closed, a mile up, by "windfalls" and "water-falls." We have no hatcheries, and how long will the salmon continue, if the "siene nets" continue to draw out the thousands of fish attempting to enter these "streams" to spawn?

Permit me to state that an "error" appears in the "Analysis of Evidence-Table A-Reference and General." Under the heading of "Community Buildings," of the Masset Band, appears: "Methodist Church, departmental day school, public hall, Salvation Army Hall, Agent's residence and office, Teacher's residence, public wharf."

The above is incorrect. It should read: "Anglican Church, Departmental Day School; public hall; "Agent's residence and office, Teacher's residence, "Public Wharf."

We have no "Methodist Church or Salvation Army Hall" on Massett Reserve. All of the Indians are "Anglicans" and the report, as printed, would create an impression that the Indians of this Band are members of the Methodist Church.

The introduction of cattle and horses, by White settlers, will mean that the Indians must relinquish their outside gardens, made here and there, where no cattle formerly roamed. It was partly for that reason I asked for land, at the mouth of streams, in order that the Indians might fish and have their gardens in the one locality. It was an old tribal custom, to apportion certain lands, at the mouth of streams, to certain families. Some Indians built homes there, which are alienated, although no Whites live on the land. Indians go

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to those places still, and plant vegetables. We might satisfy the Indians, if "wire fencing" could be provided, for some of the places they still retain. Those planting, on alienated areas, would then go where they would have protection from cattle.

~~In conclusion~~, I feel that the Royal Commission aided the Indians of this Agency, to some extent. It will not satisfy the Indians, so far as their alleged claims are concerned. It is plain that their alleged "grievances" do not apply to the acquisition of land. They, and their advisors, do not consider, in my opinion, that the Indians require more holdings. It is a financial question that causes the alleged "dissatisfaction." Sell the reserves of the Haidas, to-day, and they would have little money. Take away from them the privileges they now have and they would be discontented, for the reason that they do not realise how much the Government is helping them.

In my Annual Report reference will be made to other matters concerning the Indians, which I trust will be for their advancement.

Thanking you for consulting me on this matter.

Yours respectfully,
Thomas Deasy
Indian Agent.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. I.A.O.
ALSO R.C.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

April 30th, 1919

522801

Sir,—

I beg to inform you that you may expect to receive from me very soon an answer to your letter of March 4th ultimo, No. (Confidential) with reference to the findings of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

I have found it necessary to get in personal touch with the Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies, Victoria, B.C. on several matters, and I will deal with them when reporting on the whole.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Charles C. Perry

Indian Agent.

Duncan C. Scott, Esqr.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Telegraph Creek,

April, 15th, 1919.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Circular Letter from Deputy Superintendant General of March 4th dealing with Reserve Lands, together with a Copy, of a portion of the Report of the Royal Commission dealing with Lands in this Agency and in reply I beg to state that The Tahltan Reserve made up of two Blocks, of 375, and, 40 acres are the only Reserves at present in existence, and the bulk if this area is rock and Lava bed and only held as a protection to the Salmon Fisheries on the ~~A~~Tahltan Branch, as defined in the above mentioned report, only a few acres cultivable. None of the Land or locations applied for as reserves can be classified as Agricultural, a few of these would form garden plots were it not for the prevailing summer frosts which are of common occurrence therefore I have no hesitation in stating that no prospective Farmer would ever think of taking up any of this land simply because it would be impossible to make a living from the soil, These locations were desired as Camping places and Fishing places where the Indians have been in the habit of Camping while putting up supplies of dried Fish,

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Scott Simpson
Indian Agent,

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Nass Agency, B.C., Prince Rupert,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. R. Comm.
TO DATE OF THIS

May 3rd, 1919

522919

Sir,—

In further acknowledgement of your letter (CONFIDENTIAL) of the 4th March last, I have the honor to inform you that I have made a careful examination of the portion of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia which has reference to the Nass Indian Agency, in which connection I beg to make observations as follows:-

The Analysis of Evidence appears to be quite correct;

Applications:-

In the map of the Agency as used by the Commission, a line drawn from east to west to separate the respective territories or influences of the Neishga and Tsimpshean Indians will be seen.

For some time there has existed a very bitter feeling between these Indians on account of the Tsimpsheans not being allowed access to the reserves set apart by the late Commissioner O'Reilly many years ago for the Neishga Indians at Quinamass Bay.

It is noted that Tsimpsheans have been allowed reserves in Quinamass Bay (Nos 129 and 130, additional land applications), while Peter Stafford a chief of the Neishgas has been given a piece of land, at the head of Khutzeemateen Inlet which by the territorial line is Tsimpshean ( app. 41).

This reciprocal condition would appear to be satisfactory. But a cloud appears on the horizon, for

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Duncan C. Scott, Esqr.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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*Sir,—*

Ifind that applications of the Kitseech Tribe of Tsimpshean Indians,made through tribesman W.S.White and numbered 53 and 54 respectively, have been disallowed. White's tribe have some good camp houses at the head of Khutzeemateen Inlet,and he has had a British Columbia Land Surveyor survey portions for individual members of that tribe.

It is possible that Stafford may want land (which is subject to survey) sought after by White,in which event some dimculties appear imminent.

" In connection with applications Nos 38 and 39,it is noted that the land applied for by the Indians has been disallowed ,they being "covered by subsequent applications containing more satisfactory descriptions". It is thought that where Indian improvements were involved and in view of the priority of these applications,the Lands Department,before giving decisions should have had their surveyor ( whose notes are necessary before a Crown Grant can issue) go into this matter.

Concerning application No.45 and No.46,it is observed that the lands applied for are covered by "Applications to Purchase in good standing". Is it possible for these Applications to Purchase to be "in good standing",where surveyors according to the provisions of the British Columbia Land Act are required to make

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*Sir,—*

note if any lands surveyed are Indian settlements? It may be that no definition of the term "Indian Settlement" has been given, but I feel that, in justice to Indians who have had improvements on lands applied for and refused, for generations, the surveyors who surveyed the lands described as being in "good standing" should have made reference in their field notes to the presence of Indian improvements and houses on these lands. One thing seems certain: the White applicants will experience difficulty with the Indians when they "go in to possess the land".

In the case of applications Nos 57, 58 and 59, and I35 and I53 these appear to have been refused on the ground that the lands in question are held as perpetual timber limits. There can be no timber where the houses of the Indians stand, and consequently it would not appear difficult to arrange with the holders of these limits to give the Department in behalf of the Indians concerned title to the small portions which contain improvements and houses, through the Department of Lands.

With respect to application No. 6I, I beg to inform you that the applicant, Roger Pearson, is dead. His family, with the exception of his widow and a married daughter, have also died since the application for Rushton Island was made. This land could go to the Metlakatla Band.

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*Sir,—*

As regards application No.70, the applicant, Peter Robinson, is dead. This land should go to the Metlakatla Band.

Touching the application No.72, the applicants, Peter Robinson and Solomon Auriol are dead. This land could go to the Band.

In the matter of application No.71, both Joshua Leighton and John Campbell are dead. This land should go to the Band.

IMPORTANT

The land applied for No.124, situated about 2 miles north of Quinamass Bay, has since been covered by a cannery. I cannot say if application was made by the cannery people for this land to the Provincial Government, but the fact remains that a cannery is in operation there. I have informed Mr. Chief Inspector W.E. Ditchburn, Victoria, B.C. of this matter, and he has noted the same.

The Indians made no objection to or report of this matter. I found the cannery there on a visit to the Nass via the Somerville Passage.

The Indians, however, have no particular use for this land. It would seem to be the best plan to eliminate this land from the new schedule of reserves without reference to the Indians. This I would recommend.

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*Sir,—*

I think the Commission has been most generous in the numeroup allowances to the Tsimpshean Indians, particularly of Port Simpson, in the vicinity of the Skeena River.

Generally speaking, the needs of the Indians have been fairly met by the findings of the Commission. I am in accord with the Commission in its decision not to seek to create large areas as hunting grounds which action would not have been good for the country.

**Reductions and Cut-offs**

Since the terms of agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments provide that any reductions or cut-offs shall be with the consent of the Indians under the provisions of the Indian Act, there should be no difficulty in approaching the Indians in these matters.

In the absence of copies of the interim reports concerning the cut-offs and reductions where specified by the Commission, I am unable to go further into this matter; but as it seems the large reduction of the Tsimpshean Peninsula reserve was recommended for the purpose of removing what appeared to be a fictitious appearance of the extent and value of the Indians' holdings, there would seem to be a good case for explanation to the Indians. It remains, however, to be seen

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*Sir,—*

seen whether the Indians will be prepared to forego their interest in the "wild fowl territory" for the new reserves set apart for them and benefits from the sale of the reduced area.

It is understood that the cutting off of the Gitzault and part of Shoowathlans reserves will be conditional upon the adjustment of grievances of the Indians connected therewith. These have been dealt with in correspondences with the Department.

It is not clear whether the proceeds of the sales of reduced areas will be funded for particular bands of Indians interested or if the proceeds are to be funded for the Indians of British Columbia as a whole?

The acquisition of additional lands by purchase where required by the Indians and recommended by the Commission would be likely to lead to a better understanding and the good-will of the Indians, particularly in the case of the Gitzault, Stony Point and Port Simpson reserves.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Stuart Lake Agency

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Fort Fraser June 2 1919

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Sir,

Referring to your Confidential letter of March 4 dealing with the report of the Royal Indian Commission of B.C. and my reply thereto under date March 17 I beg to say that I have had at my office this day a messenger from the Uncha Lake Indians(Francois Lake Band) asking for definite information as to whether they are to have their land upon which they are residing or not and if they are not to have their land what does the Government intend to do with them?.

This request I may say refers to item No 14 on page 780 of detailed report of Royal Ind. Commen. and mentioned in my letter of March 17.

I would be very pleased if you would instruct me as to what I have to advise these Indians in this Matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. W. Allan

Ind. Agt.

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Dep. Supt. General
Dept. of Ind. Affrs.,
Ottawa.

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Memo -

Insp^r. Megraw has reported on Okanangan but not on Williams Lake agency.

There are no reports from Babine ~~or~~ ~~Coast~~ ~~Coast~~ or Courchan.

G.M.M.

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April 15th 1920

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL

## INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Sir:—Having lived for many years in British Columbia and my work having brought me into somewhat intimate relations with Indian affairs, I take the liberty of referring to a letter of Mr. W. D. Lighthall in today's issue of The Journal. I only know Mr. Lighthall by reputation and that altogether favorably, and, therefore, I conclude that he wrote rather from a sentimental than a practical point of view.

Bill No. 13, which has passed its final reading, as I understand it, simply gives the Commissioner of Indian Affairs power to put into effect the recommendations of the joint Royal Commission which for about four years investigated the matter of Indian Reserves in that province, of which Commissioner McKenna, to whom Mr. Lighthall refers, was a member. It would be unfortunate, indeed, if the Indians of Canada should become possessed of the idea that the Government and Parliament of Canada were departing from the traditional policy of justice and fairness to the original occupants of the soil. This, I am sorry to think, is the effect, if not the object, of the efforts of some of the so-called friends of the Indians, who on account of their profession should be the promulgators of goodwill and Christian brotherhood rather than the stirrers-up of strife.

I knew the late Dr. McKenna intimately and frequently discussed with him the Indian question so far as it relates to British Columbia. To him is to be largely credited the exhaustive report of the commission which is not only monumental in proportions, but complete as an historical record. It is to be regretted that the old Colonial Governments of British Columbia had not negotiated treaties of settlement with the Indians. It is also to be regretted that at the time of entering confederation (1871) a more definite policy was not adopted, and that in British Columbia, as in other parts of Canada, Indian rights were not extinguished by treaty. But it does not follow that the Indians were not fairly and justly dealt with.

There was a condition in British Columbia which accounted for what happened. The great bulk of the Indian tribes lived up the coast and in the interior parts remote from the white population, which at the time of Confederation only amounted to at the outside 10,000, largely confined to two cities, Victoria and New Westminster, and the mining districts of Cariboo. The proximity or necessities of Indians did not trouble. Fish and game were abundant and the climate was favorable to agreeable aboriginal existence. Sir James Douglas, governor of Vancouver Island, did, in the early fifties, settle with the Indians in the vicinity of Victoria, and with a few tribes elsewhere, but, in the main, the matter of Indian rights was overlooked until 1876, when a convention was agreed to between the federal and provincial authorities whereby reservations of land were made commensurate with the supposed needs of the Indians. As a consequence, an Indian commission was appointed, and from that on allocations were made, aggregating approximately 750,000 acres, the very best lands of the province. When I tell you that out of the 225,000,000 acres in British Columbia there are not more than 10,000,000 acres susceptible of agriculture your readers can appreciate how liberal that allotment was. As a matter of fact, however, only a very small percentage of those reserves is used, and a number of the reserves were for years practically abandoned. The very fact that so much good land in a province so relatively limited in agriculturral areas was not being used gave rise to the commission I have referred to.

There is not in British Columbia among the Indians any dissatisfaction or unrest, with the exception of one or two tribes north of the Skeena river. I never heard of any dissatisfaction until ten or fifteen years ago, at the outside, when the "friends of the Indians" began to get busy.

As the result of the investigations of the Royal Indian Commission, 666,640 acres were confirmed, 47,000 acres were cut off and new reserves to the extent of 87,000 acres were established. I forgot to state that by the convention of 1876 it was agreed that the area of Indian reserves, strictly speaking "reservations," were to be increased or diminished according, or proportional, to the increase or diminishment of the Indian tribes occupying them. As a long resident of British Columbia I know absolutely that not only were the best lands of the province given to the Indians, which was only right, but that the Dominion of Canada yearly expends large amounts in free education, the furnishing of seeds, and so on, which in the aggregate are very considerable. Profits arising out of the exploitation of Indian reserves for mining or other purposes are funded for the benefit of the Indians and no arrangements are entered into except by consent of the Indians.

British Columbia had, in my opinion, an indisputable right to what is known as "reversionary rights" in the lands given to the Indians for a specific purpose during occupation and enjoyment. In the agreement with the province, to which Mr. Lighthall refers, it gave up its rights —and I know no reason in law or logic why the province should have given up its ancient rights of eminent domain—but it did—all enures to the benefit of the Indians. Mr. Lighthall is quite right in giving to Dr. McKenna the credit of this agreement, but it was not a bad bargain, but a good one, so far as either the Dominion or the Indians are concerned. I told Sir Richard McBride that it was a very bad bargain for the province.

Incidentally, I may remark that if the theoretical claims of the Indians on account of primal occupation of the land were to obtain the titles to the whole of North America would be disrupted. The Six Nation Indians who were the controlling factor of Indian affairs of North America in its formative period formally and specifically, and I may say voluntarily, acknowledged themselves subjects of the King of Great Britain and never repudiated their obligations as such. Likewise, the Indians who fought on the side of the French acknowledged the soverignty of his Most Christian Majesty of France. In no sense can it be claimed that the Indians form a protectorate among themselves, giving them a sovereignty over lands they formerly used for hunting grounds. They always acknowledged the "rights of conquest," whether those be right or wrong, and while in Canada there never was a war to decide such rights the Indians acquiesced before what they knew was superior force.

In conclusion, let me say that the Indians of British Columbia, without a treaty accepted the reservations of land made in their behalf without protest and without thought of injustice and therefore and thereby acknowledged that any original rights of extinguishment by treaty were satisfied. No one will argue that had there been formal extinguishment by treaty that the results would have been practically different from what they have been. No one who knows British Columbia will argue that the Indians there have suffered as a consequence of the convention of 1875.

R. E. GOSNELL.

Ottawa, April 12, 1920.

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## CANADA'S INDIANS.

Sir:—In your issue of 15th inst., we notice a letter from Mr. R. E. Gosnell on Indian affairs, which calls for a reply from us, as we consider many statements therein are to say the least misleading. We are in accord with him in regretting that in 1871 "a more definite policy was not adopted, and that in British Columbia as in other parts of Canada Indian rights were not extinguished by treaty," and also that "the old colonial Governments of British Columbia had not negotiated treaties of settlement with the Indians." The old colonial Governments commenced by doing so. Why did they quit? Mr. Gosnell says: "Bill 13, which has passed its final reading, as I understand it simply gives the Commissioner of Indian Affairs power to put into effect the recommendations of the joint Royal commission." There is much more in Bill 13 than Mr. Gosnell appears to be aware of. This bill was opposed by the delegation of the Allied Tribes at present in Ottawa on three chief grounds, viz.:

1. Because the bill contemplates dealing with the report or recommendations of the Royal Commission without negotiating with the Indians, notwithstanding that the similar legislation of British Columbia provides for such negotiation.

2. Because the bill enacts that the findings of the Royal Commission recommending reduction and cutting off of reserves may be carried out without the consent of the Indians, notwithstanding that the provisions of the McKenna-McBride agreement upon which the work of the commission was based requires such consent.

3. Because the Government is by this bill asking for power to force a settlement upon us which we are unwilling to accept.

When the commissioners during their investigations were visiting the tribes in British Columbia they repeatedly gave assurances that no reserves would be reduced or cut off without the consent of the Indians, and in at least some cases Indians recorded in writing on the spot those assurances of the commissioners. The late Dr. McKenna especially took a prominent part in giving these assurances. Why should this solemn promise of the commissioners now be broken by the Government of Canada? The Indians of British Columbia are not against the surrender of any portions of reserves which they do not require, and which may be really required in the development of the province, but they want to have a voice in settling the conditions of surrender. If the Government claims the Indians have no real title to the reservations, then the Government should come out plainly and so state to both the Indians and the people of Canada. We urged that Bill 13 should be referred to a special committee of the House of Commons, as was done in the case of Bill 14. This request, although made both by petition to the House and otherwise, was denied notwithstanding that what we consider very weighty reasons were brought forward in support of it. These reasons we hope to have an opportunity of placing before the public. We may also state that in Bill 13 the other tribes of Canada see dangerous precedents, and for this reason as well as the fact that they consider the British Columbia Indians are not receiving British justice, on the 14th inst. they passed a strong resolution condemning the whole treatment of the British Columbia Indians and stating that the Dominion Government is concurring in that injustice in the form of Bill 13. We will be glad to give the full text of this resolution to the public through the medium of your paper.

The McKenna-McBride agreement and the orders-in-council of June, 1914, and June, 1918. All of these we consider unsatisfactory and unjust, and shall be quite prepared to state our reasons. Mr. Gosnell states: "It would be unfortunate, indeed, if the Indians should become possessed of the idea that the Government and Parliament of Canada were departing from the traditional policy of justice and fairness to the original occupants of the soil." We may say, Mr. Editor, this idea is being forced on us as a result of our experiences, and as a result of contrasting what we know to have been the traditional policy of Canada from the earliest times until about 1912 with that of late Governments of Canada. As we do not wish to encroach on your valuable space with too lengthy a reply to Mr. Gosnell, we will close by merely saying that we deny the correctness of the following statements and suggestions made by him:

1. That "only a very small percentage of these reserves is used."

2. That "there is not in British Columbia among the Indians any dissatisfaction or unrest with the exception of one or two tribes north of the Skeena river."

3. That the best lands of the province have been given to the Indians.

4. That the McKenna-McBride agreement was good for the Indians.

5. That the acknowledgment of aboriginal title would have a disrupting effect on the titles of the whole of North America.

6. That the Indians consider themselves a conquered people.

7. That the British Columbia Indians accepted the reservations made in their behalf without any protest.

8. That the British Columbia Indians therefore acknowledged that their rights had been extinguished as if by treaty.

9. That there was no dissatisfaction until 10 or 15 years ago.

10. That whites sympathetic to the Indians are responsible for the dissatisfaction of the Indians.

11. That their object is to stir up strife.

PETER CALDER.
GEORGE MATHESON.
BASIL DAVID.
Per J. A. Teit.
Delegates of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia.
Ottawa, April 19, 1920.

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OTTAWA, 11th June, 1920.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

The attached telegram is from the Honourable Senator Beique. Sir James Lougheed would appreciate it very much if you could comply with the request contained therein.

Senator Beique's address is care of Messrs Beique & Beique, 112 St. James Street, Montreal.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. Meds

Private Secretary.

D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Booth Building,
OTTAWA.

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June 11th. 1920.

Dear Mr. Hinds,

In compliance with your request I have dispatched this afternoon to the Honourable Senator Beique a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

DCS

H. Hinds, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
Hon. Sir James Lougheed,
The Senate,
Ottawa.

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Fort Fraser P.O. Sept 27/20

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Sir.-

Referring to my letter of March 17/19 answering yours of March 4/19 marked "Confidential" re findings of Royal Indian Commsn. and enclosing copy of same relating to this Agency I beg to say on second page of my letter under heading "LANDS APPLIED FOR BUT NOT GRANTED" and having reference to the Commissioners report the following appears.-"On page 779 item No 7, West ½ of Lot 558, R.5,"

"Coast Dist. for Decker Lake Band. Considerable "
"Indian improvements on S.W. corner this lot".

In this connection I beg to advise you that I have to-day received a letter from Mr. R.D. Todd land cruiser for the Settlement Board (Land) of B.C. stating that he has cruised this lot and found improvements as above indicated and that the Indians are claiming the land. The B.C. Land Office shows the lot in question now Crown granted to a white man. Such alienation took place while the Indians were actually living on the land and had been for years before.

Can anything be done to restore this land to the Indians. Kindly advise.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant
W. J. McAllan
Ind. Agt.

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
Dept, of Ind. Affrs. Ottawa.

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October 7, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to inclose herewith a letter, dated September 27, 1920, from Agent McAllan, of Fort Fraser, with reference to the West ½ of Lot 558, Range 5, Coast District.

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I wish you would take this matter up with the British Columbia Government when you are dealing with the report of the Royal Commission and kindred subjects.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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October 7, 1920.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 27, with reference to the West ½ of Lot 558, Range 5, Coast District.

In reply I beg to say that I have sent a copy of your communication to Chief Inspector Ditchburn at Victoria, and have asked him to take this matter up with the British Columbia Government when dealing with the Report of the Royal Commission and kindred subjects.

Yours truly,

D. C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. J. McAllan, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Fraser, B.C.

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J. B. HARKIN,
COMMISSIONER.

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NORTH WEST GAME ACT
MIGRATORY BIRDS CONVENTION ACT

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 8 1920
RECORDS

Dominion Parks Branch
Ottawa, 27th September, 1920

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Dear Mr. Scott,

Would it be possible for you to let me have a copy of the Royal Commission Report on Indian Affairs in British Columbia.

Yours faithfully,

J B Harkin

D.C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Sent Oct 8

October 8th. 1920.

Dear Mr. Harkin,

Replying to your letter of the 27th. ultimo I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLean

Deputy Superintendent General.

ABM

J. B. Harkin, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Dominion Parks Branch,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa.

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RECORDS

# Dominion Parks Branch

Ottawa, 8th October, 1920

543388

Dear Mr. Scott,

I write to acknowledge receipt of Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia which you sent to me and I beg to thank you for your kindness in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Harkin

D.C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept.of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Penticton B.C
Oct 20th 1920

Sign they names of asking you about that water.

+ Charlie Joe
+ Pierre Alix
+ John Qualuckan
+ Louie Tomme
+ Tominee Buckly-pecher
+ Edouard Tom
+ Johnny Joe-welna
+ Tom Joe-welna
+ Tomma Marton
+ Baptist Joe-choaket
George Lazet

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+ Baptiste Samo

+ Eames Sual

+ Felix Sual

+ Wiliam Sual

+ Phillip mchel

+ Lizam Kamamateka

+ Johnny Joe-Coasket

+ Eames Ducamil-helme-home

+ Francis. E Timoykin

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Penticton
B.C.
Oct 20.1920

Duncan C. Scott
Dear Sir

I am going to drop you a few lines you went and seen the grovernt in Victoria and said I am going to give what the Indians want and the grovernt said I am the man is going to look after the Indians in B.C. and Victoria grovernt said is going to give the Indians what they want I will give the Indians one

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F. Bucklypeck and Josh Louis

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Wm F. Bucklyspeck

Wm Joseph Louie

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# TELEGRAM

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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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VICTORIA BC., NOV., 8TH-20.

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DUNCAN C. SCOTT., DEPUTY SUPT. GENERAL INDIAN AFFAIRS.,

OTTAWA, ONT.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NOV 9 1920 RECORDS

WILL YOU PLEASE SEND ME THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS OF THE INDIAN AGENTS ON THE FINDINGS OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION THIS

MAY BE HELPFUL TO ME IN MY DEALINGS WITH THE PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE ALSO SEND ME FYLE ON ANDIMAUL BABINE AGENCY.

W. E. DITCHBURN.

358 AM. 9TH.

Replied

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November 10, 1920.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-
(Incls.)

In compliance with your telegram of the 5th of November, I beg to inclose herewith copies of the reports of the Indian Agents in British Columbia in connection with the findings of the Royal Commission.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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OFFICE OF
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
OTTAWA, CANADA.

544639

11th November, 1920.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I would be glad to see you the first time you are over this way, in regard to the matter of the transfer of Indian Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Minister.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Douglas Lake Indian Reserve

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MAR 9 1921
RECORDS

To the Indian Department

Victoria .B.C

549379

Gentlemen,

We wish to know ,what agreements have been made between the chiefs of the Indians and the Government of this Country in the past fourteen years,as the Bands have never been told by their chiefs, therefore they wish to make it known to the department,anything that has been done in the past has been done without their knowledge or consent, they want it clearly understood that they as whole wish to abide ~~xxx~~ by the original agreement made by Mr Spreat,between the Indians and the whites at the time ~~they~~ Indians were granted their Reserves,as they are afraid that they may loose their indentity ~~and~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ and rights as Indians,which they wish to maintain for the rest of their days, also they wish to abide by the original laws and agree-ments made by the old Indians, at the time the original agreements were made.between the Indians and the whites, the reason for this ~~xx~~ letter is that their Chiefs tell them nothing of their doings or agree-ments with the Government of this Country,they are well satisfied with the treatment they have received in the past except that their privilege of hunting and fishing has been interferred with,these privil-eges were granted at the time the agreements were made ~~by~~ Mr Sproat and we wish to be allowed to continue the privilege ~~givens~~ us by Mr Sproat, also part of our agreement with Mr Sproat was that we had the right to pasture our stock on the Government commonages or ranges with-out any tax ,t is practice we wish to continue without ~~xxx~~ any charge

This is the wish of sixty two Indians ,including the women and of the Douglas Lake Indian Reserve,the signatures if required can be obtained from the head of each family.

Signed

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MAR 12 1921
RECORDS

DR. F. N. G. STARR
112 COLLEGE STREET
TORONTO

March 10th, 1921.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

549583

Dear Sirs:

What is all this row about the Indians of British Columbia? Is it not possible for the Department of Indian Affairs together with the Government to deal justly with the Indians so that there need be no racket?

Yours faithfully,

F. N. G. Starr

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 3 1921
RECORDS

April 27, 1921.

Dear Sir,-

At the request of Mr.H.H.Stevens, M.P., I am forwarding to you to-day by concurrent mail a copy of the complete Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours truly,

D C Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Copy sent HOW

W.N.Payne,Esq.,
Secretary,
Vancouver Board of Trade,
Vancouver, B.C.

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RECEIVED DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUG 8 1921

Edinburgh
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Supt of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa - Ont

Dear Sir:-

Could you forward me the "Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Col."?

I would also like latest details of statistics re Indians of same.

I am writing a thesis for Edinburgh University on "The Indigenous Tribes of British Columbia and the influence of European civilization (especially Scotch) upon them."

I might say I am a graduate of Toronto University & native to British Columbia.

Yours faithfully
A. Gillies

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August 8, 1921.

Dear Sir,-

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo. I regret that the Department has no copies of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia available for distribution. I may say, however, that it is not my impression that this report would be of much service in the preparation of your thesis as it contains little of historical, sociological or anthropological interest.

I am forwarding you under separate cover copy of our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1920, which contains the latest published statistical data, and also a copy of our Report for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1918, being the last report which contained a separate report for each Agency. I hope that these publications will be of use to you.

Yours truly,

J.D. McLean

J.D.McLean
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

A. Gillies, Esq.,
56 Braid Rd.,
Edinburgh,
Scotland.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.
August 9th, 1921.

THE DAILY NEWS

# INDIANS CLAIM NOT RECEIVING SQUARE DEAL

**Meeting of United Tribes at Port Essington Takes Up Reservation uestion.**

PORT ESSINGTON, Aug. 8.—There were 50 Indians in attendance at the meeting of the United Tribes of Northern British Columbia held in the Band Workers Hall here on Saturday night. Henry D. Pierce, the president, was in the chair and Sam Bennett delivered an address of welcome to the representatives.

The official report of the Canadian Parliament was read and, after careful consideration the meeting decided that the government was using its power and authority to override the interests of the Indians and was treating them in high handed and arbitrary manner. It was decided unanimously that money be raised to meet the future court expenses.

It was also decided that the Indians be represented by a council nominated and paid by them. Two new tribes were accepted for membership and it is expected that others will come in later and that all will be united one body and head.

**47,000 Acres Cut Off.**

Excerpts from official reports were read and dealt with and among them were the following.

"There are twelve hundred reserves in British Columbia and the total cut-offs were 47,000 acres without the consent of the Indians." Official report by Sir James Lougheed on June 28, 1920. In this report Sir James gave assurance that the Privy Council had rejected the claims of the Indians. It could not give consideration to so important a problem unless the government set the case in motion and this the government refused to do.

**Worth the Large Sum**

"The total cut-offs amounted to 47,059.49 acres and had two valuations — one, $1,522,704.72 and the other, $1,247,942.22. The amount would be equally divided between the province and the Dominion." Report of April 6, 1920.

The natives have approached the provincial and federal governments and have always employed peaceful channels. They have had confidence in the past and continue to be sure that they will be justly dealt with in spite of the fact that the door of the Canadian Government seems to be closed against them.

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 30 1921

Prince Rupert, B.C.,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 120.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

August 20th, 1921.

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Sir,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the Department's information, a newspaper report of a meeting recently held at Port Essington, in this Agency, amongst the Indians, the result of which is seen in the surly attitude which some of the Indians are assuming towards the Government.

Both Dominion Constable Watkinson and I, on different occasions, have been accosted by Indians demanding their share of the money which, they allege, has been received by the governments in return for the country taken from the Indians.

While this story of the Indians is an old one, there seems to be no prospect of its dying of old age. The young Indians are now taking an interest in the matter, and the prospect is that this agitation will be perpetuated unless some decision is reached that will solve the matter.

I am informed that, on the 25th August, instant, there is to be another large meeting of Indians, this time at Kincolith, in the Nass River Agency. At this meeting it is purposed to further foment this agitation. The Indians are returning from the canneries after the worst season in the history of the coast fishing. Many of them are in straightened circumstances and they become readily susceptible to the machinations of such as desire to work up strife amongst the people, especially if a prospect is held out to them of having a sum of money come to them by a settlement with the Government should the latter recognize their alleged ancestral rights to the lands of the Province.

There are two ways in which the Department may at this time assist the Indians in the matter of their winter support and subsistence. The first is by asking the Provincial Government to declare a temporary open season for the taking of Beaver; the second is to ask the Department of Marine & Fisheries to permit the coast Indians to fish in trolling waters without first having to pay a fee of five dollars. This assistance would mean a great deal to the Indians at this time. Many of them are in debt at the canneries, and have not sufficient money wherewith to pay for a license. The taking of

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ent of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa. Ont.

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of Beaver has been under the ban of a close season for a period of years, and I know of no sufficient reason why the close season should be further continued, so far as the Indians are concerned. The latter use beaver for their food, and this being the case there would seem to be no grounds for not allowing the Indians to sell the pelts. I know of one case where an Indian burned a number of beaver skins because he was afraid to offer them for sale.

I would suggest and recommend that the Department, if it can see its way clear to do so, take these subjects up with the Dominion and Provincial governments concerned, and see if anything can be done by way of relieving the conditions mentioned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles L. Perry

Indian Agent.

SKEENA RIVER AGENCY.B.C.

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59235-5 B.
LHL-M.

Ottawa, August 31, 1921.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. Charles G. Perry, Indian Agent at Prince Rupert, B. C., with regard to conditions among the Indians at the Skeena River agency, B. C. This is for your information and I would ask you to be kind enough to advise me if any action can be taken to relieve the conditions mentioned.

Yours truly,

Encl.

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

A. Johnston, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

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LHL-M.

Ottawa, August 31, 1921.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. Charles C. Perry, with regard to a meeting of Indians at Port Essington.

So far as the beaver are concerned, I would ask you to kindly take this matter up with the Provincial Government.

Encl.

Yours truly,

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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September 7th, 1921.

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Mr Ralston

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing copy of a report from your Agent at Prince Rupert, in which he explains why he suggests that the Indians should be given licenses to authorize salmon trolling without the payment of any fee.

In commercial fishing the Indians enter into direct competition with the white and other fishermen and under the same conditions. It will, therefore, be realized that it would not be feasible to charge a fee to certain fishermen selling their catches to the salmon buyers and not to others. Also at this date trolling for the season will be practically over.

This Department would be prepared to grant free permits to the Indians to engage in salmon trolling for their own food purposes, but not for trade or barter.

Yours truly,

Asst ~~Deputy Minister~~ DEPUTY MINISTER of Fisheries

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Inst. Lafferty
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September 12th, 1921.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to your letter of August 20th, in connection with permit to Indians to troll for salmon without payment of any fee, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of letter received from the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Yours truly,

(J.D. McLean),
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

C.C. Perry, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Aug 21
Mr Stewart
For report
J.C.C.

Keatzie Indian Reserve
Port Hammond B.C.
Aug 11th 1922

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The Hon Mr Charles Stewart
Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont.

Hon Sir

I am directed by the Indians who do not belong to the Allied tribe, or to any organization to ask you Sir as follows

1st. Is it so that the Government of Canada is going to settle with the Indians who belongs to the Organization only. or to the Allied tribes of B.C. only.

2nd. Is it so that the Government of Canada will not have any thing to do with Indians that never joined the Allied tribes.

3rd. Is it so When the Government of Canada do pay any money to the Indians of B.C. for Title or Compensation, those Indians never joined the Allied tribes will not get any share

4th Does the Government recognize their (Allied Tribes) Lawyer O'mara.

5th When is the Government representative to visit British Columbia Indians again.

6th Will any Indian or Indians have the Liberty to come before said Officials.

7th What is the finding of the Government for the B.C. Indians for final settlement. as most Indians are relying on the findings of the Royal Commission.

All these are greatly appreciated by answer for the benefit of the Indians.

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As most of them don't attend meetings of the Allied tribes. Given them an answer would give them an idea or enlighten them

I have the Honor to be
your most obedient Servant

Simon C Pierre
Secretary & Interpreter

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Keatzie Indian Reserve,
Port Hammond, B.C.,
Aug. 11th. 1922.

The Hon. Mr. Charles Stewart,
Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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All these are greatly appreciated by answers for the benefit of the Indians. As most of them dont attend meetings of the allied tribes. Given them an answer would give them an idea or enlighten them.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant,
Simon C. Pierre.
Secretary & Interpreter.

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August 30, 1922.

Dear Sir,-

The Honourable Charles Stewart, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, has requested me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 11th, and to reply in the following terms.

1.and 2. The answers to the 1st. and 2nd. questions are in the negative.

3. I am not prepared at present to say what form compensation will take. It may safely be said that no cash will be paid, but the compensation may take the form of educational facilities, etc. This compensation will not be restricted to any class of Indians, but will embrace all the Indians of British Columbia in such measure as they are able to enjoy or make use of the benefits allowed by the Government.

4. The Government is opposed to the propaganda carried on by Mr. O'Meara, as it is not considered in the best interests of the Indians to pursue the line which he has taken. He is not under pay with the Government.

5. The date when a representative of the Department of Indian Affairs will visit British Columbia cannot yet be decided upon.

Mr.Simon C.Pierre,
Secretary and Interpreter,
Katzie Indian Reserve,
Port Hammond, B.C.

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6. If you have any representations to make, you should make them now to Mr.W.E.Ditchburn, Chief Inspector, at Victoria. Mr. Ditchburn is arranging all the preliminaries, and there will be no opportunity to hear any number of Indians when the final arrangements are made.

7. The Government is endeavouring to arrange with the Government of British Columbia for reasonable reserve allotments based on the findings of the Royal Commission. In addition to those land allotments, the needs of the Indians in the way of education, medical attendance, assistance in farming and irrigation of their lands will be fully considered, but only reasonable compensation will be given.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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August 30, 1922.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

For your information I am sending you herewith copies of a letter from Simon C.Pierre, on behalf of some of the Indians of British Columbia, and my reply thereto.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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Keatzie Indian Reserve
Port Hammond B.C.
Jan 9th 1923

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Return to
A. J. M.

Mr Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir.

I am directed by the Indians to enquire to the Indian Department as follows

1st. Was there a regulation or rule passed in Ottawa about Indians in the House of Commons or in the Senate. Some years ago or lately. (Please send copy for information of Indians)

2nd What is Bills 13 and 14. is it against Indians or Benifit Indians

3rd. What is Section 4 of the Judicial Committe act.

4th What was the Memorandum of the Indian Department issued a year ago last year.

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5th. Does P.C. 751 Certified Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, and Approved By H.R.H. the Governor General on the 20th June 1914 Signed By Rodolphe Boudreau, Clerk of the Privy Council still stand ~~to~~ good.

6th. What month will the representative of the Government of Canada Coming to British Columbia for to settle the land question.

These 6 questions are desired by Indian whom do not belong to the Allied tribes, as for information

I have the Honor to be your
Most Obedient Servant

Simon C. Pierre Sec.

P.S. Send me the latest issue of the Indian act. The Annual Report of Indian Agent. The Auditor General's report, of ~~Fa~~ 1922.

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CANADA

January 17th. 1923.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 9th. instant in which you make inquiry regarding certain matters pertaining to Indians and in reply I would ask you to consult the Indian Agent, Mr. Daunt or the Chief Inspector, Mr. Ditchburn, either of whom will be able personally to advise you.

With regard to the visit of a representative from the Department in connection with the settlement of the land question, I am not able to fix any date at the present time, as the whole question is still under consideration by the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mr. Simon C. Pierre,
Kootenay Indian Reserve,
Fort Hammond, B.C.

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# CHIEF WHITE ELK.

## WHO HE IS.

## A MUSIC-HALL ARTIST.

## TRYING TO SEE THE KING.

Who is Chief White Elk, the picturesque Red Indian complete with war-paint who arrived in London from Vancouver last month with the expressed hope of seeing the King on behalf of his people? At the time he declared that he was here to "plead with the King for a more efficient education for all the members of my race in the Dominion of Canada." He also referred to presents he "brought for the Prince of Wales from Canadian Boy Scouts." We have undertaken extensive inquiries through Canadian correspondents. The results are given below.

Chief White Elk.

***THE PRINCE'S CANADIAN TOUR.***

The Indian Department of the Canadian Government have no official knowledge of his visit. They say he is not a British Columbia Indian and has no authority to call himself one. Boy Scout headquarters in Canada say that he has not been entrusted by the general body of Canadian Boy Scouts to make any representations to the Prince of Wales.

Certain English newspapers reported that White Elk accompanied the Prince of Wales on his visit to Canada, and escorted him when he was made Chief Morning Star. Prominent members of the Prince of Wales's train on that occasion cannot recall anyone of the name of Chief White Elk.

In authoritative quarters he is believed to be an American Indian and not a Canadian Indian, and therefore not entitled to make any representations of Canadian Indians to the King. He is stated to have been a member of a stock theatrical company which has appeared at Vancouver.

He stayed at the Grosvenor Court Hotel shortly after his arrival in London, but has since stayed at Lewisham, and is now at Lee.

***"I AM ROYALTY."***

A *Daily Mail* reporter gives this account of an interview with the man:

"Are you a Canadian Indian?" I asked.

"I am an hereditary Chief of the Cherokees. I am Cherokee royalty," he answered.

"People are wondering why, as you are not a Canadian resident or Canadian born, you should come over on behalf of the Canadian Indians."

"The Cherokee sees no boundaries," he replied. "We were there before boundaries were made."

"When are you making your first appearance on the music-hall stage in this country?" I asked.

"Who told you about this?" he countered.

"But isn't it true that you are starting on a Stoll tour?"

"It certainly isn't."

"Have negotiations fallen through?"

"Well, they have. I am opening at the Woolwich Hippodrome on Monday in native dances. As a matter of fact, I am starting a Gulliver tour."

"How did you get to know I was appearing on the halls?" the "Chief" demanded.

I informed him that news from Canada was to the effect that he was in a stock company at Vancouver.

"It's right," he said. "I have ...

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Deputy Superintendent
General, Ottawa. Jan. 5/23.

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Dear Sir:

In complying with your instruction in your letter of January 17th 1923. I wrote to Mr. Hitchburn and copy of his answer is here enclosed.

Our Indians are asking me to try to get copies of treaties nos. 3, 5, 4, and 7. I, myself, would like to see the Indians have those copies if possible.

Mr Frank Roberts and myself have had one meeting already with Chief Billy's people on Skowkale Reserve. We are pleased to say that the Indians appreciated our efforts in explaining the treaties to them. This fact encourages us to do our best.

I remain,
Respectfully Yours,
Geo. Matheson

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Office of
Chief Inspector of Indian
Agencies B.C.

Victoria B.C.
Jan. 31st/23.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 27th inst., with enclosures, and in reply to your request I am enclosing herewith separate copies of treaties No's. 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10. I have not now full copies of the treaties No's. 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rev. P. R. Kelly, however, was supplied with a bound volume containing all the treaties made with the Indians in Can., and Messrs. Paul and Lambrose Kriel were supplied the pamphlet copies of a number of the treaties so far as they went.

However, as practically all the treaties read alike, the ones that I am forwarding to you will be none of them. As some of the Indians of B.C. seem to think that they should have the unrestricted right to hunt at any time of the year,

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I am marking certain paragraphs in these pamphlets showing what all hunting rights of Indians outside of the reserves are subject to regulations.

Yours obediently,
W. E. Mitchell,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies B.C.

Geo. Mathison,
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Lardeis, B.C.

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Yours truly

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Deputy Superintendent General

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# MANY TYEES IN PALAVER

## Conference of B. C. Indian Chiefs Meeting at Vancouver Y.M.C.A.

## Formulating Plans to Establish Their Title to Provincial Lands.

Twenty-nine Indians from all parts of the province gathered at the Vancouver Y. M. C. A. today in a conference of the executive committee of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia. The purpose of the meeting is to reach a general understanding as to the claim or claims which the Indians will submit to the federal government next summer.

Rev. Peter R. Kelly is chairman of the committee and Andrew Paull of North Vancouver is the secretary. Last summer when Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, visited the province, the Indians presented their petition asking for recognition of the aboriginal title to provincial lands.

"For many years—since the early 80's in fact—the Indians of British Columbia have been pressing the Provincial Government to come to an agreement on this matter," explained Mr. Kelly. "This the provincial authorities have been unwilling to do, but last summer when we held a conference with Hon. Mr. Stewart he agreed that the federal government recognized the title of the Indians. In other provinces an agreement has been reached between the government and the Indians and the Indian title extinguished. But we must have a clear understanding among the Indians themselves as to the claims which we will advance."

Routine business involving the affairs of the allied Indian tribes is also under consideration. It is expected that the sessions of the conference will conclude on Wednesday.

"An interesting feature of this conference is that for the first time in history our body is purely an Indian organization," declared Mr. Kelly. "It is for the Indians, by the Indians and all Indian tribes in the province are represented."

**TRIBES REPRESENTED.**

Those who are in attendance are: Rev. P. R. Kelly, representing the Queen Charlotte Island tribes; Andrew Paull, representing the Squamish tribe; Charles J. Barton and John J. Burton, representing the Nishga tribe, Naas River; Chief Billy Assu and William Brotchie, representing the Kwawkwelth tribes; Ambrose Reid, representing tribes between Rivers Inlet and the Tsimpsian Peninsula inclusive; John Elliott, representing the Cowichan tribes; Narcisse Baptiste, representing the Okanagan tribes; Stephen Retasket, representing the Lillooet tribes; George Mathias and Dennis Peters, representing lower Fraser tribes; Chief Chelsa substituting for Chief MaChias of the Squamish tribe; Alack Leanna, Kamloops; Simon C. Pierre, Saanich tribes; Baptiste George, Okanagan tribes; Tommy Adolph, Pemberton tribes; Chief Harry Stewart, Chilliwack tribes; Joe Stewart and Ed. Lawrence, Katz Landing; Chief Jim Wakis, Chief Dick, Mrs. S. Cook, Harry Mountain, Chief Monday Crow, Chief Johnny Speck, George Luther, Chief Johnny Scow, all of the Kwawkwelth tribes; and Chief Andrew Mercer of the Nishga tribes, Naas River.

"Just like parliament," one of the chiefs explained when asked how soon the conference would conclude. "Takes long time to settle big matters."

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Vancouver Agency, Vancouver, B.C.,

Feb. 14, 1923. 19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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Sir,—

Dear Mr. Scott:

I beg to enclose herewith, for your perusal, information respecting a meeting which is being held by the Allied Tribes of British Columbia in the City of Vancouver, which has been in progress during the last few days and is still going on. I thought you would be interested in the same.

Yours sincerely,

C.C.Perry,
INDIAN AGENT.

Duncan C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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February 21st. 1923.

Dear Mr. Perry,

I have to thank you for your two letters of the 14th. instant forwarding me clippings from your local papers with reference to the meeting of the delegates of allied tribes and in regard to the Kitsilano reserve question. I have noted the contents of both clippings and shall always be glad to receive press items of interest.

Yours very truly,

D.C. Duncan Ed. M.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Allied Tribes

North Vancouver B.C.Feb-25-1925.

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Sir:

I acknowledge the recipt of your telegram of the 21st.Inst.where you say it is not now, possible at this time to give even approximate date of your visit to British Columbia.

Such information of when the conference would be held,was desired by the Executive Committee of the Allied Indian Tribes of B.C. who were in Session from the 12th.to the 16th.Inst.

The information that you have conveyed is now being made known to the Chairman and the Executive members of the Allied Tribes of B.C.by mail.

Respectfully,

Andrew Paull

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Dear Madam,

In compliance with your request of the 20th. instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of the McKenna-MacBride agreement.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Miss Elizabeth P. MacCallum, M.A.,
Assistant Secretary,
The Social Service Council of Canada,
Security Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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February 27, 1923.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter of the 6th instant, signed by yourself, Chief Mercer and J. J. Barton, addressed to the Honourable Charles Stewart, regarding an interview between the Nishga Indians and the Honourable, the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, has been forwarded to me for action.

In reply I beg to say that it is not now possible to tell when I will be ready to go to British Columbia, but, when the date is decided upon, you will be advised in ample time for your representatives to be present.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Chief Chas. B. Barton,
c/o Jas. McMillan, Esq.,
Postmaster,
North Vancouver, B.C.

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Ottawa, June 14, 1923.

Memorandum:

Mr. Matheson.

Please send by mail to Mr.A.W.Neill, M.P., of Alberni, B.C., copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, in four volumes.

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Send the following message, subject to the above Terms, which are hereby agreed to.

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Ottawa, June 28, 1923.

Robert Stewart,
President Nishga Indians,
Anyox, B.C.

The Honourable Mr. Stewart will meet Indians on twenty-fifth July in Vancouver. You may appoint not more than two persons to represent you and be present at that meeting.

Duncan C. Scott

(Chge. Dept. of Indian Affairs)

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W. E. Collison,
Indian Agent,
Prince Rupert, B. C.,

Sir,-

Later on the same date (June 2nd) I proceeded to Kincolith and on arrival entered the house of David Doolan, to obtain a meal.

I there found an old gentleman (white) partaking of supper and being unacquainted with him, politely enquired his business. He informed me that he was Mr. O'Meara and was there to attend a conference on the Land Question. I told him that I was the Dominion Constable for the Nass River and it was, of course, my duty to enquire into the business of all white people visiting the Reserves, and I asked him where he had come from. He said he had travelled up from Vancouver on the Union Boat. I then asked if he had called on the Indian Agent whilst in Prince Rupert. He said that the boat did not stay there long enough to give him an opportunity to do so.

The conference was held in the Municipal Hall, at Kincolith and the delegates were as follows:- From Kincolith--David Doolan and Charles Barton--from Greenville--Silas Moody and Peter Calder-- and from Gitlakdamix--Timothy Derre k, Michael Inspring Bright, Andrew Mercer and Paul Mercer. R. S. Woods, half-breed, acted as interpreter.

It was continued until past midnight and resumed at ten a.m the following day, (Sunday) after a short church service, until about 6.30 that evening with a brief interval for lunch. I did not attend the conference and considered it advisable to appear to be quite unconcerned as Mr. O'Meara was staying at David Doolan's house I decided to stay there also, and we shared the same room. On retiring to rest about 1.30 on the Sunday morning, Mr. O'Meara appeared to be rather agitated and said that the Indians had a very strong case against the Indian Department, and if they took it to the Privy Council as they talked of doing, they would win out. I said that so far as I knew, the Land Question cropped up some years before I was born, and that I was unaware that the Indian Department were opposed to any settlement which was satisfactory to all concerned.

During lunch the same day (Sunday) Mr. O'Meara remarked that a great "mess up" had been made over the distribution of compensation money obtained from some smelter company for the Seven tribes.

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That evening (Sunday) I left with the Gitlakdamix Delegates on their return up-river. Owing to engine trouble and the river being very high, we did not reach Aiyansh until the following Wednesday afternoon (June 6th) During the journey the Kincolith Conference was almost the sole topic of conversation and I heard "Mr Scott" "Orders in Council" and "Privy Council" constantly mentioned. Timothy Derrek, informed me that Mr. O'Meara had made a big mistake and had presented the claims of all the Indians in

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Indians in British Columbia collectively, whereas those of the Nishga Indians were distinct from the others. All were in favour of taking their case to the Privy Council as the Indians had many friends in England and justice would be done to them.

Mr. O'Meara was a fine old gentleman but he was of no further use to them. He wanted the Nishga Indians to accept $20.000.00 in final settlement of all their claims and $7000.00 a year for himself (I presume $7000.00 anuity) but Mr. O'Meara had already had lots of money from them without it doing them much good, and now they were going to take their case to the Privy Council in England. Mr. O'Meara had himself suggested this procedure, but they thought they would do better without him representing them. During his stay at Kincolith Mr. O'Meara did not approach Dr. D. J. McDonald the Resident Medical Officer there, but from a conversation which I have had with the doctor since I gather that his trip to Kincolith was an unprofitable one, the natives declining to defray his expenses. The outcome of the conference as it stands is that the Nishgas have decided to p present their case to the Privy Council as soon as possible but the services of Mr O'Meara are no longer needed on their behalf.

Your obedient servant,

E. G. Newnham,
Dominion Constable.

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July 25, 1923.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I am inclosing a copy of Dominion Constable Newnham's report for the month of June. As it refers to Mr. O'Meara's action, I thought it might be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) J. D. McLean

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
c/o W.E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Victoria, B.C.

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October 9th. 1923.

Dear Dr. Shearer,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram making inquiry with regard to British Columbia Indian affairs. There is nothing particularly new to report. We had a series of conferences in British Columbia; first in Vancouver when the Minister was present and in Victoria where I met the Indians. I do not know that the questions have been very much advanced by these conferences. They were for the purpose of learning the Indians' mind in the matter of compensation for the title, and the requests they made were extravagant.

Owing to indisposition I have not been able to report the result to the Minister as yet, but intend to have my report ready for him when he returns to the city early in November.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

~~Deputy Superintendent General.~~

Rev. J. G. Shearer, D.D.,
Social Service Council of Canada,
Toronto, Ont.

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February 18, 1924.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 16th instant, in which you request that a copy of the McKenna-McBride agreement re the British Columbia Indian Land Case be forwarded you. Kindly advise me why you desire this copy, as this report is not for the public.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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G. G. McGeer, Esq.,
815 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

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February 29th, 1924.

Duncan Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir, -

In referring to your letter of the 19th inst., I wish to advise that I require a copy of the McKenna-McBride agreement in connection with the arbitration of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company and the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve which is coming up for hearing in the near future.

Yours truly,

G. G. McGeer.

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March 6th, 1924.

Mr. G. G. McGeer,
Suite 808,
Board of Trade Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo and as requested am enclosing herewith a copy of the McKenna-McBride agreement in connection with the investigation into Indian reserves in the Province of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Notes on the claim of the Indians of British Columbia to an aboriginal title in the lands of the Province.

The Colonial Governments did not acknowledge that the Indians had any title to the lands, and accordingly there has been no cession of Indian title in the lands of the Province of British Columbia, with the exception of certain districts included within the limits of Treaty No. 8, for special reasons, and a portion of the southern part of Vancouver Island.

When British Columbia came into the Union, Clause 13 was embodied in the Imperial Order in Council, as follows:-

> "The charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and "management of the lands reserved for their use and "benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and "a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the "British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the "Dominion Government after the Union. To carry out such "policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto "been the practice of the British Columbia Government to "appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time "be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion "Government in trust for the use and benefit of the "Indians, on application of the Dominion Government, and "in case of disagreement between the two Governments "respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so "granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision "of the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

The approval of the first Land Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia was refused by the Dominion on the ground that the Indian title had not been extinguished and that no arrangement had been made with the Indians.

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The two Governments made a working agreement for the setting aside of reserves and the next year the Land Act was allowed to go into force. At that time the Dominion Goverment began to make appropriations from Consolidated Revenue for the Indians of British Columbia and have continued to do so.

The Indians pressed their claim on the attention of the Dominion Government, and in 1910 legislation was obtained from the Dominion Parliament, designed to bring the case before the courts, and an Order in Council of May 17, 1911, was passed from which the following is a quotation:-

> "The Minister further states that it is now prpposed, "therefore, on the part of Your Excellency's "Government, to institute proceedings in the "Exchequer Court of Canada on behalf of the Indians "against a provincial grantee, or licensee, in "the hope of obtaining a decision upon the questions "involved as soon as a case arises in which the "main points in difference can be properly of "conveniently tried. "

In 1913 a special Commission was appointed by the two Governments to make a final settlement of all outstanding differences between them on Indian affairs. The Commission went thoroughly into the question of reserves, confirming old reserves, establishing new reserves, and in some cases diminishing the reserves.

In 1914 an Order in Council was passed stating that the Government would take the case to the courts on certain conditions, as follows:-

> "1. The Indians of British Columbia shall, by
> " their Chiefs or representatives, in a binding
> " way, agree, if the Court, or, on appeal, the
> " Privy Council, decides that they have a title
> " to lands of the Province, to surrender such
> " title, receiving from the Dominion benefits
> " to be granted for extinguishment of title in
> " accordance with past usage of the Crown in
> " satisfying the Indian claim to unsurrendered
> " territories, and to accept the finding of the
> " Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British
> " Columbia as approved by the Governments of the
> " Dominion and the Province as a full allotment
> " of Reserve lands to be administered for their
> " benefit as part of the compensation.

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" 2. That the Province of British Columbia by
" granting the said reserves as approved shall
" be held to have satisfied all claims of the
" Indians against the Province. That the
" remaining considerations shall be provided
" and the cost thereof borne by the Government
" of the Dominion of Canada.

" 3. That the Government of British Columbia shall
" be represented by counsel, that the Indians
" shall be represented by counsel nominated and
" paid by the Dominion.

" 4. That, in the event of the Court or the Privy
" Council deciding that the Indians have no title
" in the lands of the Province of British Columbia,
" the policy of the Dominion towards the Indians
" shall be governed by consideration of their
" interests and future development.

When the Report of the Royal Commission was received the Governments obtained statutory power to confirm it. The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council has already passed an Order confirming the Report. The Dominion has not done so.

The Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs gave the Indians of British Columbia to understand that he would be willing to recommend that the Dominion Government compensate them for their title in the lands of the Province if reasonable arrangements could be made, and with that end in view a conference was held with the Executive of an organization called the Allied Tribes. The demands then made by the Indians are considered to be unreasonable and entail such responsibilities as the Dominion Government could not possibly assume.

The alternative now before the Dominion Government appears to be either submit the case to the courts, and of course pay the expenses of such submission, or make a definite offer for compensation which might be considered reasonable

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and endeavour to obtain separate agreements with the Indians of the different agencies. Involved with this decision is the necessity of determining whether an Order in Council should be passed accepting the Report of the Royal Commission on reserves. The Executive of the Allied Tribes protest most strongly against this proposed action. The Indians and their advisors fear that if such an Order in Council passes, it will preclude the possibility of a reference to the courts.

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February 20, 1924.

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Memorandum:

Honourable Charles Stewart.

I have the honour to report that the deputation from British Columbia of the three members of the Executive of the Allied Tribes, accompanied by Mr. O'Meara, are in the city, and after your interview with them on Friday last, February 15th, I made an appointment with Mr. E.L. Newcombe for an interview, and he met the Indians on Saturday morning, the 16th instant, and discussed the matter with them for over an hour. Mr. Newcombe informed the Indians that the passage of the Order in Council confirming the findings of the Royal Commission would dispose of the matter, and would be a final adjustment of all differences between the Dominion and the Province on Indian affairs in British Columbia. He informed them also that while they made a claim to aboriginal title in the lands of the Province, it did not follow that such a title existed, and that it would be only by submission to the Courts that the question could be decided. In his opinion, if such submission took place, and the case went through our Courts to the Privy Council, the Indians would not be successful. At the close of the interview it was arranged that the Indians should submit for Mr. Newcombe's opinion certain questions, and it was understood that these should be prepared at once. At the present writing, however, they have not handed them in.

I had the privilege of a discussion with you on this subject yesterday afternoon, and you wished me to prepare a memorandum giving my views as to what should be the action of our Government in this matter. I think it should always be remembered that this organization which is represented by these Indians does not represent the whole of the Indians of British Columbia and does not carry the unanimous opinion of the Indians, and that this question should be viewed from the standpoint of the general Indian interests in the Province. It should be remembered also that you told the Executive of the Allied Tribes that you would be willing to compensate them for aboriginal title as if it had been pronounced in their favour by the Courts, that you would be willing to give them reasonable compensation according to the past usage in these matters; that you were willing to treat them as well as any Indians in Canada had been treated in that regard. They last year presented to me at Victoria their maximum requests, which I reported upon as being exacting and extravagant. They brought up all the points previously urged and added thereto a large cash payment.

I would recommend that they be informed that insofar as their claims for fishing rights, hunting rights and timber, they should obey the Provincial laws and regulations, and the Department will endeavour to mitigate any proven hardships or disabilities by negotiation with the Dominion and Provincial authorities. and that no cash

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compensation could be considered. That Mothers' and Widows' Pensions could not be instituted, but the Government would be ever ready to alleviate distress and to ameliorate the condition of any Indians who are destitute. That no portion of the expenditure on their propaganda could be refunded. That the Government would propose to continue and develop the educational system and would provide medical attendance and hospital attendance for the Indians who cannot provide it for themselves, and that the erection of new schools and the provision of special hospitals must be sanctioned by Parliament in special appropriations from time to time.. That it be considered in the best interests of the Indians as a whole to confirm the Report of the Royal Commission as regards reserves, and thus obtain for them a large area of lands, free from any reversionary interest in the Province, to be held and administered as reserves in all other parts of Canada are held and administered.

I fear that any prolonged delay on the part of the Dominion in confirming the Report might incline the Provincial Government to reconsider its prompt acceptance of the Report which was given by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council last summer. It must be remembered that this Report is the culmination of a long series of joint action on the part of the Dominion and the Province continuing since 1875, and our refusal to confirm the Report would be an abandonment of the position which the Dominion has taken with the Province since it entered Confederation. The alternative would be to allow the case to go to the Courts, but the claim is against the Province of British Columbia, and if the Indians lost, their position would be unenviable; If they won it would be left to the Province to satisfy the claim, and we know from the consistent attitude and action of the Province that the compensation would be infinitesimal as compared with the expectations of the Indians.

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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OTTAWA FEBRUARY 23RD 1924

W.E. DITCHBURN,
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VICTORIA, B.C.

HAS ANY PROGRESS BEEN MADE WITH SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF RESERVES. WIRE REPLY.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT.

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DUNCAN C. SCOTT,
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA, ONT.

YOUR WIRE RE SUPPLEMENTARY LIST EXCEPT FOR FIVE ITEMS WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN ROYAL COMMISSION DEALT WITH APPLICATIONS I HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF OBTAINING BALANCE UNTIL AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN MADE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS TO ADVISABILITY OF COMPLYING WITH THE REQUESTS OF THE INDIANS NO PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE ACTION.

W.E. DITCHBURN.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
CANADA.

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Ottawa, February 25th 1924.

MEMORANDUM.

Honourable Charles Stewart.

I beg to report that last week I sent the following telegram to Commissioner W.E. Ditchburn:-

"Has any progress been made with Supplementary List of reserves. Wire reply."

Yesterday I received the following reply:-

"Your wire re supplementary list except for five items which were not available when Royal Commission dealt with application. I have little hope of obtaining balance until an investigation has been made by Provincial Government as to advisability of complying with the requests of the Indians. No promise of immediate action."

I gather from this telegram that Mr. Ditchburn has some hope that five items of reserve lands on the Supplementary List will be allowed and that the Province will have to make an investigation with reference to the remaining items and that there was no promise of immediate action.

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Enclosure.

Department of Justice
Ottawa, 28th February 1905.

Sir;-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant - 270982 - and in reply beg to state that the Indians have no title, nor has the Crown any title in trust for them, to the foreshore adjoining an Indian reserve. The foreshore may be a part of a reserve, and whether it is so or not depends on the instrument creating or constituting the reserve, but if the reserve does not include the lands forming the foreshore, the ownership of the land adjoining carries with it no title to those lands. The owners of the adjoining lands have a right of access to the shore but apart from that their rights are only those which they share with the rest of the public.

It is customary for the Government in disposing of the foreshore to make grants only to the owners of the adjoining lands or their nominees, but as a matter of law such owners have no right to preferential treatment in that respect.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E.L. Newcombe,
Deputy Minister of Justice.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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February 26th 1924.

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Memorandum.

Honourable Charles Stewart.

Re Foreshores on Indian Reserves.

I beg to send herewith a copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice, dated February 28th 1905, which gives the opinion "that the Indians have no title nor has the Crown any title in trust for them, to the foreshore adjoining an Indian reserve". He further states that "a foreshore may be a part of a reserve, and whether it is so or not depends on the instrument creating or constituting the reserve."

I find that neither do the descriptions nor plans of the reserves set apart in British Columbia on tidal waters make any mention of foreshores, and the reserves on the plans are shown to extend to high water mark.

The only foreshore of an Indian reserve that has been disposed of in British Columbia is the foreshore in front of the Mission Reserve, No. 1, adjoining North Vancouver. When the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway applied for this right of way, the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia passed an interim report, No. 5, which was confirmed by joint Orders in Council of the Dominion and the Provincial Governments granting the right of way and specifying "that care be taken in any grant or other disposition of the lands comprised in the said right of way to the said Railway Company to convey no no privilege as to the foreshore other than the mere right of way". Six thousand dollars was paid by the Railway Company for the right of way and credited to the trust funds of the Indians of the Mission Reserve, but the patent for the right of way was issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the purchase price of one dollar.

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You will observe from this that it was recognized that we had no title to grant, and that the amount paid by the Railway Company was compensation for what might be called interference with the reparian rights of the Indians.

Under Mr. Newcombe's opinion we lay no claim to the foreshores of Indian reserves, either from the Dominion or the Province, unless it is specifically shown that the instrument creating or constituting a reserve gives the Indians the foreshores, and at the present writing I know of no such instance.

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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MEMO FOR MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

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We desire explanation of the position of the Government of Canada with regard to following matters:-

1. The effect of the McKenna-McBride Agreement and in particular the words:- "final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia".

2. The effect of the law known as Bill 13 - Was it intended by this law to enact that the passing of Orders-in-Council adopting the Report of Royal Commission should bring about "final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia?"

3. Is the cutting off of Reserved lands provided for by the McKenna-McBride Agreement consistent with Article 13 of the "Terms of Union?"

4. Since what time and upon what constitutional grounds has the Government of Canada conceded that the Province of British Columbia has the reversionary title claimed by the Province?

5. What does the Government of Canada understand to be the exact position regarding foreshore rights fishing rights and other general rights of the Indian Tribes which would result from the passing of Order-in-Council adopting the Report of Royal Commission?

(Sgd.) Peter R. Kelly,
Chairman of the Allied Indian
Tribes of British Columbia.

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February 26th 1924.

Dear Mr. Newcombe;-

At the request of the Honourable Charles Stewart, I submit herewith a memorandum prepared for him by the British Columbia Indians who interviewed you the other day. The Minister would be much obliged if you would advise him as far as possible on the questions raised in this memorandum. As he desires to dispose of the matter at an early date and allow the Indians to return home, we should be pleased if you could treat the request as urgent.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

E.L. Newcombe, Esq., C.M.G. K.C. LL. D.,
Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, February 29th 1924.

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Dear Mr. Scott;-

I have received your letter of 26th instant, enclosing copy of questions submitted by Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia.

These questions appear to be a restatement of those which were discussed at the recent meeting in my office at which you were present, with Mr. Kelly and others representing the Indians, and I would confirm my answers as follows:-

" 1. The effect of the McKenna-McBride Agreement, "and in particular the words:- "final adjustment of all "matters relating to Indian affairs in the Province of "British Columbia".

Answer. I am of opinion that as between the two Governments the agreement and the action of the commissioners thereunder, if approved by both Governments, operate "as a final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian "affairs in the Province of British Columbia". These are the words of the agreement, and would I should think be interpreted to exclude claims by either government for better or additional terms.

"2. The effect of the law known as Bill 13 - Was it "intended by this law to enact that the passing of Orders-"in -Council adopting the Report of Royal Commission should "bring about final adjustment of all matters relating to "Indian affairs in the Province of British Columbia? "

Answer. Bill No. 13, which is now enacted as Chapter 51 of 1920, operates to authorize the Governor in Council to sanction or give legal effect to the agreement.

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D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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"3. Is the cutting off of reserved lands provided "for by the McKenna-McBride Agreement consistent with "Article 13 of the 'Terms of Union'"?

Answer. I do not perceive any inconsistency.

"4. Since what time and upon what constitutional "grounds has the Government of Canada conceded that the "Province of British Columbia has the reversionary title "claimed by the Province?"

Answer. So far as I am aware the Government of Canada has not conceded the reversionary title claimed by the Province, except as it is justified by the Terms of Union. The title of the Province to the public lands within the Province at the time of the Union rests upon these terms, and depends upon the interpretation of the constitutional instruments.

"5. What does the Government of Canada understand "to be the exact position regarding foreshore rights, fishing "rights, and other general rights of the Indian tribes "which would result from the passing of Order-in-Council "adopting the Report of Royal Commission?"

Answer. The foreshore rights in respect of the reserves are the same as those of other reparians. If, as is assumed, reserves abutting on tidal waters extend only to the high water mark, the right of access is nevertheless incident to the proprietorship of the reserve. In tidal waters there is a public right of fishing which the Indians enjoy in common with the other subjects of His Majesty. The non-tidal waters are in the Crown, or the grantees of the Crown, and any right of fishing which may be claimed in these waters must be vindicated either under the provincial laws or by grant or licence of the proprietor,

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proprietor, subject however to the power of regulation affecting the exercise of the right which belongs to the Dominion.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. L. Newcombe,

D.M.J.

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March 3rd 1924.

Dear Sir;-

I am inclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have received from the Deputy Minister of Justice containing answers to the questions submitted by Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mr. Andrew Paul,
Ottawa.

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Memorandum.

Honourable Charles Stewart.

I beg to present my views on the question of the cut-offs from reserves made by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. I take the question in the large. I find that for the acreage of the cut-offs, 47,058.49, two valuations are given, the larger valuation, $1,522,704.00, and the lesser $1,247,912.00. The acreage of new reserves is 87,291.17, and the value $444,838.80. The average valuation of the cut-offs amounts to $265.00, per acre, which taken acre for acre is to my mind an inflated value. I do not anticipate that when these reserves are sold by the Province they will produce this amount. The valuations were taken during the time of inflation.

I have recommended that the Dominion should disregard the recommendations of the Commission with reference to the cut-offs in the railway belt and allow the reserves to stand as at first allotted, as follows:-

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| Kamloops..... | 3,498.53 | acres |
| Lytton..... | 3,100.00 | " |
| Okanagan ..... | 1,881.00 | " |
| | 8,479.53 | acres at a valuation of $493,133.10. |

If this were done the total area and valuation would be reduced as follows; 36,578.96 acres at a valuation of $754,777.00. If these cut-offs were sold by the Province at the valuation shown, the Indians would receive one moiety, namely, $377,389.50.

I make this recommendation with reference to the cut-offs in the railway belt for the reason that the Commission had no jurisdiction in the railway belt. They were requested by the Dominion Government to examine the reserves in that area merely to assure uniformity of treatment and more from the desire to ascertain, whether in comparison with other Indians, the natives in this part of the Province had received sufficient reserve allotments. It was not the intention, either expressed or implied, that the Dominion should profit in any way by the extension of their work to this special portion of the Province. If my recommendation were accepted it would be an evidence that the Dominion was willing to forego any advantage and to grant the reserves which had been in the possession of the Indians.

The reason assigned by the Commission for reducing the above mentioned area was that the land is not being used and is not required by the Indians. The later examination into the findings of the Commission by the officers of both Governments, with the assistance of the Indians did not show that the judgment of the Commission was in error or that the

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reserves were unfairly reduced.

The acreage of new reserves constituted is 87,291.17, at a valuation of $444,836.80. You will observe that this is at the uniform valuation of $5.00 per acre, i.e., at current prices as open Crown Lands. This valuation is eminently fair.

The new reserves were set apart for the most part in districts that have not been visited by previous reserve commissioners and allotments were made for Indians who had never received any land, and in some instances, for example, in the Kitwancool Valley, in the Stuart Lake Agency, it is believed that serious trouble with the Indians has been averted by the reserve allotments. I am strongly of the opinion that the justice done the Indians of these remoter districts by the allotment of reserve lands more than offsets the diminution of reserves in the more settled portions of the country.

As before stated, I believe that the valuation of $754,779.00 for the acreage cut off outside the railway belt is very far in excess of its real value.

By the adoption of the Report of the Royal Commission the Indians will have obtained 666,640.25, acres at an estimated value of between $19,890,002.00 and $17,613,449.00, free of any reversionary interest in the Province. Considering the past history of Indian affairs in British Columbia, this seems to me to be a tangible benefit which should not be sacrificed for that most remote contingency - a more advantageous settlement with the Province.

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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March 31, 1924

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province
Victoria, B. C.
Canada

Gentlemen:

The Minnesota Historical Society desires to add to its collection of American historical material, which is one of the most extensive collections of its kind in the country, a copy of the Pacific coast Indians: Report, 4 vols.

We realize that such a collection will be very useful for future reference and historical study and that it should include as much as possible of the material in this field. We shall be very grateful, therefore, if you will present a copy of your book to this society.

If this is not possible, will you kindly inform us where and on what terms a copy may be obtained?

Very truly yours
MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Jacob Hodnefield
Head, Accessions Department

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 666

VICTORIA, B.C., April 9th, 1924.

Mr Graham
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Sir:-

The enclosed letter from the Minnesota Historical Society addressed to the defunct Royal Commission of Indian Affairs has reached this office. As I have no extra copies of the Report of the Commission on hand, I would suggest that the four volumes be forwarded to Jacob Hodnefield by the Department, though I cannot see that the Report will serve any useful purpose, as it contains information which can be understood only by those having an intimate knowledge of the Indian Reserve Question. There is nothing in the way of historical material contained in the Report.

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Enclosure:-

Your obedient servant,
W. E. Ditchburn

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Report sent
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On behalf of the society I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the [illegible] noted below. Your courtesy in sending this is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GERTRUDE KRAUSNICK
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October 15, 1924.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

Would it be possible to obtain from you a copy of the report made by the Royal Commission on Indian Lands in British Columbia?

If this report is of a confidential nature at present, it will be treated as such in this office, but as I understand an Order in Council has been passed confirming the recommendations in the report, I assume the report is no longer confidential.

With thanks in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Harkin.

Commissioner.

Dr. D. C. Scott, F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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October 17th. 1924.

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Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 15th. instant Dr. Scott has asked me to comply with your request for a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia. I am sending the Report by hand herewith.

Yours very truly,

Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

ABM

J. B. Harkin, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Canadian National Parks,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE MB. 19
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October 20, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, and the four volumes of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, for the Province of British Columbia.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Harkin

Commissioner.

A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.,
Acting Asst. Deputy
and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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Duncan Campbell Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Minister for Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir :

I wonder if you could supply us with the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, 1913 - 1917. I find that there is no copy of this in the Library and should be much obliged if you could let us have one.

Very truly yours

A. Hillgress

Legislative Librarian

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I believe the Report is in four volumes.

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Duncan Campbell Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister for Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir :

Will you please accept my best thanks for the four volumes of "A Report on Indian Affairs in British Columbia" received here this morning.

Very truly yours

A. H. Negress

Legislative Librarian

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Burns Lake, B. C.
January 18th, 1925.

Your file No.27163-1

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

I am forwarding you today, under separate cover by registered mail plans, in triplicate and descriptions for deeds of the following surveys:-

(1) Part of Lot558, Range 5, Coast District.
Stuart Lake Agency application No. 7.
(2) Blk."A" & "B" of Lot 4250, Range 5, C. D.
Stuart Lake Agency application No.11.
(3) Blk."A" of Lot 4251, Range 5. Coast Dist.
Stuart Lake Agency application No.9.
(4) E.½ of S.W.¼ & W.½ of S.E.¼, Lot 887.
Range 4, Coast District.
Stuart Lake Agency application No.14.

These parcels of land have to be purchased from private owners and consequently the Provincial Surveyor General has nothing to do with same.

You will notice that Application No.14 calls for the S.W.¼ of Lot 887, while I have surveyed the E.½ of the S.W.¼ and the W.½ of S.E.¼ instead; and application No.11 calls for 40 acres in one parcel while I have surveyed two parcels under this application. My reasons are obvious on looking at the plans.

I am also sending you a plan of each of the surveys of which field notes, plans and reports, all in duplicate have to date been forwarded to the Provincial Surveyor General, Victoria, B. C.

Your obedient servant,

V. Schjelderup,
B.C.Land Surveyor.

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Burns Lake, B. C.
August 31st, 1925.

Your file #27163-1

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Dept of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

In addition to the new Reserves reported in my letter to you of the 20th ult. I have now completed the survey of the following, making a total of 31 since the commencement of the season:-

"Stuart Lake Agency" Application Numbers - 14, 15, 16, 18A, 19, 40, 52, 53A, 53B, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 72 & 73.

With regard to Application No.14 I found that the S.W.¼ of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, did not take in the Indian Buildings nor the greater portion of their cultivated land so I surveyed instead the E.½ of the S.W.¼ and the W.½ of the S.E.¼ of Lot 887, which practically speaking cover all the improvements made by Indians living on Uncha Lake.

Your obedient servant,

V. Schjelderup,
B.C. Land Surveyor.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P. O. BOX 666
VICTORIA, B.C., December 28, 1928.

Your File 59335-5.

Dear Sir:-

Re Application No.14, I.R.No.13-A,
Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency.

I beg to refer you to Amended Schedule of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and in particular to Application No.14, Indian Reserve No.13A for the Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency, being portion of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, which was occupied by several Indian families prior to its alienation by the Government of British Columbia.

When the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs was placed in the hands of Major Clark, representing the Province of British Columbia, and myself for the Dominion Government, cases of this nature were discussed by us in full and we arrived at an understanding that where it could be shown by surveyors' field notes that Indians were in occupation of the land, when it was first surveyed, such areas should be purchased by the Government of British Columbia. You will remember, however, that when Mr.Pattullo went to Ottawa to finally wind up the Indian reserve matters, he stated in his memorandum to you that he agreed with the amended Schedule in full except insofar as the purchasing of any lands.

In the Schedule of New Reserves, Stuart Lake Agency, you will observe that this Reserve is described as the S.W.1/4 of Lot 887, but upon it being surveyed by Mr.Schjelderup in 1926, he found that the improvements of the Indians were comprised within the E.1/2 of the S.W.1/4 and the W.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 of Lot 887, and surveyed this area comprising 102.6 acres.

The land is owned by a Mr.W.C.Farrow, "Springfield", Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England, and I have had considerable correspondence with him as to what per acre value he would accept for the area which has been recommended as a reserve. I have just received a letter from him dated the 11th instant stating he would accept $7.50 per acre to get the matter settled up.

In view of the attitude taken by the Government of British Columbia, it is quite apparent if the Indians are to be protected in their holdings on this property, the land

must be

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Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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must be purchased by the Department of Indian Affairs and I, therefore, would recommend that the necessary action be taken to purchase the area at the price of $7.50 per acre, the cost of the same to be charged against the Special Vote, "Assistance to Agriculture".

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

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59555-5B

January 4th. 1928.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

Re Application No. 14, I.R.No. 13-A
Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency.

I have your letter of the 28th. December on the above subject. I approve of your recommendation for the purchase of this land, the price of which will be charged to the Special Vote "Assistance to Agriculture". Necessary action is also being taken to have the title searched.

Yours very truly,

DCI

Duncan Campbell Scott

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

January 4th. 1929.

Mr. Williams and
Mr. Paget -

I am in favour of purchasing the property for the Indians and would like the name of a lawyer who might search the title. It will be quite in order to charge the purchase price to the special vote.

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/59338-5B

5th January, 1929.

Dear Sir,

The Department desires to purchase the East half of the South West quarter and the West half of the South East quarter of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, British Columbia, in the Stuart Lake Agency. The Registry Office for this District I understand is situated at Prince Rupert. I should be glad to have you instruct your Agent to search the title to this property and forward his report with draft conveyance to His Majesty as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. The lands in question belong to Mr. W.G.Farrow, of Springfield, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England, and the price agreed upon is $7.50 per acre. The area of the lot I am advised is 102.6 acres.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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#59335-5B

8th January, 1929.

Dear Sir,

The Department desires to purchase the East half of the South West quarter and the West half of the South East quarter of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, British Columbia, in the Stuart Lake Agency. The Registry Office for this District I understand is situated at Prince Rupert. I should be glad to have you instruct your Agent to search the title to this property and forward his report with draft conveyance to His Majesty as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. The lands in question belong to Mr. W.C.Farrow, of Springfield, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England, and the price agreed upon is $7.50 per acre. The area of the lot I am advised is 102.5 acres.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 33/13929.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P. O. BOX 566
VICTORIA, B.C., March 8, 1929.

Agr
Mr Patterson
Trust funds available
please advise

Dear Sir,

Will you please have forwarded to H.J.Parker, Dominion Land Agent, at Kamloops, the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, Volumes Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

I think I wrote to you last Summer from Kamloops, when I was there, asking that these Volumes should be sent to Mr.Parker, but he tells me he hasnot received them.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/HM.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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March 16th. 1929.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,

I have your letter of the 8th. instant and am forwarding today to Mr. Parker a copy of the report of the Royal Commission. I cannot find record of any previous request.

Yours very truly,

R. J. MacPherson

Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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763 Albert St.
Nanaimo, B.C.
March 30th 1929

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont

To Peter Kelly

1958

August

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| 10 | One fare to Vancouver & return to Nanaimo | 2.80 |
| 10. | Meals in Vancouver | 2.50 |
| " | Hotel Room (St Regis) | 2.50 |
| 11 | Meals in Vanc. | 2.50 |
| " | Room | 2.50 |
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783 Albert St.
Nanaimo B.C.
March. 20th 1929

Dr Duncan C Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General.
Ottawa Ont

Dear Scott,

I am enclosing herewith my statement of expenses for my trip to Vancouver to meet you last August. You were good enough to ask me to render my bill for the trip.

Yours faithfully,
Peter R Kelly

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5 April 1929

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Chief J. [redacted] Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly forward me a copy of the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the province of British Columbia published in 1916.

Thanking you for your attention —

Yours very truly,

Albert G. Heath.
Director

E. Brathwaite
Sent Please advise
5/6/29

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SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Ottawa, July 27th, 1929.

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Dear Sir,-

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister has requested me to give some consideration to the subject matter of your letter to him of the 25th ultimo and referring particularly to your purchase in March, 1914 of lot No.887, Range 4, Coast District in the Province of British Columbia.

I have read your letter and the accompanying documents with interest, but it is necessary for me to explain that the matter is one which does not properly come within the purview of this Department but rather is for the attention and adjustment, if possible, of the Provincial Government. It is noted that there has been an exchange of correspondence between yourself and Mr. Ditchburn, our Commissioner in Victoria, with respect to the proposed purchase of a portion of this lot for the use of the Indians. It would seem, however, from your present letter that you have decided to terminate these negotiations and that you are not prepared to accept the offer made by Mr. Ditchburn on behalf of the Department.

I appreciate the difficulty which you have experienced in connection with this matter but there is no assistance which I can offer you other than to request Mr.

W. C. Farrow, Esq.,
Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough, England.

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Ditchburn to have some further discussion with the Provincial Government authorities with a view to having some mutually satisfactory adjustment made and thereby make it possible for the Department to purchase that portion of the lot which is now required for Indian use. A report will be received from Mr. Ditchburn in due course when I shall be very glad to write you further.

Yours faithfully,

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JUL 29 1929

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

July 27th, 1929.

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and any further correspondence

Dr. Scott

W.J.F.Pratt-Private Secretary

I am attaching hereto draft reply to a communication which the Right Honourable the Prime Minister received from Mr. W. C. Farrow of Peterborough, England, and which has been referred to the Minister for attention and reply.

Dr. Scott
Kindly see that you get this on the sig. to Mr. Farrow. W. J. Pratt.

The Department has no official knowledge concerning the matter referred to by Mr. Farrow, but, as you will note, a report will in due course be received from our Commissioner at Victoria, Mr. Ditchburn. I would suggest that the documents herewith might be returned in order that they may be forwarded to Mr. Ditchburn. He would, of course, be requested to return them with his report in case you require then for your office records.

in his Statutes absence

DCS

Deputy Superintendent General.

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July 30, 1929.

Dear Sir,-

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister referred to the Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs your letter to him of the 25th ultimo, referring particularly to your purchase in March, 1914, of Lot No. 887, Range 4, Coast District, province of British Columbia. This has been sent to me and in his absence I beg to state that I have read your letter and the accompanying documents with interest, but it is necessary for me to explain that the matter is one which does not properly come within the purview of this Department but rather is for the attention and adjustment, if possible, of the Provincial Government. It is noted that there has been an exchange of correspondence between yourself and Mr. Ditchburn, our Commissioner in Victoria, with respect to the proposed purchase of a portion of this lot for the use of the Indians. It would seem, however, from your present letter that you have decided to terminate these negotiations and that you are not prepared to accept the offer made by Mr. Ditchburn on behalf of the Department.

I appreciate the difficulty which you have experienced in connection with this matter but there is no assistance which I can offer you other than to request Mr. Ditchburn to have some further discussion with the Provincial Government authorities with a view to having some mutually satisfactory adjustment made and thereby make it possible for the Department to purchase that portion of the lot which is now required for Indian use. A report will be received from Mr. Ditchburn in due course when I shall be very glad to write you further.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Ed.

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W. C. Farrow, Esq.,
Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough, England.

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Mr. Caldwell

To write

Mr. Ditchburn

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July 31, 1929.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn,-

It is unnecessary for me to enter into any explanation concerning the matter referred to in the documents attached hereto as the question is one with which you are more or less familiar. Mr. W. C. Farrow of Peterborough, England, apparently finds it impossible to reach any satisfactory agreement with the Provincial Government authorities in connection with his purchase some years ago of Lot No. 887, Range 4, Coast District, a portion of which the Department desires to purchase for the use of the Indians.

Enclosures.

I would ask you to note particularly the promise made to Mr. Farrow in the last paragraph of my letter of the 30th instant and I should be glad if you would at the earliest convenient opportunity discuss this matter with the proper Government officials for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any likelihood of the matter being adjusted in some mutually satisfactory manner. It appears to me that Mr. Farrow has very good cause for complaint and if proper title cannot be given to him for the property purchased, surely he should have his money refunded or otherwise compensated. With

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W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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the exception of the copy of my letter to Mr. Farrow be good enough to return the enclosed documents with your reply.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General

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Telephone 162.

Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough.

June 25th 1929.

The Hon. W.L.Mackenzie King, M.P.
Premier,
Parliament Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Trusting you will pardon me for troubling you but feeling as I do that when you have looked through the facts you will not only excuse me but will see that I am treated fairly.

In March 1914 I bought of a Mr Keith and Mr Petley, Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District for £1.728. 0. 6. and up to June 2nd 1924, I had paid £194. 15. 0. in rates and taxes.

In the Autumn of 1924 my Father was in Canada and had a look at this piece of land and found there was an Indian Settlement on it; he went to see Mr Ditchburn of the Department of Indian Affairs who told him the Indians

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Telephone 162.

Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough.

could not be removed as they had been there so many years. After years of correspondence with Mr Ditchburn he asked, without prejudice, what I would accept per acre for the quarter occupied by the Indians. My reply being - I thought as the Government of British Columbia had given me an Indefeasible Title to the land and could not give me possession because of the Indians, I was entitled to what the land cost me; also what I had paid in rates and taxes, plus 5% interest. Again after long correspondence, Mr Ditchburn agreed to buy a ¼ section but after the enclosed correspondence, I have withdrawn all offers and I feel and venture to think that you will agree that as the Government of British Columbia have sold me what they cannot deliver they should refund me the cost and what they have charged me in rates and taxes at the very least.

In August 1927, I wrote to Mr S.H. Hoskins, Provincial Collector of Taxes at Smithers. B.C., that I was not prepared to pay any further taxes on this land until the Government of British Columbia removed the Indians.

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Telephone 162.

Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough.

I am enclosing copies of certain letters I have had from and written to Mr Ditchburn. Trusting you will be able to help me in this matter, which has been a very serious loss to me and thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
W. L. Farrow

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Commissioner's Office,
P.O. Box. 666
VICTORIA. B.C.

April 25th 1929.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst, and it is difficult for me to understand just what you mean. The only conclusion I can come to is that you are confusing Provincial matters with those that are purely Federal; my Department is a branch of the Federal Government.

As previously explained the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs when visiting the Northern part of British Columbia found Indians in occupation of parts of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, and investigations showed that they had been there previous to the sale of this land by the Provincial Government. The Commission recommended that the areas occupied by the Indians should be created a reserve, but the land should be purchased. At first efforts were made to have the Provincial Government purchase this land as it was considered that they should not have sold this while Indians were in occupation, but this they, (the Provincial Government), refused to do and therefore my Department had to make an effort to obtain it with the result that after correspondence with yourself you agreed to a price of $7.50 an acre. Upon our Solicitor being instructed to complete the transaction it was found that the land had reverted to the Provincial Government for the nonpayment of taxes and my letter to you of the 22nd of February was written for the sole purpose of informing you of the situation if you were not already aware of it, and to know whether you wished to redeem the Lot by paying the arrears of taxes. Providing you did this it was shown that you would still have the N½; W½ of SW¼; and the E½ of the SE¼ at a nett cost in taxes of $52.17, as this Department proposed to pay you $769.50 for $102.6 acres.

I may inform you that should you not redeem this land by the payment of arrears of taxes this Department could purchase what we require at a lower price than that which we agreed to pay you.

Yours respectfully,
(s) W.E.Ditchburn.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

CANADA.

Commissioners Office,
P.O. Box. 666
VICTORIA.
February 22nd 1929.

Dear Mr Farrow,

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the purchase of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, from you by my Department for Indian purposes, our Solicitors now find on searching the title, that this Lot was advertised for sale in 1927 by the Provincal Government, for nonpayment of taxes and that in 1928, as you had not redeemed it, this Lot reverted to the Crown in the right of the Province of British Columbia.

Notices of these proceedings were sent you by the Provincial Assessor at Smithers, B.C., but in view of previous correspondence I am led to believe that you may not have received these notices.

The question now is whether you wish to re-purchase the Lot. I find that the taxes and expenses owing on the same are $ 665.72, which amount included 1928 Taxes, together with approximately $156.95, taxes for 1929, making a total of $ 821.67, for which amount the whole of Lot 887 would again pass into your possession. My Department has agreed to purchase the E½ of SW¼ and the W½ of SE¼, a total of 102.6 acres for $769.50. This would leave you in po session of the N½; W½ of SW¼; and the E½ of SE¼; at a nett cost of $52.17.

I wish you would let me know as you conveniently can what your intentions are in respect to this, as in the event of your deciding not to re-purchase this Lot, my Department intend to buy that part needed for Indian purposes direct from the Provincial Government.

Yours respectfully,
(s) W.E.Ditchburn.

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C O P Y.

"Springfield,"
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough.

Dec, 11th 1928.

W.E.Ditchburn Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA. B.C.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks your favour of the 24th ult, and note you offer 7.50 dollars per acre for a quarter section of the land which I will accept so as to get this matter settled up.

I shall be glad to hear as soon as you have got your Department to accept this and to receive draft for the settlement of same.

Yours truly,

(s) W.C. Farrow.

Per registered post.

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CANADA.

Commissioners Office,
P.O.Box. 666.
Victoria B.C.

Nov. 24th 1928.

Dear Sir,

Re - S.W. 1/4 Lot 887, R.4.
Coast District.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th July also that of the 3rd October relative to my communication of the 29th June last in which I stated that if you would accept 7.50 per acre for this quarter section of land, I would recommend the purchase of the same by my Department.

In reply I beg to say that the price I mentioned is the extreme limit which I would feel justified in asking my Department to pay.

Yours faithfully,

(s) W.E.Ditchburn.

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August 17th 1927.

Mr W.E.Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
VICTORIA . B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District.

Not having heard from you in reply to my last letter, and not getting a satisfactory reply from Mr G.R. Naden, I shall be glad if you will let me know per return what is the best I can do in this matter, as I have again received Demand Note for Taxes, and notice of Tax Sale of Lands to be advertised in the Provincial Gazette on October 12th.

As you know, your Government have given me an indefeasible title to the lands, which they ought not to have done, as the Indians were in possession of a portion of this land, as per your letter of October 30th 1924. I am naturally, not prepared to pay any further taxes on this land until the Government remove these Indians, nor do I consider that the Tax Collectors are entitled to sell the land.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

(s) W.C.Farrow.

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C O P Y.

August 17th 1927.

Mr S.H.Hoskins,
Office of Provincial Collector,
Smithers,
B.C.

Dear Sir,

re Tax Sale of Lands.

I am in receipt of your Tax Notice of July 26th, and beg to inform you that I am not prepared to pay the Taxes of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, until the Government remove the Indians.

I understand that although your Government have given me an indefeasible title to this plot of land, that the Indians were actually there at the time of the sale, and therefore that part of this plot had been confirmed as an Indian Reserve No.13 A for the Stuart Lake Band of Indians.

Therefore, in view of this, I cannot see that you have any right to ask me to pay these Taxes, nor to advertise for sale this property in the Provincial Gazette. I am again taking the matter up with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada, and trust that I shall soon be able to get a settlement with them.

Yours faithfully,

(s) W.C.Farrow,

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Commissioners Office
P.O.Box.666
Victoria B.C. March 10th/26.

Dear Sir,

re lot 887, Range 4, Coast district.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter referring to the above mentioned Lot on which there have been Indians residing, and your request that they be removed, or, failing this, you desire to be refunded the money which the land cost you, plus 5% interest; also to repay you the amount you have paid in rates and taxes.

In reply I beg to inform you that in view of the fact that it is conclusively proved that Indians were residing on the above mentioned land prior to it being alienated by the British Columbia Government, 160 acres of Lot 887 have been confirmed as an Indian reserve No.13-A for the Stuart Lake Band of Indians.

In connection with this matter I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of the letter I addressed to your Father on the 30th October, 1924, which fully explains the situation.

I would suggest that you take up the matter with the Deputy Minister of Lands for the Government of British Columbia in an endeavour for an adjustment.

Your obedient servant,
(s) W.E.Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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File 33/13/3890.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.
P.O.Box 666.
Victoria, B.C.
October 10th 1924.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, relative to the Indians settlement on your lands at Uncha Lake.

In reply I note your request that the Indians be removed from this property in view of my Government having given you an indefeasible title to the lands. On this point I beg to say that any title issued to you was by the Government of the Province of British Columbia and not by the Dominion Government of which the Department of Indian Affairs is a branch and I am a servant of. The factremains, however, that the Indians were in possession of a portion of these lands prior to the time of their alienation by the Province of British Columbia as is shown on the field notes of the survey of the same. When settling the Indian reserve Question with the Government of British Columbia the fact that the Indians were on the land prior to its alienation was so fully established that the representative of the Government of the Province recommended that the S.W. 1/4 of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast district, comprising 160 acres, should be confirmed as a reserve for the Indians through purchase from the owner.

Yours faithfully,

(s) W.E.Ditchburn.

Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/KD.

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C O P Y.

Mr W.A.Ditchburn,
Indian Department,
Victoria.
B.C. Canada.

Dear Sir,

Re Lot 887. Range 4.Coast district.

I am given to understand from my Father who was in Canada some little while since that Red Indians are settled in the above plot and this being so I shall be glad if you will have them removed, or failing this, refund what the land cost me, pluss 5% interest, also repay me the amount I have paid you in rates and taxes.

Awaiting the favour of your early reply.

Yours faithfully,

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## W.C. FARROW.

### Claim re Lands in British Columbia.

| Disbursements. Date. | Particulars. | Amounts Paid. In currency. S. | C. | Rate of Exchange. | Sterling Eqv at date of paymt. £. | s. | d. | Int @ 5% Con sterling amts paid. From date of pymt to 31st May inc. 1926. £. | s. | d. | Total Outlay. Princ & Int up to 31st May. 1926. inclusive. £. | s. | d. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. Mch 5th. | Cost of Land. £1728-0-6. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Registration 4-17-6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10½ Mts Taxes 13-18-4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1746 | 16 | 4 | 1069 | 0 | 5. | 2815 | 16 | 9 | 12 yrs 87 dys int. |
| 1915. May 31. | Taxes. | 80 | 14 | 4.87 | 16 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 | | 25 | 10 | 1 | 11 yrs |
| 1916 May 31. | do | 80 | 14 | 4.87 | 16 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 24 | 13 | 7 | 10 yrs |
| 1917 May 31. | " | 80 | 14 | 4.80. | 16 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 10 | | 24 | 3 | 11 | 9 yrs |
| 1918 May 31. | " | 100 | 17 | 4.83. | 20 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 29 | - | 7 | 8 yrs |
| 1919 May 31 | " | 58 | 15 | 4.74 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 7 yrs |
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| 1921. May 2rd | " | 58 | 14 | 4.46¾ | 13 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 5 yrs 8 dys |
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Ottawa, July 12, 1929

W. C. Farrow, Esq.,
Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough, England.

Dear Sir,

Re: British Columbia lands

I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of the 25th of June, with enclosed statements.

Mr. King has asked me to see that your representations are brought to the immediate attention of the Minister of Interior, Mines and Indian Affairs, with a request that he communicate with you direct in the event of the matter to which you refer being within the purview of that Department.

Yours faithfully,

Harry Baldwin,
Secretary.

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OTTAWA,

July 12, 1929.

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Letter-Minister. Sig. W.P.
PRIV. COUNCIL

TO THE HONOURABLE

THE MINISTER OF Interior.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO FORWARD THE ATTACHED ~~COPY OF~~ A LETTER DATED June 25th, FROM W.C.Farrow, Springfield, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England,

AS THE MATTER REFERRED TO THEREIN IS ONE WHICH COMES WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF Interior.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE OBLIGED IF YOU WILL NOTE ITS REPRESENTATIONS AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

HARRY BALDWIN,

SECRETARY.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

OTTAWA.

33/13/13256.

Commissioner's Office,
P.O.Box 666.

Victoria, B.C.
December 28, 1928.

Your File 59335-5.

R

Dear Sir:-

Re Application No.14, I .R.No.13-A
Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency.

I beg to refer you to Amended Schedule of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and in particular to Application No.14, Indian Reserve N o.13A for the Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency, being portion of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, which was occupied by several Indian families prior to its alienation by the G overnment of British Columbia.

When the report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs was placed in the hands of Major Clark, representing the Province of British Columbia, and myself for the Dominion Government, cases of this nature were discussed by us in full and we arrived at an understanding that where it could be shown by surveyors' field notes that Indians were in occupation of the land, when it was first surveyed, such areas should be purchased by the Government of British Columbia. You will remember, however, that when Mr.Pattullo went to Ottawa to finally wind up the Indian reserve matters, he stated in his memorandum to you that he agreed with the amended Schedule in full except insofar as the purchasing of any lands.

In the Schedule of New Reserves, Stuart Lake Agency, you will observe that this Reserve is described as the S.W.1/4 of Lot 887, but upon it being surveyed by Mr.Schjelderup in 1926, he found that the improvements of the Indians were comprised within the E.1/2 of the S.W.1/4 and the W.1/2 of the S.E.1/4 of Lot 887, and surveyed this area comprising 102.6 acres.

The land is owned by a Mr.W.C.Farrow, "Springfield", Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England, and I have had considerable correspondence with him as to what per acre value he would accept for the area which has been recommended as a reserve. I have just received a letter from him dated the 11th instant stating he would accept $7.50 per acre to get the matter settled up.

In view of the attitude taken by the Government of British Columbia, it is quite apparent if the Indians are to be protected in their holdings on this property, the land must be purchased by the Department of Indian Affairs and I, therefore, would recommend that the necessary action be taken to purchase the area at the price of $7.50 per acre, the cost of the same to be charged against the Special Vote, "Assistance to Agriculture".

WED/HM.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W.E.Ditchburn.

Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Duncan C.Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Office of the
Deputy Superintendent General.
Ottawa.

January 4th, 1928.

Dear Mr.Ditchburn.

Re Application No.14, I .R.No.13-A
Francois Lake Band, Stuart Lake Agency.

I have your letter of the 28th December on the above subject. I approve of your recommendation for the purchase of this land, the price of which will be charged to the Special Vote "Assistance to Agriculture". Necessary action is also being taken to have the title searched.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C.Scott.

W.E.Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

CANADA.

Commissioner's Office,
P.O.Box 666,

Our File No.33/13/13784.

V ictoria, B.C.
February 22, 1929.

Dear Mr.Farrow:-

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the purchase of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, from you by my Department for Indian purposes, our solicitors now find on searching the title, that this Lot was advertised for sale in 1927 by the Provincial Government, for non-payment of taxes and that in 1928, as you had not redeemed it, this Lot reverted to the Crown in the right of the Province of British Columbia.

Notices of these proceedings were sent you by the Provincial Assessor at Smithers, B.C., but in view of our previous correspondence I am led to believe that you may not have received these notices.

The question now is whether you wish to re-purchase this Lot. I find that the taxes and expenses owing on the same are $665.72, which amount includes 1928 taxes, together with approximately $155.95, taxes for 1929, making a total of $821.67, for which amount the whole of Lot 887 would again pass into your possession. My Department has agreed to purchase the E½ of SW¼ and the W½ of S.E.¼, a total of 102.6 acres for $769.50. This would leave you in possession of the N½; W½ of SW¼; and the E½ of SE¼; at a nett cost of $52.17.

I wish you would let me know as soon as you conveniently can what your intentions are in respect to this, as in the event of your deciding not to repurchase this Lot, my Department intend to buy that part needed for Indian purposes direct from the Provincial Government.

AVH.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) W.E.Ditchburn.

Indian Commissioner for B.C.

W.C.Farrow, Esq.,
"Springfield"
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough,
England.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 33/13/15158.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P. O. BOX 666
VICTORIA, B.C., August 13, 1929.

R

Re Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo referring to Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, together with a letter addressed to the Honourable MacKenzie King, Prime Minister, written by W.C.Farrow, of Springfield, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, England, with which he enclosed copies of some of the correspondence that had passed between himself and myself dealing with part of the above mentioned Lot which the Indians have been in occupation of for a great many years prior to its alienation by the Crown.

In reply I beg to say that it is difficult for me to understand just why Mr.Farrow has seen fit to write to the Prime Minister on this subject, as it is one purely of a Provincial character.

The history of this Lot which comprises 531.70 acres is as hereunder:-

It was purchased from the Provincial Government by a Mr.Charles Mahon at a price of $1,391.75 and a crown grant issued on the 16th September, 1908. Just how many hands this Lot passed through before Mr.Farrow purchased it from Messrs. Keith and Petley in 1914 for £1728/-/6 can of course only be traced through the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, but this point is not important.

When the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs went through.....

Dr.Duncan C.Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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through the Stuart Lake Agency, the Uncha Lake Indians, under Application Number 14 asked for Lots 886 and 887, Range 4, Coast District, claiming they had improvements on the same. As the land had been alienated by the Crown in 1908, the Commission could not entertain the application. Later, when the adjustment of the work of the Royal Commission was placed in the hands of Major Clark, representing the Provincial Government, and myself, for the Dominion Government, I had Agent MacAllan come to Victoria and go over the applications, and in connection with No.14, he wrote "West half of Lot 887 should be acquired as there are three houses and other improvements and the Indians have been in residence for over thirty years" which went to show that the Indians were occupying the lands prior to its alienation by the Crown. The field notes of the surveyor pertaining to Lot 887 were obtained and the sketch attached thereto clearly showed that there were Indian houses and other improvements on the land. Major Clark and I then arrived at the following conclusions where it was deemed essential that the Indians should be provided with certain lands, although the same were alienated.

(1) In cases where it was shown on the surveyors' field notes that the Indians were in occupation and had improvements at the time of the survey, we deemed it was the duty of the Government of British Columbia to repurchase such area for the use of the Indians.

(2) In cases where Indians were occupying alienated land, but there was nothing on the field notes to show that they were there prior to the time of the survey, it was considered that the lands should be purchased jointly by the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

(3) In cases where it was desired to purchase private lands

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for the Indians, though they had not been previously occupying them, then it was the duty of the Dominion Government to purchase the same. This latter, however, had only reference to Application No.9, of the Stikine Agency, where the Royal Commission recommended that the "Wilson Ranch" should be purchased.

With regard to Clauses One and Two, you are already aware of the fact that the Honourable Mr.Pattullo, the Provincial Minister of Lands, while concurring in the amended schedule, refused to consent to his Government purchasing lands for Indians, and it therefore devolved upon the Dominion Government to do so. I wrote you on the 28th December, 1928, with regard to that portion of Lot 887 required for Indian purposes, recommending that 102.6 acres be purchased from Mr.Farrow, and in your reply of the 4th of January you gave your concurrence. Copies of these letters are attached hereto.

I would here beg to point out that it was not until the 26th of December, 1928, that I received a letter from Mr. Farrow dated the 11th of that month agreeing to sell to our Department that part of Lot 887 required for Indian purposes at a price of $7.50 per acre, but no intimation was given by him that there was a large sum owing on the same to the Provincial Government for taxes, and it was not until Mr.P.T. Jones, Solicitor, of Prince Rupert, was asked to complete the purchase after searching the title that he found the land of Mr.Farrow had reverted to the Crown on the 13th of October, 1928, for non-payment of taxes. Mr.Jones, in writing me on January 18th of this year, gave me this information and asked me to get in touch with Mr.Cathcart, Superintendent of Lands for the Provincial Government of British Columbia, to see if that Government would accept $7.50 per acre for the 102.6 acres as had been agreed to by Mr.Farrow. This I did by

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personal interview in which I explained the whole case to Mr.Cathcart and he then said he would not like to give a decision on the point until he was assured that all the formalties of the Taxation Act had been carried out, as it might be possible that Mr.Farrow had not received the notices from the Collector of Taxes, at Smithers. The outcome of the interview was that I should write to Mr.Farrow on the matter and this was done on the 22nd of February last. A copy of my letter is attached hereto for your information, and you will observe that I pointed out to Mr.Farrow that upon his redeeming Lot 887, this would only be at a net cost to him of $52.17 as this Department would pay him $769.50 for 102.6 acres and he would thus have the balance of the Lot for himself which would amount to 429.10 acres. The amount owing by Mr.Farrow was $665.72 up to 15th February, 1928, plus a further $155.95 for the 1929 taxes, a total of $821.67, so that it is quite apparent he had not paid taxes for three years prior to 1927, when the land was advertised for sale.

I think you will agree with me that the question could not have been more plainly put before Mr.Farrow, but he does not appear to have looked upon it in that light. The Lot now belongs to the Crown in right of the Province, as Mr.Farrow did not redeem it within the one year after it had been advertised for sale in accordance with the Land Act.

The Government of British Columbia are quite agreeable that our Department should purchase the 102.6 acres surveyed by Mr.Schjelderup for Indian purposes, and I would recommend that this should be done.

In view of the above explanation, Mr. Farrow's withdrawal of his offer to sell part of his Lot to our

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Department is not of any consequence for when he accepted our offer of $7.50 per acre, he was not in a position to do so, as the land had reverted at that time to the Crown for non-payment of taxes. It is unfortunate, however, for Mr.Farrow that he allowed his taxes to go unpaid or that he did not redeem the property after I wrote him and recoup himself by the amount we were prepared to pay him, thus retaining 429.10 acres out of the 531.70 acres on the net payment of $52.17. It is, however, very apparent that neither Mr.Farrow nor his father are not very good business men, otherwise the Lot would never have been purchased at the enormous price it was, as it is situated in the vast hinterland of the North, just below the 54th Parallel, and this district has no promise of settlement for many, many years to come.

In conclusion I would refer to Mr.Farrow's statement in his letter to the Prime Minister with regard to the Government of British Columbia giving him an indefeasible title and on this particular point I beg to say that of course the title issued by the Government of British Columbia was not to Mr.Farrow, but to Mr.Mahon, who purchased the land in the first place. I have already expressed the opinion to the Provincial officials that I thought the land should not have been sold to Mr.Mahon as the Indians were in occupation of it at the time he applied to purchase it and that it formed part of an Indian settlement; consequently, Mr. Mahon must have made a false declaration in his application to the effect that the land did not form part of an Indian settlement.

I am returning herewith the papers which you forwarded with your communication.

WED/HM.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

W.E.Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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August 21st. 1929.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 25th. June addressed to the Right Honorable the Prime Minister, and in the absence of Dr. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of report which has just been received from Commissioner Ditchburn of Victoria, B.C. with respect to the lands referred to in your letter. Mr. Ditchburn has gone very fully into the history of this matter and there is nothing further that I could add to the information which he has given.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Williams

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

a.s.w.

W. C. Farrow, Esq.,
Springfield,
Lincoln Road,
Peterborough,
England.

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13th September, 192

Dear Sir,

Since writing you on the 5th January last with respect to the proposed purchased of the East half of the South West quarter and the West half of the Sout East quarter of Lot 887, Range 4, Coast District, British Columbia, in the Stuart Lake Agency, there has been some correspondence between Mr. Farrow and the Department. Recently we have received a report from Mr. Ditchburn, Indian Commissioner for B.C., from which it appears that the land in question had reverted to the Province of British Columbia on account of non-payment of arrears of taxes before instructions for the search of this title had been given. Mr. Ditchburn reports that "The Government of British Columbia are quite agreeable that our Department should purchase the 102.6 acres surveyed by Mr. Schjelderup for Indian purposes." I should be glad accordingly to have your Agent proceed with the acquisition of this property for the Department and advise the Department when a cheque for the purchase price is required.

Yours truly,

D. M. Leslie

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

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"Victoria, B.C., 18th October, 1916, N. W. White, K. K.C., Shelburne, N.S.

After visit to Seabird Island by Mr. Green description cut off found to be mistaken in that it included major portion Indian improvements. We have agreed on amendment which will exclude these improvements and reduce cut off area considerably. If you concur would ask youto authorize one of us to sign for you amending Minute. It can yet be printed an bound in Report. We have sent Carmichael Similar message. Please wire reply and confirm by letter.

McKenna,
Macdowall,
Shaw".

"Shelburne, N. S., October 19th, 1916,
"McKenna, Macdowall & Shaw, Victoria B.C.

I agree to amendment of cut off Seabird Island as suggested in your wire today and authorize you sign my name to same. Will confirm by letter.

N. W. White."

"S. Carmichael, K.C., 291 Mountain Street, Montreal October 18th, 1916.

After visit to Seabird Island by Mr. Green description cut off found to be mistaken in that it includes major portion Indian improvements. We have agreed on amendment which will exclude these improvements and reduce cut off area considerably. If you concur would ask you to authorize one of us to sign for you amending Minute. It can yet be printed and bound in Report. We have sent Mr. White similar message. Please wire reply and confirm by letter.

McKenna,
McDowall,
Shaw."

"Montreal, Quebec, October 19th, 1916.
J.A.J. McKenna, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, Belmont House, Victoria, B.C.

Appreciate that former members defunct Commission cannot legally amend decision Minute in final report but that Indians should not suffer from mistake, agree you sign my name to alleged amendment provided same is fully self explanatory as to why and when made but would urge following course, that notification signed by or for all members former Commission be sent both governments apprising them of mistake of Seabird Minute and urging this be kept in view when governments dealing with report. This could be printed with and as addendum to final report where amendment varying report could not properly be.

S. Carmichael.

Certified correct copies of telegrams referred to in report of undersigned, on Seabird Island, dated October 23rd, 1916.

(sgd) J.A.J. McKenna,
for the Dominion,
(sgd) D.H. Macdowall, for the Province

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October 23rd, 1916.

To His Excellency

The Governor General in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Undersigned, having been charged by the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province, respectively, to continue, after the closing of the sittings of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, to represent the said Governments in the supervision of the production, printed and bound, of the Report of the said Commission, and to have custody and control of the papers and records of the said Commission, found, in the discharge of their duties and through an examination of Seabird Island by Mr. Ashdown H. Green, B.C.L.S., the Technical Officer of the Commission, that by reason of a mistaken description set forth in the Minute of the Commission of the 16th March, 1915, reducing the area reserved for certain Indian Bands by the late Mr. Commissioner Sproat within the bounds of Seabird Island, the major portion of the Indian improvements thereon would be cut off contrary to the intention of the Commission in the matter.

They thereupon conferred with Mr. J. P. Shaw, who had been member of said Commission, and after discussion with him and agreement as to amending the said mistaken description, communicated by wire with Mr. H. W. White, who was the Chairman of the said Commission, and Mr. Saumarez Chrmichael

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Carmichael, K.C., who was a member thereof, and they by telegraph expressed agreement to amendment, the telegrams to them and their replies being placed herewith.

The undersigned, therefore, impressed with a full sense of the responsibility attaching to them, and with a view to preventing injury to the Indians of Seabird Island through the mistaken description, respectfully recommend that for the description in the Minute of the Commission respecting Seabird Island of the 16th March, 1915, the following description prepared by Mr. Ashdown H. Green, B.C.L.S., be substituted when the Report of the Commission is being passed upon by Your Excellency in Council and Your Honour in Council:-

"All that portion of Seabird Island in Township Four (4), Range Twenty-eight (28), West of the 6th meridian, comprising Sections Four (4) and Ten (10), and those portions of Sections Three (3) and Eleven (11) lying to the West of the Fraser River, and containing Sixteen Hundred and Ninety (1690) acres, more or less, according to attached Sketch Plan.

(sgd) J. A. J. McKenna,
For the Dominion.

(sgd) D. H. MacDowall,
For the Province.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
August 30th, 1916.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information copies of Special Reports this day transmitted to the Government of the Province of British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
April 12th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration New Westminster Agency Additional Lands Application No. 42, of the Chilliwack Tribe, Skulkayn Band, for the re-allotment of Grass I. R. No. 15, it was upon motion

"Ordered: That the matter of this allotment do form the subject of a Special Report to the Department of Indian Affairs."

You will remember that some time ago protest was made to the Department by certain of the Bands of the Chilliwak Tribe against the allotment in common to the Chilliwack Tribe of Grass Reserve No. 15. The Commission, after careful investigation, decided to confirm the allotment as per the original Minute of Decision. A copy of the Commission's Minute of the 12th April, 1916, is attached hereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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Minute of Decision of the 12th April, 1916.

"ORDERED: That Grass Reserve No. 15, of the Chilliwack Indians, in common, New Westminster Agency, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at page 95 thereof, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plan of Survey namely:

"No. 15 Grass Reserve.....160.00acres."

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
June 30th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Nass Agency Additional Lands Application No.33, of the Kitsumkaylum Tribe, being in effect a recommendation by Mr. Agent Perry that a new Reserve be provided for these Indians away from the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, it was upon motion

"ORDERED: That a Special Report do issue approving the recommendation of Mr. Agent Perry as contained in the Application."

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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Victoria, B. C.,
June 30th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at ameeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Stuart Lake Agency Additional Lands Applications Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 12, of the Francois Lake Tribe, Maxim Lake Band, for (9) the N. W. ¼ E. ½ Lot 4251, R. 5, Coast L.D.; (10) the N. W. Corner of the N. E. ¼ Lot 4251, R. 5, Coast L.D.; (11) the S.W. ¼ E. ½ Lot 4250, R. 5, Coast L.D., ~~xxx~~ and (12) the S.W. ¼ S.E. ¼ Lot 4250, R. 5, Coast L.D., all of which tracts or parcels of land so applied for are found upon investigation to have been alienated from the Crown and not within the disposing power of this Commission, itwas upon motion

"ORDERED: That a Special Report do issue, setting forth that inasmuch as no other alternative and suitable land is found available for the use and purposes of these Indians applicants, the Commission recommends to the Government of the Dominion of Canada that such Government take steps toward securing if possible for these Indian Applicants the N. W. ¼ E. ½ Lot 4251 and the S.W. ¼ E. ½ Lot 4250, R. 5, Coast L.D., each of said tracts or parcels of land containing an area of Forty (40) acres, more or less."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
June 30th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Stuart Lake Agency Additional Lands Application No. 113, of the Tatche Tribe, Pinchie Band, for the E. ½ Lot No. 4709, R. 5, Coast L.D., which land is found upon investigation to be covered by P. R. in the name of Annie Beaston, in good standing, and not within the disposing power of the Commission, it was upon motion

"ORDERED: That a Special Report do issue, to be addressed to the Government of the Province of British Columbia, requesting the exemption of a certain Indian graveyard contained within the lands applied for, upon issuance of Crown Grant for the said E. ½ Lot No. 4709, R. 5, Coast Land District".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,-
Your obedient servant,

Ch. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
June 20th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Naas Agency Application No. 16, of the Naas River and Kincolith Tribe, for the enlargement of Stony Point or Fishery Bay I. R. No. 10 by the inclusion therein of a certain tract or parcel of land containing an area of Ten (10) acres, more or less, owned by Messrs Finlay, Durham & Brodie and formerly used and occupied by them in connection with their slamon cannery operations, it was upon motion:

"ORDERED: That a Special Report do issue recommending that the land applied for under this Application be purchased for the common use and benefit of the Kincolith and Lach-kalt-zap Bands, and that the commonage now existing upon Stony Point or Fishery Bay I. R. No. 10 be extended across this Ten (10) acres, when so acquired".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Ch. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
June 30th, 1916.

The Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration New Westminster Agency Additional Lands Application No. 29, of the Douglas Tribe, for a certain tract or parcel of land containing an area of Sixty (60) acres, more or less, with Indian improvements, lying between Upper and Lower Lillooet Lakes, which land is found upon investigation to be alienated and therefore not within the disposing powers of the Commission, it was upon motion

"ORDERED: That a Special Report do issue, to be addressed to both Governments, recommending that steps be taken to secure to the applicant Indians lands containing substantial improvements made by them".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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June 30th, 1916.

To the Honourable
The Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Bella Coola Agency Additional Lands Application No. 33, of the Kitimat Tribe, being the application of Chief John Bolton for a homestead or pre-emption of Forty (40) acres, it was upon motion

"ORDERED: That the matter of this application form the subject of a formal application by the said John Bolton for a pre-emption, to be addressed to the Government of the Province of British Columbia through this Commission".

Incident to the above Minute and Resolution I beg to enclose herewith application and supporting documents, also the sum of $2.00 transmitted to the Commission by Chief John Bolton, with his application, which application the Commission is pleased to endorse.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Encls.

Secretary.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA?

Victoria, B. D.,
June 30th, 1916.

To the Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, the Commission having under consideration Naas Agency Additional Lands Application No. 2, of the Naas River and Kincolith Tribe or Band, for Lots Nos. 50 and 51, Cassiar Land District, both of which lots are found to have been Crown Granted, it was upon motion

"ORDERED: That a special report do issue recommending the purchase of the said lots Nos. 50 and 51, Cassiar Land District, or such portions thereof as contain Indian improvements or are reasonably and necessarily required by the applicant Indians".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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No-13-(16th Oct,1913)- P.G.E.Ry R/W. Pt.Cayoosh Creek Res.

No-14-(6th Nov,1913)- Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co. Seymour Creek No-2 of Squamish Tribe.

No-15-(14th Nov,1913)- B.C.Electric Ry Co; Block 9 New Westminster Res

No-16-(19th Nov.1913)- Confirming Reserves No-3 Okanagan Band.

No-17-(19th Nov.1913)- V?V & E Ry Co; Upper Sumas Res No-6.

No-18-(20th Nov.1913)- P.G.E.Ry R/W.Res.No- 1 & 2 Clinton.

No-19-(4th Dec.1913)- Confirming East Saanich Reserve.

No-20-(6th Jan.1914)- Confirming No-1(Quaacut) of Little Shuswap Lk Band,Kamloops.

No-21-(30thJan.1914)- G.T.P.Ry R/W. Squin-lix-stat Ind Res(Kitwangar Tribe- Babine)

No-22-(30th Jan.1914) C.N.P.Ry R/W. Res.No-1 Okanagan Bd, Osoyoos Dist

No-23-(31st Jan.1914)- Confirming Chuchuwayha Ind Res No-2, 2a, 2b, & 2c, Similkameen Dist.

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No-24-(10th Feb.1914)- Confirming North Thompson Indian Res No-1 Nekalliston I.R.No-2, Barriere River I.R.NO-3, and Louis Creek I.R.No-4 of N.Thompson & Canoe Lake Band, Kamloops.

No-25-(12th Feb.1914)- Dept of Agriculture(Exper.Farm)Pt of Penticton I.R. No-1. (400 acres)

No-25B(20th Jan.1915)- do do do (154.55 acres)

No-25A (2nd Nov.1914)- do do do (10 acres. )

No- 26-(20th Feb.1914)- G.T.P.Ry, R/W. Charles I.R.NO-1 and Tibbets I.R. No-2.

No- 27-(17th March 1914)-G.T.P.,Ry, R/W. Chig-in-kaht I.R. No-8 of Kitwangar band,Babine.

No-28-(23rd March 1914)- KoOtenay Central Ry,R/W. Shusway I.R., Kinbasket's Band Kootenay.

No-29-(23rd March,1914)- C.P.R.?R/W. North Bay (or Tappen Siding) I.R. No-5 of Little Shuswap Lake (Kuaut)Bd

No-30-(1st May 1914)- Confirming Barnston Island I.R. No-3 of Katzie Tribe.

No-31-(1st May,1914)- Confirming Tsawwassen I.R.,New Westminster Ag Agency.

No-32-(4th May 1914)- Pacific & Hudson Bay Ry,R/W. Bella Coola I.R. No-1.

No-33-(9th May,1914)- Western Can. Power Co,R/W. Langley I.R.No-2. New Westminster.

No-34-(18th June 1914)- P.G.E?Ry, R/W. Anderson Lake I.R.No-1 (Noquatque)

No-35-(18th June,1914)- P.G.E,Ry, R/W. Anderson Lake I.R.No-2 Lillooet Dist.

No-36-(18th June 1914) (Corrected by Interim Report No-36A)

No-36A( 4th Dec,1915a)- P.G.E. R/W. Lokla I.R. No-4 of Anderson Lake Band. Lytton.

No-37-(18th June 1914)- P.G.E.Ry, R/W. Seton Lake I.R.No-2(Silicon)

No-38-(18th June 1914)-P. P.G.E.Ry,R/W. Seton Lake I.R. No-6(Necait)

No-39-(6th July,1914)- City of Duncan.
Confirming Cowichan I.R.No-1; Teik I.R.No-2; Kilpahlas I.R.No-3; Rogers Lake I.R.No-4; Tsartlam I.R.No-5; Kakalatsa I.R.No-6; Skutz(a) I.R.No-7; Skutz(b) I.R.No-8; and I.R.No-9.

No-40-(6th July,1914)- P.G.E.Ry,R/W. Quesnel I.R. No-1

No-41-(6th July,1914)- P.G.E.Ry, R/W. Rich Bar I.R. No-4.

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No-42-(6th July 1914)- P.G.E.Ry. R/W. Alexandria I.R.No-1.

No-43-(8th July,1914)- Dept Pub. Works, (Wharf) Mission I.R.NO-1.

No-44-(11th July,1914)- P.G.E.Ry.R/W. Slosh (Sha-Lath) I.R.No-1.

No-44A(24th Feb.1915)- do (Station ground) do do

No-45-(15th Aug,1914)- P.G.E.Ry. R/W. Soda Creek I.R.NO-1

No-46-(14th Aug,1914)- Confirming I.R.No-2 Semach. (Sea Otter Cove)

No-47-(20thAug,1914)- Confirming Fishery Reserve No-5, Hope Band.

No-48-(20th Aug,1914)- City of Kamloops- Pt of Kamloops I.R.No-1.

No-49-(24th,Aug,1914)- G.T.P.Ry R/W. Fort George I.R. No-2.

No-50-( 31st Aug,1914)- Confirming I.R.No-5 Fulford Harbour
I.R.No-6 Mayne Island
I.R.No-7 Saturna Island
I.R.No-8 Pender Island
for Saanich Band, Cowichan.Agency.

No-51-(5th Oct,1914)- P.G.E.Ry. R/W. Williams Lake I.R.No-1.

No-52-(20th Oct,1914)- Customs Dept. Pt Tobbacco Plains I.R.No-2 Kootenay Agency.

No-53-(22nd Oct 1914)- C.N.P.Ry R/W. Chuchummisapo I.R.No-15 Nitinat Tribe West Coast.

No-54-(26th Nov,1914)- B.C.Electric Ry R/W. I.R.New Westminster City

No-55-(26th Nov,1914)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept. exchange of road allowance Dog Lake I.R.No-2, Osoyoos Tribe Okanagan.

No-56-(26th Nov,1914)- C.P.Ry R/W. Holachten I.R.No-8, Sumas Tribe Lakahahmen Band New Westminster.

No-57-(26th Nov,1914)- C.N.P.Ry, R/W. Cheam I.R.No-1.New Westminster

No-58-(27th Nov,1914)- Kettle Valley Ry, R/W. Penticton I.R.No-1 Okanagan Agency.

No-59-(3rd Dec,1914)- Confirming I.Rs. 17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24 & 25 Yale Tribe, Lytton Agency.

No-60-(3rd Dec,1914)- Confirming I.R.6a &I.R.6b Boothroyd Tribe, Chomok Band Lytton Agency.

No-61-(3rd Dec,1914)- Confirming I.R.No-8A Boothroyd.Lytton.

No-62-(3rd Dec,1914)- Confirming I.R.No-1A,Kanaka Bar,Lytton.

No-63-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming I.R.No-3A, Kanaka Bar, Lytton.

No-64-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming Skuppa I.R.No-2A, Lytton Agcy.

No-65-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming I.R.No-5A Siska Flats,Lytton.

No-66-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming Indian Reserves Nos- 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 9A, 9B, 13A, 21A, 26A, & 27A Lytton Agency.

No-67-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming I.R.4A Boston Bar, Lytton Agcy.

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No-68-(3rd Dec 1914)- Confirming part of I.R.27B Lytton.(17.51 ac.)

No-69-(22nd Dec 1914)- Confirming Boothroyd I.R.No-5A,Chomok Band Lytton.

No-70-(20th Jan.1915)- Vancouver Power Cy, R/W. Sumas Res No-7.

No-71-(20th Jan,1915)- do do R/W. Sahhaoum I.R.No-1 and Matsqui Main I.R.No-2,New Westminster Agcy.

No-72-(26 Jan. 1915)- P.G.E.Ry, (ballast pit) Seton Lake I.R.No-2 (Silicon) .

No-73-(26th Jan,1915)- P.G.E.Ry, (ballast pit) Slosh (Sha-Lalth) I.R.No-L, Seton Lake Band.

No-74-(28th Jan 1915)- Confirming Nooaitch I.R.No-10 of Lower Nicholas Band, Kamloops Agency.

No-75-(2nd Feb,1915)- Confirming Logan's I.R.No-5,of Lower Nicholas Band, Kamloops Agency.

No-76-(2nd Feb,1915)- Confirming Chapperon Creek I.R. No-6(Fishery) Upper Nicholas, Kamloops.

No-77-(2nd Feb 1915)-. Confirming Nicholas Lake I.R.No-1,Upper Nicholas Kamloops Agency.

No-78-(2nd March 1915)- Comox Logging & Ry Co R/W. Pentledge I.R. No-2, Cowichan Agency.

~~Confirming~~
~~No-78-(18th Jan.1916)- Rejecting Creston I.R.No-1 Lower Kootenay (Addition)~~
~~(Lower Kootenay).~~
~~xConfirming~~

No-79-(18th Jan,1916)- Confirming Creston I.R.No-1; I.R.No-1A(Lower Kootenay (Addition); I.R.No-1B Lower Kootenay (Addition); I.R.No-1C Lower Kootenay (addition); I.R.No-2 Lower Kootenay; I.R.No-3 Lower Kootenay; I.R.No-4 Lower Kootenay;and I.R.No-5 Lower Kootenay.

No-80-(21st Jan 1916)- Rejecting I.R.No-7 Kitisa, Kitimaat Tribe Bella Coola Agency

No-81-(3rd May 1915)- B.C.Pub. Works Dept. (Road) Cayoosh Creek I.R.No-1, Lytton Agency.

No-82-(12th Aug 1915)- Vancouver Harbour Comm'n, Kitsilano I.R.No-6 New Westminster Agency.

No-83-(10th Feb.1916)- Constituting a Reserve for Ahousaht Band of Clayoquot Tribe; subject to claim of Frank C. Perretta for improvements.

No-84-(12th Aug 1915)- Constituting School site & Graveyard contiguous to Aupe I.R.No-6 a Reserve for the Homalco Tribe.

No-85-(1st Nov 1915)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept. (Road) Sumas I.R.No-9 and Skumalasph I.R.No-16, New Westminster Agcy.

No-86(19th Nov 1915)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept. (Road) Holachten I.R.No-8 Sumas Lakahahmen Band New Westminster.

No-87-(19th Nov 1915)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept.(Road) do do do

No-88-(29th Dec 1915)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept. (Road) Gitsault(Kitsault) I.R.No-24. Kincolith Band Naas Agency

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No-89-(3rd Jan.1915)- (?)1916 Confirming Boothroyd I.R.No-5B; also 5C (Addition), Comox Band Lytton Agency.

No-90-(27th Jan 1916)- Confirming Bumms Lake Indian Reserve of the Francois Lake Tribe, Stuart Lake Agency.

No-91-(1st Feb.1916)- Confirming Indian Reserves in that portion of B.C. comprised in Treaty No-8. viz;- Halfway River Res.; West Moberly Res.; East Moberly Res.; St.John Res.;.

No-92-(10th March 1916)- Confirming Papekwatchin I.R.No-4, and Skweahm I.R.No-10, Sumas Tribe, New Westminster.

No-93-(29th March 1916)- B.C.Pub. Works Dept. (Road) East Saanich I.R.No-2, Cowichan.

No094-(29th March,1916)- Confirming Hazelton I.R.No-1. Babine .

No-95-(6th April 1916)- Confirming Pemynoos I.R.No-9, and Pokheitsk I.R.No-10, Kamloops.

No-96-(12th April,1916)- Confirming Skwahla I.R.No-2, Skwash Band, New Westminster Agency.

No-97-(13th April,1916)- Lytton Agency (Additional Lands) Sam Adams in two parcels, Boothroyd Tribe.

No-98-(27th April 1916)- B.C.Pub.Works Dept. (Road) Osoyoos I.R.No-1 Okanagan Agency.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 98.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 27th day of April, )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant -Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the Application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a Public Road in and through Osoyoos Indian Reserve No. 1, said Reserve being one of those allotted for the Osoyoos Tribe or Band, of the Okanagan Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of eleven and forty-two - onehundredths (11.42) acres.

The Commission, having duly considered the said Application and examined the plan submitted therewith by the said Department of Public Works of the Province of British Columbia, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Department of Public Works of the Province of British Columbia,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Department of Public Works of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in respect of such Application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. White,
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 97.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B. C. )
this 13th Day of April, )
1 9 1 6: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-council:

WHEREAS the Commission is advised that certain land contained within section Twenty three (23), Township Eleven (11), Range Twenty Six (26), West of the 6th Meridian, has been duly applied for as a homestead under the regulations in such behalf made and provided.

AND WHEREAS the Commission is advised that the said homestead application is being held in abeyance by the local Agent of the British Columbia Lands Branch, Department of the Interior, pending action by this Commission upon Lytton Agency Additional Lands Application No. 90, of the Boothroyd Tribe.

AND WHEREAS the Commission is of opinion that to enable the British Colimbia Lands Branch, Department of the Interior, to deal with the homestead application hereinbefore referred to, advice of the Commission's action upon Lytton Agency Additional Lands Application No. 90, should be given,

Begs leave to report that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was, upon motion.

RESOLVED: That the Commission having under consideration Lytton Agency Application No. 90, of the Boothroyd Tribe or Band, for improved land of Indian Sam Adams, in two parcels, cultivated and fenced.

It was moved by Mr. Commissioner Shaw,
Seconded by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall, and
ORDERED: That there be allowed under this Application and established and constituted a Reserve for the use and benefit of the applicant Boothroyd Tribe, the S. one-half (1/2) of the S. E. one-quarter (1-4) and the S. one-half (1/2) of the S. W. one-quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty three (23), Township Eleven (11), Range Twnety six (26), W. of the 6th Meridian, containing an area of One hundred and twenty (120) acres, more or less, subject to survey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 96.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C.? )
this 12th Day of April, )
1 9 1 6: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British-Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware that to enable the Government of the Dominion of Canada to deal with questions affecting Shwahla Indian Reserve No.2, of the Chilliwack Tribe, Skwash Band, New Westminster Agency, advice of the Commission's action thereupon should be given,

Begs leave to report that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was, upon motion.

RESOLVED, That Skwahla Indian Reserve No. 2, of the Chilliwack Tribe, Skwash Band, New Westminster Agency, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at Page 94 thereof, BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official Plan of Survey, viz:

"No. 2 -Skwahla.....29.00 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. White,

Chairman.

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Interim Report No. 95

of the

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the

Province of British Columbia.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 6th day of April )
1 9 1 6 :::::::::::::: )

To His Royla Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council

The Commission, being now made aware that to enable the Government of Canada to deal with questions affecting Pemynoos Indian Reserve No. 9, in the Kamloops District, of the Cook's Ferry Band, advice of the Commission's action thereon should be given,

Begs leave to report that at a meeting of the Commission held on the 28th day of November, 1913, it was, upon motion,

RESOLVED:: "That Pemynoos Indian Reserve No 9, and Pokheitsk Indian Reserve No 10, in the Kamloops District, of the Cook's Ferry Band, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shewn in the official schedule of 1913."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 94.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria B.C., )
this 29th day of March, )
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To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-inCouncil

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To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being advised by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, British Columbia, of the deisre of the Government of the Province of British Columbia to have set aside and secured out of Hazelton Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Hazelton Tribe, Getanmax Band, Babing Agency, an area sufficient to provide for the reasonable requirements for cemetery purposes of the locality in which the said Hazelton Reserve is situate, and which area in the opinion of the Commission should contain ten (10) acres, more or less, subject to survey,

Begs leave to report, in order that action by the Government of the Dominion of Canadauupon the said application of the Government of the Province of British Columbia may be expedited, that, at a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was, upon motion,

RESOLVED: That Hazelton Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Hazelton Tribe, Getanmax Band, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at Page 54 thereof, BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plan of Survey, viz:

"No. 1 - Hazelton ---------- 2704.00 acres."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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COPY. INTERIM REPORT NO. 93.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THIS PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 29th Day of March, )
1 9 1 6. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia--in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road in and through East Saanich Indian Reserve No. 2, said Reserve being one of those allotted for the Saanich Tribe of the Cowichan Agency. The area required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains two and fifty six-onehundredths (2.56) acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the plan submitted therewith by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto, and according to the following description, viz:

"Right-of-way of Public Road through East Saanich Indian Reserve No. 2 (Teah-wit-ook), South Saanich District, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, said right-of-way being fifteen (15) feet in width, lying evenly seven and one-half (7-1/2) feet on each side of the centre line thereof, which is described as follows, i. e. :

"'Commencing at a point at the intersection of the East Saanich Road with the Section line between Sections five (5) and six (6) Range four (4) East, South Saanich District, at a distance of five hundred ninety two and

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one-tenth (592.1) feet West of the Indian Reserve post, set above high water mark at the North East corner of said Section six (6). Thence on a bearing South forty (40) detrees and twenty three (23) minutes East a distance of one hundred and sixty three and one-tenth (163.1) feet; thence South sixty-nine (69) degrees and fifty six (56) minutes East two hundred and fifty two and seven-tenths (252.7) feet; thence South thirty-nine (39) degrees and fifty seven (57) minutes East one hundred and fifty nine and six-tenths (159.6) feet; thence South seventy three (73) degrees and one minute (01) minutes East one hundred and thirty and one-tenth (130.1) feet; thence South eighty one (81) degrees and thirty one (31) East four hundred and ninety-two (492) feet; thence South seventy seven (77) degrees and twenty-one (21) minutes East two hundred and eleven (211) feet; thence South sixty-two (62) degrees and seventeen (17) minutes East two hundred and eighty-two and four-tenths (282.4) feet; thence South forty-nine (49) degrees and one (1) minute East three hundred and seventy-seven (377) feet; thence South seventy six (76) degrees and six (6) minutes East five hundred and twenty-one and eight-tenths (521.8) feet; thence South eighty-nine (89) degrees and fifty-four (54) minutes East seventy-eight and six-tenths (78.6) feet; thence South eighty-three (83) degrees and two (2) minutes East one hundred and thirty-nine and three-tenths (139.3) feet; thence South eighty-one (81) degrees forty-six (46) minutes East one hundred and seventy-three and four-tenths (173.4) feet; thence South eighty-eight (88) degrees East two hundred and nine and three-tenths (209.3) feet; thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees and twenty-six (26) minutes East one hundred and forty-four and two-tenths (144.2) feet; thence South seventy-seven (77) degrees and seven (7) minutes East two hundred and seventy and three-tenths (270.3) feet; thence North eighty nine (89) degrees and three minutes (3) East one hundred and one and seven-tenths (101.7) feet; thence North eighty-four (84) degrees and seventeen (17) minutes East eighty-two and one-tenth (82.1) feet; thence South seventy-nine (79) degrees and twelve (12) minutes East two hundred and one (201) feet; thence South sixty-three (63) degrees and fifty-six (56) minutes East one hundred and fifty-three and eight-tenths (153.8) feet; thence South seventy-four (74) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes East one hundred and twenty-one and six-tenths (121.6) feet; thence South fifty-nine (59) degrees and fifty-eight (58) minutes East eighty and six-tenths (80.6) feet; thence South seventy-seven (77) degrees and thirty-six (36) minutes East seventy-eight and eight-tenths (78.8) feet; thence South fifty five (55) degrees and thirty-six (36) minutes East one hundred and seven and nine-tenths (107.9) feet; thende South sixty-one (61) degrees and fifty-seven (57) minutes East one hundred and three and two-tenths (103.2) feet; thence South forty (40) degrees and thirty-six (36) minutes East two hundred and fifty-nine and six-tenths (259.6) feet; thence South fifty-two (52) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes East one hundred and forty eight and four-tenths (148.4) feet; thence South fifty-nine (59) degrees and twenty (20) minutes

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East three hundred and thirty-six (336) feet; thence North seventy-three (73) degrees and forty-seven (47) minutes East one hundred and ninety seven and nine-tenths (197.9) feet; thence North thirty-six (36) minutes East three hundred and ninety-eight (398) feet; thence North eighteen (18) degrees and thirty-eight (38) minutes West five hundred and twenty-five and two-tenths (525.2) feet; thence North ten (10) degrees and eighteen (18) minutes East nine hundred and twenty-four (924) feet, to a point on the North boundary of the East Saanich Indian Reserve, at a distance of two hundred and twenty-one and five-tenths (221.5) feet West of the South East corner of Section five (5) Range six (6) East, South Saanich District, Vancouver Island; said point being in line with the centre line of the street running North -East and South -West shown on the plan of the sub-division of said Section five (5) filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., and numbered 1800.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO 92

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 10th dya of March, )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

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To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Papekwatchin Indian Reserve No 4, and Skweahm Indian Reserve No 10, said Reserves being among those allotted for the use and benefit of the Sumass Tribe, New Westminster Agency,

Begs leave to report that at a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was, upon motion,

RESOLVED: That Papekwatchin Indian Reserve No 4, of the Sumass Tribe, and Skweahm Indian Reserve No 10, of the Sumass Tribe, Lakahahmen Band, both of the New Westminster Agency, described in the Official Schedule BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plane of Survey, viz:

"No 4 - Papekwatchin----235.00 acres and
"No10 - Skweahm --------183.00 acres."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 91

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 1st Day of February, )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

Inasmuch as the provision of lands for Indians resident in that portion of British Columbia covered by Treaty 8 for whom reserves have not already been constituted and allotted, comes within the scope of this Commission's duties, inquiry was early instituted by the Commission as to such Indians, their habitat, and the measure of their land requirements. It was found that the country wherein these Indians are found is so difficult of access, and information as to the location of the Indians so indefinite that visitation of the territory by the Commission would not, under existing circumstances, have resulted in the obtaining of detailed and specific information that would enable the Commission to make definite findings as to the location, suitability and areas of lands to be set aside as reserves for such Indians; it was indeed, found that even the Department of Indians Affairs is not possessed of dependable and particularized information requisite:

The Commission, after due consideration and study of Treaty No. 8 came therefore to the conclusion that the allotment of lands for the Indians aforesaid should be in accordance with the terms in that regard of the said Treaty; and as the Commission was impressed with the importance of having the Indian Land Question throughout the whole of British Columbia disposed of, it was decided that that question in that portion of British Columbia referred to therein could best be disposed of on the lines of the following RESOLUTION, which was, at a meeting of the Commission held on the 31st day of January, 1916, moved by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, seconded by Mr. Commissioner Shaw, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS a Treaty, known as Number 8, was made in the year 1899, between the Crown and certain Indians of North-Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS the territory covered by such Treaty extended into that part of the Province of British Columbia which lies between the Rockey Mountains and the 60th Parallel of North Latitude and the 120th degree of Longitude;

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AND WHEREAS, by such Treaty, Her late Majesty the then Queen of Great Britain and Ireland agreed and undertook "to lay aside reserves for such bands as desire reserves, the same not to exceed one square mile for each family of five, for such families as may elect to reside on reserves, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families; and for such families or individual Indians as may prefer to live apart from band reserves.....land in severalty to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to each Indian, the land to be conveyed with a proviso as to non-alienation without the consent of the Governor-General-in-Council of Canada, the selection of such reserves, and lands in severalty, to be made in the manner following, namely, the Honourable the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs shall depute and send a suitable person to determine and set apart such reserves and lands, after consultation with the Indians concerned as to the locality which may be fould suitable and open for selection";

AND WHEREAS there have been set aside, under the provision of the aforesaid Treaty, for certain of the Indians affected thereby whose habitat is in the part of British Columbia, bereinbefore described, within what is known as the "Peace River Block" of Dominion lands situate within that part of British Columbia already referred to herein, the following Reserves for certain of the Indians aforesaid, namely:

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| "Halfway River Reserve, | No.168 | containing | 9890 | acres |
| "West Moberly Reserve, | No.168A | " | 5025 | " |
| "East Moberly Reserve, | No.169 | " | 4490 | " |
| "St. John Reserve, | No.172 | " | 18168 | " |

"Or an area in all of 37,574 acres";

AND WHEREAS the Department of Indians Affairs has not made a census of the Indians whose habitat in the part of British Columbia covered by Treaty No. 8, as aforesaid, is so beyond the said "Peace River Block" as to not admit of suitably located reserves being allotted for them therein;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Province of British Columbia in accordnace with the terms of the Agreement with the Government of the Dominion, dated the 24th day of September, 1912, under which Agreement this Commission is constituted, be required to set aside out of the Crown lands of the Province within that part of British Columbia covered by Treaty No. 8, as hereinbefore set out, upon the application, when made, of the Government of Canada, and supported by a census enumeration of the Indians of the territory aforesaid who have not been provided with reserves within the said "Peace River Block", such census enumeration to be certified by the officer of officers duly deputed by the Honourable the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs to make such enumeration, such acres of land as may be selected under and in accordance with the Terms of Treaty No. 8, herinbefore referred to, by whomever may be deputed and sent by the Honourable the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs to determine and set apart lands for the said Indians;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Government of the Dominion through the Honourable the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs is in a position to indicate to the Government of the Province of British Columbia the location

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location and approximate maximum acres of lands which may be required for the purpose aforesaid, the Government of the Province shall forthwith withhold from alienation the indicated acres, so that sufficient lands shall be available in suitable localities for the Indians under the said Treaty when the Government of the Dominion shall determine and advise the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the definite area of the lands required; and that upon being so advised, such lands "shall be conveyed by the Province to the Dominion with full power to deal with the said lands in such manner as they may deem best suited for the purposes of the Indians" in accordance with the Agreement aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N. W. White.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 90

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 27th Day January, )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission having under consideration an application in behalf of Indians of the Burns Lake Band of the Francois Lake Tribe, Stuart Lake Agency, for lands including Lot No. 5402, Range 5, Coast Land District, and having also before it an application by the Government of the Province of British Columbia contained in letter of the Deputy Minister of Lands of the said Province dated the 12th November 1915, for the reservation out of the said Lot No. 5402, of, an area of eighty (80) acres, required for townsite purposes, and the Commission being of opinion that the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of British Columbia should be promptly advised of the action taken by the Commission upon the said applications, it was, at a meeting of the Commission held on the 26th January, 1913, upon motion RESOLVED THAT

WHEREAS the letter of the 12th November, 1915, addressed to the Commission by the Deputy Minister of Lands of the Province of British Columbia was not brought to the attention of the Commission when the resolution allowing Lot No. 5402, as described in Item No. 44 of the tabulated additional lands applications of the Stuart Lake Agency, to the Indians of the Burns Lake Band, of the Francois Lake Tribe, subject to certain reservations, was carried on division;

AND WHEREAS it appears from the said letter of the Deputy Minister of Lands that the Minister of Lands desires in the public interest to withhold from the said Lot No. 5402 now held in reserve with a view to the land requirements thereat of the Indians of the Burns Lake Band being reasonably met, an area of eighty (80) acres for townsite purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the afore said resolution of allowance be rescinded;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lot 5402, Range 5, Coast Land District, be allowed to the Burns Lake Band of Indians, of the Francois Lake Tribe, less deductions therefrom of the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway; the right-of-way of the Provincial public road; a right-of-way --of a width of sixty-six (66) feet--for a public highway from the said Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's Burns Lake Station to Burns Lake, provided such road shall not

interfere

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road shall not interfere with any Indian house or houses or obstruct ingress and egress thereto and therefrom; and the right-of-way of the Dominion Telegraph line; and an area of eighty (80) acres for townsite purposes situate in the south east corner of the said Lot, provided that there shall be thereby no interefemence with Indian improvements made and existing prior to the first day of August, 1915, and that, should the reservation of such townsite interfere with or injuriously affect any Indian improvements made on the said reserve townsite land subsequent to the said first day of August, 1915, adequate compensation shall be made to the Indian owners of such improvement, by the Provincial Government; such allowance of land for a reserve for the said Burns Lake Band and the aforesaid deductions to be subject to survey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO.89.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITIAH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 3rd day of January, )
1915: ))

To His Royal Highness
The Governot-General of CAnada-in-Council

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To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of Britiah Columbia-in-Council

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finnally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5B of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomox Band of the Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion it was this day

RESOLVED: That Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5B of the Boothroyd Trive, Chomox Band, of the Lytton Agency, be confirmed as shewn upon sketch plan prepared by Mr. Ashdown ~~an~~ H. Green, B.C.L.S., and containing, as shewn by said plan, an area of three hundred and ninety-two and eight-onehundredths (392.08) acres, described as follows:

(A) "Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5B- A Reserve of three hundred and ninety two and eight-onehundredths (392.08) acres, situate in Section Four (4) and Five (5), Township Twelve (12), Range twenty-six (26), West of Sixth Meridian, and in Section thirty-three (33), Township Eleven (11), Range Twenty-six (26), West of Sixth Meridian, commencing at the Northwest corner of Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.4 and running North therefrom Sixteen (16) chains; thence East two (2) chains; thence North two (2) chains; thence West two (2) chains; thence North twenty-eight chains, sixty-one links (28.61); thence ##### S 72.26 W twenty-four chains six links (24.06); thence S 89.50 W sixteen chains nineteen links (16.19); thence N 0.24 E thirty-eight chains ninety-sixen links(38.96); thence West thirty seven chains ninety seven links (39.97) to the Fraser river; thence following the lift hank of the Fraser river in a southerly direction to a point due West of the aforesaid Northwest Corner of Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.4 and thence East forty-nine chains and sixty two and three-tenths links (49.623) to the place of commencement;"

Also that a further area of land containing ninety-three and fifteen-onehundredths (93.15) acres forming part of Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5B as hetherto difined and referred to in the Schedule of Indian Reserves at Page 78 thereof, be constituted a separate Indian Reserve, to be known as Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5C, allotted for the use and benefit of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomox Band, of the Lytton Agency, as shewn upon sketch plan prepared by Mr. Ashdown H. Green, B.C.L.S., and described as follows:

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"Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.5C- A Reserve of ninety three and fifteen-onehundredths (93.15) acres, situate in Section three (3), Township Twelve (12), Range Twenty-six (26) West of the Sixth Meridian, commencing at the Northwest corner of Boothroyd Indian Reserve No.4 and running therefrom N 89.42 E six chains seventy-three and one-tenth links (6.731); thence Northfifty four chains eveven and three-tenths links (54.113); thence S 89.33 E six chains and seventy five links (6.75); thence S 0.28 W nineteen chains nineteen and six-tenths links (19.196); thence S 0.25 W nineteen chains one and eight-tenths links (19.018); thence South fifty-eight (58) chains; thence West fifteen (15) chains; thence North twelve chains twenty-seven links (12.27); thence S 89.36 E one chain eighty-eight and sixtenths links (1.886) and thence No. 11 W. twenty-nine chains eighty-six links (29.86) to the place of commencement."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO.58

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 29th day of December, )
1915: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road through Gitzault (Kitsault) Indian reserve No.24, said reserve being one of those allotted for the Kincolith Tribe of the Naas Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shewn on the certified plan, contains an area of 2.2 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the plan submitted therewith by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 87

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 19th day of November )
1 9 1 5 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road through Holachten Indian Reserve No. 8, said Reserve being one of those alloted for the Sumass Lakahalmen Band, of the New Westminster Agency.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the plan submitted therewith by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 86

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 19th, day of November, )
1915: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road through Holachten Indian Reserve No. 8, said reserve being one of those allotted for the Sumass Lakahahmen Band, of the New Westminster Agency.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the certified plan submitted therewith by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in respect to this application, said land extending between a point on Scatzaretsen Slough and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's right-of-way, in Section 9, Tp. 24, E. C. M. and being described as follows.

All and singular that certain part and parcel or tract of land and premises lying, situate and being all of that portion of the Sumass Indian Reserve, Number eight (8), Township twenty-four (24) E.C.M., B.C., and more particularly described as follows, being a strip of land of uniform width of sixteen feet, eight feet lying on either side of and measured at right angles from the following described center-line or said center line produced, said center-line commencing at the end of the following described traverse, said traverse starting at an iron pin planted at the intersection of the Southern limit of the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way with the western boundary of the Sumass I.R. above mentioned; thence N. 39° 10' W. 47.4 feet; thence N. 66° 10' E. 800.0 feet; thence N. 75° 10' E. 293.6 feet; thence S. 19° 50' E. 49 feet to the southern

limit

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limit of the railway right-of-way and to the point of commencement of the above mentioned center-line; thence along the said center-line S. 19° 50' E. 126.0 feet more or less to the north bank of Scatzaretsen Slough, as shewn on the plan hereto attached.

All of wheoh is respectfully submitted,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO- 85.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 1st day of November )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road through Sumas Indian Reserve No. 9 and Skumalasph Indian Reserve No. 16, being reserves allotted respectively for the Sumas Tribe and for the Chilliwack Tribe, of the New Westminster Agency.

The Commission have duly considered the said application and examined the certified plan submitted therewith by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in respect to this application, copy of which is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO- 84.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 12th. day of August, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
the Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission being made aware of the necessity for early action to secure the Indians of the Homalco Tribe of the New Westminster Agency, in peaceable possession of their school site and graveyard contiguous to Aupe Indian Reserve No-6 (which reserve is one of those allotted for the use and purposes of the said Homalco Tribe) and contained in surveyed lot No-430, Range 1, Coast District, it was at a meeting of the Commission held this day, upon motion.

RESOLVED that a parcel of land containing an area of twenty-nine and seven one hundredths (29.7) acres, which has been substracted by the Department of Lands of the Province of British Columbia (upon request of the Commission) from Pre-emption Record No-2851, issued in the name of one William Thompson, such subtraction being shown upon plan of record in the said Department of Lands in the Province of British Columbia, be constituted a reserve for the use and purposes of the Indians of the said Homalco Tribe, of the New Westminster Agency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 83 (AMMENDED)

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 10th day of February )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

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To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission having under consideration a Memorandum of the Department of Lands of the Province of British Columbia re Additional Lands Applications of Indians of the West Coast Agency, signed by the Deputy Minister and bearing date of the 7th January, 1916, wherein the following paragraph occurs, having reference to Application No. 18 of said West Coast Agency: "No. 18 - Request for 12.6 acres to be taken from Lot 1560, Clayoquot District, being the survey of Frank C. Perrotta's Pre-emption (P. R. No. 1271): in this matter the Honourable the Minister of Lands is of the opinion that an arrangement should be made by the Royal Commission for the payment to the Pre-emptor of the value of the improvements placed by him on the lands held under his Record, as the pre-emptor has expressed the desire to receive payment for his improvements and retire altogether from the lands surveyed as Lot 1560. If this were done and an adjustment reached to the satisfaction of the pre-emptor, the Minister would be prepared to place the whole of Lot 1560 at the disposal of the Commission for Indian purposes; this would obviate the necessity for further survey and prevent probable conflict as between the pre-emptor and the Indians".

And it appearing to the Commission that the procedure suggested by the Honourable the Minister of Lands for British Columbia as cited in the above-quoted Memorandum of the 7th January ultimo would provide the most satisfactory and economical solution of difficulties incident to the preservation for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Ahousaht Band, Clayoquot Tribe, of their ancient village, cleared land and fishing station at Kut-co-us Point, Flores Island, contained within the aforementioned Lot No. 1560, Clayoquot District.

It was moved by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, seconded by Mr. Commissioner MacDowall and ORDERED: That the Resolution of the 12th August, 1915, establishing and constituting as a Reserve of the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe a certain described tract or parcel of land at Kut-co-us Point, Flores Island, Clayquot Sound, containing an area of twelve and sixty-onehundredths(12.60) acres, more or less; together with

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Interim Report No. 83 of this Commission, dated the 12th August, 1915, and implementing and ordered by the said Resolution, BE RECONSIDERED, RESCINDED and RECALLED.

It was further moved by Mr Commissioner McKenna, seconded by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall, and ORDERED that

WHEREAS the Commission is aware of the necessity for early action securing the Indians of the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe, West Coast Agency, in peaceable possession of their ancient village and fishing station at Kut-co-us Point, Flores Lsland, Clayoquot Soundp

AND WHEREAS the Honourable the Minister of Lands of the Province of British Columbia has offered to place at the disposal of the Commission all that certain tract or parcel of land known and described as Lot No, 1560, Clayoquot District, containing an area of ninety-eight and two-tenths (98.20) acres, more or less, within which the said ancient village and fishing station are contained upon due compensation being made to one Frank C. Perrotta for improvements made by him within and upon the said Lot No. 1560 under and by virtue of his Pre-emprion Record No. 1271;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Commission it is in the public interest and in the interest of thea applicant Indians of the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe that the aforementioned offer of the Honourable the Minister of Lands of the Province of British Columbia should be accepted and Lot No. 1560, Clayoquot District, in its entirety established and constituted an Reserve for the use and benefit of the applicant Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED: that there be granted and allowed to the applicant Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe and established and constituted a Reserve for the use and benefit of the said Ahousaht Band, all that certain tract or parcel of land known and described as Lot No. 1560 Clayoquot District, containing an area of ninety eight and two tenths (98.20) acres, more or less, surveyed, subject to due compensation being made by the Government of the Dominion of Canada to Frank C. Perrotta on account of improvements made by him upon the said Lot No. 1560 under and by virtue of Pre_emption Record No. 1271, issued in the name of the said Frank C. Perrotta, and upon relinquishment by him, the said Frank C. Perrotta, of all right, title and interest in the said Pre_emption Record No. 1271 and the said Lot No. 1560, Clayoquot District:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that an Interim Report be prepared and transmitted to His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada-in-Coundil and to His Honour the Lieutenant

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Governor of British Columbia-in-Council embodying these Minutes and recalling, rescinding, cancelling and replacing Interim Report No. 83 of this Commission, dated the 12th August 1915, and herein referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd)

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO- 83.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ONnINDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.
this 12th day of August,
1915.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the necessity for early action to secure the Indians of the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe (West Coast Agency) in peaceable possession of their ancient village and fishing station at Kut-co-us- Point Flores Island, Clayoquot Sound, it was, at a meeting of the Commission held this day, upon motion.

Resolved: That a certain parcel of land containing an area of twelve and sixty-onehundredths (12.60) acres, shown upon plan duly certified by Mr Ashdown H. Green B.C.L.S. and by the Chairman of this Commission, which land has been substracted by the Department of Lands of the Province of British Columbia (upon requset of this Commission) from Pre-emption Record No- 1271, issued in the name of one Frank C. Perrotta, BE CONSTITUTED A RESERVE for the use and purposes of the Indians of the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot Tribe, West Coast Agency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White,

Chairman

Certified Plan herewith.

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of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 12th. day of August )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners to acquire the Kitsilano Indian Reserve No-6, which reserve is one of those allotted for the use and benefit of the Squamish Tribe or Band of Indians, of the New Westminster Agency :

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the plans submitted in respect thereto, and it appearing that the said reserve is necessary for the purposes of the works of the said Vancouver Harbour Commissioners,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made (1) to the Indians of the said Squamish Tribe or Band; (2) to the Government of the Province of British Columbia, in respect of the reversionary interest of the said Government therein; and (3) in respect to any interest or interests therein other than the interests aforesaid which may be found to be affected, permission be granted to the said Vancouver Harbour Commissioners to enter forthwith upon the said Kitsilano Indian Reserve No-6 and to acquire the same for the purposes set forth in the application hereinbefore referred to, in accordance with the plans filed in respect thereto, a copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 81

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 3rd day of May, 1915: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for land required for right-of-way for a public road through Cayoosh Creek Indian Reserve No-1, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Cayoosh Creek Tribe or Band, of the Lytton Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shewn on the certified plan, contains an area of 1.3 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed in respect to this application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 80

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria B.C. )
this 21st day of ))
January, 1916. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

I have the honour to report that at a meeting of the Commission held on the 20th January,1916,it was, upon motion Ordered that

"Whereas, there appears among the Indian Reserves allotted for the use of the Kitimaat Tribe or Band,of the Bella Coola Agency, a reserve described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at page 57 thereof,as 'No-7 Kitisa 10.00 acres,January 17th,1910: Defined by Commissioner A.W.Vowell, but not yet approved by the Provincial Government; not yet surveyed'---

"AND WHEREAS the tract or parcel of land described as contained in the said Indian Reserve No- 7, Kitisa, is found by the Commission to have been alienated from the Crown as represented in and by the Government of the Province of British Columbia, by Crown Grant issued on the 18th October,1904,a date some years prior to the setting aside of same by Commissioner Vowell as a Reserve of the Kitimaat Tribe or Band;

"Therefore Be It Resolved: That the said Indian Reserve No- 7,Kitisa, as described in the Schedule of Indian Reserves,1913, at page 57 thereof,BE NOT CONFIRMED;

" AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an Interim Report be prepared and addressed to His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council and to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council, advising the Governments of Canada and of British Columbia respectively of such non-confirmation."

Allof which is respectfully submitted.

(sd) N.W.White.

Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MINUTE

Adopted at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, March 24th, 1915.

Kootenay Agency; Re reclamation of Valley Lands near Creston:

It was moved by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall,

Seconded by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, and

ORDERED: That the Commission, in dealing with the reserve lands of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency, places itself upon record (as in the terms of the Minute of the 31st, October, 1914) as of opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada should contribute pro rata, as guardian of the Indians concerned, to the cost of any work reclamation of Valley lands at Creston, or in connection with any lands which the Commission may recommend to be added to the reserve thereat, on the same being approved of by such Government after such expert enquiry as it may cause to be made; and that a copy of this Minute be attached to any Interim, Special or other report of the Commission dealing with such lands as aforesaid.

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Rescinded

INTERIM REPORT NO. 80

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 25th day of March )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness,
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 2 sub-section (b) of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the reasonable and necessary land requirements of the Indians of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band of the Kootenay Agency;

And it appearing that the reserves as now constituted and allotted for the use and benefit of the said Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band are insufficient for the reasonable and necessary requirements of the said Tribe or Band,

It was, at a meeting of the Commission held on the 24th day of March, 1915, upon motion

RESOLVED: that the lands shown upon plan and described as follows, viz:

A reserve of twelve hundred (1200) acres situate on the banks of the Kootenay and Goat Rivers, in Sections four (4), five (5), and six (6), township (8), West Kootenay District, commencing at the southeast corner of Timber License No. 20560 and running north therefrom eighty (80) chains to the southern boundary of Section seven (7), Township eight (8); thence east to Goat River; thence following the left bank of the said River to the southern boundary of Section four )4) , Township eight(8) ; and thence west to the place of commencement;

All that portion of land in Sections (16) and seventeen (17), Township(8), West Kootenay district, containing(200) two hundred acres,more or less, bounded on the south by the southern boundaries of Section sixteen (16) and seventeen (17); on the West by the Kootenay River; and on the east by Goat River;

A Reserve of one hundred and thirty (130) acres situate in Section twenty (20), Township eight (8), West Kootenay District, commencing at the southeast corner of Section twenty (20), Township eight (8), and running north therefrom forty (40) chains; thence west to the Kootenay River; thence following the right bank of the said River to the southern boundary of the said Section treaty twenty (20); and thence east to the place of commencement;

A Reserve of one hundred and ninefy-five (195) acres situate in Sections twenty (20) and twenty nine (29), Township eight (8), West Kootenay District, commencing at the southwest

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corner of the southwest quarter of Section twenty (20), Township eight (8), and running north therefrom to the Kootenay River; thence following the left bank of the said River in a southerly direction to the southern boundary of the said northwest quarter of Section twenty (20); and thence west to the place of commencement;

A Reserve of three hundred and fifty five (355) acres situate in the eastern portion of Section 32 (32); Township eight (8), West Kootenay District, commencing at the southeast corner of the said Section thirty two (32) and running west therefrom to the Kootenay River; thence following the right bank of the said river to the northern boundary of Section thirty two (32), thence east to the northeast corner of the said Section thirty two (32); and thence south to the place of commencement.

Be constituted additional reserve lands of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

CHAIRMAN

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 79.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 25th day of March, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council.

and

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve Nos. 1,1a and 1b of the Lower Kootenay Tribe, Kootenay Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion it was on the 24th day of March, 1915.

RESOLVED: That the Indians reserves of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band ~~Ns~~ number 1, 1a, and 1b, described in the official Schedule of Indian ~~Affairs~~ Reserve 1913, at page 70, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official Plans, viz:

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| No. 1 Creston | | 1,831.50 acres. | |
| " 2 Lower Kootenay | (addition) | 2,735.00 " | and |
| " 1b " " | ( " ) | 1,215.00 " | |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White.

Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MINUTE

Adopted at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, March 24th, 1 9 1 5:

Kootenay Agency: Re Reclamation of Valley Lands near Creston:

It was moved by Commissioner Macdowall, Seconded by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, and

ORDERED: That the Commission, in dealing with the Reserve lands of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency, places itself upon record (as in the terms of the Minute of the 31st October, 1914) as of the opinion that the Government of the Dominion of Canada should contribute pro rata, as guardian of the Indians concerned, to the cost of any work of reclamation of valley lands at Creston, or in connection with any lands which the Commission may recommend to be added to the Reserve thereat, on the same being approved of by such Government after such expert inquiry as it may cause to be made; and that a copy of this Minute be attached to any Interim, Special or other Report of the Commission dealing with such lands as aforesaid.

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Belmont House
Victoria, B. C.,
February 4th, 1916.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I have the honour by direction to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held on the 17th untimo, it was moved by Mr. Commissioner McKenna, seconded by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall and unanimously RESOLVED:

"That Interim Reports Nos. 79 and 80 of the Commission, dated the 25th March 1915, and covering confirmations of and additions to the Reserves of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band be rescinded and recalled."

I have also to advise you that Interim Report No. 79, issued on and bearing date of the 18th January ultimo, replaces and is substituted for the rescinded and cancelled Interim Reports Nos. 79 and 80 of the 25th March, 1915, hereinbefore referred to.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons.
Secretary.

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INTERIM-REPORT NO. 79.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 18th day of January, )
1 9 1 6 : )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

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To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

WHEREAS, in connection with the confirmation of Indian Reserves Nos. 1, Creston; 1A and 1B, Lower Kootenay (additions), referred to in the Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, at Page 70 thereof, and in the allotment of lands applied for to be constituted additional reserves of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency, the Commission is advised and upon inquiry is satisfied that certain parcels of land proposed to be so alloted and constituted as Indian Reserve lands are not available for such purpose,

THE COMMISSION, having been made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 1. Creston; Indian Reserve No. 1A Lower Kootenay Agency (Addition), of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency, BEGS LEAVE TO REPORT that, upon motion, it was, on the 17th day of January, 1916, RESOLVED:

1. That Indian Reserve No. 1, Creston, of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, of the Kootenay Agency, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at Page 70 thereof, BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official Plan of Survey, viz:

"No. 1, Creston 1831.50 acres".

2. That that portion of Indian Reserve No. 1A, Lower Kootenay (Addition) as now described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at Page 70 thereof, being all those portions of Sections Eleven (11) and Fourteen (14) Township Seven, (7), West Division of Kootenay Land District lying to the East of the Kootenay River and South of Creston Indian Reserve No. 1, containing an area of three hundred and sixty-five (365) acres, more or less, BE CONFIRMED subject to survey, as Indian Reserve No. 1A, Lower Kootenay (Addition), Sections Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25), in the said Township Seven (7) West Division of Kootenay Land District, which Sections were included by Mr. Commissioner Vowell in his location of Indian Reserve No. 1A., Lower Kootenay (addition), with a view to the ~~[illegible]~~ constituted a Reserve, being an available for

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such use and purpose by reason of the same being covered by Timber Licenses or Leases, renewable in perpetuity.

3. That Indian Reserve No. 1B, Lower Kootenay (addition), described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, at Page 70 thereof, BE CONFIRMED, subject to survey, as containing an area of twelve hundred and fifteen (1215) acres, more or less, situate in Townships Seven (7) and Eight (8), West Division of Kootenay Land District, and comprising all those portions of Sections Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-eight (28) and bounded by the Kootenay River, Creston Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, and the Anderson sub-division; that portion of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Seven (7), ####### East of the Kootenay River; that portion of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Seven (7), South of Goat River; that portion of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Seven (7) bounded on the North by Goat River and on the East by the Anderson sub-divisionand that portion of Section Three (3) Tonwship Eight (8), lying South of Goat River.

4. That an area of twelve hundred (1200) acres, more of less, of land described as follows, viz: All that portion of Section Four (4), Township Eight (8) West Division of Kootenay Land District, lying to the West of Goat River and North of the Kootenay River; all of Section five (5), Township Eight (8), and the East quarter(¼) of Section Six (6) Township Eight (8) BE CONSTITUTED, subject to survey, a Reserve of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, to be known and designated as

"I. R. No. 1C Lower Kootenay (Addition) 1200.00 acres."

5 That an area of two hundred (200) acres, more or less, of land described as follows, viz: All those portions of Sections Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), lying between the Kootenay River and the Goat River, BE CONSTITUTED, subject to survey, a Reserve of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, to be known and designated as

"I1 R1 No. 2 Lower Kootenay 200.00 acres.

6. That an area of one hundred and thirty (130) acres, more or less, of land described as follows, viz: All that portion of the South-east quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-(20), Township Eight (8), West Division of Kootenay Land District, lying East of the Kootenay River, BE CONSTITUTED, subject to survey, a Reserve of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, to be known and designated as

"I. R. No. 3 Lower Kootenay 130.00 acres.

7. That an area of one hundred and ninety-five (195) acres, more or less, of land described as follows, viz: All that portion of the North half (½) of Section Twenty (20) Township Eight (8), West Division of Kootenay Land District, lying West of the Kootenay River; and all that portion of the South half (½) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Eight (8), lying south of the Kootenay River, BE CONSTITUTED, subject to survey, a Reserve of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, to be known and designated as

"I. R. No. 4. Lower Kootenay 195.00 acres".

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8. That an area of three hundred and fifty-five (355) acres, more or less, of land described as follows, viz: All that portion of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Eight (8), West Division of Kootenay Land District, lying to the East of the Kootenay River, BE CONSTITUTED, subject to survey, a Reserve of the Lower Kootenay Tribe or Band, to be known and designated as

"I. R. No.5 Lower Kootenay 355.00 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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INTERIM REPORT. No. 78

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 2nd day of March, )
1915: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Comox Logging and Railway Company (a company incorporated by Chap. 63, 1910, B.C.S., intituled "an Act to incorporate the Comox Logging & Railway Company) for land required for right-of-way through Pentledge Indian Reserve No. 2, in the Comox District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Comox Tribe or Band, of the Cowichan Agency, The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 1.96 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Comox Logging and Railway Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that subject (a) to due compensation being made for the use of the abandoned branch line marked on plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the lease to the Fraser River Sawmills Limited, bearing date of the 18th day of March, 1908, for a period of fifteen (15) years and, in addition, for any timber removed therefrom or in connection therewith, and (b) to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made for the right-of-way which is the subject of the application, permission be given to the said Comox Logging & Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada and with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly approved and certified by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D.H. Macdowall

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 77.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 2nd day of February, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Nicola Lake Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Upper Nicola Tribe, Kamloops Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion it was on the 28th day of January ultimo,

RESOLVED: That Nicola Lake Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Upper Nicola Tribe, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, at Page 86, be confirmed as a Reserve of the Kamloops Agency as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official Plans, viz:

No. 1 Nicola Lake 2692.00 acres.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 76.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 2nd day of February, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Chapperon Creek Fishery Indian Reserve No. 6 of the Upper Nicola Tribe, Kamloops Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was on the 28th day of January ultimo

RESOLVED: That Chapperon Creek Fishery Indian Reserve No. 6 of the Upper Nicola Tribe, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, at Page 86, be confirmed as a reserve of the Kamloops Agency as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plans, viz:

No. 6 Chapperon Creek Fishery 15,00 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 75

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 2nd day of February, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council,

and

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Logan's Indian Reserve No. 6 of the Lower Nicola Tribe, Kamloops Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was on the 25th day of January untimo.

RESOLVED: That Logan's Indian Reserve No. 6 of the Lower Nicola Tribe, described in the official schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, at Page 85, be confirmed as a reserve of the Kamloops Agency as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plans, viz:

No. 6 Logan's 45,00 acres,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 74.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 28th day of January 1915.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Nooaitch Indian Reserve No. 10 of the lower Nicola Tribe, Kamloops Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That Nooaitch Indian Reserve No. 10 of the Lower Nicola Tribe, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913 at Page 85, be confirmed as a reserve of the Kamloops Agency, as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official Plans, viz:

No. 10 Nooaitch 2,310.00 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdowall.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 73.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 26th day of January )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council.

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for additional land required for ballast supply purposes and the widening of cuts in connection with right-of-way through Slosh (Sha-Lalth) Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Lillooet District right-of-way through which Reserve (being one of those allotted for the Seton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians) was recommended to be granted by Interim Report No. 44 of this Commission, bearing date of the 11th July, 1914, The additional land required for such ballast supply purposes and widening of cuts, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 5.23 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such ballast purposes and widening of cuts in connection with such right of way, by the said Railway Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said railway company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such ballast supply purposes and widening of cuts in connection with such right-of-way, according to the plan in respect of such application filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia the 25th January, 1915, a certified copy of which plan is hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 72.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
this 26 day of January,
1915.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Great Eastern Railway Company for additional land required for ballast supply purposes in connection with right-of-way through Seton Lake Indian Reserve, No. 2 (Silicon), in the Lillooet District, right-of-way through which reserve (being one of those allotted for the Seton Lake Tribe or band of Indians) was recommended to be granted by Interim report No. 37 of this Commission, bearing date of the 18th June, 1914. The additional land required for such ballast supply purposes as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 2.348 acres.

The Commission, having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such ballast purposes in connection with such right of way, by the said Railway Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for ballast supply purposes in connection with such right of way, according to the plan in respect of such application filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia, the 25th January, 1915, a certified copy of which plan is hereby attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 71

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 20th day of January,)
1915:)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Vancouver Power Company for land required for right of way through Sahhacum Indian Reserve No.1 and Matsqui Main Indian Reserve No 2, in the New Westminster District, which reserves are two of those allotted for the Matsqui Tribe or Band, of the New Westminster Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains areas of 2.70 and 12.43 acres respectfully.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right of way purposes by the said Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada and duly certified by the Minister Railways of the Province of British Columbia on the 18th January instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdowall,
Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 70

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 20th day of January, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under ~~xxx~~ consideration the application of the Vancouver Power Company for land required for right-of-way through Sumass Indian Reserve No. 7, in the New Westminster District, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Sumass Tribe or Band, of the New Westminster Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 6.51 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS, that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Vancouver Power Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 69.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 22nd Day of December-)
1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada in Council:

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British
Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Boothroyd Indian Reserve No. 5A of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomok Band, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Boothroyd Indian Reserve No. 5A of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomok Band, described in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plan, viz;

"No. 5A Boothroyd 203.33 acres."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(S'gd) D.M.Macdowell,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 68.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C..

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 3rd day of December)
1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General-~~of~~-Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 27B of the Lytton ~~Agency~~ Tribe or Band, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That as to Indian ReserveNo.27B of the Lytton Tribe or Band, shown upon Alfred M. Johnson's Plan of Survey dated the 16th day of December, 1911, the portion thereof lying between Section 1, Tp. 15, Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian, and Indian Reserve No. 27 of the Lytton Tribe or Band, containing an area of seventeen and fiftyone-one-hundredths (17.51) acres, more or less, coloured red on the Plan of Survey, be confirmed as an Indian Reserve, to constitute and form part of the said Indian Reserve No. 27 of the Lytton Tribe or Band, such tract of land so added to the said Indian Reserve No. 27 being described as follows i.e.,"A plot of land situate in Section 1,TP 15, Range 27 West of the 6th Meridian, commencing at the northwest corner of the said section and running south nine (9) chains,thence N. 88°39' E. along the northern boundary of the Lytton Indian Reserve No. 27 and nineteen chains eighty three links (19.83) , thence north eight chains sixty six links (8.66), and thence west nineteen chains, eighty three links (19.83) to the place of commencement, containing seventeen and fifty-one ~~hundredths~~ one hundredths (17.51) acres, more or less, and that the residue of the said Lytton Indian Reserve No. 27B be not confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 67.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C..

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 3rd day of December, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 4A of the Boston Bar Tribe or Band, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Indian Reserve numbered 4A of the Boston Bar Tribe, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official Plans, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4A | Boston Bar | 25.82 acres. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 66.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C..

Made at Victoria, B. C. )
this 3rd day of December )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Indian Reserves of the Lytton Tribe or Band, Lytton Agency, numbered ~~in~~ 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A. 9A, 9B, 13A, 26A, and 27A, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Indian Reserves of the Lytton Tribe or Band numbered 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 9A, 9B, 13A, 21A, 26A, and 27A, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, containing respectively: 101.5, 361.02, 135.33, 62.56, 120.00, 270.00 120.00, 399.80, 176.48, 44.90, 150.80, 229.34, and 209.90 acres, which said reserves are found upon reference to the Plans of Survey to contain the following agreages respectively, viz:

| | | | |
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| No. 3A | Lytton | 101.50 | acres, |
| No. 4A | " | 361.28 | " , |
| No. 4B | " | 135.33 | " , |
| No. 4C | " | 62.56 | " , |
| No. 4D | " | 120.00 | " , |
| No. 4E | " | 270.00 | " , |
| No. 5A | " | 120.00 | " , |
| No. 9A | " | 399.80 | " , |
| No. 9B | " | 176.48 | " , |
| No. 13A | " | 44.98 | " , |
| No. 21A | " | 150.80 | " , |
| No. 26A | " | 229.34 | " , |
| No. 27A | " | 209.90 | " , and |

Be confirmed as now fixed and determined and ~~xxxx~~ shewn on the Official Plans.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. N. Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 65.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.,

Made at Victoria, B. C. )
this 3rd day of December )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 5A of the Siska Flats Tribe, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That Indian Reserve No. 5A of the Siska Flats Tribe, Lytton Agency, described in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official Plans, viz:

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|---|---|---|
| No. 5A | Siska Flats | 118.18 acres. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 64.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 3rd day of December, 1914.)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in -Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No 2A of the Skuppah Tribe, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That Indian Reserve No. 2A of the Skuppah Tribe, Lytton Agency, described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official Plans, viz:

No. 2A Skuppah 43.67 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 63.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C. )
this 3rd day of December )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in- Council

and

To His ~~Royal Highness~~ Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 3A of the Kanaka Bar Tribe, Lytton Agency, beg leave to report, that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That Indian Reserve No. 3A of the Kanaka Bar Tribe, Lytton Agency, not appearing in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, but containing according to the plans of survey, nineteen and ninety-one hundredths the (19.50) acres, be confirmed as shown on the Official Plans.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 62.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 3rd day of December, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserve No. 1A of the Kanaka Bar Tribe, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That Indian Reserve No. 1A of the Kanaka Bar Tribe, Lytton Agency, not appearing in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, but containing, according to the plans of survey, one hundred and seventy and ninety three one hundredths (170.93) acres, be confirmed as shown on the official Plans.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdonald

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 61.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 3rd day of December)
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within ~~the~~ Indian Reserve No. 8A of the Boothroyd Tribe, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day.

RESOLVED: That Indian Reserve No. 8A of the Boothroyd Tribe, shewn by the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, as containing 142.02 acres, but which by the plan of survey is shown to contain 145.02 acres, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plans, as an Indian Reserve of the Boothroyd Tribe, containing one hundred and forty five and two-one hundredths (145.02) acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 60.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 3rd day of December, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserves Nos. 6A and 6B of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomok Band, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report that, upon Motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Indian Reserves of the Boothroyd Tribe, Chomok Band, numbered 6A and 6B, described in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plans, viz:

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|---|---|
| No. 6A Boothroyd | 240.00 acres and |
| No. 6B Boothroyd | 22.50 acres. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdonald
Acting Chairman

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INTERIM REPORT No. 59.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 3rd day of December)
1914.)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Indian Reserves Nos. 17 to 25 inclusive of the Yale Tribe or Band, Lytton Agency, begs leave to report, that, upon motion it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Indian Reserves of the Yale Tribe or Band numbered from eighteen (18) to twenty four (24) inclusive and described in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913— containing respectively as appearing in the said Schedule: 3.50, 3.00, 14.00, 43.00, 15.00, 11.00 and 9.00 acres — set aside by Minutes of Decision by A. W. Vowell, I. R. C. dated at Yale, B. C., April 26th, 1906, and surveyed 1912, which said Reserves are found upon reference to the Plans of Survey to contain the following acreages respectively, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. 18 | 1.66 | acres, |
| No. 19 | 1.80 | " , |
| No. 20 | 15.15 | " , |
| No. 21 | 4.40 | " , |
| No. 22 | 8.50 | " , |
| No. 23 | 13.85 | " , |
| No. 24 | .10 | " , |

And No. 17. which appears in the Schedule aforesaid as containing an area of ten (10) acres, but of which no plan of survey has been submitted to this Commission.

And No. 25. which does not appear in the aforesaid Schedule but which by the plan of survey is shown to contain .72 acres. be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plans.

All of which is respectively submitted.

D.H.Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 58.
of the
ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 28th day of November, 1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Kettle Valley Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Penticton Indian Reserve No.1, in the Osoyoos and Similkameen Districts, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Penticton Tribe or Band, of the Okanagan Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 100.53 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada and duly approved and certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 19th day of October, 1914.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 57.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 26th day of Novem- )
ber, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Cheam Indian Reserve No. 1 in the New Westminster District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Cheam Tribe or Band, of the Lytton Agency. The land required for the said right of way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 30.13 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways in the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia on the 8th October, 1914.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 56

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 26th day of November, 1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Nolachten Indian Reserve No. 8, in the New Westminster District, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Sumass Tribe, Lakahahmen Band, of the New Westminster Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way , as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of .853 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such application, said plan being approved and certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 17th day of August, 1914.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 55.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 26th day of Novem- )
ber, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration, the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for permission to change the route of the present road known as the Fairview-Penticton Road, in the Similkameen District, British Columbia, which road traverses the Dog Lake Indian Reserve No. 2, one of the reserves allotted for the Osoyoos Tribe or Band, in the Okanagan Agency:

The Commission after consideration of the said application and examination of the plan accompaning the same, and it appearing that the proposed change of road is in the public interest and necessary thereto,

The COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire same for the public road purposes aforesaid, it being understood and provided hereby that , upon the completion of the said new road, the abondoned road allowance reverts to the Indians interested,,also that the permission hereby recommended is contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the law and upon due compensation being made to the satisfaction of the guardians of the interested Indians.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 54

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 26th day of Novem- )
ber, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company Limited for land required for right of way through New Westminster City Indian Reserve, in the City of New Westminster, which Reserve is in one of those allotted for the New Westminster Tribe or Band, of the New Westminster Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 1.17 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said British Columbia Electric Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and sanctioned by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia, 12th April, 1912.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

INTERIM REPORT NO 53.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 22nd day of October,)
1914:)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Chuehummisapo Indian Reserve No. 15, in the Renfrew District, which ~~xxxxx~~ reserve is one of those allotted for the Nitinat Tribe or Band, of the West Coast Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 3.4 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and having read and considered the letter of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia dated the 21st October instant and numbered 40, a copy of which letter is attached hereto; and it appearing that the said land is required for such right of way purposes by the said Railway Company,

The Commission recommends that subject to compliance with the requirements of the law abd to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada and numbered "1450" by the Survey Branch of the latter named Department, a copy of which plan is hereto attached, provided, however, that the said Railway Company shall not receive or acquire in connection with such land for right-of-way any proprietary rights in the bed of the Nitinat River as shown upon the plan hereinbefore referred to and hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

CHAIRMAN.

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File 40.

Department of Railways, B.C,
Office of the Chief Engineer:

Victoria, B.C., 21st Oct.,1914

Indian Reserve Right-of-Way
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant trnasmitting for the consideration of the Honourable the Minister of Railways duplicate plans filed by the Canada Northern Pacific Railway Company in support of an application by that Company for Right-of-Way through Nitinat I.R.No. 15 (Chuchummisapo).

In reply I have to inform you that the location as shown on those duplicate plans corresponds exactly with the location shown on the plan sanctioned by the Minister. There is a difference, however, in the width of the right of way immediately adjoining the river and extending from the bank of the river out to mid-stream where one hundred feet on each side of the centre line is shown.

There is no doubt that the extra width of 50' on the south side of the railway adjoining the river banks is necessary in connection with the construction of the road, but I do not think it desirable that the Railway Company should be given proprietory rights in the bed of the stream, as shown on the plan submitted by the company, as it is not required in connection with construction.

I have spoken to Mr. H. O. Lewis, District Engineer of the Company, and he is quite willing that the portion shown in red extending to the middle of the stream shall be omitted.

Yours obediently

(sd) F.C.Gamble,

Chief Engineer.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 52.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this twentieth day of )
October, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had before it the application of the Department of Customs of Canada for a parcel of land containing 2.97 acres in the Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve No.2 of the Kootenay Band or Tribe of Indians, in the Province of British Columbia, for the purpose of erecting a Customs Building thereon;

And upon consideration of the said application and examination of the plan submitted therewith, and it appearing therefrom that the said land is required by such Department of Customs of Canada for such purpose,

The Commission recommends that subject to such compliance with the requirements of the law and subject also to the conditions that proper compensation be made to the Indians, permission be given to the said Department of Customs of Canada to enter upon the said Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve No. 2 of the Kootenay Band or Tribe of Indians and to acquire the said 2.97 acres for the purpose of erecting a Customs Building thereon, according to the plan filed with the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 51.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 5th day of October 1914:

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Williams Lake Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Cariboo District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Williams Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 4.62 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of ~~Brit~~ British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of ~~Rail~~ Railways of the said Province of British Columbia on the 10th September, 1914, a copy of which certified plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. White,

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 50

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 31st day of August, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Mayne Island Indian Reserve No. 6, said ~~xx xx~~ reserve being one of the reserves allotted for the Saanich Tribe or Band, Cowichan Agency.

Begs leave to report that at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, on the 28th day of July, 1913, it was, upon motion,

"RESOLVED: That Indian Reserves Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Saanich Tribe, as described in the Schedule, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the Official plans, viz:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| "No. 5 | Fulford Harbour | 43 | acres, |
| " 6 | Mayne Island | 323 | " , |
| " 7 | Saturna Island | 360 | " ,and |
| " 8 | Pender Island | 8 | " ," |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 49.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 24th day of August)
1914.)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council,

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through No. 2 Indian Reserve Fort George District, which is one of the Reserves allotted for the Fort George Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 14.74 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with therequirements of the law and to due consideration being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada, approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and certified by such Board on the 13th July, 1914, in respect of such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 48

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 20th day of August, )
1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in Council
and
To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Corporation of the City of Kamloops, Province of British Columbia, for right-of-entry in and upon Kamloops Indian Reserve No.1, Kamloops District, said Reserve being one of those allotted for the occupation and use of the Kamloops Tribe or band of Indians,

And having considered the said application and correspondence of the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada in respect thereto, and having examined the plan submitted in respect to the said application,

And it appearing that it is necessary that right-of-entry in and upon the said Reserve be granted to the Corporation of the City of Kamloops,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT, subject to the consent of His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council, as required by the "Indian Act", and to all other requirements of the law being complied with (including proper compensation to the parties entitled thereto), the said Corporation of the City of Kamloops be permitted to take, enter upon and use such portion of the lands contained within the said Kamloops Indian Reserve No. 1 as shall be necessary to the purposes of the applicant Corporation's hydroelectric transmission line through and across the said Kamloops Indian Reserve No. 1, and to have, exercise and enjoy rights of construction, operation and maintenance of the hydro-electric transmission line aforesaid, as shown upon the plan accompanying the aplication in respect thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 47

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 20th day of August, )
1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Fishery Indian Reserve No. 5, in Yale District, the said Reserve being one of those allotted for the occupation and use of the Hope Tribe or Band,

Begs leave to report that a meeting of the Commission held this day, it was, upon motion,

RESOLVED: That Fishery Reserve No. 5, Yale District, of the Hope Band or Tribe of Indians, described in the schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and chosen on the official plans, viz:

"No.5 Fishery 1 acre",

And that a Report of this Commission's final fixing of the lands contained in the said Reserve be transmitted to His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada-in-Council and to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 46

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
this 14th day of August
1914:

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission having before it the communication of the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada dated the 6th Aygust, 1913, also file No. 413703 of the said Department and related papers contained on File No. 571 of this Commission, with reference to the exchange of Semach Indian Reserve No. 2, at Sea Otter Cove, Rupert District, Vancouver Island, the said Reserve being one of those allotted for the occupation and use of the Indians of the Nahwitti Tribe or Band,

And being aware that it is necessary and expedient that such action should be taken as will enable the Government of the Dominion of Canada to adjust with the Government of the Province of British Columbia matters in respect to the said Semach Indian Reserve No. 2 which have been the subject of negotiations between the Governments of the Dominion and the Government of the Province aforesaid,

Begs leave to report that, at a meeting of the Commission, held this day, it was, upon motion,

RESOLVES: "That Semach Indian Reserve No.2 of the Nahwitti Tribe or Band, as described in the official Schedule, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown on the official plan, viz:
"No. 2 Semach 6 acres".

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N.W.White

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 45.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 15th day of August, 1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Soda Creek Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Cariboo District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Soda Creek Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 26.23 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia on the 22nd July, 1914 in respect of such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 44A

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 24th day of February, )
1915. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British-Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY for additional land required for station grounds, widening cuts and ballast supply purposes in connection with right-of-way through Slosh (sha-Lalth) Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Lillooet District, right-of-way through which Reserve (being one of those allotted for the Seton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians) was recommended to be granted by Interim Report No. 44 of this Commission, bearing date of the 11th day of July, 1914. The additional land required for such station grounds, widening cuts and ballast supply purposes, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 10.54 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such station grounds, widening cuts and ballast supply purposes in connection with such-right-of way purposes ~~by connection with~~ by the said Railway Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due conpensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such station grounds, widening cuts and ballast supply purposes in connection with such right of way, according to the plan in respect of such application filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia the 6th February, 1915, a duly certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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OF THE

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria B.C. )
this 11th day of July, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Slosh ( Sha-Lalth) Indian Reserve No.1, in the Lillooet District which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Seaton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shewn on the certified plan, contains an area of 80.1 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria B.C. )
this 11th day of July, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Slosh ( Sha-Lalth) Indian Reserve No.1, in the Lillooet District which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Seaton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shewn on the certified plan, contains an area of 80.1 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of

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Railways of the said Province of British Columbia on the 17th January 1913, and the 9th April 1913, in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N.W.White

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 43

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
this 8th day of July,
1914:

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council
and
To His Honor
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement attached to the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Department of Public Works of Canada for permission to construct a wharf fronting and abutting upon Mission Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Squamish Tribe, and the letter of the 23rd June, 1914, of the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada (Their File No. 368380) covering a communication dated the 17th June, 1914, from the Department of Public Works of Canada, with copy of a communication of the 4th June, 1914, from E.C. Worsfold, District Engineer for the Department of Public Works of Canada, respecting the said proposed wharf, shown upon a plan prepared by the said District Engineer dated the 26th May, 1913, and described thereon as "Proposed Wharf".

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan and the locus, and being seized of the evident importance in the public interest of the said work being expeditiously proceeded with,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made for such portion of the land contained in the said Mission Indian Reserve No. 1 and of the foreshore thereof as it may be necessary to acquire for the purposes of the said wharf, as well as for any foreshore and riparian rights and privileges interfered with, and to the reasonable requirements of the Indians as to ingress and egress being properly safeguarded, permission be granted to the said Department of Public Works of Canada to proceed with the construction of the proposedwharf as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 42.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C. )
this 6th day of July )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council
and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Alexandria Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Cariboo District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Alexandria Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 4.745 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of Railways of the said Province of British Columbia on the 30th June, 1914, a copy of which certified plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) N. W. White,
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 41

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria B. C.)
this 6th day of July,)
1914.)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council
and
To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in theCommission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Rich Bar Indian Reserve No. 4, in the Cariboo District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Quesnel Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 9.71 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the saidplan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of Railways of the saidProvince of British Columbia on the 30th June, 1914, a copy of which certified plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 40.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 6th day of July )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council
and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Quesnel Indian Reserve No. 1, in the Cariboo District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Quesnel Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 17.89 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the saidland and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and duly certified by the Minister of Railways of the saidProvince of British Columbia on the 30th June, 1914, a copy of which certified plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White

Chairman.

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P. C. 108.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

July 6th, 1914.

The Honourable,
The Secretary of State,
O t t a w a, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Reports Nos. 40, 41 and 42 of the Commission, and to request that the same may be submitted in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
"Sgd" J.G.H.Bangeron,
Secretary.

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INTERIM REPORT. No. 39

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 6th day of July, 1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in Council.

The Commission having before it a communication from the Prime Minister of the Province of British Columbia bearing date of the 30th day of January, 1914, referring to the application made by the Municipal Corporation of the City of Duncan to acquire for municipal purposes under the terms of Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission certain portions of the Cowichan Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Cowichan Tribe ; also the aforesaid application of the Municipal corporation of the City of Duncan bearing date of the 26th day of January, 1914, in which the portions of the said Cowichan Indian reserve No. 1 proposed to be acquired for such municipal purposes are described as lying within the boundaries of the said Municipality, viz. the East half (½) of Section Seventeen (17), Range 5, Quamichan District, and the East half (½) of Section eighteen (18), Range 5, Quamichan District and having examined the plan accompanying the said ~~[illegible]~~ application; and

The Commission being aware of the local urgency for an expeditious disposal of the application in question.

BEGS LEAVE TO REPORT that, at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, on the 23rd day of July, 1913, it was, upon motion

RESOLVED that the Indian Reserves of the Cowichan Tribe as described in the appended schedule be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shewn in the Official Schedule of Reserves 1913, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| "No. 1 | 5723 acres | Cowichan, |
| "No. 2 | 75 acres | Teik, |
| "No. 3 | 51 acres | Kilpahlas, |
| "No. 4 | 75 acres | Rogers Lake, |
| "No. 5 | 16 acres | Tzartlam, |
| "No. 6 | 24 acres | Kakalatza, |
| "No. 7 | 18 acres | Skutz (a), |
| "No. 8 | 40 acres | Skutz (b), |
| "No. 9 | 48.66 acres | |
| | 6070.66 acres". | |

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

(sd) N.W.White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO 38.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 18th day of June, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council.
and
To His Honour
The Lieutenat Governor of British Columbia in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement attached to the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Seton Lake Indian Reserve No 6 (Necait), in the Lillooet District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Seton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. Land required for the said right of way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 5.15 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia, in respect of such application, a certified copy of which is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N.W.White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT, NO. 37.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 18th day of June, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council.

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Seton Lake Indian Reserve No 2 (Silicon), in the Lillooet District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Seton Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified paln, contains an area of 21.5 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia, in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BELMONT HOUSE
Victoria, B.C.
December 4th,1915.

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA CANADA.

Sir :-

I have the honour,by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo (Your file No- 417,064) re error in name of reserve occurring in Interim Report No.36 of the Commission; and to enclose herewith for your information copy of our Interim Report No.36 A, by which the requested correction is accomplished.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary

Enclosure (1)

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# INTERIM REPORT NO. 36A

of the

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 4th day of December )
1 9 1 5 : )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
in Council:

Whereas in Interim Report No-36 of this Commission dated the 18th June, 1914, it is recommended that right-of-entry in and upon a certain Indian Reserve be granted to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company subject to terms and conditions therein prescribed, and

Whereas the parcel of land required for right-of-way purposes as shown upon certified plan attached to the said Interim Report No-36 and described therein as contained within and forms part of LOKLA INDIAN RESERVE NO-4, being one of the reserves allotted for the Pemberton Tribe or Band, of the New Westminster Agency, and not ANDERSON LAKE INDIAN RESERVE NO-4, being one of the reserves allotted for the Anderson Lake Tribe or Band, of the Lytton Agency.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that the said Interim Report No-36 be and is hereby amended by striking out of the said Interim Report No-36 the words "ANDERSON LAKE INDIAN RESERVE NO-4, IN THE LILLOOET DISTRICT, WHICH RESERVE IS ONE OF THOSE ALLOTTED FOR THE ANDERSON LAKE", occurring in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines of the first paragraph of the said Interim Report No-36, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "LOKLA INDIAN RESERVE NO-4, IN THE LILLOOET DISTRICT, ON THE BIRKENHEAD RIVER, WHICH RESERVE IS ONE OF THOSE ALLOTTED FOR THE PEMBERTON".

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No 36

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
thus 18th day of June, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Anderson Lake Indian reserve No. 4, in the Lillooet District, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Anderson Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 3.20 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(SGD) N. W. White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO 35

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 18th day of June, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under Consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-away through Anderson Lake Indian Reserve No. 2, in the Lillooet District, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Anderson Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 2.46 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia in respect of such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N.W.White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO 34

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B. C.,)
this 18th day of June, )
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

a n d

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Anderson Lake Indian Reserve No. 1 (Noquatque), in the Lillooet District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Anderson Lake Tribe or Band of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 6.82 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for such right of way purposes by the said Railway Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes according to the plan filed with the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia in respect to such application, a certified copy of which plan is attached hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) N.W.White,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 33.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Port Alberni, B.C., )
this 9th day of May, 1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor-in of British Columbia-in-Council.

The commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement attached to the Commission, has had before it a copy of an Order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada bearing date the 10th day of April, 1914, approving the application of the Western Canada Power Company Limited for right-of-entry upon lands required for right of way purposes, to which copy of the Order in question is attached what purports to be a copy of a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, British Columbia, March 10th 1914, on file with the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada under File No. 22370.38, approved by the said Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada (Order No. 21662), said lands forming part of Indian Reserve No. 2 of the Langley Tribe, New Westminster District, in the New Westminster Agency:

The Commission having duly considered the said Order, and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Western Canada Power Company, Limited,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Western Canada Power Company Limited to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs, referred to in Order No. 21662 of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada as on file with the said Board under File No. 22370,38 in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 32.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 4th day of May, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

TO His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement attached to the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific & Hudson Bay Railway Company for right-of-entry upon lands required for right-of-way purposes and described upon a plan (File No. 19712) certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 15th April, 1914 (Order No. 21638), said lands forming part of the Bella Coola Indian Reserve No.1 of the Bella Coola Tribe, Bella Coola Agency.

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan and the material in respect thereto contained on file No. 641 (of this Commission) and File No. 407682 (of the Department of Indian Affairs) and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Company.

The COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of Way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department of Indian Affairs, referred to in Order No. 21638 of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada as on file with said Board under File No. 19712, in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 31:

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.)
this 1st day of May, )
1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour,
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia- in-Council:

The COMMISSION being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Tsawwssen Indian Reserve of the Tsawwssen Tribe, New Westminster Agency, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Tsawwssen Indian Reserve of the Tsawwssen Tribe, New Westminster Agency, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown in the official Schedule, 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) N. W. White,
Chairman.

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MEMORANDUM RE BARNSTON ISLAND I.R.NO.3.

OF THE KATZIE TRIBE.

Extract from Precis Report of the Proceedings at meeting of the Commission with the Indians held at Katzie Reserve No.1, April 29th, 1914:

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AUGUST JOHN, chosen by the Chief as spokesman for the Tribe, being sworn and examined under oath touching the conditions obtaining on the several reserves and among the people of the Tribe said--------The Barnston Island Dyke included the Indian land on No. 3 Reserve, but he did not himself think that this dyke was sufficiently substantial to hold under pressure. There had been no high water to test this dyke as yet. In his opinion this dyke was poorly constructed all through, being too sandy to hold up. The dyke had not improved the Indian lands on Barnston Island, because no provision had been made for draining this land. When the rains came now there was, owing to the dyke, no outlet for the swamp water, and it remained on the land. There was a ridge between the dyke drain and the ~~xxxx~~ reserve land.

To Mr. Commissioner Shaw; The white people had a pump to clear the land inside the dyke of water at other points.

Agent Byrne: The drain ditch does not affect the Indian reserve land; the configuration of the land does not permit of its being any use to the Indians.

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**INTERIM REPORT NO. 30**

of the

**ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.**

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 1st day of May, )
1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-
in Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Barnston Island Indian Reserve No. 3 of the Katzie Tribe, New Westminster Agency, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day

RESOLVED: That the Barnston Island Indian Reserve No. 3 of the Katzie Tribe, New Westminster Agency, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown in the official Schedule, 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sd) N. W. White,
Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Belmont House,

File 562 Victoria, B.C.,May 1st, 1914.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir;

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to advise you that, in order to expediate and facilitate administrative action in the matter of a claim made to the Department of Indian Affairs for a money payment covering a proportion of the cost of dyking Barnston Island (which Island contains Indian ~~reserve~~ reserve No. 3 of the Katzie Tribe, now included in the lands allegedly protected against overflow by the dyke in question), the Commission has this day by resolution, confirmed the said Reserve, as shown in the Official Schedule of Reserves, 1913.

The Commission while confirming this Reserve as aforesaid and notifying the two interested Governments of such confirmation by Interim Report No. 30, this day transmitted, in order that action may be taken upon the claim of the Barnston Island Dyking Company hereinbefore referred to, begs respectfully to direct attention to an extract from the precis report of the meeting with the Indians of the Katzie Tribe, hereto attached. The Indians, it will be noted, question the substantiality of the dyke and maintain also that their reserve lands in question have not been benefited by its construction, more especially in view of the non-provision of adequate drainage facilities such as are enjoyed by the neighboring white settlers.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that the question of the extent of any Governmental Contribution to the cost of the dyke in question should not be decided without the careful investigation by a competent person named by the Government in this behalf as to the extent of benefit, if any derived by the Indian lands.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron,

Secretary.

Enclosure.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 29

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 23rd day of March, )
1914: )

TO His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council,

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British
Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement attached to the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for right-of-~~xx~~ entry upon lands required for right-of-way purposes and described upon a plan certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 9th March instant (Order No. 21453), said lands comprising 2.34 acres and forming part of the North Bay (or Tappen's Siding) Reserve No. 5 of the Little Shuswap Lake (Kuaut) Band, in the Kamloops Agency:

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plan and the material in respect thereto contained in file No. 82073 of the Department of ~~the~~ Department of Indian Affairs, and it appearing that ~~the said~~ the said lands are required for such right of way purposes by the said Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes according to the plan filed with the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such application.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

(Sd) D.H.MACDOWELL

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 28

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.)
this 23rd day of March)
1914.)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Kootenay Central Railway Company for right ~~of~~ ~~xxxx~~ of entry upon lands required for right-of-way purposes and described upon plans certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 6th and the 9th March instant respectively (Orders Nos. 551 and 21460)., said lands comprising an aggerate of 23.35 acres and forming part of the Shuswap Indian Reserve of the Shuswap tribe, Kinbasket's Band, in the Kootenay Agency:

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plans and the material in respect thereto contained on file No. 293755 of the Department of Indian Affairs, and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right-of way purposes by the said Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes according to the plans filed with the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such application.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

D. H. Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 27

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
the 17th day of March, )
1914: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the ~~Indian~~ Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for right-of-entry upon lands required for right of way purposes and described upon plans certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 13th December, 1913, comprising 8.18 acres forming part of the Chig-in-kaht Indian Reserve No. 8 of the Kitwangar Tribe, Babine and Upper Skeena Agency;

The Commission having duly considered the said application and examined the said plans and the material in respect thereto contained on File ~~X~~ 455689 of the Department of Indian Affairs, and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right of way purposes by the said Company,

The COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, ~~X~~ subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said railway company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plans filed with the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such applications

All ~~mk~~ of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) D.H.Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 26.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C..

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 20th day of February)
1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for right of entry upon lands required for-right-of-way purposes and described upon plans certified by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 18th. August, 1913, and the 7th. February instant, respectively,as Charles Indian Reserve No. 1 and Tibbets Indian Reserve No. 2, Range 5, Coast District of the Province of British Columbia, which Indian lands have been applied for by the Government of the Dominion of Canada and reserved from sale or preemption by the Government of the Province of British Columbia under Paragraph 8 of the Agreement respecting Indian Reserves between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the Province of British Columbia bearing date of the 24th. September, 1912.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plans and material in respect thereto contained on Files 438855 and 384478 of the Department of Indian Affairs, and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS; That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire the same for such right of way purposes, according to the plans filed with the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(S'd) D.H.Macdonald,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 25 B

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C., this 20th day of January, 1915:

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada to acquire for Experimental Farm purposes an additional area of one hundred and Fifty Four and Fifty Five One-Hundredths (154.55) acres, being and forming part of the Pendicton Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Pendicton Tribe, to the area recommended to be given out of the said Reserve for such Experimental Farm, by Interim Reports Nos. 25 and 25 A of this Commission:

The Commission, after considering the said application and examining the plan submitted therewith,

RECOMMENDS That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada to enter forthwith upon the said additional land being and forming part of the said Pentieton Indian Reserve No.1, and to acquire the same for Experimental Farm purposes according to the plans filed with the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada in respect thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

D. H. Macdowall,

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 25

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
12th day of February,
1914.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British-Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has under consideration the application of the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada to acquire, for Experimental Farm purposes, four hundred (400) acres contained in the Penticton Indian Reserve No. 1 of the Penticton Tribe, situate at the foot of Okanagan Lake, Osoyoos and Similkameen Districts, in the Okanagan Agency, and described as being near the northeast corner of the said reserve and comprising approximately two hundred (200) acres lying between Okanaga Lake and the line of the Kettle Valley Railway, and ~~xxx xxxxx~~ two hundred (200) acres, more or less, on the opposite side of the said railway line, both of the said tracts being shewn upon a plan of the aforesaid Penticton Indian Reserve filed in the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa: a stake has been set at the southeasterly point below the railway line, close to a small "draw", and the two hundred (200) acres east of the railway line run north from this stake:

The COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to the requirements of compliance with the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada to enter forthwith upon the herein described lands, being portion of the said Penticton Indian Reserve No. 1, and to acquire the same for Experimental Farm purposes, according to the plans filed in the Department of Indian Affairs in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Macdonald

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 24.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 10th day of Frbru-)
ary, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in Council:

The COMMISSION being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Nekalliston Indian Reserve No. 2 of the North Thompson and Canoe Lake Band, Kamloops Agency, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was, upon the 27th November, 1913.

RESOLVED: That the North Thompson I.R., Nol; Nehalliston I.R. No.2, Barriere River I.R. No.3; and Louis Creek I.R. No. 4, of the North Thompson and Canoe Lake Band, Kamloops and Lillooet Districts, be confirmed as now fixed and determined and shown in the official Schedule 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sd) D.H.McDowall,

Acting chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO 23.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. this )
31st day of January, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council

THE COMMISSION being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Chuchuwayha Indian Reserve No. 2 of the Okanagan Agency, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was upon the 24th. November, 1913.

RESOLVED that the Chuchuwayha Indian Reserves No. 2,2a,2b, and 2c, Similkameen District of the Upper Similkameen Band be confirmed as now fixed and determined as shown in the official schedule 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 22.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. this)
30th.day of January, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-
in Council;

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through Okanagan Indian Reserve No. One (1) in the Osoyoos District, which reserve is one of those allotted for the Okanagan Band or tribe of Indians. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contain an area of 56.29 acres.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the said plan, and it appearing that the said land is required for right-of-way purposes by the said Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS: That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 21

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. this )
30th day of January, 1914. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for land required for right-of-way through the Squin-lix-stat Indian Reserve in the Cassiar District, which Reserve is one of those allotted for the Kitwangar Tribe or Band of the Babine Agency. The land required for the said right-of-way, as shown on the certified plan, contains an area of 3.41 acres, as set forth in the communication of the 13th. instant from the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission having duly considered the application and examined the plan, and it appearing that the said land is required forsuch right-of-way purposes by the said Company.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS; That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said land and to acquire the same for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed with the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman.

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PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA.

Victoria, B.C. December 4th, 1913.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Report No 19 of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia and to request that same be presented in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council. It may be explained that the Confirmation provided by this Interim Report is dealt with by this method and at this time in order that the Department of Indian Affairs may be in a position to deal expeditiously with an application by the Canada Explosives Co. Ltd. for right of way through the East Saanich I.R.No 2 for the carriage of water under Provincial Permit No 216.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sd) J.G.H. Bergeron,
Secretary.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7782, File 27150-3-5X)

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INTERIM REPORT NO 19.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,)
this 4th day of December)
1913:)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council:

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within East Saanich Indian Reserve No 2 of the Saanich Tribe, beg leave to report that, on the 28th day of July, 1913, upon motion, it was

RESOLVED as follows:

That the East SAANICH Indian Reserve No 2 of the Saanich Tribe be confirmed as now fixed and determined, as shewn on the Official Plans and described in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves 1913, viz: South Saanich District, Sections 6, 7 and 8 S., Range 4 E.; Sections 6, 7 and 8 S., Range 5 E.; and Sections 6,7 and 8 S., Range 6E., and containing six hundred and five (605) acres, more or less;

And that a Report of this the Commission's final fixing of the lands comprised in the said Reserve be transmitted to His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council and to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(sgd) E. L. Wetmore
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 20.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, British)
Columbia, this 6th Day of)
January, 1914:)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-
in Council:

THE COMMISSION Being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within Reserve No. 1 (Quaaout) of the Little Shuswap Lake (Kuaut) Band, Kamloops Agency, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was upon the 27th November, 1913,

RESOLVED that Reserve No. 1 (Quaaout) of the Little Shuswap Lake (Kuaut) Band, Kamloops District north of Little Shuswap Lake and on the right bank of Adams River at its mouth, in Township 22, Range 12, West of 6th Meridian, of the Kamloops Agency, be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Acting Chairman

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7782, File 27150-3-5X)

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Privy Council
(Seal)
Canada.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the

Province of British Columbia.

Belmont House.
Victoria B.C.
November 20th 1913.

The Honourable

The Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Report No 18 of the Commission and to request that the same be submitted in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J.G.H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Interim Report No 18.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.)
this 20th day of Novem-)
ber, 1913.)

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canda in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor General of British Columbia in Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the applicationof the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to acquire certain lands required for right of way purposes and forming part of Indian Reserves Nos 1 and 2 of the Clinton Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right of way purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and ~~in~~ due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right of way purposes, according to the plans in respect to such application filed in the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of said Department on the 27th day of October, 1913, certified copies of which plans are hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed ) E.L. Wetmore.

Chairman.

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PRIVY COUNCIL.
CANADA.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the
Province of British Columbia.

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Victoria, B.C.,
November 19th, 1913.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Report No. 17 of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia and to request that the same be submitted in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. G. H. Bergeron,
Secretary.

Enclosure.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 17.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

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Made at Victoria, B.C.)
this 19th day of Novem)
ber, 1913. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council :

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company for certain additional lands required for railway purposes and forming part of the Upper Sumas Indian Reserve No. 6 of the Sumas Tribe, And upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for railway purposes by the said Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such railway purposes, according to the plans filed in respect to such application and sanctioned by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 21st day of August, 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) E. L. WETMORE,
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 16.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 19th day of Novem- )
ber, 1913. )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

in Council.

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay, the lands within Reserve Number Three (3) of the Okanagan Band, beg leave to report that, upon motion, it was this day resolved:

That Reserve Number Three (3) of the Okanagan Band, being the south-west quarter of Section Thirteen (13) Township Seven (7), Osoyoos District, of the Okanagan Agency, be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) E.L. Wetmore,

Chairman.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BELMONT HOUSE.

Victoria, B. C. November 20th, 1913.

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Sir,-

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of Interim Report No. 16 of the Commission, in confirmation of Indian Reserve No.3 of the Okanagan Band, and to advise you that in connection with such confirmation, it was, upon motion, unanimously resolved by the Commission:

"THAT inasmuch as Isaac Harris, a member of the Okanagan Band is the sole occupant of the said reserve, and has occupied the land for many years, has erected a roomy and substantial residence thereon, with good farm outbuildings, has extensively and successfully cultivated the land, and has proven himself to be a very reliable and progressive man, possessing and exercising ability to guard and advance his interests, the necessary steps be taken with as little delay as possible by both Governments for the conveyance of the one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land contained in the said reserve to the said Isaac Harris.

"PROVIDED that action upon this recommendation shall not prejudice or affect any right ~~or interest~~ which the said Isaac Harris has as a member of the Okanagan Band, or any interest ~~which he said~~ that he now has or may hereafter acquire in any lands or other property or moneys of the Band".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.G.H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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# INTERIM REPORT NO. 15

of the

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.
this 14th day of November, 1913:

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

And

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia--in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company Limited to acquire a small portion of land in suburban block No. 9, within the corporate limits of the City of New Westminister, said land being required for railway purposes and forming part of the New Westminster Reserve of the New Westminster Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for railway purposes by the said Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such railway purposes, according to the plan (marked in black) in respect to such application attached to File No. 324521 of the Department of Indian Affairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAIRMAN

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR B. C.

INTERIM REPORT No. 14.

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 6th Day of Novem- )
ber, 1913: )

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

in Council.

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission has had under consideration the application of the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company to acquire certain lands required for railway purposes and forming part of the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No. 2 of the Squamish Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for railway purposes by the said Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such railway purposes, according to the plan filed in respect to such application and approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the 11th day of July, 1913.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

E.L.Wetmore,

CHAIRMAN.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,
November 7th, 1913.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir,-

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the information of His Royal Highness the Governor-General of Canada in Council copy of a Resolution adopted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia at a meeting of the Commission held yesterday, the 6th November instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servxnt,

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

Enclosure.

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RESOLUTION:

Adopted by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, at a meeting of the Commission held at the Board Room, Victoria, Thursday, November 6th, 1913:

MOVED BY Mr. Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Mr. Commissioner White, and ORDERED:

"THAT WHEREAS the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia considers it inexperdient to proceed with the inspection of Indian Reserves during the winter months;

"AND WHEREAS the said Commission is aware of the necessity of keeping its offices open during that season in order to deal with business requiring immediate attention.

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

"That when such necessity arises, the Commissioners or a majority of them shall meet and deal with any matter so requiring attention, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

"That such Commissioners as shall meet for the purpose of dealing with these matters shall be remunerated only for such days as they shall be called together between (on or about) the 29th November instant and the 23rd March, 1914".

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PRIVY COUNCIL

CANADA.

COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria, B. C.,

November, 6th, 1913.

R.C.File 609.

The Honourable

The Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Can.

Sir,-

I have the honour to transmit herewith Interim Report No. 14 of this Commission and to request that the same be presented in due course for the consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General of Canada in Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.H.C.Bergeron,

Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Privy Council.
Canada.

INTERIM REPORT NO. 13.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Merritt, B.C.
this 16th day of October,
1913.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to acquire certain lands required for right-of-way purposes and forming part of the Cayoosh Creek Indian Reserve of the Cayoosh Creek Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of said Department on the 29th day of July, 1913, in respect to such application, a certified copy of which plan is hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(SD) E.L.Wetmore,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 12.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Merritt, B.C.,
this 16th day of October,
1913.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to acquire certain lands required for right-of-way purposes and forming part of Indian Reserve No.1 of the Pavilion Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia, and approved by the Minister of said Department on the 18th day of September, 1913, in respect to such application, a certified copy of which plan is hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(SD) E.L.Wetmore,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT No. 11

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Merritt , B.C. )
this 16th day of October )
1913: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to acquire certain lands required for right-of-way purposes and forming parts of Indian Reserves Nos. 2 and 3 of the Fountain Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in respect thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends, that subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department of Railways of the Province of British Columbia and approved by the Minister of said Department on the 29th day of July, 1913, in respect to such application, a certified copy of which plan is hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(SD) E.L.Wetmore,
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 10

Copy. of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B. C., )
this 30th day of Sept- )
ember, 1913: )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-
in- Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster to acquire certain lands in the City of New Westminster, being part of the New Westminster Indian Reserve in the said city of New Westminster, of the New Westminster Tribe, which lands are particularly described in By-Law No.200 of the said Corporation, and upon reading the said application, and the said by-law and the correspondence and material relating thereto, and it appearing therefrom that the said lands are required by the said Corporation for Municipal purposes.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that, subject to the consent of His Royal Highness, the Governor-General of Canada-in Council, as required by the "Indian Act", and to all other requirements of the law, including proper compensation to the parties entitled thereto, the said Corporation be permitted to take, enter upon, hold and use the said lands

All of which is respectfully submitted:

chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 9

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C. this)
24th day of September, 1913)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company for lands required for right-of-way through Sections Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), Range IV E, South Saanich, said lands forming part of the East Saanich Reserve of the Saanich Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material in relation thereto and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for such right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS: That, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAIRMAN.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 8 (CORRECTED)

OF THE

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. this)
22nd day of September, 1913.)

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA IN COUNCIL

-A N D-

TO HIS HONOUR
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN COUNCIL:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Dominion of Canada for lands required in connection with a certain proposed highway, said lands forming part of the Switsemalph Indian Reserve at Salmon Arm, District of Yale, British Columbia, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material submitted by the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plan submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for public-highway purposes, in order to provide an approach to a proposed public wharf at Gleneden, District of Yale, British Columbia.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and subject also to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Dominion of Canada to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Public Works Department for such highway purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgn) E.L.Wetmore.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 8

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. )
This 5th day of August, 1913)

TO His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia for lands required in connection with a certain proposed highway, said lands forming part of the Switsemalph Indian Reserve at Salmon Arm, District of Yale, British Columbia, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material submitted by the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plan submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are required for public highway purposes, in order to provide an approach to a proposed public wharf at Gleneden, District of Yale, British Columbia.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and subject also to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Public Works Department of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Public Works Department for such highway purposes, according to the plan filed in the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd). E. L. Wetmore.

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO.7

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 23rd Day of July, 1913)

TO HIS Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Royal Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Government of the Province of British Columbia for Bare Island, containing twenty-six (26) acres more or less as described in the official Schedule of Indian Reserves, said Island forming Reserve No. 9 of the Saanich Tribe, for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and preserving said Island as a permanent sanctuary for nesting wild sea fowl, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence relating thereto, and viewing the land and premises, and it appearing to the Commission that the said Island is of no material use or value to the said Saanich Tribe of Indians but would serve an important public interest if devoted to the purpose aforesaid,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law to fair compensation being made the Indians for the extinguishment of their interests therein, and to due and adequate provision being made for the maintenance and preservation of the said Island for the purposes set forth and described in the application, permission be given the said Government of the Province of British Columbia to enter forthwith upon the said Island and to acquire same, according to the terms and tenor of the said application.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Sd. ) E.L.Wetmore

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 6

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dated at Victoria, B.C. )
this 22nd Day of July, 1913)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for lands required in connection with a certain proposed highway necessitated by a change in the location of the said Company's station at Salmon Arm, said lands forming part of the Salmon Arm Indian Reserve, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material on the File (No. 82073) of the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing that the said lands are requested for public highway purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and subject also to due compensation being made, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such highway purposes, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application, if in the opinion of the Department such highway is necessary and desirable.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Sd) E.L.Wetmore,

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 5.

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C. )
this 22nd Day of July. )
1913. )

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for lands required for right-of-way purposes and forming part of the Mission No. 1 Reserve of the Squamish Tribe of Indians, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material on the File of the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plans submitted and viewing the lands and premises, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right-of-way purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way purposes, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application, and

The Commission further recommends that proper means of access to and from the shore be guaranteed, and that care be taken in any grant or other disposition of the lands comprised in the said right-of-way to the said Railway Company to convey no privilege as to the foreshore other than the mere right -of-way, and

The Commission further recommends that before the amount of compensation for such lands be fixed and determined, careful inquiry should be made as to land values in the locality

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Sd) E.L.Wetmore.
Chairman

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 4

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Made at Victoria, B.C., )
this 18th Day of July, 1913.)

TO His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to Section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for lands required for right-of-way, station grounds, roundhouse, repair shop and regular railway purposes (shown in yellow colour upon the blue print plan marked "A" and initialled by the undersigned this 18th day of July, 1913) and forming part of the Capilano Indian Reserve No. 5 of the Squamish Tribe, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material on the File of the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plans submitted and viewing the lands and premises, and it appearing that the said lands are required for right-of-way, station grounds, roundhouse, repair shop and regular railway purposes by the said Company,

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law, permission be given to the said Railway Company to enter forthwith upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way, station grounds and railway purposes aforesaid, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application, and

The Commission further recommends that before the amount of compensation for such lands be fixed and determined, careful inquiry should be made as to land values in the locality.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Sd) E.L.Wetmore.
Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 3

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
the 7th Day of July, 1913

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada for a small portion or the whole of Senanus Island, in Saanich Inlet, Vancouver Island, which island forms a portion of the South Saanich Indian Reserve, in the Province of British Columbia, for the purpose of erecting a beacon light, thereon, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material on File No. 433765 of the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing therefrom that the said island or a part thereof is required by such Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada for such purpose.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law and subject also to the condition that proper compensation be made to the Indians, permission be given to the said Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada to enter upon the said Senanus Island and to acquire the whole thereof for such beacon light purposes, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application.

The Commission would draw attention to the fact that a portion of this island was occupied by an Indian graveyard which fire had passed over, apparantly obliterating all evidence of interment, and would recommend that if any remains of the dead be found on the island due measures be taken for the proper care thereof and

The Commission would also draw attention to the fact that in view of current prices of land in that vicinity , the land in question is of very considerable value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(SD) E.L.Wetmore

Chairman.

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INTERIM REPORT NO. 2

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Made at Victoria, B.C.
the 7th Day of July, 1913)

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council:

The Commission pursuant to section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the application of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for lands required by the said Company for right-of-way and forming part of the Salquo Indian Reserve No. 4 Cariboo District, in the said Province of British Columbia, and upon reading the said application and the correspondence and material on the file of the Department of Indian Affairs and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing therefrom that the said lands are required for right-of-way by the said Company.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law, permission be given to the said Railway Company forthwith to enter upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as have been applied for by such Company for such right-of-way, according to the plans filed in the Department in respect to such application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) E.L.Wetmore
Chairman.

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PRIVY COUNCIL OF CANADA.

Report

of the

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CONFIRMING SEMIAHMOO RESERVE.

Made at Victoria, B.C.,
This 30th day of July, 1913.

To His Royal Highness
The Governor-General of Canada-in-Council

and

To His Honour
The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia-in-Council.

The Commission being made aware of the importance of finally fixing without evitable delay the lands within the Semiahmoo Indian Reserve, beg leave to Report that, upon Motion, it was this day resolved as follows:

"That the Semiahmoo Indian Reserve of the Semiahmoo Tribe be confirmed as now fixed and determined, as described in the Official Schedule and shown on the Official Plan, namely :—

"Sections 1 and 2, Township 1, West of the Coast Meridian on Semiahmoo Bay, on the International Boundary Line and within the New Westminster District, and containing three hundred and ninety two (392) acres, more or less:

AND THAT a Report of this, the Commission's final fixing of the lands comprised in the said Reserve, be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada-in-Council and to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia-in-Council, with a recommendation that any interest or interests now validly existing by purchase, lease or otherwise in or to any portion of the said Reserve or the Foreshore thereof be properly protected."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sd) E. L. Wetmore.

Chairman.

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, made at Victoria the 21st. day of May, 1913.

To His Royal Highness

The Governor General of Canada in Council

and

To His Honour

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in Council

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The Commission pursuant to section 8 of the Agreement referred to in the Commission, has had under consideration the several applications of the Railway Companies hereinafter mentioned for lands required by the said Companies for right of way, and forming part of Indian Reserves in the said Province, and upon reading the said applications and correspondence and material on the files of the Department of Indian Affairs, and examining the plans submitted, and it appearing therefrom that all of the said lands are required by the said Companies for right of way.

The Commission recommends that, subject to compliance with the requirements of the law, permission be given to the said Railway Companies forthwith to enter upon the said lands and to acquire such parts thereof as has by each such Company respectively been required for such right of way, according to the plans filed in respect to each application in the Department, namely:-



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| 3. | Canadian Northern Pacific Railway | Nehillston Reserve No.2 |
| 4. | Grand Trunk Pacific Railway | Noon-Law Reserve No.6 |
| 5. | Grand Trunk Pacific Railway | Se-As-Plunkut Reserve No. 2<br>Stellaquo Reserve No.5 |
| 6. | Canadian Northern Pacific Railway | Bonaparte Reserve No.2<br>(as to right of way only) |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sg. E.L.Wetmore

Chairman

Victoria, B.C.
May 21st, 1913.

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Returns to Accts

Ottawa, 5th June, 1913.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has presented for payment a requisition issued for transportation of yourself and Mr. White from Ottawa to Victoria. In addition to the two fares charged for yourself and Mr. White, there ~~is~~ are charged $28.00 for a stateroom from Winnipeg to Vancouver and $7.75 for a lower berth from Ottawa to Winnipeg.

Before making payment, the Department desires to be informed why a lower berth was necessary in addition to the stateroom that was paid for from Ottawa to Winnipeg.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.A.J.McKenna Esq., LL.D.,
Empress Hotel,
Victoria, B.C.

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Remit to Treas

Ottawa, 30th June, 1913.

Sir:-

Will you kindly reply to letter of the 3rd instant, respecting the necessity of yourself and Mr. White using a lower berth from Ottawa to Winnipeg as well as the stateroom, as the Department desires to make payment to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation furnished on this occasion.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. Hickey

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.A.J.McKenna Esq., LL.D.,
Empress Hotel,
Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, April 9, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith statement, supported by vouchers, covering salaries, living allowances and expenses generally, of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, for the month of March; also the extra salary allowed Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., and I shall be pleased to have your cheque for $2,707.60, covering one-half of the aggregate of these accounts.

As our fiscal year ended on the 31st of last month, may I ask you to kindly cause cheque to be forwarded as promptly as possible in order that the refund may appear in the accounts of the fiscal year 1913-14 before the books are closed?

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. Price Ellison,
Minister of Finance & Agriculture,
VICTORIA,
B. C.

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Mr. Scott:

I desire to draw your attention to the salary that is being paid Mr. C. H. Gibbons who is acting as Secretary to the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia. He is receiving $450.00 a month, which is at the rate of $5400.00 per annum and seems to be a pretty high salary to pay for such services.

No objection appears to have been registered so far by the British Columbia Government in regard to his salary.

I enclose statement of expenditure during the past fiscal year.

Accountant.

Ottawa, April 11, 1914.

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Return to Accts

Ottawa, April 15, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that an overpayment of $5.54 has been made to the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co's Telegraph for messages sent in July last. In your August and September statement, voucher in favor of the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Co., amounting to $19.32, there appears telegrams sent in July, amounting to $5.54. In your December statement there also appears an account for $16.22, part of which is made up of telegrams sent in July, amounting to $5.54, which are also included in the previous voucher mentioned.

For your information I enclose these vouchers which be good enough to return with the refund which you should obtain from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Telegraph without delay.

Accounts should be examined carefully before being forwarded to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

C.D. McL[illegible]

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B.C.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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April 16th 1914

ACCOUNTANT'S BRANCH
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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant (No. 59335-6) re financial matters.

I wish to repeat that our accounts give simply the details and amounts of actual expenditures at the dates of report, and it frequently occurs that accounts overlap and actual balances differ from bankbook showings. As an example at the end of February last our actual balance stood at $3,374.79, while the bank book balance was $3,236.70. Disbursements during March, as per vouchers transmitted at the month end, totalled $3,697.67, and as a result not only did we not have an unexpended balance of $140.92, as per your summary, but an actual deficit of $322.88, as shewn in our accounts presented, rendered necessary by payments to close all accounts presented to the end of the fiscal year.

With respect to the advance of $ 500.00 made to me at Ottawa in May last, it was charged to my account personal as per your request, but has not been included in charges

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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against Commission revenue as it has never passed through such account.

As we stand today, we have received to carry on the work of the Commission a gross total of $65,538.20, and have expended $51,677.93, leaving a balance at credit in the Imperial Bank of Canada of $13,860.27, the $500.00 received by me at Ottawa being, as noted, included in expenditures altho never passing through the Commission accounts. For the expenditures of $51,677.93 you have already received the great majority of the vouchers, and at the end of April will receive the remaining vouchers shewing exactly how we stand in our finances.

The detailed statements sent with your letter have been referred to my assistant, who will check same, with a view to locating and correcting any discrepancies which may exist between your accounts and ours. It is hoped that time will permit of such checking being completed before the Commission resumes field activities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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Mr. Scott:

Order-in-Council of 3rd April covers Mr. N. W. White's resignation to take effect on the 7th April.

Order-in-Council of the 17th April appoints him Chairman from 17th April.

I take it, therefore, that he is not to be paid either salary or allowance between the 7th and 17th April. 9 days. If this is correct I shall notify Mr. Bergeron.

F.H.P.

This has been in an advisory capacity to the Comm. for these days - with Salary $20 a allowance - You might advise the Secy.

F.W. Bayet
Accountant.

DCS

Ottawa, April 25, 1914.

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Returned to Pacific

Ottawa, April 27, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that Order-in-Council of the 3rd instant covers Mr. N. W. White's resignation to take effect on the 7th April, and Order-in-Council, dated the 17th instant, appoints him Chairman of the Commission at the rate of $25.00 per diem and $10.00 per diem living allowance. During the interval between Mr. White's resignation and his appointment as Chairman he was to act in an advisory capacity to the Commission and to be paid at the rate of $20.00 per diem with a per diem allowance of $10.00 for living expenses. His name, therefore, should appear on the April pay-list accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
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|---|---|---|---|
| Adv. May & June | $10.000.00 | Expended. | $ 6183.30 |
| July | 10.000.00 | | 4639.11 |
| Aug & Sept. | | | 9320.37 |
| Oct. | 10.000.00 | | 6261.66 |
| Nov. | 10.5000.00 | | 4936.70 |
| Dec. | | | 5229.27 |
| Jany. | | | 2938.15 |
| Feby. | 5000.00 | | 2153.85 |
| March. | | | 3697.67 |
| | $45.500.00 | | $45.359.08 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | $ 45.500.00 |
| Expended | 45.359.08 |
| Bal. To refund | $ 140.92 |

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59335-6

Return to Acct

Ottawa, April 28, 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to point out that the Department has given you credit for accounts submitted, up to the 31st March last, as per copy of statements sent you, amounting to $45,359.08, as against the sum of $45,500.00 advanced, which includes the $500.00 advanced you in May last, leaving a balance of $140.92 in your hands unaccounted for on the 31st March last. This balance should have been refunded as requested in letter of the 9th instant, in order to close the accounts for the fiscal year 1913-14.

If the above figures are incorrect, it should be pointed out without delay wherein they are incorrect in order that they may be rectified.

From time to time corrected statements were sent you in order that errors might be corrected.

Your obedient servant,

C. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
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VICTORIA, B.C. 23rd. April 1931

59335-6

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Sir:-

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C., I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th. instant, File No.59335-6, regarding an over-payment made by us to the C.P.R.Telegraph Company,amounting to $5.54.

This amount has now been refunded to us by the above Company,and has been placed,by order of the Commission, to the credit of the Commission's account in the Imperial Bank of Canada. The necessary changes have been made in our accounts here,and I now enclose vouchers which accompanied your letter.

I regret that this mistake should have occurred, and trust from now on you will have no further cause for complaint.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. G. H. Berge
Secretary.

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Return to Accountant

Ottawa, April 30, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, reporting having received a refund of $3.54 from the C.P.R. Telegraph Co., of the overpayment made to them, and to request that you will be good enough to forthwith forward here cheque for the amount, as it has to be refunded to last year's appropriation and should not have been placed to the credit of the Commission's account with the Imperial Bank.

When the refund is received from you, one-half of it will be remitted to the British Columbia Government as they are entitled to this portion of the refund. The Auditor General required that this refund by made by you, and it was for this reason that you were requested to forward it here in letter of the 15th instant.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron,Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

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# DUPLICATE

VOUCHER No. 363

VOTE No.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO ~~COMMISSIONER'S PAY LIST- APRIL, 1914.~~

| DATE 1914. | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| APR 31. | Mr. H. W. White, K. C. Chairman: | |
| | 30 days @ $25.00..... | 750 00 |
| | Living allowance, 30 days @ $10.00..... | 300 00 |
| | Mr. Commissioner Macdowall: | |
| | 30 days @ $20.00..... | 600 00 |
| | Living allowance, 30 days @ $10.00..... | 300 00 |
| | Mr. Commissioner Shaw: | |
| | 30 days @ $20.00..... | 600 00 |
| | Living allowance, 30 days @ $10.00..... | 300 00 |
| | Mr. Commissioner Carmichael: | |
| | 23 days (Apl. 7 to 30) @ $ 20.00..... | 460 00 |
| | Living allowance @ $10.00..... | 230 00 |
| | Mr. Commissioner McKenna: | |
| | 30 days..... | ---- -- |
| | Living allowance, 30 days @ $10.00..... | 300 00 |
| | Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron: | |
| | Salary 30 days @ $20.00..... | 600 00 |
| | Living allowance, 30 days @ $10.00..... | 300 00 |
| | | $ 4,740.00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

C. Gibbons

Assistant Secretary.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR B.C.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT - APRIL.

### REVENUE

**1914**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Apl.1 | ~~OVERDRAFT~~ | ~~- $322.00~~ |
| | Balance unaccounted for on 31st Mch. | 140.92 |
| | Deposit received from Dep't of I.A. | 15000.00 |
| 23 | Rebate from C.P.R. Telegraph Co. | 5.54 |

### EXPENDITURES.

**1914**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Apl.30 | Payments to Commissioners & Sec'y as per Pay List | $4740.00 |
| | **SALARIES;** | |
| | C.H.Gibbons | |
| | A.H.Green | 450.00 |
| | J.S.McArthur | 300.00 |
| | | 100.00 |
| | Rebated interest wrongly charged as against revenue in Oct.Statement | ~~36.20~~ |
| | **OFFICE & OPERATION** | |
| | Cross & Co | |
| | D.Spencer Ltd | 135.00 |
| | Weiler Bros | 31.00 |
| | W.H.Maysmith | 221.85 |
| | C.P.R.Telegraph | 187.50 |
| | E.F.Taylor | 14.21 |
| | Victoria P.O. | 24.00 |
| | " Toilet Agcy | 6.00 |
| | " P.O. | 1.25 |
| | Gov't Telegraphs | 4.50 |
| | J.G.H.Bergeron | 1.00 |
| | Interpreter's Pay List | 22.95 |
| | R.W.Baxter | 10.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons | 132.00 |
| | B.C.Tel Co | 55.70 |
| | W.R.Jaynes | 8.00 |
| | Elysium Hotel | 25.00 |
| | C.P.R. | 14.40 |
| | United Typewriter Co | 17.50 |
| | J.S.McArthur | 3.75 |
| | do | 17.90 |
| | Columbia Auto Co | 30.25 ~~31.25~~ |
| | A.H.Green | 22.00 |
| | do | 105.50 |
| | Brown & McMorran | 25.80 |
| | | 7.50 |
| | CASH BALANCE on hand unaccounted for on 30 April | ~~6753.78~~ 9431.90 ~~8431~~ |
| | | ~~$14,682.66~~ |

~~$14,682.66~~
15146.46
~~5.54~~

~~15130.92~~

15,140.92

15146.46
8431.90
6714.56

482636

15146.46

15,140.9
6714.5

14682.66
6751.76
7930.90

9436.90
6751.76
2685.14

15146.46
9463.80

32256
140.92
6638.0

15000
322.56
14678.12
5.54

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VICTORIA, B.C. May 4th, 1914.

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J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., K. C.,
Secretary Royal Com'n. on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

By direction, I have closely checked over accounts to April 1st ultimo with the statement transmitted by the Secretary of the Department of I. A. received on the 15th April last.

I find that an error was made in the preparation of our October, 1913, statement, in which an item of rebated interest was wrongly charged against our revenue inasmuch as only the net charge of $4.60 on the short term accommodation by the bank was entered as a charge against expenditures, and not the total discount charge. To correct this mistake (which is of the statement, not the books, a clerical error in copying being responsible) I am now making cross-entry of the $36.20 aforesaid.

The only other difference between Our accounts and statements and those of the Department and Audit Office is in the amount of $500.00, charged against our revenue in the Department's November statement as follows:

"1913
May 2 Cash advanced to J.G.H.Bergeron
by the Department at Ottawa... $500.00."

This item, with particulars of which you are familiar, constitutes the only difference in accounts, which otherwise check one another to a cent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. McLean
Assistant Sec'y.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 11 1914

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VICTORIA, B. C.
May 4th 1914

Acct

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN. 451228

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith financial statement, vouchers and accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia for the month of April, also copy of report of our Assistant Secretary upon his examination of accounts, as per your letter of the 9th ultimo and statements therewith transmitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MAY 11 1914

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May 5th 1914

The Secretary,

Department of I. A.,

OTTAWA, CAN.

401094

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo (No. 59335-6) re remuneration of Mr Nathaniel W. White K.C. as Chairman.

Acting upon your advice of the 2nd ultimo I had already issued cheque for April services to Mr White in the amount of $1,050.00, which amount is included in April pay.list and accounts already sent forward.

In accordance with your latest letter we are debiting Mr White's account in the amount of $80.00, sixteen days @ $5.00, which will be deducted from payment on May account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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CA[illegible] R'Y CO'S TELEGRAPH

# [illegible] LETTERGRAM

[illegible]cific R'y Co.'s Telegraph transmits and delivers this night lettergram subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

| Sent No. | Sent By | Received By | Time Sent | Time Filed | Check |
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| | | | | | |

*Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, May 12, 1914.

Hon. Price Ellison,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B.C.

Reference letter ninth April last enclosing March accounts of Commission.

When may refund be expected?

Duncan C. Scott.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Refund to have been sent
will not show as refund
in last year's a/cs

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Refer to Accts

Ottawa, May 13, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., enclosing statement, together with vouchers, for expenditure incurred during the month of April.

I now enclose a statement shewing how your account stood on the 30th April. You will observe that you have been charged with the amount on hand and unaccounted for on the 31st March, viz:- $140.92, together with the advance of $15,000.00 and the amount received as a refund from the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. - $5.54 (which sum you have been instructed to forward to the Department) making a total charge against you of $15,146.46.

You have been credited with payments made as per vouchers and pay-list, amounting to $6,714.56, leaving a balance of $8,431.90 unaccounted for on the 30th April.

With reference to voucher No. 327, in favor of Mr. J. S. McArthur, for travelling expenses, I have to point out that there is an error of $1.00 in the addition of same. The voucher as rendered amounts to $30.25 not $31.25.

With reference to voucher No. 317, in your favor, amounting to $22.95 for "sundry taxis and telephone charges in Vancouver", I beg to say that details should be furnished as to how this amount is made up. Dates with amounts paid at different times should be given and receipts submitted if any obtained by you. Unless this information is furnished it is feared the Auditor General will not pass the item.

Be good enough to have the above statement examined and report without delay whether you find it correct or not

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy & Secre

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Secy, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. May 7th. 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 30th. April concerning refund from the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, just received.

I enclose you cheque for the amount of $5.54 as per request.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

All Records Checked

Incl Cheque herewith from J G H Bergeron for Five 54/100 Dollars, refunded from C.P.R. Telegraph

F H Leacock
Asst Sec.

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Ser
B.C. State
Jas Gorrie

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 350

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 5.54

*Ottawa,* May 13th 1914.

*RECEIVED from* B.C. Royal Commission

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Five - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 54/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 350

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 5.54 *Ottawa,* May 13th 1914.

*RECEIVED from* B.C. Royal Commission

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Five - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 54/100 *Dollars,*

*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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PAID VOUCHERS COVERING DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1944.

| Voucher | In favor of | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 303 | Commissioner's Paylist | 4,740.00 |
| 304 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 305 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 306 | J.S.McArthur | 100.00 |
| 307 | Cross & Co | 135.00 |
| 308 | David Spencer Ltd. | 31.00 |
| 309 | Weiler Bros. Ltd. | 221.85 |
| 310 | W.H.Maysmith | 187.50 |
| 311 | C.P.R.Telegraph Co. | 14.21 |
| 312 | E.F.Taylor | 24.00 |
| 313 | Victoria Post Office | 6.00 |
| 314 | Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 315 | " Post Office | 4.50 |
| 316 | Government Telegraph Service | 1.00 |
| 317 | J.G.H.Bergeron | 22.95 |
| 318 | Interpreters' Paylist | 10.00 |
| 319 | R.W.Baxter | 132.00 |
| 320 | C.H.Gibbons | 55.70 |
| 321 | B.C.Telephone Co.Ltd. | 8.00 |
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| 328 | Columbia Auto Service | 22.00 |
| 330 | Ashdown H. Green | 25.80 |
| 331 | Brown & McMorran | 7.50 |
| | | 6714.56 |
| | CR. | |
| | By one-half of amount of refund made by C.P.R. Co. of overpayment for telegrams sent in April, amounting to $5.54. These telegrams were included in Voucher No. 98 August & Sept. statement and again in voucher No. 223, December statement. A double payment of $5.54 was made which has now been refunded. | 2.77 |
| | | 2.27 |
| | | $6712.29 |

(Sgd) F.H. Raget,

Accountant.

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Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Accounting Dept. No. 338901

Voucher No. 3453/4/14

To The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

For transportation furnished as per requisition attached:

2 B -- Victoria to Ashcroft return-

" " " Vancouver - Two 1st cl. return 7.00

" Vancouver to Ashcroft - " 1st. cl. return 27.20

$34.20

PCK-235

Correct, F. R. S.

Audited,

(Sgd) F. J. Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements

Montreal, May 11, 1914.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1914,

in connection with THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Salary of Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the month of April, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | $333.33 |
| Salaries and Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the month of April as per paylist attached..... | 4740.00 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per account attached | 34.20 |
| Expenses of Commission during the month of April as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 1974.56 |
| | $7082.09 |
| | 3541.04 |
| -LESS- | |
| One-half of amount of refund made by C. P. R. overpayment for telegrams sent in April..... | 2.27 |
| | $7079.82 |
| | 3539.91 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half..... | $3539.91 |
| | 3539.91 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, Ll. B.,

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1914.

Apr. 30, To salary as Commissioner during the month of April, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$333.33

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Accountant.

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Ottawa, May 14, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 30th April last, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $7,079.82, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, viz:- $3,539.91, at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. Price Ellison,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

Victoria, B. C.

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

PAID VOUCHERS COVERING DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1914.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 303 | Commissioner's Paylist | 4,740.00 |
| 304 | G.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 305 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 306 | J.S.McArthur | 100.00 |
| 307 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 308 | David Spencer Ltd. | 31.00 |
| 309 | Weiler Bros. Ltd. | 221.85 |
| 310 | W.H.Maysmith | 187.50 |
| 311 | C.P.R.Telegraph Co. | 14.21 |
| 312 | E.F.Taylor | 24.00 |
| 313 | Victoria Post Office | 6.00 |
| 314 | " Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 315 | " Post Office | 4.50 |
| 316 | Government Telegraph Service | 1.00 |
| 317 | J.G.H.Bergeron | 22.95 |
| 318 | Interpreters' Paylist | 10.00 |
| 319 | R.W.Baxter | 132.00 |
| 320 | G.H.Gibbons | 55.70 |
| 321 | B.C.Telephone Co.Ltd. | 6.00 |
| 322 | W.R.Jaynes | 25.00 |
| 323 | Elysium Hotel | 14.40 |
| 324 | Canadian Pacific Railway Co. | 17.50 |
| 325 | United Typewriter Co. | 3.75 |
| 326 | J.S.McArthur | 17.90 |
| 327 | " | 30.25 |
| 329 | Ashdown H. Green | 105.50 |
| 328 | Columbia Auto Service | 22.00 |
| 330 | Ashdown H. Green | 25.60 |
| 331 | Brown & McMorran | 7.50 |
| | | 6714.56 |

-OR-

| | |
|---|---|
| By one-half of amount refund made by C.P.R. Co. of overpayment for telegrams sent in April, amounting to $5.54. These telegrams were included in Voucher No. 98 August & Sept. Statement and again in voucher No. 225, December Statement. A double payment of $5.54 was made which has now been refunded. | 2.77 |
| | $6711.79 |

Accountant.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1914, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Salary of Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the month of April, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 333.33 |
| Salaries and Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the month of April as per payliet attached..... | 4740.00 |
| Transportation furnished by C.P.R. as per account attached | 34.20 |
| Expenses of Commission during month of April as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 1974.56 |
| | $7082.09 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half..... | 3541.04 |
| - LESS - | |
| One-half of amount of refund made by C.P.R. overpayment for telegrams sent in April..... | 2.77 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE BY B. C. GOVERNMENT for APRIL..... | $3538.27 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Ottawa, May 15, 1914.

Sir,-

With reference to letter of the 14th instant, enclosing statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 30th April last in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia, I beg to say that an error has been found in the statement of expenditure sent you and I have to request that you will kindly substitute the attached statement for that which accompanied letter above mentioned.

The total amount of expenditure incurred during the month of April was $7082.02, and the amount payable by your Government, viz:- one-half, is $3,541.01, less one-half of the amount refunded by the C. P. R., being overpayment for telegrams sent in April -- $2.77, leaving the total amount payable by the Government of British Columbia, $3,538.27.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Accountant.

Hon. Price Ellison,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,
Victoria,

B. C.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1913-1914.

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**Hon. E. L. Wetmore** — **Chairman**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 12th April to 30th November, 1913 at $25.00 per diem -- 233 days | $5,825.00 | |
| Living Allowance " " @ $10.00 per diem | 2,330.00 | $8,155.00 |

**J. G. H. Bergeron, K. C.** — **Secretary-Solicitor**

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|---|---|---|
| Salary from March 31, 1913 to Nov. 30, 1913, 245 days @ $20.00 per diem | 4,900.00 | |
| Living Allowance, 245 days @ $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | |
| Salary for Dec, 1913, 31 days @ $20.00 " " | 620.00 | |
| Living allowance, " " @ $10.00 " " | 310.00 | |
| Salary for Jany, 1914, " " @ $20.00 " " | 620.00 | |
| Living Allowance " " @ $10.00 " " | 310.00 | |
| Salary for Feby. 1914 28 " @ $20.00 " " | 560.00 | |
| Living Allowance " " @ $10.00 " " | 280.00 | |
| Salary for March, 1914, 31 " @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| Living Allowance 1914 " " @ $10.00 " " | 310.00 | $10,960.00 |

**J. P. Shaw,** — **Commissioner**

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|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov, 1913 245 days @ $20.00 per diem | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance, 245 days @ $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | |
| Salary for Dec. 1913, 9 days @ $20.00 per diem | 180.00 | |
| Living allowance 9 " @ $10.00 " " | 90.00 | |
| Salary for Jany, 1914, 9 " @ $20.00 " " | 180.00 | |
| Living allowance 9 " @ $10.00 " " | 90.00 | |
| Salary for Feby, 1914, 6 " @ $20.00 " " | 120.00 | |
| Living Allowance, 6 " @ $10.00 " " | 60.00 | |
| Salary for March, 1914, 12 " @ $20.00 " " | 240.00 | |
| Living Allowance 12 " @ $10.00 " " | 120.00 | $8,430.00 |

**D. H. Macdowall,** — **Commissioner**

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|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov, 1913, 245 days @ $20.00 per diem | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance, 245 days @ $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | |
| Salary for Dec. 1913, 9 days @ $20.00 per diem | 180.00 | |
| Living allowance 9 " @ $10.00 " " | 90.00 | |
| Salary for Jany. 1914, 15 " @ $20.00 " " | 300.00 | |
| Living allowance, 15 " @ $10.00 " " | 150.00 | |
| Salary for Feby. 1914, 9 " @ $20.00 " " | 180.00 | |
| Living Allowance 9 " @ $10.00 " " | 90.00 | |
| Salary for March, 1914 13 " @ $20.00 " " | 260.00 | |
| Living Allowance, 13 " @ $10.00 " " | 130.00 | $8,730.00 |

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**[illegible]. White** — **Commissioner**

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|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March,1913 to 31st Dec. 1913, 258 days @ $20.00 per diem | $5,160.00 | |
| Living Allowance, 258 days @ $10.00 | 2,580.00 | |
| Salary from 14th March,1914 to 31st March,1914, 18 days @ $20.00 | 360.00 | |
| Living Allowance, 18 days @ $10.00 per diem | 180.00 | $8,280.00 |

**J.A.J.McKenna, LL.D.,** — **Commissioner**

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| Salary from 31st March,1913 to 31st Jany,1914, @ $2600.00 per annum | 2,173.65 | |
| Salary, for Feby. at $2600.00 per annum | 216.66 | |
| " " March, " $2600.00 " " | 216.66 | |
| Additional salary from 31st March,1913 to 31st March,1914 | 1,403.76 | |
| Living allowance from 31st March,1913 to 31st March,1914,366 days at $10.00 a day | 3,660.00 | $7,670.73 |

**McGregor Young, K. C.** — **Counsel.**

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|---|---|
| May, June, July, August & September,1913 | $8,750.55 |

**General Expenses, including clerical services, transportation, office equipment, and other expenses**

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|---|---|---|
| May 1st to Nov. 30th, 1913 | 23,635.18 | |
| Dec. 1st,1913 to Jany.31st, 1914 | 2,781.82 | |
| February, 1914 | 1,463.30 | |
| March,1914 | 1,194.45 | $28,474.75 |

## RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|---|
| Hon. E. L. Wetmore, | Chairman | $8,155.00 |
| J.G.H.Bergeron, K.C. | Secretary-Solicitor | 10,980.00 |
| J.P.Shaw, | Commissioner | 8,430.00 |
| D.H.Macdowall | " | 8,730.00 |
| N.W.White | " | 8,280.00 |
| J.A.J.McKenna, LL.D. | " | 7,670.73 |
| McGregor Young | Counsel | 8,750.55 |
| General Expenses, including clerical services, transportation, office equipment & other expenses | | 28,474.75 |
| | TOTAL..... | $89,471.83 |

One-half payable by British Columbia Govt..... $40,360.24
(less Counsel's fee.- $8750.55.)

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 28 1914

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.....

VICTORIA, B.C. May 20th. 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

432018

Sir:

I have just received yours of the 15th inst., re financial statement for the month of April.

All our vouchers are with my Assistant on board the Steamer "Tees", as they were to be examined by the special Committee appointed to revise all accounts. Consequently, I am addressing a copy of your letter and a copy of your statement to my Assistant, and will let you have his answer as soon as I have it.

In the meantime, I may say, that the mistake of a dollar ($1.00) in Mr. McArthur's account should be easily accounted for.

As for my bill of $22.95, I desire to say that it is very difficult to ask a chauffeur for an account and a receipt. We were about three days in Vancouver at the time, and the price we paid for taxis is a very reasonable amount. I may say the same for telephone bills,

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J. D. M. #2.

and if the Auditor-General will not take my word for it, I cannot help it.

My bank accounts here are in first class condition, as I have the bank book and special account for my own satisfaction and which two books always agree, and for your own information until you receive a more direct answer, as said before, I may say that I have received from the Department of Indian Affairs in cheques and from some small rebates, the sum of $65,543.73, 60 505.54 and I had paid on the 30th of April $54,870.43, leaving a balance of $10,673.31 which stood 52 073.64 to our credit on the 1st ~~inst.~~ of May.

As said above, I will give you a definite answer with details as soon as I have received it.

Yours obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bagwell.
Secretary.

462018

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Return to Vacc

Ottawa, May 27, 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant and to the account for taxis and telephone charges, amounting to $22.95, I beg to say that if you have no receipts supporting these charges they should at least be given in detail as pointed out in my letter of the 13th instant. Kindly, therefore, forward an account in detail showing the charges each day for both taxis and telephone charges.

With reference to the second last paragraph of your letter, I have to inform you that up to the 30th April last the Department had advanced you the sum of $60,500.00 and you received $5.54 from the C. P. R. as a rebate, making a total of $60,505.54. Against this you have submitted vouchers amounting to $52,073.64 up to the 30th April last, leaving a balance in your hands on that date of $8431.90 yet to be accounted for. The Department can only give you credit for the amount of vouchers submitted.

If these figures are incorrect in any respect you should notify the Department at once, and point out wherein they are incorrect. You have been furnished copies of all statements covering vouchers submitted so you can readily detect any errors or omissions.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MAY 1914

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VICTORIA, B.C. May 16th. 1914.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

482233

Dear Mr. Scott:

Before the Commissioners left for the West Coast and as they are to be away for about seven weeks, I have paid them their salary and living allowance for the month of May, also giving to the Assistant Secretary and the stenographer the money required to pay their living expenses during the trip.

398 sent May 30/14

It means that at the end of the month, I will have in the bank to the credit of the Commission, about thirteen hundred dollars ($1300.00). Under the circumstances, I believe that I will need some more money to meet the expenses of June, and if you could send me credit of five thousand dollars ($5000.00), it would put me in a position to meet all expenses as far as the end of June.

Send money 5000 00

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 9 1914

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.....

VICTORIA, B.C. June 3rd. 1914.

432777

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 27th of May referring to finances, I desire to say that as far as the amount of $22.95 is concerned as charged by me for expenses in Vancouver during the three days that the Commission spent between Vancouver and New Westminster, I could not get any vouchers, for the reason that I would call a taxi and pay him without taking any receipt and I could not specify the exact amount as I did not think at the time that I would be called upon to do so. I remember though, the last cab which I used was the evening we left the hotel for the boat. I remember giving the taxi man $5.00 because the amount charged struck me as being very high for five persons from the Elysium Hotel to the boat. The man explained to me that he had carried all our baggage from the tramway terminus to the boat just before he drove us and that he had not been paid extra for it. I could not very well verify whether it was true or not, but I found out since that he was correct, as Mr. MacArthur had employed him for that purpose and had not paid him.

I do not recollect specifically the other amounts but I know that I have spent the money. I may say the same thing for the telephone not having taken note of the hour, but the money was spent for the use of the Commission.

With reference to the monies advanced to the Commission we do not quite agree, as you write that I have been advanced the sum of $60,500.00 with $5.54 as rebate from the C. P. R. which makes, according to your calculations, $60,505.54, while as a matter of fact in my bank book, the Commission received to date $65,543.74, and I had disbursed on the 30th of April $55,920.43 leaving me a balance on the 1st. of May of $9,623.31 which is more than the amount of $8,431.90 which you mention.

This might be explained by the fact that sometimes there is an over-lapping of one month over another for the

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J. D. M. #2.

bills we pay and the receipts we send you, but the amount of monies spent is correct.

I have spent in the month of May $8,443.00 for which you will have vouchers when my Assistant is back from the West Coast, which makes the amount of $64,363.43 paid to date leaving me a balance of $1180.31.

I have no doubt that when the vouchers for the month of May are sent to you, you will find that those figures are correct, except maybe a few little accounts which I have not yet received but for which you will have vouchers when they come in, probably in the month of June, but as it is today, the Commission has received altogether $65,543.74 and have spent $64,363.43 leaving a balance as I said before, of $1,180.31.

I wrote the other day to Mr. Scott asking him for an appropriation for the month of June, I asked for $5,000.00 but I believe it should be more. The Department might as well send $10,000.00 or $15,000.00 because the expenses of June counting salaries and so forth will amount probably over the money for which I asked Mr. Scott.

Hoping that these explanations will be satisfactory until you have vouchers for May which will cover, I believe, the amount mentioned in your letter.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 11 1914

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

VICTORIA, B.C. June 5th. 1914.

Immediate

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

402966

Sir:

I have received this day, a Departmental cheque of $5000.00, No 398 out of vote 294, which I have deposited in the Imperial Bank, to the credit of the Commission, and as I mentioned in my last letter to you re financial affairs, this cheque with what I have in the bank, will hardly cover expenses of June, and I believe it would be essential to send me another one of the same amount within a few days.

Sent June 12/14

Your obedient servant.

Sent advance 5000.00

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J. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUIN 11 1914

OTTAWA, June 9, 1914.

Acct
Please arrange for Commission Act

462988

Sir,-

In the examination of the expenditure in British Columbia during the fiscal year 1913-14, on account of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I am struck with the large amount paid for automobile and taxi cab service, which, outside of the small amounts charged in the individual accounts of the Commissioners and officials, amounts to $5252.35,

as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Big 5 Auto and Taxi Cab service, Vancouver, | $5.00 |
| H. Blair, Ashcroft, ..... | 200.00 |
| J.W. Green, Victoria, ..... | 29.00 |
| W.R. McCluskey, Kamloops, ..... | 1552.85 |
| N.W. McConnell, Kamloops, ..... | 10.00 |
| W.H. Maysmith, Victoria, ..... | 3212.50 |
| J. Moran, Victoria, ..... | 2.00 |
| A.B. Ward, Kamloops, ..... | 246.00 0 |
| Richard Woods, Victoria, ..... | 1.50 |

In view of the large amount of these payments I think that a full explanation should be given by the Commissioners of each auto trip undertaken by them, showing the destination and the time occupied. More especially is this required for the various trips in and about Victoria.

In the account for auto hire of W.H. Maysmith of Victoria, I find the following charges for auto service on Sundays :-

| | |
|---|---|
| May 25 ..... | $62.00 |
| June 22 ..... | 10.00 |
| July 6, ..... | 19.00 |
| " 13 ..... | 13.50 |
| " 20 ..... | 42.00 |
| " 27 ..... | 14.00 |
| Aug. 3 ..... | 41.00 |
| " 10 . ..... | 41.00 |
| Sept. 21 ..... | 3.00 |

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OTTAWA,



| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 2 | $6.00 |
| " 16 | 1.00 |
| Jan. 4 | 2.00 |
| " 18 | 5.00 |
| " 25 | 2.00 |
| Feb. 8 | 9.00 |
| " 15 | 21.00 |
| " 22 | 7.00 |
| Mar. 1 | 1.00 |
| " 15 | 4.00 |
| " 22 | 1.00 |
| " 29 | 16.00 |

These charges for Sunday service require special explanation on the part of the Commissioners.

I have no detailed statement of the auto service rendered by Maysmith during the month of December, which amounted to $48.50. Kindly let me have such a detailed statement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, June 12, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose copy of a letter, dated the 9th instant, received from the Auditor General, asking for certain information in regard to accounts for automobile and taxi cab service, and to request that you will kindly furnish the information and statement required.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron,Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria,B.C.

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Return to Accts

Ottawa, June 12, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, respecting accounts for automobile and taxi cab service incurred by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, and in reply I beg to say that the Commission has been requested to furnish the information and statement required.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

The Auditor General,

Ottawa.

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# Department of Indian Affairs.

R.C. on Ind. a. for B.C.

Ottawa, 191

To end of Apr /14.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May & June - | 10.000.00 | Expended | 6183.30 |
| July | 10.000.00 | | 4639.11 |
| Aug & Sept. | | | 9320.37 |
| Oct. | 10.000.00 | | 6261.66 |
| Nov. | 10.504.00 | | 4936.70 |
| Dec. | | | 5228.27 |
| Jany | | | 2938.15 |
| Feb. | 5000.00 | | 2,553.85 |
| Mch. | 15000.00 | | 3697.67 |
| Apr. | | | 6714.56 |
| | 60.504.00 | | $52.073.64 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 60.504.00 |
| Expended | 52.073.64 |
| | 8.426.36 - |

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

Financial Statement.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913. | | | |
| May 2, | To advance | Cheque No. 240 | $ 500.00 |
| June 2, | " " | " " 395 | 5000.00 |
| " 20, | " " | " " 534 | 5000.00 |
| July 7, | " " | " " 651 | 10000.00 |
| Oct. 6, | " " | " " 1272 | 10000.00 |
| Nov.21, | " " | " " 1564 | 10000.00 |
| 1914. | | | |
| Feb.10, | " " | " " 2120 | 5000.00 |
| Mar.23, | " " | " " 2451 | 15000.00 |
| May 30, | " " (1914-15) | " " 398 | 5000.00 |
| June 12, | " " " | " " 445 | 5000.00 |
| | | | $70500.00 |

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Cr.

| | |
|---|---|
| By vouchers submitted to 30th April | 52073.64 |
| Balance unaccounted for..... | $18426.36 |

Certified Correct,

Secretary,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for B. C.

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Ottawa, June 17, 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, I beg to enclose a statement covering all advances made you to date which if correct be good enough to certify and return without delay.

As against these advances you have been given credit for the sum of $32,073.64, according to vouchers submitted up to the 30th April last, leaving a balance unaccounted for of $18,426.36.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria, B.C.

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Refund to Acct

Ottawa, June 16, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to letter of the 9th April last, enclosing a statement of expenses incurred during the month of March by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, and to remind you that as yet your cheque for $2707.60 has not been received.

On the 15th ultimo another statement for the month of April was submitted with a request that your cheque for $3538.27 be forwarded at your earliest convenience. This cheque did not come to hand either up to the present time, and I shall be glad if you will expedite payment of these refunds.

Send

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Hon. Price Ellison,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

Victoria, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C. June 12th. 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

5000.00 and 30 W. Neil
5000 " 12 June

Dear Sir:

I received on the 5th of June, a cheque of $5000.00, No 398 out of vote No 294, for the business of the Commission, which has been deposited to our credit at the Imperial Bank, and as I wrote in acknowledgment of same to the Secretary of the Department, this cheque was in answer to a demand which I had made to you at the end of May, but between that time and the reception of the cheque just mentioned, I wrote to the Department expressing the opinion that it would be better to send immediately $10,000.00 or $15,000.00 instead of $5,000.00.

I have just been calculating now, how much money I will have to pay at the end of June, only in salaries, which will amount to nearly $5,900.00, and there will be other accounts such as rent and soforth to pay besides the remuneration to which are entitled the men whom we have authorized specially to make the valuation of reserves in conjunction with the Agents of

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VICTORIA, B.C. June 12th. 1914.

D. C. S. #2.

the Department, so that another $5,000.00 would not be too much to send to us at present.

If you take into consideration that the salaries only, amount to very nearly $6,000.00 a month, you will understand that my request, under the circumstances, is quite justificable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Supt Gen. Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Will you please wire me the answer to my letter twelfth instant re finances and say when I may expect cheque commission leaving again commencement of July and will require big cheque for motoring etc.

J.G.H. Bergeron,

Secy Royal Indian Commission.

send answer A 10.00

500 sent-June 18/14

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Ottawa, June 18, 1914.

J.G.H.Bergeron,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria,B.C.

Sending a further cheque to meet expenses of Commission.

J.D.McLean.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

189/14

VICTORIA, June 17th. 1914.

Deputy Superintendent General,
OTTAWA.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th. ultimo, I have the honour to enclose Cheque No. 9350 - $3,538.27 covering statement supported by vouchers of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia for the month of April last which I trust you will find correct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

Op
1914-15
April
Expenditure

With thanks
Return of cheque
number of cheque
not received
yet. Letter to
Finance Dept.
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Return the
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not for the year

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**BANK RECEIPT No.** .....

Amt. $ 538 27/100 (eighty)

G. M. M.

Date 24 - 6 - 1914

Entered Journal No. ..... Folio .....

Dept. Receipt No. .....

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 25 1914

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 1442

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 3,538.27 Ottawa, June 24th 1914.

*RECEIVED from* B.C. Government

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Thirty five hundred and thirty eight --27/100 *dollars,*
*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 25 1914

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

Immediate

VICTORIA, B.C. June 19th. 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Scott:

My full salary as Commissioner has only been paid up to 31st. March last. Does anything stand in the way of payment being made monthly? If you can arrange for my being now paid up to date and thereafter paid in the ordinary periodical way, I shall be convenienced and obliged. I would esteem it a favour to have advice in this matter before the Commission leaves on its next trip. We expect to leave early in July.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. McKenna

P.S. I use the expression "full salary as Commissioner" without prejudice to my claim to be placed on full equality with my colleagues as to remuneration.

J. A. McK

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Ottawa, June 25, 1914.

J.A.J.McKenna
Belmont House,
Victoria,B.C.

Cheque covering balance of salary for April and May sent you per registered mail, addressed to Victoria, on fifth instant.

J.D.McLean.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 24 1914

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

June 18th, 1914

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge, by direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, the receipt of your favour of the 12th instant with enclosure of cheque for $5,000.00, which has been deposited to the credit of the Commission in the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 25 1914

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

189/14

VICTORIA, June 17th. 1914

The Deputy Superintendent General,
O T T A W A.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th. April last I have the honour to enclose cheque No. 7329 - $2,707.60 covering statement supported by vouchers of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia for the month of March last which I trust you will find correct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. H. Cowper

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

Coast Rev. 1913-14 Expenditure

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**BANK RECEIPT No.** 1474

Amt. $ 2.707 60 Cheque 463656

Date 24 June 1914

Entered Journal No. ..... Folio .....

Dept. Receipt No. .....

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Credit Casual Revs

Refund from B.C. Govt a/c share salary of Royal Com. for March 1914 $ 2707.60

Refund of School ck 44.00

Re Mining Ind'l Sch'l Brandon 3189.06

5896.66

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 1474

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 5.896.66 *Ottawa,* June 25th 1914.

*RECEIVED from* Dept.

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Fifty eight hundred and ninety six - - 66/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 30 1914

Creston, B.C. June, 23, 1914.

The Hon. Minister of Indians,
Ottawa, Ontario.

INTERIOR EPT. OTTAWA
JUN 29 1914
REGISTRATION

Dear Sir:-

I understand that a Royal Commission from your Department is to visit Creston this year, to take evidence regarding the Indians of this place. I think that this is a move in the right direction and as I have a good many inquiries from the Indians one way and another, I thought I would write you and find out if possible when your Commission expects to be here, so that we will be able to properly place the Indians case before the said Royal Commission.

If it is consistent with your policy I should ## be pleased to learn of the date you expect the said Commission will visit this place.

Yours truly,

J. M. Edmondson.

Please advise the writer that we will be ready on and after June 18th 1914

This was Overlooked
M. M.

Per L.

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VICTORIA, B.C. June 23rd. 1914.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 17th instant (No. 59335) with enclosure of statement of payments to and allowed vouchers of the Commission. The details as to the former are correct, except in so far as the $500.00 given to me for travel expense was not received here or through the Commission advances, but at Ottawa; as to the latter complete information will be found in the statement to be forwarded with the July-June accounts at the close of the present month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

He asks that the $500 to be credited to the Commission, it was never here, it was paid in Ottawa, where we charged it to us, we asked Dept. to credit it, but it was not credited to us.

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Ottawa, 2nd July 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to letter to you of the 17th and your reply of the 23rd June relative to advances which you received on behalf of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs for British Columbia for which advances you should account, I beg to say that it will be necessary for you to account in the usual way for the $500.00 mentioned in your letter above quoted. The fact that the money in question was received by you when in Ottawa, does not alter the fact that it must be accounted for by you in the usual way. Kindly return to the Department the financial statement which was sent you on the 17th June, it should be certified to by you as requested.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McL[illegible]

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

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JUL 2 1914

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VICTORIA, B.C.

June 24th, 1914

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., with enclosure of cheque for $10,000, which has been deposited to the credit of the Commission in the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergman
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 26 1914

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

VICTORIA, B.C. 20th. June 1914

ACCOUNTANTS JUL 4 1914 BRANCH

P.EX.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to advise you that with respect to the Financial Statement and accounts of the Commission for the month of May, it appears, that, owing to the tour of the Commission in the West Coast and Kwawkewlth Agencies having covered both May and a considerable portion of the present month, ~~that~~ it would be in every way better to deal with May and June together. The accounts for these two months, with statement, will therefore be forwarded to you on the 30th. instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergman
Secretary.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT: MAY/JUNE.

| REVENUE | | | EXPENDITURES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | | 1914 | |
| May 1 | Cash balance | $ 6751.76 | June 30 | Payments to Commissioners and Secretary as per Pay List $ 9985.00 |
| | Refund J.S. McArthur on error in Apl. a/c addition | 1.00 | | **SALARIES** |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons 900.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green 600.00 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur 300.00 |
| | | | | Miss A. Porritt 91.50 |
| June 5 | Deposit | 5000.00 | | **SPECIAL** |
| " 18 | " | 5000.00 | | Cheque to Dept. I.A. covering refund fm. C.P.R. Telegraphs 5.54 |
| " 24 | " | 10000.00 | | **OFFICE & OPERATION** |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur 126.00 |
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|---|---|---|
| | C.H.Gibbons | 4.00 |
| | Miss Wynifred Evans | 2.65 |
| | W.Webster | 2.50 |
| | Dominion Telegraphs | 1.59 |
| | Cash in hand | $13005.51 |
| $26,752.76 | | $26752.76 |

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH JUL 16 1914

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 616

July 4th, 1914

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

464315

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith cash balance sheet, abstract of vouchers and accounts for the months of May and June, which I trust will be found satisfactory. As the details given in statement and vouchers appear to fully answer your letter of the 12th ultimo, no further answer thereto would seem to be required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B.C. June 23rd. 1914.

Acct

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

I am desired by the Commission to reply to your letter of the 12th inst. containing a statement from the Auditor-General of the 9th inst, concerning amounts paid by the Commission for automobile and taxi cab service. It is rather late in the day to be in a position to answer satisfactorily the question of the Auditor-General. It is over a year now, since the Commission has passed a contract with the motor cars owner, a contract which at the time, the Royal Commission thought was very advantageous, as the visitations of reserves had to be made in that way, it being the most expeditious and the cheapest; and it was on account of the contract that lower prices were obtained than could have been had under ordinary circumstances.

It is impossible here to have good strong cars for less than $40.00 a day, and indeed, when the contract was made the daily tariff was $50.00. By the contract made last year with Maysmith, the Commission had the use of three good, well-equipped cars for $100.00 a day, with the understanding that whenever the Commission required motor car service in Victoria they could have it for $4.00 an hour instead of $5.00, which is the recognized tariff in the cities of Victoria and Vancouver.

As to the first part of the Auditor-General's letter concerning car service on Vancouver Island, the vouchers for that had been sent long ago, very nearly a year; and I may say that these accounts were examined and were found correct according to the contract with Maysmith. I do not know whether the Auditor-General is aware that the Commission travelled some one thousand miles on Vancouver Island and about three thousand on the main land, a considerable part of the travel being off the main highways and over particularly difficult roads; and I may say that it would have been impossible for the Commission to have gone through

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VICTORIA, B.C. June 23rd. 1914.

J. D. M. #2.

the visitations of the reserves at a less cost than the amount of money paid for that purpose.

Now for the second part of the Auditor-General's letter concerning charges for auto service on Sunday. It would be impossible today, to have the details which he desires. All that I know is that I ascertained that the service was really rendered for the account presented. I remember that some reserves around Victoria were visited on Sunday, but unfortunately not having been advised by the Department, no official record was kept of the details of that service, but the Commission directs me to say that whatever the ruling of the Department will be on that matter, will be adhered to in the future, but it is physically impossible to give the details now of the past service.

As for the Dedember account of $48.50, the only details which we have are a copy of those which were sent with the account and which are at present with the Auditor-General. All that I can remember as far as that month is concerned, is that, although the Commission was not sitting officially, there was a committee of the Board sitting permanently, and in December there were some communications in writing and some papers to be signed which entailed the stenographer travelling between the office of the Commission and the private residence of the Chairman, whose work was actually finished on the 30th of November, but who was kind enough to sign some papers and help in that way, the Committee finishing the work of the previous season.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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File No. 616. September, 23rd. 1913.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

On the return of the Commission last Thursday from their tour of the Bella Coola Agency, your letter respecting the Accounts of the Commission forwarded to the Department, and the reply of Mr. Bergeron, our Secretary thereto, were laid before the Commissioners.

We have nothing to add to what Mr. Bergeron set forth, except as regards the Accounts for motoring.

We note that you think the charges therefor are high, but you must bear in mind that we are doing our work in a country where everything is very high indeed, and it is quite impossible to compare prices here with prices that rule in the East - The hire of motors is no exception to that rule. The motors were absolutely required on the trips to which Mr. Bergeron referred, and the Commission could not get along without them. We had to carry along ten persons, namely the five Commissioners, our Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Young, the Counsel for the Dominion, a Stenographer, the Indian Inspector for the respective Districts, and the Indian Agent.

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KODAK SAFETY



The Assistant Secretary was necessary as our sumpter man. Without him we would have had great difficulty in arranging for our stoppages along the road.

In making our arrangement with the motor man, we did not agree to pay him what he demanded at first, but we got him to agree to a considerable reduction. We made the best bargain we could, and I can emphatically state that the Commission, in view of the going charges here, not merely made the best bargain they could, but made a good bargain with him.

Yours very truly,

Chairman of the Commission.

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Auth to write

July 18th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd. ultimo, asking to be advised when the Royal Commission will visit Creston. In reply I beg to inform you that I regret to state that the Department does not know when the Commission will be in that vicinity, but you might apply to Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary of the Commission at Victoria, who will be able to advise you as to the date.

I regret that a reply was not sent to you earlier but your letter was inadvertently overlooked.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLean

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

T. M. Edmondson, Esq.,
Creston, B. C.

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Hoping you will grant the above demand, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

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JUL 20 1914

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July 13th. 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

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Sir:

I hope you have received the vouchers for the months of May and June and that they are satisfactory.

The Commission is now visiting the Stuart Lake Agency and will afterwards go into the Williams Lake Agency and probably, on their way back will go into Nicola section of the Kamloops Agency. This will take them six or seven weeks.

I have had to give the Commissioners and the staff which follows the Commission, a great deal of money. I have paid the Commissioners their salaries and living expenses for July and also their living expenses for August. I have also paid the Assistant Secretary and the stenographer their full salaries for July and half of their salaries for August; also rent for the month of July, which is always paid in advance; and the men who were employed by the Commission to valuate the reserves, which amounted in one case to $525.00 and in another to $957.55 and another to $354.90, and other small accounts of the end of June, but only received in July. Also the amount of $875.00, paid in advance to the Auto Owners, besides the amount of $2,500.00 which I have left in the hands of the chairman for the expenses on the journey. All these, I need not say, were paid by order of the Commission, and you will get the vouchers when you receive the July statement.

The balance to our credit in the Bank on the 30th of June, was $17,189.44, and I have paid since the commencement of July, already $15,265.35, leaving me a balance of about $1900.00.

I believe it would be wise, under the circumstances, to send me another cheque of $10,000.00, as that would keep me in funds until the month of September. There will be the salaries of the Commissioners to pay for August and half of

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Mp—Victoria, B.C. July 29-14.

(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

J.D. McLean,

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Dep't Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Kindly place Mr. Bergeron in funds by wire for the Royal Commission see his letter of 13 July.

Duncan C. Scott.

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With Cheque.

Ottawa 30th July, 1914.

Sir,

I beg to transmit herewith cheque No 862 for ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), and I have to request that you will kindly cause that amount to be telegraphed to the Imperial Bank of Canada, Victoria, B.C., for credit of J.G.H. Bergeron, Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columia. A franked teldgraph blank is also enclosed.

Yours truly.

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

The Manager,
Imperial Bank of Canada,
Ottawa.

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa 30th July, 1914.

J.H.G. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

Ten thousand dolars is being placed to your credit with the Imperial Bank, Victoria.

J.D. McLean.

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HEAD OFFICE
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# Imperial Bank of Canada.

Ottawa, Ont. July 30, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 31 1914

The Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A .

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Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of this date enclosing cheque for $10,000, which amount we have wired to our Victoria Branch for credit of J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columber, as requested.

Faithfully yours,

R. Dupuis
Manager.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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July 30th. 1914.

Acpt

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

The $10,000.00 mentioned in your telegram just received, has been put to the credit of the Commission at the Imperial Bank here.

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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Returned

Ottawa, August 11, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to letter of the 2nd July last requesting you to return to the Department the financial statement that was sent you on the 17th June last and to remind you that as yet this statement has not been received. Kindly give this your immediate attention.

The statement sent you contains all the vouchers which you have submitted to the Department and which you have been given credit for. It also contains all the advances made to you for purposes of the Royal Commission. These vouchers and advances have been audited by the Auditor General and you should have no difficulty in certifying to the statement.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

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Remit W. Ackert

Ottawa, 12th August 1914.

ACCOUNTANTS
AUG 14 1914
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Sir,-

With further reference to your letter of the 9th June, respecting accounts for automobile and taxi cab service incurred by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I beg to enclose herewith copies of letters from Mr. Bergeron, Secretary and the Chairman of the Commission, in regard thereto.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa.

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VOUCHER No. 341

VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Department of Indian Affairs

| DATE 1914 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| June 11 | Cheque to cover refund on overcharge of C.P.R. Telegraphs | $ 5.54 |
| | | $ 5.54 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and the services rendered, are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a charge against the Government of Canada.

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

Assistant Secretary

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VOUCHER No. 332

DUPLICATE

VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To COMMISSIONERS' PAY LIST -- MAY AND JUNE, 1914

| 1914 | DETAIL | | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 31 | N. W. White K.C., Chairman: | | |
| | 31 days' allowance @ $25.00 per day -- | $775.00 | |
| | 31 days' living allowance @ $10 ----- | 310.00 | |
| | | $1085.00 | |
| | LESS | | |
| | Overpaid April, as per letter Dept. I. A. of Apl. 27th, No. 59335-6 ..... | 80.00 | |
| | | $1005.00 | 1005. 00 |
| June 30 | 30 days @ $25 per diem ---------- | | 750. 00 |
| | 30 days' living allowance @ $10 ----- | | 300. 00 |
| May 31 | Commissioner J. P. Shaw: | | |
| | 31 days' honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 620. 00 |
| | 31 " living allowance @ $10 ----- | | 310. 00 |
| June 30 | 30 " honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 600. 00 |
| | 30 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 300. 00 |
| May 31 | Commissioner D. H. Macdowall: | | |
| | 31 days' honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 620. 00 |
| | 31 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 310. 00 |
| June 30 | 30 " honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 600. 00 |
| | 30 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 300. 00 |
| May 31 | Commissioner S. Carmichael: | | |
| | 31 days' honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 620. 00 |
| | 31 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 310. 00 |
| June 30 | 30 " honorarium @ $20. ---------- | | 600. 00 |
| | 30 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 300. 00 |
| May 31 | Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna: | | |
| | 31 days' living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 310. 00 |
| June 30 | 30 " " " ---- | | 300. 00 |
| May 31 | Mr J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary & Solicitor: | | |
| | 31 days' salary @ $20. per day ------ | | 620. 00 |
| | 31 " living allowance @ $10. ---- | | 310. 00 |
| | Carry forward --- | | $9085. 00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED:

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Commissioners' Pay List -- May and June -- Page 2:

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1914 | Brought forward ---------- | $9085. 00 |
| June 30 | Mr J.G.H.Bergeron, Secretary & Solicitor: | |
| | 30 days' salary @ $20. ---------- | 600. 00 |
| | 30 " living allowance @ $10. ---------- | 300. 00 |
| | | $9985. 00 |

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APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

C. Williams

~~Assistant~~ Secretary

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COL'A.

Abstract of Paid Vouchers Sent to the Department of Indian Affairs and Covering Disbursements for the Months of May and June, 1914:

| Voucher | In Favour Of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 332 | Commissioners' Pay List | $9985.00 |
| 333 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 334 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 335 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 336 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 337 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 338 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 339 | Miss Agnes Perritt | 46.50 |
| 340 | Miss Agnes Perritt | 45.00 |
| 341 | Department of Indian Affairs | 5.54 |
| 342 | James S. McArthur | 126.00 |
| 343 | James S. McArthur | 5.00 |
| 344 | C.M.Pineo | 12.75 |
| 345 | J.M.Letterman & Co. | 6.10 |
| 346 | A.C.Southwell | 32.00 |
| [illegible] | Port Alberni Post Office | 3.00 |
| [illegible] | F.Harrison | 10.00 |
| [illegible] | Miss A.M.Peddle | 10.35 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Post Office | 10.00 |
| [illegible] | H.F.Helmsing | 6.50 |
| [illegible] | R.J.Dundas | 1.00 |
| [illegible] | Marconi Wireless Co. | 5.45 |
| [illegible] | Ernest Tailer | 6.00 |
| [illegible] | Chief Jack of Checklesaht | 12.00 |
| [illegible] | Interpreters' Pay List | 79.00 |
| [illegible] | William Brotchie | 5.50 |
| [illegible] | William Brotchie | 60.00 |
| [illegible] | Marconi Wireless Co. | 2.50 |
| [illegible] | Muchalaht Jack | 3.00 |
| [illegible] | Matthew Paul | 5.00 |
| [illegible] | Marconi Wireless Co. | 2.42 |
| [illegible] | Marconi Wireless Co. | 2.20 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Transfer Co. | 3.50 |
| [illegible] | C. P. R. Company | 62.00 |
| [illegible] | C.H.Gibbons | 16.00 |
| [illegible] | Mrs Jane Cook | 20.00 |
| [illegible] | C.H.Gibbons (C.P.R.) | 126.00 |
| [illegible] | J.G.H.Bergeron | 11.35 |
| [illegible] | C.H.Gibbons | 28.85 |
| [illegible] | P.McDonald | 3.50 |
| [illegible] | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| [illegible] | Cross & Co. | 125.00 |
| [illegible] | C.P.R. Telegraphs | 30.80 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Toilet Agency | 2.50 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 5.70 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 29.90 |
| [illegible] | United Typewriter Co. | 3.00 |
| [illegible] | W.W.Gardiner | 47.40 |
| [illegible] | B.C. Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| [illegible] | B.C. Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| [illegible] | Acme Press Ltd. | 33.50 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Post Office | 2.00 |
| [illegible] | Booth Brothers | 6.00 |
| [illegible] | W.H.Maysmith | 174.00 |
| [illegible] | Shortt, Hill & Duncan | 1.00 |
| [illegible] | J. T. L. Meyer | 310.00 |
| [illegible] | J. T. L. Meyer | 215.95 |
| [illegible] | Hotel Vancouver | 19.25 |
| [illegible] | Shortt, Hill & Duncan | 2.00 |
| [illegible] | Victoria Post Office | 1.00 |
| [illegible] | H.M.Wilson | 1.00 |
| [illegible] | C. H. Gibbons | 7.50 |

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 394 | C.H.Gibbons | 4.00 |
| 395 | Miss Wynafred Evans | 2.65 |
| 396 | W.Webster | 2.50 |
| 397 | Dominion Telegraphs | 1.59 |
| | | $ 13,747.25 |
| | | # 13.741.71 |

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VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Department of Indian Affairs

| DATE 1914 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| June 11 | Cheque to cover refund on overcharge of C.P.R. Telegraphs | $ 5.54 |
| | | $ 5.54 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED:

J. G. H. Bergman
Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

C. Mebbens
Assistant Secretary

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# Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 191

Royal Comm on Indian Affairs for B.C.

To end of June /14.

| | | Advanced | Expended |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | May & June | $ 10.000.00 | $ 6183.30 |
| | July | 10.000.00 | 4639.11 |
| | Aug & Sept | | 9320.37 |
| | Oct. | 10.000.00 | 6261.66 |
| | Nov. | 10.500.00 | 4936.70 |
| | Dec. | | 5228.27 |
| 1914 | Jany. | | 2938.15 |
| | Feb | 5.000.00 | 2.153.85 |
| | Mch. | 15.000.00 | 3.697.67 |
| | Apr. | | 6714.56 |
| | May & June | 20.000.00 | 13.741.71 |
| | | $ 80.500.00 | 65.815.35 |
| | July | 10.000.00 | |
| | Aug | 10.000.00 | 80.500.00 |
| | | | 65.815.35 |

Bal. to be accounted for July, /14 — $ 14.684.65

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Government of Canada.

Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Abstract of paid vouchers sent to the Dept. of Indian Affairs and covering disbursements for the months of May and June, 1914.

| | |
|---|---|
| C. H. Gibbons | $450.00 |
| C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
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| Miss Agnes Perritt | 45.00 |
| Jas. S. McArthur | 126.00 |
| James S. McArthur | 5.00 |
| C. M. Pince | 12.75 |
| J.M.Letterman & Co. | 6.10 |
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| Matthew Paul | 5.00 |
| Marconi Wireless Co. | 2.42 |
| " " " | 2.20 |
| Victoria Transfer Co. | 3.50 |
| C.P.R.Company | 62.00 |
| C.H.Gibbons | 14.00 |
| Mrs. Jane Cook | 20.00 |
| C.H.Gibbons (C.P.R.) | 126.00 |
| J.C.H.Bergeron | 11.35 |
| C.H.Gibbons | 28.85 |
| F. McDonald | 3.50 |
| Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| " " | 135.00 |
| C.P.R.Telegraphs | 30.80 |
| Victoria Toilet Agency | 2.50 |
| Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 5.70 |
| " " " " | 29.90 |
| United Typewriter Co. | 3.00 |
| W. W. Gardiner | 47.40 |
| B. C. Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| " " " | 7.50 |
| Acme Press Ltd. | 33.50 |
| Victoria Post Office | 2.00 |
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| W. H. Maysmith | 174.00 |
| Shortt, Hill & Duncan | 1.00 |
| J.T.L.Meyer | 310.00 |

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Abstract of Vouchers (Cont'd)

| | |
|---|---|
| J.T.L.Meyer | $215.95 |
| Hotel Vancouver | 19.25 |
| Short, Hill & Duncan | 2.00 |
| Victoria Post Office | 1.00 |
| H.M.Wilson | 1.00 |
| G.H.Gibbons | 7.50 |
| " " " | 4.00 |
| Miss Wynafred Evans | 2.65 |
| W. Webster | 2.50 |
| Dominion Tecegraphs | 1.59 |
| | $3756.71 |

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Accounting Dept. No. 336479

Voucher No. 245/5/14

The Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

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For transportation furnished as per requisitions attached.

Victoria to Vancouver -- 8 1st class return $28.00.

Correct,

W. R. S.

Audited,

W. J. Mooney.

Asst. Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal, May 20,1914.

Receipt 907. sent Aug 11/14

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Accounting Dept. No. 337251.

Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Dr.,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. | For transportation furnished as per requisitions attached. | | |
| April 3 | 246-Ottawa to Victoria - | One 1st class single | $71.50 |
| | " " " " | One compartment pullman. | 46.50 |
| | 242 " " " | One 1st class single | 71.50 |
| | " " " " | One compartment pullman | 46.50 |
| | | | $236.00 |

Correct

W. R. S.

Montreal June 5, 1914.

Audited

F. E. Shrimpton,

Auditor of Disbursements.

ck no 457

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No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the ~~Department of~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Canadian Pacific Ry. ~~from~~ Company as hereunder

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charter of S.S. "Iris" for Tour of inspection of Reserves in West Coast & Kwawkewlth agencies - 37 days @ $190.00 per day. | | | $ 7030 | 00 |

Service .....

On account of For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs. Ottawa

Date Issued - June 16 - 1914.

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron.

~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.

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Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

(For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B. C. )

Accounting Dept. No. 340326.
Voucher No. 5150/6/14.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

Office of the Auditor of Disbursements.

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1914. For transportation furnished as per requisitions attached.

June 16. To special charter of Str. "Tees" for tour of visitations of reserves in West Coast.

37 days @ $190.00 per day.....$7030.00

Correct,

"W. R. S."

Audited-

"T. E. Shrimpton,"

Auditor of Disbursements

Montreal July 28,1914.

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Statement of Expenditure incurred during the months of May and June, 1914 in connection with the ROYAL COMMISSIONER ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the months of May and June, 1914, @ $6,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | $ 666.66 |
| Salaries and living allowance paid Commissioners for months of May and June, 1914, as per pay-list attached..... | 9,985.00 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per accounts attached..... | 7,294.00 |
| Expenses of Commission during months of May and June 1914 as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 3,756.71 |
| | $21,702.37 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half..... | $10,851.18 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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92.94

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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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1914.

June 30. To salary as Commissioner during the months of May and June, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$666.66

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Return to Vacc

August 17, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 30th June last, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $21,702.37, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, viz:- $10,851.18 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. Price Ellison,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

Victoria, B. C.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

Financial Statement.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1913. | | | | |
| May 2, | To advance | Cheque No. 240 | $ 500.00 | to Levy |
| June 2, | " " | " " 395 | 5000.00 | ✓ |
| " 20, | " " | " " 534 | 5000.00 | ✓ |
| July 7, | " " | " " 651 | 10000.00 | ✓ |
| Oct. 6, | " " | " " 1272 | 10000.00 | ✓ |
| Nov.21, | " " | " " 1564 | 10000.00 | ✓ |
| 1914. | | | | |
| Feb.10, | " " | " " 2120 | 5000.00 | ✓ |
| Mar.23, | " " | " " 2451 | 15000.00 | ✓ |
| May 30, | " " (1914-15) | " " 398 | 5000.00 | ✓ |
| June 12, | " " " | " " 445 | 5000.00 | ✓ |
| | | | $70500.00 | |

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| | |
|---|---|
| By vouchers submitted to 30th April | 52073.64 |
| Balance unaccounted for..... | $18426.36 ✓ |

Certified Correct,

J. G. H. Bagshaw

Secretary,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for B. C.

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466709

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

August 17th, 1914

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 24 1914

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant (your file No. 59335-6A) and to return herewith copy of statement as desired. The return of this statement was inadvertently overlooked.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Gibbens

Jr Secretary

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 509.

BELMONT HOUSE

VICTORIA, B.C.

August 14th, 1914.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Can.

466453

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to advise you that in consequence of the operating costs of the Commission during its field activities of July and August not being easily segregated, the accounts for these two months will be transmitted with statement covering same at the close of the current month, as has been the practice under similar conditions heretofore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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# Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, _____ 191___

Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.

| | | Advanced | Expended |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | March - June | 10.000.00 | $ 6183.30 |
| | July | 10.000.00 | 4639.11 |
| | Aug. & Sept. | | 9320.37 |
| | Oct. | 10.000.00 | 6261.66 |
| | Nov. | 10.500.00 | 4936.70 |
| | Dec. | | 5228.27 |
| 1914 | Jany | | 2938.15 |
| | Feb | 5.000.00 | 2153.85 |
| | March | | 3697.67 |
| | Apr. | 15.000.00 | 6714.56 |
| | May & June | 20.000.00 | 13741.71 |
| | July | 10.000.00 | 19174.57 |
| | Aug. | 10.000.00 | |
| | | $ 100.500.00 | |
| | Sept. | | |
| | Oct. | 10.000.00 | 15775.63 |
| | | 110.500.00 | |
| | Nov. | 10.000.00 | |

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Return to Acct

Ottawa, August 29, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th July, enclosing statement, together with vouchers, for expenditure incurred during the months of May and June last.

I now enclose a statement shewing how your account stood on the 30th June. You have been credited with payments made as per vouchers and pay-list, amounting to $13,747.25, leaving a balance of $14,664.62 unaccounted for.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria, B.C.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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August 18th, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 24 1914

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

466713

Sir:

As I wrote to you the other day, the vouchers for the months of July and August will be sent down to you together on account of the Commissions trip in the Stuart Lake and Williams Lake Agencies, but I desire now, for your information, to give you an idea of how our finances stand.

When I wrote you on the 13th of July on the same subject and asked you for a further advance of $10,000.00, I told you then that the balance on hand here at that date was about $1,900.00; since then I have received on the 30th of July a cheque for $10,000.00. When all the expenses for August, comprising the salaries and living expenses of the Commissioners and the salaries of the staff and rent and a few other bills have been settled, we will have in our treasury at the end of the month about $5,000.00.

About that time the Commission will leave again to visit other reserves and it is probable that as we have done in the past, they will desire to have their monthly salaries and expenses paid before leaving as they will not be back before the month of October, and the same thing will have to be done for the staff, besides money which will be required for the expenses of the trips.

Under the circumstances my object in writing you today and giving these explanations of the actual state of our finances, which will be shown by the vouchers which you will receive at the commencement of September, is to ask for a further advance of $10,000.00 which will probably be enough until the month of October.

Hoping you will grant my request before the end

1005
Sent August 25/14

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.....

August 18th, 1914.



of the month, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

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Send advance 1000.

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Sent Aug 25/14

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Private.

August 18th, 1914.

466713

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am writing today to Mr. McLean officially, asking him for a further advance of $10,000.00 to float the Commission (in a financial way) until about October. I enclose you my letter to him, also the one of the 13th of July of which I had a copy for you when you were in Victoria but which I forgot to give you.

Hoping you will be kind enough to have my request granted, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Scott and yourself in which my wife joins, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT: JULY-AUGUST

**REVENUE**

| 1914 | | |
|---|---|---|
| July 1 | Cash Balance | ~~$15,005.51~~ 14.684.65 |
| 30 | Deposit | 10,000.00 |
| Aug 14 | Rebate from Imperial Bank of Canada on returned Travellers' Cheques | 2.00 |
| " 31 | Deposit | 10,000.00 |

**EXPENDITURE**

| 1914 | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Commissioners' and Secretary's paylist July and August: | 10230.00 |
| | Salaries: | |
| | July and August | |
| | C. H. Gibbons | 900.00 |
| | Ashdown H. Green | 600.00 |
| | J. S. McArthur | 300.00 |
| | Miss A. Porritt | 108.50 |
| | Office & Operation: | |
| | A. W. Duck | 550.00 |
| | A. W. Duck | ~~407.55~~ 408.50 |
| | C. H. Gibbons | 6.25 |
| | Victoria Post Office | 3.50 |
| | United T. Co. | 2.00 |
| | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 6.54 |
| | C. L. Kepner | 19.90 |
| | D. D. Yule | 20.00 |
| | White House, 150 Mile | 9.60 |
| | George Myers | 35.00 |
| | Indian Little Bob | 6.50 |
| | Mrs. Phillips | 5.00 |
| | J. S. Truan | 27.50 |
| | Domn. Govt. Telegraphs | 5.20 |
| | James Bird | 16.00 |
| | C. F. Dixon | 50.00 |
| | Seal Canim et al | 348.90 |
| | J. S. Place | 2.50 |
| | Grand Central, Ash't | 7.50 |
| | Northern Hotel, Ft. Geo. | 10.60 |
| | " " " | 21.55 |
| | F. M. Becher | 13.54 |
| | 70 Mile House | 13.00 |
| | Simon Phillipine | 65.00 |
| | J. Simonson | 5.50 |
| | Victoria P. O. | 1.00 |
| | C. H. Gibbons | 228.75 |
| | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 13.17 |
| | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | B.C.Telephone Co. | 8.65 |
| | D. H. Watson | 37.40 |
| | " " | 47.50 |
| | " " | 270.00 |
| | Acme Press Ltd., | 250.00 |
| | Victoria B. &. S. Co., | 7.25 |
| | Imperial Bank of Canada | 12.50 |
| | C. H. Gibbons | 5.20 |
| | Govt. Tel. Service | 1.42 |
| | Victoria Toilet Ag'y | 1.25 |
| | Miss A. M. Peddle | 28.00 |
| | P. Macdonald | 1.50 |
| | G. N. W. Tel. Co. | 1.35 |
| | W. H. Maysmith | 102.50 |
| | Miss A. M. Peddle | 52.00 |
| | Cross & Co., | 135.[illegible] |
| | F. Norris & Sons | 2.[illegible] |
| | Victoria Toilet Ag'y | 1.25 |
| | Victoria Post Office | 3.00 |
| | A. Grasley | 3.00 |
| | Maysmith & Elmer | 3625.00 |
| | N. W. White | 13.65 |

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|---|---|---|
| S. Carmichael | 13.65 | |
| United Typewriter Co., | 1.50 | |
| B. C. Telephone Co., | 9.85 | |
| Victoria B. S. S. Co., | 55.10 | |
| Soda Creek Hotel | 4.20 | |
| F. M. Becher | 3.25 | |
| 150 Mile House | 2.50 | |
| R. Pyper | 3.50 | |
| F. M. Becher | 2.00 | |
| Dog Creek Hotel | 2.50 | |
| 70 Mile House | 2.50 | |
| 105 Mile House | 6.00 | |
| Grand Central Hotel | 3.50 | |
| C. E. Kepner | 7.00 | |
| Northern Hotel | 12.50 | |
| Occidental Hotel | 3.50 | |
| 105 Mile House | 2.50 | |
| Grand Central Hotel | 1.50 | |
| J. A. Teit | 5.00 | |
| Wm. Nelson | 5.00 | |
| Adelphi Hotel | 4.50 | |
| J. S. McArthur | 45.10 | |
| United Typewriter Co., | 2.00 | |
| " " " | 1.75 | |
| W. H. Maysmith | 41.50 | |
| R. E. Holland Co., | 45.70 | |
| E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., | 19.50 | |
| W. H. Maysmith | 84.00 | 19.17 6.57 |
| Less rebate ~~from Prior & Co. on returns~~ | | 3.06 |
| ~~Cash in Bank~~ | ~~15028.94~~ | 19.17 4.51 |
| Cash on Hand | 15,502.08 | 19.17 4.51 |

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Abstract of paid vouchers sent to the Department of Indian Affairs and covering Disbursements for the months of July and August, 1914:

| Voucher No. | In favour of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 398 | Commissions' paylist, July and August | $10,230.00 |
| 399 | C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 400 | C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 401 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 402 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 403 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 404 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 405 | Miss Agnes Porritt | 46.50 |
| 406 | Miss Agnes Porritt | 62.00 |
| 407 | C. H. Gibbons | 6.25 |
| 408 | Victoria Post Office | 3.50 |
| 409 | United Typewriter Company | 2.00 |
| 410 | C. P. R. Telegraph | 6.54 |
| 411 | E. L. Kepner | 19.90 |
| 412 | D. D. Yule | [illegible] |
| 413 | White House, 150mMile | |
| 414 | George Myers | |
| 415 | Indian Little Bob | |
| 416 | Mrs. M. Phillips | |
| 417 | J. S. Truan | |
| 418 | Dominion Government Telegraphs | |
| 419 | James Bird | |
| 420 | C. F. Dixon | |
| 421 | Chief Seal Canim, Chief Ch[illegible] and R. Pyper | |
| 422 | J. S. Place | |
| 423 | Grand Central Hotel | |
| 424 | Northern Hotel | |
| 425 | " " | |
| 426 | F. M. Becher | |
| 427 | 70 Mile House | |
| 428 | Simon Phill[illegible] | |
| 429 | J. Simons | |
| [illegible] | Victoria [illegible] | |
| | E. H. Gi[illegible] | |
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| 445 | P. Macdonald | 1.50 |
| 446 | G. N. W. Telegraph Co. | 1.35 |
| 447 | Maysmith Auto Service | 102.50 |
| 448 | Agnes M. Peddle | 52.00 |
| 449 | Cross & Company | 135.00 |
| 450 | F. Norris & Sons | 2.00 |
| 451 | The Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 452 | Victoria Post Office | 3.00 |
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| 455 | N. W. White | 13.65 |
| 456 | S. Carmichael | 13.65 |
| 457 | United Typewriter Company | 1.50 |
| 458 | B. C. Telephone Co., Ltd. | 9.85 |
| 459 | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. Ltd. | 55.10 |
| 460 | Soda Creek Hotel | 4.20 |
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| 464 | F. M. Becher | 2.00 |
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| 482 | E.C.Prior & Co., Ltd. | 19.50 |
| 483 | A.W.Duck | 550.00 |
| 484 | " " | ~~407.55~~ 406.55 |
| 485 | W.H.Maysmith | 87.00 |
| | | $19,176.57 |
| | | 9 |
| | -Less- | |
| | Rebate from Imperial Bank on returned Traveller's cheque | 2.00 |
| | Audit | 19.177.57 |
| | Less | |
| | Amt. ~~Acquitted~~ for Lace 5. funeral in W. H. Maysmith a/c | 3.00 |
| | Vol. No 485 | $19.174.57 |

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September 8th, 1914

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 15 1914

The Secretary, 488246
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith the financial statement and vouchers covering the financial transactions of the Commission for the months of July-August, 1914.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

Enclosures - Reg'd.

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VICTORIA, B.C. 31st. August, 1914

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J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of official cheque No.1005 for the amount of $10,000., which sum has been credited to the account of this Commission in the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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Ottawa, September 29, 1914.

Sir,-

With reference to accounts submitted for the months of July and August, I am directed to return to you these in favor of the Maysmith Auto Service for the months above mentioned as it is considered some of the charges are not proper ones against the Government, and furthermore, the following charges appear exorbitant and will require explanation before they can be allowed, viz:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| July 8, | Mr. Gibbons, from the office and around town to his house | $3.00 |
| " 11, | " " " " " to garage and around town preparing for the trip to the Agencies | 3.00 |
| " 12, | Dr. McKenna from his house to the office and to the boat | 6.00 |
| " 21, | Mr. J. P. Shaw from his house to the boat | 4.00 |
| Aug. 6, | Dr. McKenna to office and boat | 6.00 |
| " 7, | " " " " " around town | 6.00 |
| " 10, | Commissioners to funeral | 3.00 |
| " 12, | Dr. McKenna to Govt. Buildings and office and town | 6.00 |
| " 13, | Mr. Gibbons to office, freight-sheds and boat | 6.00 |
| " 15, | Mr. Gibbons to Railway Dept. Govt. Buildings & office | 4.00 |
| " 17, | Mr. Gibbons to Govt. Buildings, house & Insp. Ditchburn's | 4.00 |
| " 19, | Mr. Gibbons to office, Fort St., Govt. Buildings., Imperial Bank and D'Arcy Tate's | 6.00 |
| " 19, | Dr. McKenna to office and around town | 2.50 |

It is not proper for an official to charge for transportation from his place of residence in the city he resides in to his office or from his office to his residence, or around town, and such charges will not be allowed. A fair charge from an official's residence to the railway depot or boat when leaving on official business may be made, but many of these charges are considered high and cannot be allowed in the absence of the fullest explanation. These charges vary from $3.00 to $6.00 on different occasions by different people. The charge of $3.00 for Commissioners to funeral is not a proper charge against the Government.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.H.G.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

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Cheque herewith
for $10,851.18

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VICTORIA, Sept. 19th.1914

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th.ultimo with enclosures as stated I have pleasure in forwarding Treasury Cheque No.18740 - $10,851.18 which represents half of expenditure incurred up to 30th.June last in connection with the Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 3705

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 10,851.18 *Ottawa,* Sept.25th, 1914.

*RECEIVED from* B. C. Gov

*on account* Indian Fun

*the sum of* Ten thousand, eight hundred & fifty-one 18/ *Dollars,*
*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

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*Ent'd.*

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CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y CO.'S TELEGRAPH

# NIGHT LETTERGRAM

The Canadian Pacific R'y Co.'s Telegraph transmits and delivers this night lettergram subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria, B.C. Oct. 16-14.

(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

Duncan C. Scott,

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Deputy Sup't Gen'l of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Please send cheque for ten thousand dollars as amount actually at credit in bank will not be sufficient for expense due and payable at end October and as commission resumes field work early in November further remittance is absolutely necessary to carry forward its work.

J.G.H. Bergeron,

Sec'y Royal Commission Indian Affairs,

W.S. second advance $10000.00

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

October 9th, 1914.

D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, (Your File No. 59335-6 A) re sundry charges for motor service during July-August, I have the honour to enclose memorandum from my Assistant explaining charges incurred through him in connection with the work of the Commission.

With reference to the charge of $3.00 for Commissioners attending funeral in the family of Mr. G. H. Barnard M. P.: Inasmuch as Mr. Barnard is the representative of this Constituency in Parliament it was thought that the Commission should be officially represented at the funeral and hence the charge for this service is regarded as legitimately chargeable in connection with the business of the Commission, not privately.

Re charges incurred by Commissioners McKenna and Shaw to which exception is taken, it may be explained that prior to the tour of the Commission in the Interior, Commissioner McKenna was engaged with the staff for several evenings until very late and therefore utilized cars in connection with the office work. Commissioner Shaw resides at a considerable distance from the office, and the charge of $4.00 for his conveyance to the steamer is therefore by no means excessive.

Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.


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VICTORIA, B.C.
October 9th, 1914.

= MEMORANDUM =

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House, City.

Sir:

Re. letter of the Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, dated September 28th. ultimo, his File 59335-8A., subject motor charges for July-August:

It will be remembered that in order to clear up the work of the Commission insofar as possible and leave on time for the Williams Lake and Stuart Lake Agency tour, I was engaged until late at night for several days and the final preparations for the Commission's departure were made in a rush, in consequence of which some car service was used which would not have been otherwise. On the return, we had some miscarried luggage, which I used car service in locating, as previously explained. As to the use of a car in making sundry rush visits to various public departments, you will remember that especial expedition was desired in dealing with certain plans re. railway applications, and to facilitate work thereupon a car was employed, as it would not have been under normal conditions.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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D.I.A.

606 Ottawa, 20th October, 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to letter to you of the 28th September and your reply of the 9th instant, relative to the account from the Smithers Auto Service, for automobiles furnished to officers of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia during the months of July and August, I beg to say that the charge of $3.00 on the 10th August for an automobile to attend a funeral will not be allowed, ~~but~~ and the Department ~~will~~ cannot allow the charges for taxi-cabs when commissioners or other officers connected with the Commission travel to and from the railway depot. The account should be returned to the Department with the charges to which objection is taken eliminated.

~~The charges for furnished automobile to funeral~~

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
For British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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Return to Acct

Ottawa, November 4, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 606, enclosing cheque for $3.00, and in reply I have to request that you will kindly return to the Department the accounts of The Mayesmith Auto Service sent you with letter of the 28th September, eliminating therefrom the charges to which objection is taken as requested in letter of the 20th ultimo.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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November 3rd, 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I. A.,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have addressed today to Mr. McLean, giving him an idea of how we stand in our finances.

As you can see, we have a balance of exactly $5,638.78, and we have to pay, during the month for salaries and so forth, $4,900.00, which will leave at the end of the month a balance of over $600.00 and that is why I am asking Mr. McLean to send us another $10,000.00 to carry us over to next January. I wish you would be good enough to see that this demand of mine is carried out.

Hoping that these explanations will be satisfactory to you, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secretary.

Send on 10.000.00

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Ottawa, Nov. 9 1914

Mr. Pelletier

Please ~~report on~~ attached letter and return it to the office of the Deputy Superintendent General.

Do not file.

advance 65.000 [illegible]

To acct for 25.366 ~~44.543.73~~ [illegible]

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November 3rd, 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

I have this day addressed to you a registered package containing all the cheques issued by the Commission, through me, during 1914 and through Judge Wetmore and myself in part of 1913. I thought it would be agreeable to the Auditor-General to have these as they are of no use to me here. If the Auditor or your Department do not want them, you may do whatever you wish with them.

We are just now preparing the vouchers for the expenses incurred in the months of September and October and will address them to you as soon as they are completed; we are kept waiting by a couple of receipts.

I may say for your information, that the Commission has received since it has been formed, the sum of $118,400.83 and we have spent up to the 31st of October $109,077.05, leaving a balance of $9,323.78.

The salary of Mr. Green, our technical officer, has not been paid for October as he is away on field work just now but there is very little due besides that.

The Commission left last night for visitations of the Lytton Agency and will be away probably for the whole month. I have given them their living expenses for the month of November and the salary and living expenses of the Secretary who accompanies the Commission - also the sum of $2,000.00 for the expenses in connection with the trip, that is to say, motor cars, interpreters and so forth, for which they will give an account on their way back. I have also paid the rent for our offices for the month of November which must be paid at the commencement of the month. This leaves me a balance today of a little over $5,000.00.

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which is enough to carry the Commission during this month, but I will expect a cheque of at least $10,000.00 more to carry us through to next January.

Hoping that these explanations are satisfactory. I remain,

Yours truly.

Enclosures.

Secretary.

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November 3rd, 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

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Sir:

I have this day addressed to you a registered package containing all the cheques issued by the Commission, through me, during 1914 and through Judge Wetmore and myself in part of 1913. I thought it would be agreeable to the Auditor-General to have these as they are of no use to me here. If the Auditor or your Department do not want them, you may do whatever you wish with them.

We are just now preparing the vouchers for the expenses incurred in the months of September and October and will address them to you as soon as they are completed; we are kept waiting by a couple of receipts.

I may say for your information, that the Commission has received since it has been formed, the sum of $118,400.83 (110,500.00) and we have spent up to the 31st of October $109,077.05, (100,765.55) leaving a balance of $9,323.78. (9,734.45) - Diff 4.10 67

The salary of Mr. Green, our technical officer, has not been paid for October as he is away on field work just now but there is very little due besides that.

The Commission left last night for visitations of the Lytton Agency and will be away probably for the whole month. I have given them their living expenses for the month of November and the salary and living expenses of the Secretary who accompanies the Commission - also the sum of $2,000.00 for the expenses in connection with the trip, that is to say, motor cars, interpreters and so forth, for which they will give an account on their way back. I have also paid the rent for our offices for the month of November which must be paid at the commencement of the month. This leaves me a balance today of a little over $5,000.00,

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which is enough to carry the Commission during this month, but I will expect a cheque of at least $10,000.00 more to carry us through to next January.

Hoping that these explanations are satisfactory, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bryson

Secretary.

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November 3rd. 1914.

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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith the financial statement and vouchers covering the financial transactions of the Commission for the months of September-October, 1914.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

Enclosures - Reg'd.

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November 4th, 1914

The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Sir:

I herewith return to you duplicate vouchers returned to us with a request for explanation of certain items therein.

Such explanation having been duly given in our letters to you of the 9th and the 26th October ultimo, there is no need of our further retaining these duplicate vouchers.

Your File No. 59335-6A.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

J. G. Ridgway
Secretary

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144.75
34.40
4.50
14.70
8.80
41.75
2.00
159.20
1.50
5.85
$417.45

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Accounting Dept. No. 341251.
Voucher No. 3627/7/14.

The Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

For transportation furnished as per requisitions attached.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1914. | | |
| July 11, | Victoria to Ashcroft -- 7 1st cl. single | 71.05 |
| | " " Edmonton, 1st cl. return | 56.45 |
| | Vancouver to Calgary -- one lower berth | 5.25 |
| | Victoria to Vancouver -- 4 state rooms | 12.00 |
| | | $144.75 |

Correct,
"W. R. S."

Audited,
(Sgd) F.E. Shrimpton,
Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal August 14,1914.

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sent aug 20/14

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VISIT

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on acc

Canadian Pacific

FOR

1 Secretary
2 Commissioners } S
1 Stenographer

Spences Bridge to Vancouver tariff rate $7.10
" " " " 7.10
Vancouver to Victoria 2.00
$16.10

3 at $9.10 27.30
$34.40

Service

On account of

Payable at Dept of Indian Affairs. Ottawa

August 6/14.

(Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Secretary ~~Inspector of Indian Agencies.~~
For the Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for B.C.

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# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the ~~Department of~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Spences Bridge to Vancouver

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Secretary<br>2 Commissioners } S.B. to Victoria<br>1 Stenographer | | 7.10 | 7 | 10 |
| | | 9.10 | 27 | 30 |
| | | | 34 | 40 |

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Service

On account of

Payable at Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

August 6/14.

(Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Secretary ~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.

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Accounting Dept. 242072

Vch. No. 10876 July/14.

Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, DR.

For transportation furnished as per requisition attached.

| | | T.R. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 6 | From Spence's Bridge to Vancouver | | 7.10 |
| | Spence's Bdg to Vancouver | 7.10 | |
| | Vancouver to Victoria | 2.00 | |
| | | 9.10 | |
| | Three first class single tickets @ $9.10 | | 27.30 |
| | | | $34.40 |

Correct,

(Sgd) F.R.R.

Montreal, Sept. 4,1914.

Audited

(Sgd) F.E.Shrimpton,

Auditor of Disbursements

CK 1143
Sept 11/14

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Accounting Dept. 243552

Voucher No. 10874 July 1914.

The Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
(Royal Commission on Indian Affairs)
Ottawa, Ont.

To the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY DR.

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For transportation furnished as per requisition attached.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 6 | From Vancouver to Victoria | | |
| | One First class Ticket T. R. | $2.00 | |
| | One stateroom | 2.50 | $4.50 |

Correct

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) F.E. Crimpton,

Auditor of Disbursements.

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Tariff rate the stateroom 2.00 / 2.50 } = $4.50

Vote No.....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the ~~Department of~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Vancouver to Victoria

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One (1) Secretary | | | 2 | 00 |
| Stateroom | | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| | | | $4 | 50 |

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Date issued Aug. 6. 1914.

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies.~~
Secretary
For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

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Accounting Dept. No. 343752

Voucher No. 6074 Aug. 1914.

The Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

For transportation furnished as per requisition attached

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug. 20 | From Victoria to North Bend & return | |
| | Victoria to Vancouver Ret. T. R. | 3.50 |
| | One stateroom | 2.50 |
| | Vancouver to North Bend return T. R. | 8.70 |
| | | $14.70 |

Correct

W. R. S.

Audited,

(Sgd) F.E. Shrimpton.

Auditor of
Disbursements.

Montreal Sept. 16,1914.

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Sent Sept 23/14

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# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the ~~Department of~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C., by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Victoria to North Bend & return

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Secretary | | | 12 | 20 |
| One Stateroom – Vic. to Van | | | 2 | 50 |
| | | | 14 | 70 |

Victoria to Vancouver – tariff rate return 3.50
One stateroom 2.50
Service Vancouver to North Bend tariff rate return 8.70 $14.70

On account of

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs

Date issued August 20. 1914.

(Sgd) J. G. A. Bergeron
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies.~~ Secretary
To the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

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Accounting Dept. No. 343986

Voucher No. 6069 Aug. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

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For transportation furnished as per requisition attached.

Aug. 22, No. 96. From Vancouver to Nanaimo and Nanaimo to Victoria.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver to Nanaimo | T. R. | 1.50 | |
| Nanaimo to Victoria | T. R. | 2.90 | |
| 2 first class single tickets | | $4.40 | $8.80 |

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Correct,

W.R.R.

Audited,

(Sgd) F. E. Skrimpton,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Sept. 21, 1914.

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Vancouver to Nanaimo, tariff rate $1.50
Nanaimo to Victoria " " 2.90
2 at $4.40 = 8.80

Vote No.....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Canadian Pacific Ry & steamship services from Vancouver to Nanaimo and Nanaimo to Victoria

| FOR | | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver to Nanaimo<br>One (1) Secretary Nanaimo to Victoria | 2. | ~~x x~~ # 35.524 | | | |
| One (1) Stenographer (as above) | 2 | @ 4.40 | | 8 | 80 |

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs

Date issued Aug. 22/14.

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron.
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
Secretary.
For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

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Accounting Dept. No. 344192
Voucher No. 1608/9/14.

Dep[illegible] Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1914 | For transportation furnished per requisition attached: | |
| Aug. 31, | From Victoria, B. C. to Edmonton, Alta. | |
| | One first class single ticket | $33.75 |
| | One compartment car to Siesmous | 8.00 |
| | TOTAL..... | $41.75 |

CK 1372
Sept 29/14

Correct,
(Sgd) W. R. S.

Audited,
(Sgd) F. E. Shrimpton,
Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal, Sept. 24, 1914.

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Accounting Dept. No. 344592.

Voucher No. 1604 Sept., 1914.

The Dominion Government,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

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For transportation furnished as per requisition attached.

Sept. 3, No ---- From Victoria to Vancouver

One first class single ticket $2.00

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Oct 6/14

Correct, Audited,

(Sgd) W. R. S. (Sgd) F. E. Shrimpton.

Montreal, Sept 29, 1914.

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Accounting Dept. No. 345367

Voucher No. 1597/9/14

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1914. | For transportation furnished as per requisitions attached. | |
| Sept. 4, | Victoria to Cranbrook - Special limited rate $18.80 | |
| | 4 @ $18.80 | 75.20 |
| | Belden to Victoria -- 4 @ $21.00 T.R. | 84.00 |
| | | $159.20 |

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal, Oct. 14, 1914.

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Accounting Dept. No. 345417

Voucher No. 2363/9/14

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway, DR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1914. | For transportation furnished as per requisition attached. | |
| Sept. 8, | Calgary to Edmonton -- Two parlor seat cars | $1.50 |

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

"W.J.Moule",

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Oct.14,1914.

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Accounting Dept. No. 345397

Voucher No. 2313 Sept. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. DR.

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For transportation furnished as per requisition attached.

Sept. 8, No.---- From Calgary to Edmonton

One first class single ticket $5.85

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal, Oct.14,1914.

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To B.C. Govt

Government of Canada.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Abstract of vouchers sent to the Department of Indian Affairs and covering Disbursements for the months of July and August, 1914.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Commissioners' paylist, July and August | $10,230.00 |
| G. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| G. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| Miss Agnes Perritt | 46.50 |
| Miss Agnes Perritt | 62.00 |
| G. H. Gibbons | 6.25 |
| Victoria Post Office | 3.50 |
| United Typewriter Co. | 2.00 |
| C. P. R. Telegraph | 6.54 |
| E. L. Kepner | 19.20 |
| D. D. Yule | 20.00 |
| White House, 150 Mile | 9.60 |
| Geo. Myers | 35.00 |
| Indian Little Bob | 6.50 |
| Mrs. M. Phillips | 5.00 |
| J. S. Truan | 27.50 |
| Dominion Government Telegraphs | 5.20 |
| James Bird | 16.00 |
| C. F. Dixon | 50.00 |
| Chief Seal Canim, Chief Charlie Boys & R. Pyper | 348.90 |
| J. S. Place | 2.50 |
| Grand Central Hotel | 7.50 |
| Northern Hotel | 10.60 |
| " " | 21.55 |
| F. M. Becher | 13.54 |
| 70 Mile House | 13.00 |
| Simon Phillipine | 65.00 |
| J. Simonson | 5.50 |
| Victoria Post Office | 1.00 |
| G. H. Gibbons | 228.75 |
| C.P.R. Telegraphs | 13.17 |
| Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| B.C. Telephone Co. | 8.65 |
| D.H. Watson | 37.40 |
| " | 47.50 |
| " | 270.00 |
| The Acme Press | 250.00 |
| Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 7.25 |
| The Imperial Bank of Canada | 12.50 |
| C.H. Gibbons | 5.20 |
| Government Telegraph Service | 1.42 |
| Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| Miss A. M. Peddle | 28.00 |
| P. Macdonald | 1.50 |
| G.N.W. Telegraph Co. | 1.35 |
| Mayesmith Auto Service | 102.50 |
| Agnes M. Peddle | 52.00 |

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|---|---|
| Crease & Co. | $135.00 |
| F. Norris & Sons | 2.00 |
| The Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| Victoria Post Office | 3.00 |
| A. Grasley | 3.00 |
| Maysmith & Elmer | 3625.00 |
| N.W.White | 13.65 |
| S. Carmichael | 13.65 |
| United Typewriter Co. | 1.50 |
| B.C.Telephone Co.Ltd. | 9.85 |
| Victoria Book & Stationery Co. Ltd. | 55.10 |
| Soda Creek Hotel | 4.20 |
| F.M. Becher | 3.25 |
| 150 Mile House | 2.50 |
| R. Pyper | 3.50 |
| F.M.Becher | 2.00 |
| Dog Creek Hotel | 2.50 |
| 70 Mile House | 2.50 |
| 105 Mile House | 6.00 |
| Grand Central Hotel | 3.50 |
| Hotel Quesnel | 7.00 |
| Northern Hotel | 12.50 |
| Occidental Hotel | 3.50 |
| 105 Mile House | 2.50 |
| Grand Central Hotel | 1.50 |
| J.A.Tait | 5.00 |
| William Nelson | 5.00 |
| Adelphi Hotel | 4.50 |
| J.S.McArthur | 45.10 |
| United Typewriter Co. | 2.00 |
| " | 1.75 |
| W. H. Maysmithh | 41.50 |
| R.E.Holland Co. | 45.70 |
| E.C.Prior & Co.Ltd. | 19.50 |
| A.W.Duck | 550.00 |
| " | 408.55 |
| W.H.Maysmith | 57.00 |
| | $19,179.57 |
| Less Rebate from Imperial Bank on returned Travellers' cheques | 2.00 |
| | $19,177.57 |
| Less amount ~~returned~~ disallowed for taxi to funeral, Vch. 840 | 3.00 |
| | 19,174.57 |
| Less amt. of Commin pay. list | 10.230.00 |
| Expenses of Commn. July & Aug. — | $8.944.57 |

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Government of Canada.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Abstract of paid vouchers sent to the Department of Indian affairs and covering disbursements for the months of September and October, 1914.

| Voucher No. | In favor of | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 486 | Commrs' pay-list, Sept. & Oct. | $10065.00 |
| 487 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 488 | " | 450.00 |
| 489 | Ashdown Green | 300.00 |
| 490 | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| 491 | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| 492 | Miss A Perritt | 60.00 |
| 493 | " | 62.00 |
| 494 | Office & Operation Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 495 | " | 135.00 |
| 496 | Ashdown Green | 344.35 |
| 497 | United Typewriter Co. | 1.00 |
| 498 | Electric B & M Co | 4.80 |
| 499 | Times P & P Co | 4.50 |
| 500 | Dominion Exp. Co. | .40 |
| 501 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 7.78 |
| 502 | Shortt,Hill & Duncan | 4.00 |
| 503 | Victoria B & S Co. | 10.35 |
| 504 | Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 505 | " Post Office | 6.00 |
| 506 | B.C.Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| 507 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 2.45 |
| 508 | Acme Press Ltd. | 135.00 |
| 509 | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| 510 | C.J.Smith & Co. | 166.15 |
| 511 | Acme Press Ltd. | 15.45 |
| 512 | Victoria B & S Co. | 61.60 |
| 513 | W.W.Gardiner | 6.55 |
| 514 | C.H.Smith & Co. | 6.25 |
| 514 | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| 516 | Acme Press Ltd. | 650.00 |
| 517 | Victoria B & S Co. | 9.45 |
| 518 | " Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 519 | W. Webster | 8.65 |
| 520 | C.H.Gibbons | 2.65 |
| 521 | Commrs. Carmichael & Shaw..... | 843.40 |
| 522 | " | 26.25 |
| 523 | W.H.Mayesmith | 56.00 |
| 524 | Frank King | 4.00 |
| 525 | Wm. Penman | 3.00 |
| 526 | Victoria Transfer Co. | 1.75 |
| 527 | F.H.Blizzard | 3.00 |
| 528 | C.P.R.Co. | 6.00 |
| 529 | Windermere Hotel | 7.00 |
| 530 | Ft. Steele " | 6.50 |
| 531 | Cranbrook " | 9.00 |
| 532 | Creston " | 6.00 |
| 533 | Adoplh Williams | 5.00 |
| 534 | R.S. Bevan | 35.00 |
| 535 | Strathcona Hotel,N. | 5.25 |
| 536 | J.A.Tait | 5.00 |
| 537 | P. Andrew | 70.40 |

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KODAK SAFETY FILM



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|---|---|---|---|
| 538 | A. Fenwick | $ 320.00 | |
| 539 | W.W.Ross | 360.00 | |
| 540 | Hanson Garage | 320.00 | |
| 541 | J.S.McArthur | 80.90 | |
| 542 | " | 48.50 | |
| 543 | Hanson Garage | 40.00 | |
| 544 | W. W. Ross | 40.00 | |
| 545 | A.B.Fenwick | 40.00 | 15766.63 |
| | Exchange pd. by Commn. on cheques in differnt points in Province | | 9.00 |
| | | | $15775.63 |
| | Less Commissioners' pay-list | | 10065.00 |
| | Expenses of Commn. Sept. & Oct. | | $ 5710.63. |

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Department of Indian Affairs,

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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1914.

Oct. 31, To salary as Commissioner during the months of September and October, 1914 @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$666.66

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Accountant.

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Royal Commission

Vote No. B.C.

Agency

# Department of Indian Affairs

To H. Edenshaw,
Masset.
B. C.

| DATE. | | SERVICE. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 4 1914 | | To hire of launch "Josephine" from May, 1st to 3rd both days inclusive for Indian Agent, visiting Naden Harbour and Reserves along north-Coast Graham Island, valuing Indian Reserves. | 65 | 00 |
| | | TOTAL, | 65 | 00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

(Sgd) Thomas Deasy
Indian Agent.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 1914, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia; also an item omitted from Statement of Expenditure during the months of May and June, 1914.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Hire of launch from May 1st to 3rd, visiting Naden Harbour & reserves along coast of Graham Island, valuing Indian Reserves.....$ | 65.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J.McKenna, LL.B. for the months of July & August, 1914, @ $4000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 666.66 |
| Salary of J.A.J.McKenna, LL.B. for the months of September & October, 1914 @ $4000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 666.66 |
| Salaries & Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the months of July & August as per pay-list attached..... | 10,230.00 |
| Salaries & Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the months of September & October as per pay-list attached..... | 10,068.00 |
| Expenses of Commission during the months of July & August as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 8,944.57 |
| Expenses of Commission during the months of September & October as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 5,710.62 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per accounts attached..July,..August,..September..&..October... | 417.45 |
| | $36,768.97 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half..... | $18,382.99 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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November 12, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 30th October last, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $36,765.97, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, viz:- $18,382.99 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. Price Ellison,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

Victoria, B. C.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BELMONT HOUSE

VICTORIA, B.C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 759
TEL. 1302.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

October 26th, 1914

The Secretary,

Department of I. A.,

Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C., I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant (Your File No. 59335-6A), and to enclose herewith cheque for the sum of three dollars in accordance with the request therein contained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

Enclosure

Chq # 3.00 2-11-14

Chq rec'd 13/11/14

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Ottawa, November 13, 1914.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to return herewith cheque for $3.00 covering fare of taxi cab attending funeral, as Voucher No. 468 has been reduced from $37.00 to $34.00 and you have been given credit for the latter amount only.

Yours truly,

Accountant.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria, B.C.

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November 14th. 1914.

Dear Mr. White.

The Accountant of the Department has drawn my attention to the fact that the balance of cash in hand which the Secretary of the Commission shows in his statement does not agree with ours. The difference shown by the last statement is as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Your balance | $8,053.31 |
| Our balance, which is said to be correct | 9,734.45 |

This difference has, I understand, existed for some time, and I would like the matter adjusted now, as the longer it is left the more difficulty we may experience in settling it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Campbell Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs, B.C.,
Box 755,
Victoria, B. C.

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Royal Commission on Indian affairs
for British Columbia

Financial Statement.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1913. | May 2 | To advance | Cheque No. 240. | 500.00 | To key |
| | June 2. | " | " 395 | 5000.00 | |
| | June 20. | " | 534 | 5.000.00 | |
| | July 7. | " | 651 | 10.000.00 | |
| | Oct 6. | " | 1272 | 10.000.00 | |
| | Nov. 21. | " | 1564 | 10.000.00 | |
| 1914. | Feb. 10 | " | 2120 | 5000.00 | |
| | Mar. 23. | " | 2451 | 15.000.00 | |
| | May 30. | " (1914) | 398 | 5.000.00 | |
| | July 12 | " | 445 | 5.000.00 | |
| | " 18 | " | 500 | 10.000.00 | |
| | July 30 | " | 862 | 10.000.00 | |
| | Aug. 24 | " | 1005 | 10.000.00 | |
| | Oct. 17 | " | 1432 | 10.000.00 | |
| | | | | $ 110.500.00 | |

Cr.

By vouchers submitted to 31st Oct. 1914 $ 100.765.55

Bal. unaccounted for 1st Nov. $ 9.734.45

Certified Correct.

Secy. of Royal Commission on
Indian affairs for B.C.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

## Financial Statement.

| | | ~~Cobourg~~ Amounts Advanced | ~~Expended~~ Amounts of monthly statements covering Expenditure for which credit has been given |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913. | May & June | $10,500.00 | $ 6,183.30 |
| | July | 10,000.00 | 4,639.11 |
| | Aug. & Sept. | | 9,320.37 |
| | Oct. | 10,000.00 | 9,261.66 |
| | Nov. | 12,000.00 | 4,936.70 |
| | Dec. | | 5,228.27 |
| 1914. | Jany | | 2,938.15 |
| | Feby. | 5,000.00 | 2,153.85 |
| | March | | 3,697.67 |
| | April | 15,000.00 | 6,714.56 |
| | May & June | 20,000.00 | 13,741.71 |
| | July & August | 20,000.00 | 19,174.57 |
| | Sept. & Oct. | 10,000.00 | 15,775.03 |
| | | $110,500.00 | $100,765.56 |
| | Nov. | 10,000.00 | 110,500.00 |
| | | | 100,765.56 |
| | Balance unaccounted for .....$ | | 9,734.44 |

certified correct

Accountant

Nov. 911.32
Dec. 5209.03
14326.35

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Return to Vacco

Ottawa, November 13, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose for your information corrected statements covering accounts submitted by you for the months of July and August, also for September and October.

You will observe by these statements that after you have been given credit for the amount of all vouchers forwarded by you and debited with all advances made to you, that the balance in your hands on the 31st October last unaccounted for was $9,734.45.

I also enclose statement, in duplicate, covering the period from 1st May 1913 to 31st October, 1914, covering all advances made to you and after giving you credit for all vouchers submitted it shows a balance unaccounted for in your hands on the 31st October of $9,734.45. Be good enough to certify to this statement and return one copy to the Department without delay.

When you submit your November statement, be good enough to see that the correct balance, viz:- $9,734.45 is brought forward.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

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November 16th, 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

I have received this morning from you, Cheque No. 1654 for $10,000.00 out of Vote 294.

I have deposited the said cheque to the credit of the Royal Commission in the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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November 20th, 1914.

Fred H. Paget, Esq.,
Accountant,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and cheque for $3,00 which we had sent to the Department to cover fare of taxi cab and which, according to your letter, was covered by voucher 485. I have deposited the same to our credit in our Bank here.

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bagshaw.
Secretary.

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VOUCHER No. 1

VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO Advances to Commissioners and Secretary-Solicitor

| DATE 1913 | | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 30 | Hon R. L. Wetmore | $ 200 | 00 ✓ |
| | 30 | Dr J. A. J. McKenna | 300 | 00 ✓ |
| | 30 | F. W. White | 200 | 00 |
| | 2 | J. P. Show | 350 | 00 |
| May | 23 | D. H. MacDowell | 200 | 00 |
| | 23 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 200 | 00 |
| June | 9 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 300 | 00 |
| | 17 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 400 | 00 |
| | 30 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| May | | White | 750 | - |
| | | McKenna | 750 | - |
| | | DUPLICATE | | |
| | | | 2650 | 00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

E A Hubbard

Asst Secy

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VOUCHER No. 33

VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO Advances to Commissioners, Secretary-Solicitor.

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | | | |
| July 1/31 | J. A. J. McKenna | 500 | 00 |
| | J. P. Shaw | 150 | 00 |
| | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| | DUPLICATE | 1450 | 00 |

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C. Hubbard
Asst Secy

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VOUCHER No. 66

VOTE No.

DUPLICATE

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Advances to Commissioners and Secretary-Solicitor:

| DATE 1913 | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 7 | J. G. H. Bergeron | $ 500 | 00 |
| 13 | N. W. White | 50 | 00 |
| 13 | Hon E. L. Wetmore | 100 | 00 |
| 13 | D. H. MacDowall | 800 | 00 |
| 13 | J. A. J. McKenna | 500 | 00 |
| 14 | J. P. Shaw | 500 | 00 |
| 15 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| 22 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| Sept. 8 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| 15 | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 | 00 |
| 18 | J. A. J. McKenna | 500 | 00 |
| 18 | N. W. White | 300 | 00 |
| 22 | Hon E. L. Wetmore | 112 | 45 |
| 22 | J. A. J. McKenna | 180 | 10 |
| 29 | Hon E. L. Wetmore | 100 | 00 |
| 29 | N. W. White | 100 | 00 |
| | | $ 3742 | 55 |

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APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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VOUCHER No. 102 VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO ADVANCES TO COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY-SOLICITOR:

| DATE 1913 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 2 | J.G.H. Bergeron, Secretary-Solicitor | $ 500. 00 |
| 7 | J.G.H. Bergeron, | 500.00 |
| 21 | J.G.H. Bergeron, | 500. 00 |
| | Advance on travel expenses, from Treasury, May 2 (PER ASSISTANT SECRETARY) | 500. 00 |
| 14 | Mr. Commissioner McKenna | 7. 00 |
| 15 | " " " | 5. 2[illegible] |
| 18 | " " " | 52. [illegible] |
| 21 | " " " | 100. [illegible] |
| 31 | " " " | 1. 93 |
| | " " White ✓ | 100. 00 |
| | | $ 226[illegible] |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work perfor[illegible] that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of [illegible] is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

C. Stubbs asst

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VOUCHER No. 180

VOTE No.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO Advances to Commissioners and Secretary:

| DATE 1913 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| | | $ |
| Nov.5 | The Hon. R. L. Wetmore, Chairman, | 100 00 |
| 13 | Mr. Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna | 500 00 |
| 15 | Mr. Commissioner D. H. MacDowall | 60 00 |
| 21 | Mr. Commissioner D.H. MacDowall | 240 00 |
| 21 | Mr. Commissioner N. W. White, K.C. | 600 00 |
| 27 | Mr. Commissioner N. W. White, K.C. | 150 00 |
| 28 | Mr. Commissioner N. W. White, K.C. | 70 00 |
| 20 | Mr. Commissioner J. P. Shaw | 200 00 |
| 3 | Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 00 |
| 8 | Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron | 500 00 |
| 20 | Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron | 200 00 |
| | | $ 3, 120 00 |

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*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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Assistant Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO Advances to Commissioners and Secretary.

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913. | | | |
| Dec.2. | J. P. Shaw | 400. | 00 |
| 2. | Do. | 600. | 00 |
| 5. | D. H. Macdowall | 600. | 00 |
| 23. | Do. | 300. | 00 |
| Nov.27. | Do. (omitted charge) | 300. | 00 ✓ |
| Dec.20 | J. A. J. McKenna | 300. | 00 |
| Sep.29 | Do. (omitted charge) | 150. | 00 |
| Dec.31 | Do. | 200. | 00 |
| Dec.3. | J. G. H. Bergeron | 500. | 00 |
| 8. | Do. | 200. | 00 |
| 15. | Do. | 200. | 00 |
| 23. | Do. | 200. | 00 |
| | | $3950. | 00 |

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J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

C. Hubbard
Assistant Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To ADVANCES TO COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY.

| DATE 1914 | | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 7 | Commissioner J.P.Shaw | $500 | 00 |
| | 10 | " D.H.MacDowall | 200 | 00 |
| | 12 | " D.H.MacDowall | 200 | 00 |
| | 5 | J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq. | 500 | 00 |
| | 24 | J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., | 200 | 00 |
| | | | $1,600 | 00 |

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APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

E. H. Adams

Assistant Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To ADVANCES TO COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY.

| DATE 1914 | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb 2 | Mr. Commissioner D. H. MacDowall | $100 | 00 |
| 3 | Mr. J. C. H. Bergeron | 300 | 00 |
| 21 | Mr. Commissioner McKenna | 300 | 00 |
| | | $700 | 00 |

Land Auditor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

C. Williams

Assistant Secre

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO ADVANCES TO COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY.

| DATE 1914 | DETAIL | AMOUNT | |
|---|---|---|---|
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Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

C. M. Williams

Assistant Secretary.

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VOUCHER No. 280

# DUPLICATE

VOTE No.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

To PAYMENTS TO COMMISSIONERS.

| DATE 1914 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| March 19 | Mr Commissioner MacDowall | $490 00 |
| 23 | Mr Commissioner Shaw | 220 00 |
| 26 | Mr Commissioner McKenna | 263 22 |
| 26 | Mr J. G. H. Bergeron | 780 00 |
| 30 | Mr Commissioner Shaw | 560 00 |
| 30 | Mr Commissioner MacDowall | 390 00 |
| | | $2,503 22 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED:

J. G. H. Bergeron
*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

C. Williams
*Assistant Secretary.*

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| Month | Wm. E. Nelson | D. J. A. McKenna | J. G. H. Bergman | A. W. White | J. P. Shaw | D. H. MacDonald |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 1913 | | X $750.00 | | X $750.00 | | |
| June | $200.00 | 300.00 | $1400.00 | 200.00 | $350.00 | $200.00 |
| July | | 300.00 | 1000.00 | | 150.00 | |
| August | 100.00 | 500.00 | 1500.00 | 50.00 | 500.00 | 800.00 |
| September | 212.45 | 830.10 | 1000.00 | 400.00 | | |
| October | | 166.68 | 2000.00 | 100.00 | | |
| November | 100.00 | 500.00 | 1200.00 | 820.00 | 200.00 | 600.00 |
| December | | 500.00 | 1100.00 | | 1000.00 | 900.00 |
| | | | 9200 | | | |
| January, 1914 | | | 900.00 | | 500.00 | 400.00 |
| February | 112.45 | 300.00 | 300.00 | | | 100.00 |
| March | | 263.22 | 780.00 | 130.00 | 580.00 | 580.00 |
| | | 3660.00 | 10980.00 | | | |
| April | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK |
| May | | | | | | |
| June | | Dr McKenna advances on 70 a allow 1910 for 366.00 from 31 March 13 to 31 March 1914 | | | | |
| July | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |

X These amounts were advanced at Ottawa direct to Messrs McKenna & White — Mr White accounted for his in voucher paid by ck no 2032 issued on February 1914. see letter to him of 2nd Feby — all the other advances were made from funds in Ottawa's hands

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | Apl | 5 00.00 (advance from Dept) | |
| | May | 200.00 | |
| | June | 1200.00 | |
| | July | 1000.00 | |
| | Aug | 1500.00 | |
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| | Oct | 1500.00 | |
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| | Dec | 1100.00 | 10 200. |
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| | | $10980.00 | |

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| 1914 | Jany. | | 2,938.15 |
| | Feby. | 5,000.00 | 2,153.85 |
| | March | | 3,697.67 |
| | April | 15,000.00 | 6,714.56 |
| | May & June | 20,000.00 | 13,741.71 |
| | July & August | 20,000.00 | 19,174.57 |
| | Sept. & Oct. | 10,000.00 | 15,775.63 |
| | | $110,500.00 | $100,765.55 |

Nov 10,000.00

110,500.00
100,765.55

Balance unaccounted for.....$9,734.45

Nov 9117.32
Dec 5209.03
14326.35

1650.37

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November 21st, 1914.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing financial statement for July-August and September-October, and asking some information, and my signature as certifying such statement; that is to say, that the balance on the 1st. November should have been $9,734.45. I am enclosing a letter from the Assistant Secretary in explanation of the above request.

I desire to say that the Commission has received in cheques, from the Department, the sum of $110,000.00 and has paid, as per vouchers, $100,765.55, leaving an actual balance of $9,234.45, whilst the balance in my bank account to our credit on the 1st. instant was $9,339.48.

I believe that the difficulty with the Department is that they charged the Commission the $500.00 which I personally received on the 2nd. May, 1913, and which I repaid to the Commission by deducting a certain amount from my salary every month. I cannot account for it in any other way as everything which has been paid by the Commission, since we have been here, has been paid by cheque.

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I hope that these explanations will be clear. You will understand that I can certify to the amounts received by the Commission since I have been its financial officer, that is to say, the sum of $110,000.00. I do not count the $500.00 that I received personally and which is not in our bank book. That is why I cannot certify as correct the balance of your statement when the balance, according to my book, is $9,339.48.

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November 19th, 1914

J. G. H. Bergeron Esq., K.C.,
Secretary and Solicitor,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

Re. letter of the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs dated November 13th, instant, their File 59335-6A, Financial Affairs of the Commission, and with abstract statement to October 31st ultimo attached, also copies of paid vouchers abstracts for July-August and September-October:

These several statements shew a balance in the hands of the Commission on the termination date of the period under review, of $9,734.45; whereas our accounts and vouchers shew the balance at the date in question to have been $8,053.31. The statement of moneys received by the Commission since its inception , through the Department at Ottawa, checks with our account of such moneys received, viz. $110,000.00. To this total the Department has, however, added the $500.00 paid to you at Ottawa on the 2nd May, 1913, before the formal constitution of the Commission and the inauguration of its work. If this sum be deducted from the Departmental debit against the Commission, our figures as to cash receipts of the Commission tally.

Between the balances shewn by our statement and by that of the Department at October 31st last, there is a difference of $1,681.14. The Departmental statement, without explanation of this action, varies our balance shewing at July 1st, 1914, from $13,005.51 to $14,684.65, the difference being thus $1,679.14, or with subtraction of the $500.00 difference in the debit charges against the Commission, net $1,179.14.

Checking the details of allowed vouchers as presented in the Departmental statement attached to Mr McLean's letter shews that the Department has allowed a payment to A. W. Duck,

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on our Voucher No. 484 of $408.55, whereas the payment was in fact $407.55, as shewn by our statement and by the voucher itself. The neglect of the Department to credit our refund of $3.00 on a disallowed item of Maysmith account would seem , with the difference caused by this Departmental error on Voucher 484 to make up the discrepancy between the two balance shewings, viz. $1681.14.

The differences between the two statements are therefore clear and understandable except such as result through the variation of the figures for our balance on hand at July 1st last. Until we are given details shewing why and in what particulars figures are changed to produce this change in total, I cannot further pursue the apparent discrepancy, nor report the statement sent us by the Department for certification as correct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. Mabbens

Assistant Secretary.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I received on the 13th instant, a letter from Mr. McLean requiring some explanations regarding our financial reports. In the meantime, when I was preparing that report, Mr. White, the Chairman, received a letter from you to the same effect, and which I look upon as a reflection on my work.

I am answering to Mr. McLean today and I am sending you a copy of my letter. You will see by my answer that I am under the impression that the difficulty in those accounts is due to the fact that they are charging the Commission with the $500.00 given to me before I left Ottawa, before the Commission was regularly formed, and before the financial statement of the Commission was organized. Mr. White and Mr. McKenna both received moneys in the same way before leaving Ottawa and still that amount which they have received in the same way as I received mine, is never mentioned in the accounts which are sent back to me for information. Does it not strike you that there is something irregular, either one way or the other?

I would be very glad if you would be kind enough to enquire into the matter and let me know, as I do not wish for a second that there should be a suspicion on the accuracy of the accounts kept by me since I have been here. Beleive me,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

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November 20th, 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have yours of the 14th instant and have discussed the matter with Mr. Bergeron. He has shown me the account. His Bank Book exhibits a balance to the credit of the Commission at the 1st. November of $9,339.48. The discrepancy between the accounts of the Department and the Commission would seem to be a matter of bookkeeping, the principal item being the $500.00 paid Mr. Bergeron at Ottawa before the Commission met.

He is now writing you accounting for the difference and I trust his explanation will be satisfactory and adjust the accounts.

I hope to see you soon on my way home for Xmas.

Yours very truly,

N. W. White

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November 30, 1914.

Dear Mr. White,-

I have your note of the 20th instant, with reference to the financial reports of the Commission; I am afraid there is a real discrepancy in the Cash Account: if you will ask to see the last letters from the Department on this subject, you will find where your accountant, no doubt through inadvertence, substituted the addition of a column for the balance remaining unexpended, which actually made a difference of over $1500.00. I have not been able to see that the difference is a matter of bookkeeping.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Campbell Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
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| | Oct. | 10,000.00 | 5,261.66 |
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| | Dec. | | 5,226.27 |
| 1914 | Jany. | | 2,938.15 |
| | Feby. | 5,000.00 | 2,153.85 |
| | March | | 3,697.67 |
| | April | 15,000.00 | 6,714.56 |
| | May & June | 20,000.00 | 13,741.71 |
| | July & August | 20,000.00 | 19,174.57 |
| | Sept.& Oct. | 10,000.00 | 15,775.63 |
| | | $110,500.00 | $100,765.55 |
| | | | 110,500.00 |
| | | | 100,765.55 |
| | Balance unaccounted for..... | | $9,734.45 |

Certified correct

Accountant.

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Statement Covering Salary and Allowance of Mr. J.G.H.Bergeron, included in pay-lists sent Department.

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7350.00

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dec. 1913. | Salary 31 days @ $20.00 | $620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| Jany. 1914 | Salary 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| Feby. 1914 | 28 days @ $20.00, salary | 560.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 28 days @ $10.00 | 280.00 |
| Mar. 1914 | 31 days @ $20.00, salary | 620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| Apr. 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 |
| May 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| June 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 |
| July, 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| Aug. 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| Sept. 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 |
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| | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 |
| | | $10,050.00 |

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7350.00
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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With J.G.H.Bergeron.

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Salary from March 31, 1913 to Nov. 30, 1913,

@ $20.00 per diem, 245 days.....$4,900.00

Living Allowance from March 31,1913 to

Nov. 30, 1913, 245 days @ $10.00 per diem.....2,450.00

Total..... $7,350.00

Certified Correct,

(Sgd) F.H.Paget,

Accountant.

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Sent Auditor

Payment made through Secretary of Commission
by Advances.

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Ottawa, November 27, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant respecting the financial statement, and enclosing a letter from the Assistant Secretary.

This letter will deal only with your own account and will be followed later with one dealing with the one from the Assistant Secretary.

In regard to the advance of $500.00 referred to, the Department fails to find in any accounts submitted by you where this amount was deducted from the salary due you under the authority of the Order-in-Council.

Up to the 1st December 1913, you had received through advances made to you the sum of $8100.00. A voucher for the amount you were entitled to as salary and allowance was made out here and forwarded to the Auditor General as a credit voucher against amount advanced. For your information a copy of this voucher is now enclosed. Commencing with the month of December you forwarded a pay-list each month showing the salaries and allowances each Commissioner, including yourself, was entitled to for the month. For your information is enclosed a statement covering the salary and allowances of yourself contained in these pay-lists. These amounts have all been placed to your credit as against advances made. No deductions were made by you from these pay-lists to cover the $500.00 advanced referred to. It is obvious, therefore, that the Department cannot credit you with this sum and at the same time give you credit for your full salary which

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which has been done. The deductions should have been shown each month on the pay-list until the whole advance of $500.00 had been accounted for. Until this has been done it must stand as unaccounted for. Another way to deal with it would be for you to remit to the Department out of your private funds. The Department would then give your official account credit for it and it would disappear from the official statements. You will readily understand that the Department cannot give you credit for your full salary and allowances, which has already been done since the 31st March 1913, without charging you with the advance of $500.00.

If the Department is to understand that you did not draw your full salary and allowance every month, corresponding to the amounts in the pay-list, but only a portion leaving the balance towards accounting for the $500.00 advanced? If such is the case a cheque should have been forwarded here monthly covering each and every amount not drawn by you, made payable to the Receiver General, with a request that it be placed to your credit on account of this advance of $500.00. For example, in April your salary allowances amounted to $900.00. You desired, we will assume, to account for a portion of the $500.00 advanced to the extent of say $100.00 that month. The mode of procedure would have been to have drawn an official cheque for $800.00 in your own name and another to the order of the Receiver General for $100.00 to be sent to the Department and placed to your credit on account of the advance of $500.00. In this way the advance would be wiped out in time and the official account would be given credit for the full amount of your salary each month. As the matter stands at present in our books the official account has been given credit for your full salary, but the advance of $500.00 still stands against you. If you desire to wipe it out through the medium of your salary and allowance it can only be done in the manner above indicated. If your salary was paid by cheque from here it would be a different matter, as then we could simply make the deduction and send you a cheque for the balance. If you prefer you can [illegible]

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draw your full salary by your official cheque and send the Department your private cheque for whatever sum you desire placed to your credit here on account of the advance of $500.00. There is no commission charged the Department on cheques here deposited wth the Bank of Montreal.

You are entitled to draw from the amounts advanced by the Department from time to time your full salary, less $500.00, the amount advanced. If you have drawn by official cheque your full salary, as authorized by Order-in-Council, viz:- $30.00 per diem, from the 31st March, 1913, less the $500.00 advanced you, an official cheque for $500.00 should be sent the Department as a refund as the official account here has been given credit for the full amount of your salary and allowance, whereas you have been paid $500.00 short in order to make a refund of the amount advanced. This is the way it appears to the Department from your statement that you struck off a certain amount from your income every month. By that it is inferred that you did not draw your full salary every month. If this is the correct interpretation of your statement a cheque covering the amounts not drawn up to $500.00 should be forwarded to the Department for credit of your account as a refund as, as before stated, your account has been given credit for the full amount of your salary, whereas you have only charged your official account at Victoria with the amount of salary you have drawn instead of the full amount. A cheque for what you have not drawn will balance the account and when received here the advance of $500.00 will be accounted for.

As regards the advances made Commissioners White and McKenna these were charged to their private accounts and, therefore, are not included in the amounts advanced in your name. You are required to account for all cheques issued to your own order.

Included in the amount expended up to the 31st October last in the enclosed statement is the full amount due you for salary and allowance at $30.00 per diem from the 31st March, 1913, to the 31st October, 1914, which you have been given credit for, and you have been

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been charged with the $500.00 advanced in May,1913, as well as all subsequent advances. You have also been credited with all vouchers submitted,and you have in your possession copies of all monthly statements covering these vouchers so that you can easily verify the figures shown in the enclosed statement as "~~Expenses~~" "Expenditure".

If instead of refunding the amount of the advance of $500.00 you prefer to charge your official account with it,making the total amount advanced $110,500.00,instead of $110,000.00, as you now have it, the same ends will be met,and it will be satisfactory to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst.Deputy & Secretary.

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Commission's statement

COPY.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.

Financial Statement -- April.

| Revenue | | | Expenditures. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. | | | 1914. | | |
| Apr. 1 | Overdraft | $322.88 | Apr. 30 | Payments to Commissioners & Secy. as per pay-list | 4740.00 |
| | Deposit rec'd from Dept. of Indian Affairs | 15000.00 | | **Salaries** | |
| 23 | Rebate from C.P.R. Telegraph Co. | 5.54 | | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 100.00 |
| | | | | Rebated interest wrongly charged as against revenue in Oct. Statement | 36.20 |
| | | | | **Office & Operation** | |
| | | | | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | | | D.Spencer Ltd. | 31.00 |
| | | | | Weiler Bros. | 221.65 |
| | | | | W.H.Maysmith | 187.50 |
| | | | | C.P.R.Telegraph | 14.21 |
| | | | | E.F.Taylor | 24.00 |
| | | | | Victoria P.O. | 6.00 |
| | | | | " Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| | | | | " P.O. | 4.50 |
| | | | | Govt.Telegraphs | 1.00 |
| | | | | J.G.H.Bergson | 22.95 |
| | | | | Interpreters' pay-list | 10.00 |
| | | | | R.W.Baxter | 132.00 |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons | 55.70 |
| | | | | B.C.Tel.Co. | 8.00 |
| | | | | W.R.Jaynes | 25.00 |
| | | | | Elysium Hotel | 14.40 |
| | | | | C.P.R. | 17.50 |
| | | | | United Typewriter Co. | 3.75 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 17.90 |
| | | | | " | 31.25 |
| | | | | Columbia Aud. Co. | 22.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green | 105.50 |
| | | | | " | 25.60 |
| | | | | Brown & McMorran | 7.50 |
| | | | | Cash balance | 6751.76 |
| | | $14682.68 | | | $14682.66 |

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Departments' Statement.

COPY.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR B.C.

Financial Statement. April.

| | Revenue | | | Expenditures | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. | | | | | |
| Apr. 1 | Bal. unaccounted for on 31st March | 140.92 | Apr.30 | Payments to Commissioners & Secy. as per paylist | 4740.00 |
| | Deposit rec'd from Dept. of I.A. | 15000.00 | | **Salaries** | |
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| | | | | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 100.00 |
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| | | | | C.P.R.Telegraph | 14.21 |
| | | | | E.F.Taylor | 24.00 |
| | | | | Victoria P.O. | 6.00 |
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| | | | | Govt.Telegraphs | 1.00 |
| | | | | J.G.H.Bergeron | 22.95 |
| | | | | Interpreter's pay-list | 10.00 |
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| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 30.25 |
| | | | | Columbia Auto Co. | 22.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green | 105.50 |
| | | | | " | 25.80 |
| | | | | Brown & McMorran | 7.50 |
| | | | | Bal.on hand unaccounted for on Apr.30 | 8431.90 |
| | | $15146.46 | | | $15146.46 |

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Ottawa, November 28, 1914.

Sir,-

With reference to the Assistant Secretary's letter of the 19th instant, addressed to you, and to the second paragraph thereof, I beg to say that had he examined closely the copies of the corrected statements sent you covering the period from May 1913 to the 31st October last, and compared them with his statements sent here he would, it is thought, havediscovered wherein the differences between thetwo statements ~~were~~ lie and adjusted his books accordingly instead of carrying forward every month incorrect balances. It will be necessary now to explain these differences.

In regard to A. W. Duck's account which is returned herewith, it will be seen upon examination that there were errors in the addition. The correct amount of this account is $408.05 which you have been given credit for. You should,therefore, forward to Mr. Duck a cheque for $1.00. Please return the account without delay as it is required for the Audit Office.

With reference to the disallowed charge of $3.00 in Mayesmith's Account, I beg to say that the account was reduced by $3.00 and cheque covering refund was returned to you. If the Asst. Secretary had compared the copy of the corrected October Statement sent you under cover of our letter of the 13th instant, he would have seen that you had been given credit for $84.00 instead of $87.00 Therefore, a refund was unnecessary and your cheque was returned. As the charge was a private one $3.00 should be refunded to the official account

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account from the private funds of members of the Commission who attended the funeral, as the account was paid by official cheque at $87.00 instead of $84.00.

The Department is not concerned with your Bank Account. It has simply charged you with all advances made and credited you with all vouchers, accounts, pay-lists,etc. after making necessary corrections which could have been detected had the corrected statements sent you on different occasions been carefully studied,which it was expected would have been done.

In the April Statement under "Expenditure", $36.20 are included as a rebate of Interest charges made in October. The Department did not give you credit for this as will be observed by the corrected statement sent you for the reason that it could not be considered as a disbursement. The net charge for Interest was $4.60 for which you were given credit in the October Statement. The original charge was $40.80 but this charge did not appear in any of your statements and,therefore, the rebate made of $36.20 could not be credited to your account as it was not received here. It should have been deposited to the credit of your official account as a refund. The net disbursement you made on this account appears to have been $4.60 for which you have been given credit in the October statement. This is all you can expect. Why should you charge the Department with $36.20 which you did not disburse and which we did not receive? It was, therefore, eliminated from the credit side of your April Statement. There was also an error of $1.00 in the account of J.S.McArthur as pointed out in letter of the 13th May last.

The corrected April Account stands as follows:-

| | | DR. | CR. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 1. | To Bal. brought forward | $140.92 | |
| | Deposit rec'd from Dept. | 15,000.00 | |
| | Rebate from C.P.R. | 5.54 | |
| | By Disbursements as per vouchers submitted | | 6714.56 |
| | Balance | | 8431.90 |
| | | $15,146.46 | $15146.46 |
| | Correct Balance..... | | 8431.90 |
| | Your Balance..... | | 6751.76 |
| | Difference..... | | $1680.14 |

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It will be observed in connection with this account upon reference to copy of your statement enclosed herewith, that the amount of the Cash Balance shown, viz:- $6751.76 is the total of the disbursements during that month instead of being $7930.92. The total of the expenditure and the Cash Balance makes your total of $14,682.66. Instead of making the necessary corrections when you received our corrected statement you continued to perpetuate this error in your subsequent accounts and instead of bringing forward Cash Balance of $7.930.92 you brought forward the incorrect balance of $6751.76.

If the Department has failed in any of its statements to give you credit for any disbursements be good enough to point out what they are. They can easily be detected by comparing the correct statements sent you with the statements you forwarded to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Remit to Acct

Ottawa, November 30, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to request that you will forward a cheque for the amount of rebate, viz:- $9.45, received from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. on 16th February last, on tickets furnished for transportation, giving the number and date of issue of the requisition in order that the amount may be placed to the credit of the proper account.

You should take credit for the amount of the cheque in your December Statement.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Secy. Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs
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Cheque Expended for $18382.99

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

189/14
~~Tm~~

VICTORIA, December 3rd.1914

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th.ultimo I beg to enclose Treasury Cheque No.26388 for $18,382.99 being one half of the amount of expenditure incurred up to the 30th.October last in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 982

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 18,382.99 *Ottawa,* Dec. 9th 1914.

*RECEIVED from* Province of B. Columbia

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Eighteen thousand three hundred and eighty two 99/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.* 19

*Pro. Manager.*

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Return to Accts

Ottawa, December 14, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing cheque for $9.45, being rebate received from the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. in February last. The Department will give you credit for this in the next statement that is sent you.

I beg to call your attention, however, to your omission to give the number and date of issue of the requisition covering the tickets for which the rebate was received. Kindly give this information now in order that the refund may be placed to the credit of the proper account. It would appear that the tickets were issued last fiscal year and, therefore, the amount should be refunded to Casual Revenue.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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December 9th, 1914.

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Sir:

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that my stipend and living expenses would be $35.00 per day. That explains why, until I received your letter advising me that my stipend would be $20.00 and living expenses $10.00 making a difference of $5.00, which I had paid myself - I had overdrawn $420.00. That $420.00 overdrawn, under the circumstances as related above, and the $500.00 received in Ottawa for travelling expenses, but which do not appear in my bank book here, form the amount of $920.00 which appears in your statement received here on the 10th February as overdrawn. That is to say, I was entitled on the 31st December, 1913, to the sum of $8280.00 and you charged me as having received $9200.00, or $920.00 too much. This as I said before was on the 10th February, 1914. I immediately took means to reimburse the Department of that $920.00, and did so by deducting every month from my salary. In the month of January, 1914, I withdrew from the Bank $700.00 instead of $930.00, paying the Department $230.00; in February, I withdrew $300.00 instead of $840.00 to which I was entitled, paying $540.00 to the Department, and in the month of March I withdrew $780.00 instead of $930.00, leaving a balance of $150.00 paid to the Department. Altogether having paid in January $230.00, in February $540.00 and in March $150.00. I returned the amount of $920.00. I did not know at that time in any other way in which it could be done.

I cannot understand how in the list of salaries and travelling allowances which you sent me the other day, you charged me with the full amounts as having received them. The only excuse would be the fact that until then, we did

This has no connection whatever with the overdrawn which is a different matter and not a debit against Department

[illegible] credits his [illegible] as [illegible] because [illegible] the [illegible] we [illegible] in Bank [illegible]

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not know that we had to send the Commissioners' account in definite figures as we do now. If you wish to put it in another way, on the 31st October, 1914, counting from the 1st. January, of this year, I was entitled to $9120.00 and drew $8200.00, so that on the 31st October I had drawn $920.00 less than what I was entitled to, paying off in that way the $920.00 overdrawn on the 31st December, 1913, as mentioned in your statement accompanying your letter of the 2nd February, 1914.

It seems to me that this is very clear and the more so, that I have sent you all the cheques which I have ever paid in the Bank here and received back from the Bank down to the 31st October last. By looking over those cheques you will have the proof of what I say by looking at my own cheques drawn for the amounts mentioned above which show the difference between what I have received and what I was entitled to in the months of January, February and March,1914.

Now, if I understand you well, I should have sent a cheque to the Receiver-General every month. I am ready to do that if I am allowed, by giving myself a cheque of $920.00 and sending you from my own private account a cheque of $920.00 to the Receiver-General. It will be a lot of contra accounts, but which will come to the same thing after all. I am returning you the statement of salaries and allowances so that you will understand the above explanations. I have put in the margin the amounts of monies which I have received in the months of January, February and March, 19141

I desire to come again to that $500.00 which you charged me; although Messrs White and McKenna had monies

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given to them in Ottawa in the same way, you call that their private account, I do not understand why. They had no more private account than I had because that $500.00 was given for travelling expenses and to be accounted for in that way.

Hoping that these explanations will be satisfactory, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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December 7th, 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., K. C.,
Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs dated the 28th ultimo, re finances of the Commission, (Departmental File No. 59335-6A), I have to say that until agreement as to the item of the $500.00 advanced to yourself in May, 1913, has been reached, also recognition of such deductions as you have made from your salary to equalize the over-draft occasioned by your acceptance of salary and living allowance as at the rate of $35.00 per diem instead of $30.00 per diem, I could not and cannot accept or recognize a balance other than that shown by our own accounts.

Re. A. W. Duck's account: There appears to have been an error in the addition of this account in the amount of $1.00 as stated, which error will be corrected by the passage of a voucher and cheque for this amount and the inclusion of the same in the December disbursements.

The item of $3.00 deducted from the Maysmith Motor account is explained by the receipt of your cheque returned by the Department after the date of my memorandum to you, which cheque you will have deposited ere this to the credit of the Commission's account.

The matter of the interest charge and rebate appears to me to be one of immaterial difference in accounting, the same result being reached by either process, i. e., of charging the total cost and gross-entering the rebate, or of charging merely the net cost of the use of the money during the period od the temperary loan.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. N. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
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For the Province of B. C.

Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With J.G.H.Bergeron.

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Salary from March 31, 1913 to Nov. 30, 1913,
@ $20.00 per diem, 245 days.....$4,900.00

Living Allowance from March 31,1913 to
Nov. 30, 1913, 245 days @ $10.00 per diem.....2,450.00

Total..... $7,350.00

Carried forward

Certified Correct,

(Sgd) F.H.Paget,

Accountant.

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Sent Auditor

Payment made through Secretary of Commission
by Advances.

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Statement Covering Salary and Allowance of Mr. J.G.H.Bergeron, included in pay-lists sent Departmnt.

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| | | | 7350.00 |
| Dec. 1913. | Salary 31 days @ $20.00 | $620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | 8280 |
| Jany. 1914 | Salary 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | 700 |
| Feby. 1914 | 28 days @ $20.00, salary | 560.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 28 days @ $10.00 | 280.00 | 300 |
| Mar. 1914 | 31 days @ $20.00, salary | 620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | 780 |
| | carried up to | | 2700 |
| Apr. 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 | 1780 |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 | |
| | 2480 | | 1780 |
| May 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | |
| | 4920 | | |
| June 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 | |
| July, 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | |
| Aug. 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | |
| Sept. 1914 | Salary, 30 days @ $20.00 | 600.00 | |
| " | Living Allowance, 30 days @ $10.00 | 300.00 | |
| Oct. 1914 | Salary, 31 days @ $20.00 | 620.00 | |
| | Living Allowance, 31 days @ $10.00 | 310.00 | |

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December 8th, 1914

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Can.

473063

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith accounts and financial statement of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C., for the month of November ultimo.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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*Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, December 16th, 1914.

J.G.H.Bergeron,
Box 755,
Victoria, B.C.

Kindly send me certificate from the Manager of the Imperial Bank, Victoria, of your bank balance on the thirty-first October, accompanied by a statement of outstanding cheques; also give explanation as to error in carrying forward balance in April statement. See second last paragraph of letter twenty-eight November. I am taking up the matter of difference in accounts myself.

Duncan C. Scott.

(Chf. Dep't I.A. )

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA.

Mr. Scott:

Mr Pay
note
AGS

The attached statement shows that Mr. Bergeron's salary and allowances up to the end of March last amounted to $10,980.00 and that he drew through cheques, signed by himself, the sum of $10,480.00.

The statement also covers Mr. Bergeron's salary and allowance during the whole period between the 31st March,1913, and 31st October, 1914, amounting in the total to $17,400.00 for which he has been given credit. During this period Mr. Bergeron has drawn by cheques , signed by himself, the sum of $17,100.00.

The $500.00 advanced to Mr. Bergeron in May, 1913, cannot but be considered a part of the total amount advanced to defray expenses of the Commission, but Mr. Bergeron has never charged himself with having received it. He only charges himself with having received from the Department up to the 31st. October, 1914, the sum of $110,000.00, whereas he received $110,500.00, a difference of $500.00. He should charge the Commission's account with having received this advance of $500.00. In statements he has forwarded the Department he has given the Department credit for all other advances except this one advance of $500.00. All corrected statements sent him by the Department contained this advance with the correct balance on hand but these statements have been entirely ignored.

We gave him credit for his full salary and allowances for the

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the simple reason that he asked us to do so by sending monthly pay-lists with his full salary and allowance included therein. In his statements he charged the Department with these amounts and we have given him credit for them.

Mr. Bergeron should draw his salary and allowance in full up to the 31st October and give the Department credit for the $500.00 advanced him in May.

Proof that our statements are correct is that they have been accepted by both the Auditor General and the British Columbia Government.

F. H. Paget
Accountant.

J.A.

The cheque for $500 given Mr. Bergeron here read as follows viz "advance for expenses of commission"

Ottawa, December 17, 1914.

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Return to Jacobs

Ottawa, December 28, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to letter of the 28th November and to request that you will, without further delay, return A. W. Duck's account.

In the October statement you have been given credit, as already explained, for $408.58 in connection with this account, so that you need not forward to the Department a voucher for the balance you pay Mr. Duck, viz:- $1.00. All that it is necessary for you to do is to issue a cheque in Mr. Duck's favor for $1.00.

It should not have been necessary for the Department to have to again ask for the return of this account.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary, Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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HEAD OFFICE,
TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada,

Victoria, B.C.

Dec 17, 1914

Royal Commission Indian Affairs,

City.

The Balance at credit of your account on Oct 31 last was $9339,48 Nine thousand three hundred and thirty nine 48/100 Dollars at credit of account.

W. Goddard
Accountant.

Manager

outstanding cheque $3 —

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VICTORIA, B.C. December 17th, 1914.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I. A.,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:

Your lettergram of the 16th instant received this morning. I enclose the certificate which you required from the Manager of the Imperial Bank showing our balance on the 31st October. You will find in my letter of the 21st November addressed to Mr. McLean, paragraph five, that I said our balance was $9,339.48 just the same as given now by the Manager of the Bank, and also in the same paragraph, that the actual balance was $9,323.78, because I had paid cheques in October but which were withdrawn from the Bank in November, that is to say, one cheque of $9.45 and another of $6.25 so you can judge for yourself of the accuracy of my statement.

Now, as far as the April balance is concerned, I believe you will find the answer to that if you read my letter addressed to Mr. McLean on the 9th December, where they had charged me for monies which I had not withdrawn. The matter is very well explained in my letter why such a mistake did happen.

I have received no intimation from Ottawa of the cheques which I sent at the end of October covering all the time that I have been paying such since I have been here. It is by going through those cheques and comparing them with our statements that you will see that my account is correct. If there are any more explanations that I may be able to give, I will be very happy to do so.

The compliments of the season.

Sincerely yours,

J. G. H. Duncan

Secretary.

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December 17th, 1914.

D. C. S. #2.

NOTE: The outstanding cheque for $3.00 mentioned in Mr. Lay's letter must be the one I sent the Department to repay motorcar expenses for the funeral of Colonel Rogers, which we were told to refund. As the amount had been struck off from the motor account, the Department sent us back the cheque which I re-deposited to our credit, so that it is, as a matter of fact, cancelled, and it does not vary our balance in the Bank as mentioned above.

J. G. H. B.

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**Cheques drawn by Mr. Bergeron to his own order.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May 23, 1913 | | $200.00 ✓ |
| June 9, " | | 300.00 ✓ |
| " 17, " | | 400.00 ✓ |
| " 30, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| July 14, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 28, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| Aug. 5, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 15, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 22, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| Sept. 8, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 15, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| Oct. 2, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 7, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 21, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| Nov. 3, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 8, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 20, " | | 200.00 ✓ |
| Dec. 3, " | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 8, " | | 200.00 ✓ |
| " 16, " | | 200.00 ✓ |
| " 22, " | | 200.00 ✓ |
| Jany. 5, 1914 | | 500.00 ✓ |
| " 24, " | | 200.00 ✓ |
| Feb. 3, " | | 300.00 ✓ |
| Mar. 26, " | 10980 | 780.00 ✓ |
| Apr. 22, " | | 900.00 ✓ |
| " 27, " | | 200.00 |
| May 9, " | | 930.00 ✓ |
| June 30, " | | 900.00 ✓ |
| July 21, " | | 930.00 ✓ |
| Aug. 17, " | | 930.00 ✓ |
| Sept. 24, " | | 900.00 ✓ |
| Oct. 20, " | | 930.00 ✓ |
| | | $17,100.00 |

**Pay-list prepared by the Department for which Mr. Bergeron has been given credit.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Salary from March 31/13 to Nov. 30/13, 245 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 4,900.00 |
| Living Allowance from March 31/13 to Nov. 30/13 245 days @ $10.00 a day.. | 2,450.00 |

**Pay-lists prepared by Mr. Bergeron for which he has been given credit.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Salary from 1st to 31st Dec./13, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st Dec./13 to 31st Dec/13, 31 days @ $10.00 a day.... | 310.00 |
| Salary from 1st to 31st Jany/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 31st Jany/14, 31 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 310.00 |
| Salary from 1st to 28th Feby/14, 28 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 560.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 28th Feb/14, 28 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 280.00 |
| Salary from 1st to 31st March/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 31st March/14, 31 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 310.00 10980 |
| Salary from 1st to 30th Apr./14, 30 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 600.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 30th Apr./14, 30 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 300.00 |
| Salary from 1st to 31st May/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 31st May, 31 days @ $10 a day..... | 310.00 |
| Salary from 1st to 30th June/14, 30 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 600.00 |
| Living Allowance from 1st to 30th June,/14, 30 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 300.00 |
| Carried forward..... | 13,710.00 |

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| Cheques drawn by Mr. Bergeron to his own order. | | Pay-lists prepared by Mr. Bergeron for which he has been given credit. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To end of Oct,1914 | $17,400.00 | Brot.Forward..... | $13,710.00 |
| | | Salary from 1st to 31st July/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | $620.00 |
| | | Living Allowance from 1st to 31st July/14, 31 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 310.00 |
| | | Salary from 1st to 31st Aug/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| | | Living Allowance from 1st to 31st Aug/14, 31 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 310.00 |
| | | Salary from 1st to 30th Sept/14, 30 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 600.00 |
| | | Living Allowance from 1st to 30th Sept/14, 30 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 300.00 |
| | | Salary from 1st Oct to 31st Oct/14, 31 days @ $20.00 a day..... | 620.00 |
| | | Living Allowance from 1st to 31st Oct/14, 31 days @ $10.00 a day..... | 310.00 |
| | | | $17,400.00 |

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Return W Acct

28th December, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bergeron:-

In order that the accounts of the Commission may be audited and adjusted up to 31st December, I have to request that you will kindly forward with the December statement and vouchers a refund of the balance of cash on hand in the Bank on that date less the amount that will be necessary to meet any outstanding cheques which have not been presented for payment by the 31st December. A list of these outstanding cheques should also be forwarded together with a certificate from the Manager of the Bank covering the balance. Also kindly forward the balance of the cheques you have issued up to the 31st December.

You should, if you have not already done so, draw the full salary and allowance you are entitled to from the 31st March 1913 to the 31st December 1914 out of the advances made to you, and the Department will give you credit for same, and will charge you with all advances made to you including the $500.00 advanced in May 1913, the cheque for which read "for "expenses of the Commission." You will also be given credit for the

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Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
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Victoria, B.C.

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the amount of all vouchers, accounts, pay-lists and refunds forwarded to the Department and a statement will be sent you in order that you may see how the account stands on the 31st December.

In this way you will have a clean sheet commencing January, and a cheque for $10,000.00 to meet expenditure incurred after 1st January is being sent you today, so do not draw upon the funds you have at present in the Bank to meet any expenses incurred after 1st January.

It is assumed that no advances have been made to any member of the Commission or Staff on account of January salaries or allowances, but if any have been made, they should be refunded to the old or present account with the Bank, so that the balance you send the Department will truly represent what was left in your hands after paying all accounts, salaries and allowances of yourself and the other Commissioners up to and inclusive of 31st December. You can do this by simply drawing a cheque against your New Year's credit for the amount of any such advances made and deposit it to the credit of your old account with the Bank. It would be well to request the Bank to open a new account for the year 1915, when you receive the cheque that is being sent you. If after you have sent the December statement and balance of cash to the Department there

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are any outstanding accounts incurred prior to the 31st December, they can be paid from the New Year's credit and included in the January account.

In future kindly send with all statements to the Department your paid cheques together with a statement of outstanding cheques and a certificate from the Manager of the Bank covering the balance on hand in the Bank at the end of the month.

I regret that your letter accompanying the certificate from the Bank which you so kindly sent me did not enable me to get to the root of the matter. I can find no explanation of the error in your April balance for which you refer me to letter of the 9th December. I think it best, therefore, to close the old Bank account at the end of the calendar year.

I may remark that you appear to treat the advance of $500.00 made to you in May 1913 as if it were a personal advance, but it was given on account of the expenses of the Commission as I state in the first page of this letter, and it must be charged to the Commission.

I am also enclosing a statement with reference to your pay, which will show you that at the end of October you had yet to draw $300.00 of your pay and allowances. In this letter I have asked you to pay yourself in full to the end of December.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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59335-6A

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

December 22nd, 1914

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

47,3891

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. (Your File 59335-6A) re refund on tickets, $9.45, from C.P.R. Company. This refund arose through Mr Commissioner Shaw not returning with the other Commissioners from the Okanagan and Kamloops agencies visitations, and using his personal pass for part of the journey. The unused portion of ticket was accordingly turned in to the C.P.R. office here and refund allowed for the value thereof, this amount being in due course transmitted to Ottawa.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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593,35-6A

Ottawa, Dec. 30, 1914.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant respecting refund of $9.45 received from the C. P. R. as a refund on tickets, will you kindly give the number and date of issue of the requisition covering the tickets in question.

If you will refer to the corrected statement for February last which was sent you under cover of letter dated 11th March last you will observe that the Department charged you with the amount of this rebate and therefore, since it has been received here you will be credited with it in your December statement.

Your obedient servant,

D. D. McKenna

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary, Royal Commission,
on Indian Affairs for British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

C O P Y.

Accounting Dept. No. 349580

Voucher No. 7453 Nov. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. DR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 23 | No. 113 From Agassiz to Ruby Creek | | | |
| | I first class ticket | | .45 | |
| | No. 114 From Agassiz to Victoria | | | |
| | 3 first class tickets | 4.85 | 14.55 | $15.00 |

2073
Acct-Dec 26/14

Correct,

W.R.S.

Montreal Dec. 17,1914.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursement

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

Rate 4.85 - 3 at 4.85 - 14.55

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from ..... to .....

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary | | 4.85 | 14 | 55 |

Paid Nov 25-1914 Vancouver B.C.

2073 Sent Dec 26/14

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued 23rd Nov. 1914

For Royal Indian Commissioner for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Commissioner

One at 45-¢

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Agassiz to Ruby Creek

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Interpreter | | 45 | | 45 |

Paid Nov. 25 1914 Vancouver B.C.

2073 Sent Dec 26/14

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued - 23rd Nov - 1914

For Royal Indian Commissioner for B.C.

(Sgd) Ja. J. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Commissioner

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

No. ..... Rate 4.85 - 3 at 4.85 - 14.55 Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from ..... to .....

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary | B/6 | 48 55 | 14 | 55 |

Paid Nov 25 1914 Vancouver

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

2073 Just Due 26/14

Date issued 23rd Nov. 1914
For Royal Indian Commission for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Commissioner

No. ..... One at 45.00 Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Cegassy to Ruby Creek

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Interpreter | B6 | 45 | | 45 |

Paid Nov 25 1914 Vancouver

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

2073

Date issued - 23rd Nov - 1914
For Royal Indian Commission for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Commissioner

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

Accounting Dept. No. 349497

Voucher No. 5721 Nov.1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of IndianAffairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 18 | From Ruby Creek to Yale<br>6 Tr. Rate Tickets | .85 | 5.10 |
| " 18 | From Ruby Creek to N. Bend<br>1 Tr. Rate Ticket | | 1.90 |
| | | | $ 7.00 |

2073 Aud-Dec 24/14

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal, Dec. 12, 1914.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

Tariff 85¢ - 6 at 85¢ = $5 10

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. Ry. Ry. from Ruby Creek to Yale

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary<br>1 Interpreter | Tariff | $5 | 5 | 10 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 20. 1914 Vancouver B.C.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued Nov 18-1914 (Sgd) Jas. J. McKenna

For Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs p. B.C. Inspector of Indian Agencies. Commissioner

Tariff rate $1 90

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. R. Ry. from Ruby Creek to N. Bend

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Interpreter | Tariff | | 1 | 90 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 20-1914 Vancouver B.C.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued 18 Nov. 1914 (Sgd) Jas. J. McKenna

For Royal Indian Commission per B. C. Inspector of Indian Agencies. Commissioner

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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Rate 85¢ - 6 at 85¢ = $5 10

No.

Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. Ry. Ry. from Ruby Creek to Gale

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary<br>1 Interpreter | Tariff | 85 | 5 | 10 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 20. 1914 Vancouver B.C.

2073 sent Dec 24/14

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued Nov 18-1914

For Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs for B.C.

(Sgd) Jas. J. McKenna

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Commissioner

Tariff rate $1.90

No.

Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. R. Ry. from Ruby Creek to R. Bend.

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Interpreter | Tariff | | 1 | 90 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov. 20-1914 Vancouver B.C.

2073 sent Dec 24/14

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued 18 Nov. 1914

For Royal Indian Commission for B.C.

(Sgd) Jas. J. McKenna

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Commissioner

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CANADA

C O P Y.

Accounting Dept. No. 349321

Voucher No. 6114 Nov. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 19 | No. 110 From Yale to Hope, | | |
| | 6 Tr. Rate Tickets | .50 | $3.00 |

Part 2049
Sent Dec 24/14

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Dec. 10, 1914.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

Copy Tariff rate 50¢ - 6 at 50¢ = 3.00

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Yale to Hope B.C.

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners | 13 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| 1 Secretary | 13 | 50 | | 50 |
| 1 Interpreter | 13 | 50 | | 50 |
| | | | 3 | 00 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 21-1914 Vancouver B.C.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued Nov 19/14

For Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Commissioner

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CANADA

C O P Y.

Accounting Dept. No. 349309

Voucher No. 6109 Nov. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 21 | No. 112 From Agassiz to Victoria | |
| | Two..Tr...Rate...4.85 | 9.70 |

Part 7
2049
Sent Dec 24/14

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Dec. 10, 1914.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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Tariff rate 55¢ – 6 at 50¢ Vote No. 3.00

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Yale to Hope B.C.

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT ¢ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners | 13 | 50 | 2 | 00 |
| 1 Secretary | 13 | 50 | | 50 |
| 1 Interpreter | 13 | 50 | | 50 |
| | | | 3 | 00 |

Local Pass per 21-1914 Vancouver Agt

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued Nov 19/14

For Royal Commission on Indian affairs for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. McKenna
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Commissioner

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Tariff rate - 4.85 - 2 at 4.85 = $9.70

Vote No.....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Agassiz to Victoria

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Two Commissioners | 484 | | 9 | 70 |
| Form 900 Nov 40480 - 40481 | | | | |

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued 21 - Nov 1914.
On Royal Commission for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
~~Superintendent of Indian Agencies~~
Commissioner

Paid per v3 1st Pay Vancouver

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Accounting Dept.No.

Voucher No. 4633 Nov. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 12 | No. 102 | From Ashcroft to Victoria<br>One first class ticket | 10.15 |
| " 12 | No. 103 | From Ashcroft to Lytton<br>Five first class tickets $1.90 | 9.50 |
| | | | 19.65 |

Pay 2049 sent Dec 24/14

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Dec. 10, 1914.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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Rate 1.90 - 5 at 1.90 = $9.50

No. Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Ashcroft to Lytton

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary | 5 | 1.90 | 9 | 50 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov. 14 - 1914 Vancouver B.C.

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued: 12th Nov/14. (Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Inspector ~~of Indian Agencies~~
Secretary

The at $10.15

No. Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Ashcroft to Victoria

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Commissioner | | | 10 | 15 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 14 - 1914 Vancouver B.C.

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued, 12th Nov - 1914 (Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Inspector ~~of Indian Agencies~~
Secretary

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Chg at $10.15

Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Ashcroft to Victoria

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Commissioner | | | 10 | 15 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov 14-1914 Vancouver Agt.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued, 12th Nov-1914

(Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Secretary

Rate 1.90 - 5 at 1.90 = $9.50

Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Ashcroft to Lytton

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary | 5 | 1.90 | 9 | 50 |

Local Treasurer Paid Nov. 14-1914 Vancouver Agt.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued: 12th Nov/14.

(Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Secretary

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Tariff rate - 4.85 - 2 at 4.85 = $9.70

12-9-14-12625

Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Agassiz to Victoria

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Two Commissioners | 485 | | 9 | 70 |
| Form 900 Nos 40480 - 40481 | | | | |

Service

On account of

Payable at

Local Treasurer Paid per 23/14 Vancouver Agt.

Date issued 21 - Nov. 1914.
On Royal Commission for B.C.

(Sgd) J. A. J. McKenna
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
Commissioner

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C O P Y.

Accounting Dept. No.349174

Voucher No. 4946/11/14.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

To the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, DR.

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1914.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 16 | 104 - Lytton to North Band -- Four 1st cl. single | | $4.40 |
| " | 105 - " " " -- One " return | | 1.85 |
| | | | $6.25 |

Correct,

W.R.S.

Montreal Dec. 8,1914.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

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One return $1.85

Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Lytton to North Bend & return

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Interpreter 00206 | 1 | | 1 | 85 |

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued 16th Nov. 1914.

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secy. for the Royal Comm. on Indian affairs in B.C.

~~Inspector of Indian Agencies.~~

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Total $1.10 - 4 at 1.10 = 4.40

Vote No.....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Lytton to North Bend.

| FOR | | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Commissioners<br>1 Secretary | Card No. 07844 5 6 7 | 4 at | 1.10 | 4 | 40 |

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued 16th Nov. 1914.

(Sgd) J. H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Secretary. For the Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs in B.C.

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Accounting Dept. No. 347989
Voucher No. 7094 Oct.1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, DR.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 19 | No.... From Calgary to Victoria | |
| | One 1st cl. ticket | $27.90 |
| | One compartment | 15.00 |
| Oct. 19 | No.... From Calgary to Victoria | 27.90 |
| | One 1st cl. ticket | |
| | One compartment | 15.00 |
| | | $85.80 |

Correct,

W.R.S.

Audited,

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

CK 1856
Sent Dec 1/14

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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1 Fare at $27.90
1 Compartment 15.00 } $42.90

Vote No.

No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. Ry. from Calgary to Victoria. B.C.

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| also compartment sleper. Calgary to Vancouver | | | 27 | 90 |
| 900 # 36112 | | | 15 | 00 |
| 1331 # 40665 | | | 42 | 90 |

J.P. Shaw

Service

On account of

Payable at

(Sgd) J.G.H. Bergeron
Sec. Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C.

~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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1 Fare at 27.90
1 Compartment - $15.00 } $42.90

No.....

Vote No.....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the C. P. Ry. from Calgary to Victoria. B. C

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| also compartment sleeper. Calgary to Vancouver. | | | | |
| 900. # 36111 | | | 27 | 90 |
| 133.1 # 40664 | | | 15 | 00 |
| | | | # 42 | 90 |

S. Carmichael

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

(Sgd) J. H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Secy to Royal Commn on Indian Affairs in B. C.

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Accounting Dept. No. 248114.

Voucher No. 10262 Oct.1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, DR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 30, | No.... From Victoria to Vancouver<br>6 1st class tickets Tr. rate $2.00 | | $12.00 |
| " | No.... From Vancouver to Lytton<br>6 1st class tickets Tr. rate 5.25 | | 31.25 |
| | | | $43.25 |

1867
Sent Dec. 2/14

Correct,

W.R.E.

Audited,

W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Nov. 28, 1914.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6A)

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CANADA

Tariff rate $2.00 - 6 at 2.00 = $12.00

No. [illegible] Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Victoria to Vancouver

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 Commissioners | | 1 | 10 | 00 |
| 1 Secretary | | | 2 | 00 |
| | B.C. | | 12 | 00 |

Local Treasurer
Paid
Oct 31-1914
Vancouver

Service

On account of

Payable at

Date issued - 30th October 1914

(Sgd.) J.H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Secy. For the Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs in B.C.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27.50-3-6A)

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CANADA

Tariff rate $6.25 - 5 at 6.25 = $31.25

No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Vancouver to Lytton

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Commissioners | | | 25 | 00 |
| 1 Secretary | | | 6 | 25 |
| | | | $31 | 25 |

Royal Treasurer
Paid
Oct. 31. 1914
Vancouver, B.C.

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

Date issued – 30 October 1914

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secy. for the Royal Commn. on Indian Affairs in B.C.
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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# Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

COPY.

Cranbrook, B.C., Sept. 23, 1914.

Received of J.W.Spence tickets form 892 numbers 2789-2790-2791 and 2792 reading Cranbrook,B.C. to Victoria Free to be charged to Department of Indian Affairs. Value $18.80 each $75.20.

(Sgd) J.A.J.McKenna.

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Accounting Dept. No. 347821

Voucher No. 32540 Sept. 1914.

The Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY DR.

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 28 | From Cranbrook to Victoria | | |
| | Four first class tickets Tr. rate as per order attached. | $18.80 | $75.20 |

CK 17713 Dent 20/11/14

Correct,

F.H.B.

Audited

(Sgd) W.J.Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal Nov. 13,1914.

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Dominion Government,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

To Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. DR.

For transportation of Employees, etc. during month of Sept.1914.

| No of Requisition | Date | From | To | No.of tickets | Rate | Amt. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | Sept.25 | Balcarres | Regina & Rt. | 1 | 2¢ | 2.60 | Sask. |
| 67 | " 16 | Edmonton | Ft.George | 1 | 2¢ | 9.75 | B.C |
| 67 | " 16 | " | " Drawing R. | 1 | | 7.00 | " |
| 67 | " 9 | " | Jasper | 1 | 2¢ | 4.70 | " |
| | | | | | | 24.05 | |
| | | | Less | | | 2.60 | |
| | | | | | | 21.45 | |

W. R.

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

Approved, Audited,

(Sgd) J.G.Swalwell.
Local Auditor

Approved,

(Sgd) M.Donaldson,
Vice President &
General Manager.

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Vote No.

No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Ry. from Edmonton to Fort George

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ticket S. Carmichael | 486 | 2¢ | 9 | 75 |
| 1 Drawing-room | | | 7 | 00 |
| J. 1-38441 | 486.3 | | 16 | 75 |
| 1610-274 | | | | |

Service

On account of

Payable at

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron.
Secy - ~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
For the Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C.

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REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Ry. from Edmonton to Jasper

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. P. Shaw | 234 | 2¢ | 4 | 70 |
| J. 1 #38442 | 234.9 | | | |

Service

On account of

Payable at

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
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Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

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~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
Secy. for the Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C.

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| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ticket S. Carmichael | 486 | 2¢ | 9 | 75 |
| 1 Drawing room F 1 - 38441 B610 274 | | | 7 | 00 |
| | 486.3 | | 16 | 75 |

Service .....

On account of .....

Payable at .....

(Sgd) J. G. H. Bergeron
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
For the Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C. Secy

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 14 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

December 30th, 1914

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

47246

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant (Your File No. 39335-6A) requesting the return of Duplicate Voucher No. 484, in favour of A. W. Duck, which is herewith enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J.G.H.BERGERON
Per [signed]
Secretary.

Voucher sent to Auditor

Enclosure

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[illegible]AL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Abstract of Paid Vouchers ~~sent to the Department of Indian Affairs~~ [illegible] covering disbursements for the month of December, 1914:

| No. | In Favour Of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 606 | Commissioners' pay list | $ 4,005.00 |
| 607 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 608 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 609 | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| 610 | Miss A. Porritt | 62.00 |
| 611 | Maysmith Auto service | 19.50 |
| 612 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 613 | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| 614 | Dept. of I.A. | 9.45 |
| 615 | B.C.Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| 616 | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| 617 | A.Hardy | 6.00 |
| 618 | Creech-Hughes El. Co. | 2.50 |
| 619 | Shortt, Hill & Duncan Ltd. | 2.00 |
| 620 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 11.78 |
| 621 | United T. Co. | 1.00 |
| 622 | H.P.McDowell | 2.00 |
| 623 | Maysmith Auto Service | 7.00 |
| 624 | Victoria P.O. | 2.00 |
| 625 | Victoria B. & S. Co. Ltd. | 14.90 |
| 626 | C.H.Gibbons (Petty Cash) | 1.95 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] (No voucher) | [illegible] |
| | | $ 5,199.58 |
| | [illegible] transportation account. | 24.10 |
| | [illegible] McTaggart's salary for Dec. | 333.33 |
| | | $ 5557.01 |
| | —Less— | |
| | [illegible] payable by the Dept [illegible] Indian affairs | 2778.51 |
| | | 2778.50 |
| | —Less— | |
| | Amount received from [illegible] on Tickets unused [illegible] in previous statements | 4.72 |
| | | $ 2773.78 |

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[illegible]

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Abstract of Paid Vouchers sent to the Department of Indian Affairs covering disbursements for the month of November, 1914:

| No. | In Favour Of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 546 | Discount and exchange | 8.00 |
| 547 | Commission paylist | 4950.00 |
| 548 | G.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 549 | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| 550 | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| 551 | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| 552 | Agnes Perritt | 60.00 |
| 553 | A.H.Green | 499.35 |
| 554 | G.H.Gibbons | 5.55 |
| 555 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 556 | A.M.Peddle | 4.25 |
| 557 | A.K.Maysmith | 5.00 |
| 558 | B.C.Telephone Co. | 15.00 |
| 559 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 15.82 |
| 560 | G.N.W.Tel. Co. | 1.00 |
| 561 | Dom. Express Co. | 1.10 |
| 562 | Victoria B & S Co. | 18.75 |
| 563 | W.W.Gardiner | 5.80 |
| 564 | Victoria Toilet Agency | 2.50 |
| 565 | Victoria Transfer Co. | 1.25 |
| 566 | Victoria P.O. | 6.00 |
| 567 | Victoria Typewriter S. Co. | 5.00 |
| 568 | Victoria B & S Co. | 5.00 |
| 569 | Acme Press Ltd. | 500.00 |
| 570 | Weiler Bros. Ltd. | 18.00 |
| 571 | Searborough Co. of Canada | 3.95 |
| 572 | Mr Commr. Meadowall | 2.50 |
| 573 | Mr Chairman White | 3.25 |
| 574 | Mr Commr. Carmichael | 2.50 |
| 575 | Mr Commr. McKenna | 5.50 |
| 576 | Thos. Adolph | 5.00 |
| 577 | J.S.McArthur | 2.00 |
| 578 | " | 2.50 |
| 579 | Ignatius Jacob | 5.00 |
| 580 | Wm. Elliott | 2.50 |
| 581 | Alex. Sampson | 2.50 |
| 582 | Tommy Bull | 5.00 |
| 583 | J.S.McArthur | 16.00 |
| 584 | Joe. Deshields | 1.50 |
| 585 | Saxie | 2.00 |
| 586 | Joe Deshields | 4.50 |
| 587 | J.S.McArthur | 4.50 |
| 588 | Joe Deshields | 50.00 |
| 589 | " | 2.50 |
| 590 | J.S.McArthur | 10.00 |
| 591 | Miss L. Blatchford | 10.50 |
| 592 | Inland Transportation Co. | 1280.00 |
| 593 | J.S.McArthur | 7.00 |
| 594 | R.Urquhart | 5.00 |
| 595 | Miss L. Blatchford | 30.00 |
| 596 | J.S.McArthur | 2.50 |
| 597 | " | 4.50 |
| 598 | Hope Transfer Co. | 7.00 |
| 599 | James Yates | [illegible] |
| 600 | W.McGrath | |
| 601 | J.S.McArthur | |
| 602 | C.J.Inkman | |
| 603 | Joe Stewart | |
| 604 | J.S.McArthur | |
| 605 | " | |

Transportation accounts.
Dom. Ex. Co. &c.
J.A.J. McKenna's salary for Nov.
— Less —
The salary payable by the Department of Indian Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606A.

December 31st, 1914.

Acct

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

474288

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith accounts and financial statement of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C., for the month of December.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON.

Per. C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Department of Indian Affairs,

In account with

J.A.J.McKenna LL.D.

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1914.

Dec 31. To salary as Commissioner during the month of November, 1914 at $4,000.00 per annum..... $333.33

Certified correct,

F.W. Pugsley

Accountant.

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Department of Indian Affairs,

In account with

J.A.J.McKenna LL.D.

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Dec. 31. To salary as Commissioner during the month of December, 1914 at $4,000.00 per annum..... $333.33

Certified correct,

F.H. Paget

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Abstract of Paid vouchers covering disbursements for the month of December 1914.

| No. | In favour of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 606 | Commissioners' pay-list | $4,005.00 |
| 607 | C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 608 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 609 | J. S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 610 | Miss A. Porritt | 62.00 |
| 611 | Maysmith Auto Service | 19.50 |
| 612 | Gross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 613 | Victoria P. O. | 5.00 |
| 614 | Dept. of I.A. | 9.45 |
| 615 | B. C. Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| 616 | Victoria P. O. | 5.00 |
| 617 | A. Hardy | 6.00 |
| 618 | Gresch:Hughes El. Co. | 2.50 |
| 619 | Shortt, Hill & Duncan Ltd. | 2.00 |
| 620 | C.P.R. Telegraphs | 11.78 |
| 621 | United T. Co. | 1.00 |
| 622 | H. P. McDowell | 2.00 |
| 623 | Maysmith Auto Service | 7.00 |
| 624 | Victoria P. O. | 2.00 |
| 625 | Victoria H. & S. Co. Ltd. | 14.90 |
| 626 | C. H. Gibbons (Petty Cash) | 1.95 |
| | Transportation Account | 24.10 |
| | J. A. J. McKenna's salary for Dec. | 333.33 |
| | | $5,557.01 |

-Less-

| | |
|---|---|
| One half payable by the Dept. of Indian Affairs | $2778.51 |
| | $2778.50 |

-Less-

| | |
|---|---|
| One-half of amount received from C.P.R. as rebate on tickets unused and charged in previous statements | 4.72 |
| | $2773.78 |

Jan 9 - 15 Transport. P George to Calgary 2 Com 2121 - $24.10

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|---|---|---|
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| 547 | Commission paylist | 4990.00 |
| 548 | C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 549 | A. H. Green | 300.00 |
| 550 | A. H. Green | 300.00 |
| 551 | J. S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 552 | Agnes Porritt | 60.00 |
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| 554 | C. H. Gibbons | 5.55 |
| 555 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 556 | A. M. Peddle | 4.25 |
| 557 | A. K. Maysmith | 5.00 |
| 558 | B. C. Telephone Co. | 15.00 |
| 559 | C. P. R. Telegraphs | 15.82 |
| 560 | G.N.W. Tel. Co. | 1.00 |
| 561 | Dominion Express Co. | 1.10 |
| 562 | Victoria B. & S. Co. | 18.75 |
| 563 | W. W. Gardiner | 5.80 |
| 564 | Victoria Toilet Agency | 2.50 |
| 565 | Victoria Transfer Co. | 1.25 |
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| 568 | Victoria B. & S. Co. | 5.00 |
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| 575 | Mr. Commr. McKenna | 5.50 |
| 576 | Thos. Adolph | 5.00 |
| 577 | J. S. McArthur | 2.00 |
| 578 | " | 2.50 |
| 579 | Ignatius Jacob | 5.00 |
| 580 | Wm. Elliott | 2.50 |
| 581 | Alex. Sampson | 2.50 |
| 582 | Tommy Bull | 5.00 |
| 583 | J. S. McArthur | 16.00 |
| 584 | Joe Deshields | 1.50 |
| 585 | Saxis | 2.50 |
| 586 | Joe Deshields | 4.50 |
| 587 | J. S. McArthur | 4.50 |
| 588 | Joe Deshields | 50.00 |
| 589 | " | 2.50 |
| 590 | J. S. McArthur | 10.00 |
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| 592 | Inland Transportation Co. | 1280.00 |
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| 596 | J. S. McArthur | 2.50 |
| 597 | " | 4.50 |
| 598 | Hope Transfer Co. | 7.00 |
| 599 | James Yates | 5.00 |
| 600 | W. McGrath | 5.00 |
| 601 | J. S. McArthur | 7.50 |
| 602 | C. J. Inkman | 55.00 |
| 603 | Joe Stewart | 39.45 |
| 604 | J. S. McArthur | 11.40 |
| 605 | " | 51.40 |
| | | 9117.32 |
| | Transportation Accounts .... | 457.70 |
| | Dominion Express Co. ..... | 1.85 |
| | J. A. J. McKenna's Salary for Nov. | 333.33 |
| | | 9910.20 |
| | - Less - | |
| | One half payable by the Department of Indian Affairs | 4955.10 |
| | | 4955.10 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during month of November, 1914 as per Statement rendered..... | $ 9,117.32 |
| Transportation accounts..... | 457.70 |
| Dominion Express Company..... | 1.85 |
| J. A. J. McKenna's salary for November..... | 333.33 |
| Expenses of Commission during Month of December, as per Statement rendered..... | 5,199.58 |
| Transportation account. | 24.10 |
| J.A.J. McKenna's salary for December..... | 333.33 |
| | $ 15,467.21 |

Payable by British Columbia Government one-half, viz:- $7733.60 less $4.72 received from Canadian Pacific Railway as rebate on unused tickets charged in previous statements... $ 7,728.88

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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8th January, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 31st ultimo in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting in the total to $15,457.76, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque from you for half of this sum, viz:- $7,728.88 at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

D. C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General
Of Indian Affairs.

Hon. Price Ellison,
Minister of Finance & Agriculture,
Victoria,
B.C.

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2973.78
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Ottawa, January 9, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bergeron,-

The statement I handed you when here did not include the months of November and December, as the December accounts were not to hand when I prepared the statement, but they came to hand today and I have brought it down to 31st of December and send you the statement complete for your information.

You will remember that the arrangement made by yourself and the Deputy Superintendent General after your conversation on Thursday, last, was that you were to refund $500.00, which will account for the advance made you in May, 1913, and also refund the balance in the bank on December 31st, which (after the said $500.00 has been checked out,) will be $4908.10. We will then start the year 1915 with the new credit of $10,000.00.

Yours very truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs
For British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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Mr Scott
Please also see
my letter under
to Mr Bergeron

Ottawa, 9th January, 1915.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing account and financial statement for the month of December; and in reply I beg to request that you will forward a certificate from the Manager of the Bank covering the balance in the Bank on the 31st December, also kindly forward a list of cheques which were out standing on the 31st December.

Your obedient servant,

J, D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.C.H.Bergeron Esq.,
Secretary, Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for
British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

Acct.

January 5th, 1915.

4,448

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo (your File No. 59335-6A) re. refund of $9.45 on C. P. R. tickets, and to advise you that it is impossible for us to give further information with respect to this refund than is contained in our letter of the 22nd. ultimo. Inasmuch as it has been the practice of the Commission, when travelling, to carry a few loose requisition orders, account of such requisitions has not been kept upon the stub, although an endeavour will be made to do so in future. Should occasion arise hereafter for claiming refund, the tickets upon which such refund is claimed, will be returned direct to the Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. G. H. BERGERON
PER. Fabbas
SECRETARY.

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Mr Carr

January 4th, 1914.

41445

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo re the financial affairs of the Commission, and to advise you that in accordance with your suggestion a new account has been opened by the Commission with the Imperial Bank of Canada here, your cheque for $10,000.00 (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) being made the initial deposit of such new account. The Commission notes your request in respect to the closing of the old account including all disbursements for and to the end of the year 1914, and the return to the Department of a certified cheque for the amount of the balance remaining to the credit of the Commission at the expiry of 1914. I may say that there are no outstanding accounts, except perhaps for petty disbursements of a few dollars in total, nor have any advances been made to the Commissioners, members of the staff or otherwise at this date.

Inasmuch as it will be necessary, in accordance with your letter, for Mr. Bergeron to adjust his personal account before the account of 1914 is finally closed, the supplementary statement for December and the return of cashed cheques, bank certificate and unexpended balance will necessarily remain to be attended to upon the return of Mr. Bergeron from the East. As you will have doubtless learned ere this, Mr. Bergeron is at present visiting Ottawa and will probably have called upon you before you will have received this letter.

During the absense of the Secretary of the Commission from Victoria it has been, upon motion, ORDERED by the Commission that cheques against and in connection with the Commission's bank account shall be signed in his behalf by Mr. Commissioner D. H. Macdowall, as Acting Chairman of the Commission. Will

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your Department please take cognizance of this in connection with examination of returned cheques of the Commission to your office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON.

Per. J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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December 7th, 1914.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

474318

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6A) and to enclose herewith cheque in the amount of $9.45, in response to your request therein contained. A charge for the amount involved will appear in the December vouchers. You will note that in the financial statement submitted for the month of February last, this amount figured as an item of revenue of the Commission, not being at that time included in the items of expenditure. The adjustment herein by issuance of cheque for the said amount and the inclusion thereof in our expenditures for December makes no variation in the transaction, except in the matter of accounting.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

Enclosure.

Not Chgd to Dept $9.45

It was duly noted in the Commission's statement for February & therefore we given credit for it in the Dec statement

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DEPARTMENT OF JAN 12 1915

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1820

**Bank of Montreal,**

Ottawa, Jan 11th 1915.

$ 9.45

RECEIVED from J.G. H. Bergeron

on account Indian Funds

the sum of Nine - - - - - - - - - - - 45/100 Dollars,

which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Pro. Manager.

Ent'd.

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*Signed in Triplicate.*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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January 14th. 1915.

Dear Dr. McKenna,

I have your letter of the 6th. instant, in which you state that a small filing cabinet would be a very great convenience to you in connection with keeping your semi-official correspondence and that which does not specially refer to the work of the Commission. In reply I beg to say that you may purchase a cabinet for this correspondence and forward the account, certified in the usual way, for payment.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Campbell Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
P.O. Box 755,
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JAN 1915

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[illegible]nuary 6th, 1915

Dear Mr Scott:

During some time past we have been experiencing growing difficulty in keeping track of correspondence related to the work of the Commission and to Indian affairs in British Columbia generally, the bulk of which correspondence may be described as semi-official and which is at present cared for in despatch boxes, portfolio files, etc.

A small filing cabinet for the same would be a very great convenience, and as the letters are generally extra-Commission I cannot well ask the Commission to authorize the purchase of such a cabinet out of Commission funds.

Would it be too much to ask you to authorize the trivial expenditure involved?

Yours faithfully

J. A. McKenna

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I. A.,
Ottawa, Canada.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

January 11th, 1915

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The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JAN 18 1915

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 30th ult. (Your File 59335-6A) re refund on C.P.R. tickets, $9.45, I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of my letter covering return of the unused portions of tickets with request for refund thereon. It may be that this will assist your apportionment of the refund credit to its proper place.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J.G.H.Bergeron,
Per E. M. Gibbons
Secretary

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COPY?

District Passenger Agent,
Canadian Pacific Railway,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

During the Commission's recent travels in the Interior tickets were purchased for four from Kamloops to Victoria, it subsequently proving unnecessary to use the Vancouver-Victoria transportation. I therefore return the tickets herewith and beg to apply for a proportional refund in the Commission's behalf. I also enclose single ticket Chase to Kamloops, which was found to be not required, with similar request.

Yours very truly,

Enclosures (5)

Assistant Secretary.

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January 21st, 1915.

F. H. Paget, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant re financial affairs of the Commission, the contents of which will receive attention upon the return of Mr. Bergeron to Victoria.

File

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON
Per. [signature]
Secretary.

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JAN 27 1915

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January 21st, 1915.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Sir:

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON.
Per. [signature]
Secretary.

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Victoria, B. C. Feb. 2-15.

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Duncan C. Scott,

Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Commission resuming field operations fourteenth instant. Payment of salaries and office expenses of Feb'y will exhaust current year's money hand ten thousand dollars more required to carry forward work to April first. Please forward cheque by first mail am sending tomorrow cheque for unexpended balance from last year's account.

J. G. H. Bergeron.

W.L. send $10000 Staff

2355 Kent Feb 9/15

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Return to Accts

Ottawa, February 5, 1915.

Sir,-

As no doubt you are aware, the present fiscal year ends on the 31st of next month when all accounts should be closed and unexpended balances of advances made, refunded. It is desired, therefore, that as soon after the 31st March next as possible you will forward all accounts up to that date, together with a refund of the balance of cash in your hands on the 31st March after providing for any unpaid cheques which may be outstanding on that date.

Towards the end of March an accountable cheque will be sent you to meet expenses commencing the fiscal year 1915-16 on the 1st April.

An accountable cheque for $10,000.00 was sent you recently and if it should not prove sufficient to meet all expenses up to the 31st March next a further advance will be made upon application.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for British Columbia,

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JAS. KENT,
Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, February 4, 1915.

Dr. J.A.J.McKenna,
Belmont House,
Victoria,B.C.

Have wired salary to your credit with Bank Montreal,Victoria.

J.D.McLean.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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FEB 5 1915 DR. KENT.

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Victoria, B.C. Feb. 3-15.

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Supt Genl of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

When may I expect January cheque? Please answer.

J. A. J. McKenna.

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Owing to an omission on the part of the Cashier the cheques were not sent

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Ottawa, February 4, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose cheque for $329.00 and would ask you to kindly wire this amount to the credit of J.A.J.McKenna with your branch at Victoria, British Columbia.

I also enclose blank telegraph form franked.

Yours truly,

Accountant.

The Accountant,
Bank of Montreal,
Ottawa.

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February 8, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bergeron,-

I have your note of February 2nd, inclosing a cheque for $415.50, which will be placed to the credit of Casual Revenue.

I note that you spent $84.50, which will balance the cheque for $500.00. Would it be possible for you to send me a voucher in duplicate for these expenses which I may send to the Auditor.

I note the last paragraph of your letter and am greatly pleased that these matters are in satisfactory progress.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B.C.,
P.O. Box 755, Victoria, B.C.

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FEB 8 1915
SECRETARY

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Acc

February 2nd, 1915.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

473482

Sir:

I have been instructed by the Deputy Minister to remit to the Department of Indian Affairs a cheque of $500.00 given to me when I left Ottawa for the West in the month of May, 1913, less the amount of money actually expended by me for my transportation from Montreal to Victoria, which expenses amount to $84.50 spent in the following way:

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|---|---|
| Transportation of baggage in Montreal from the Place'Viger Hotel to the C.P.R.Depot... | $ 5.00 |
| Stateroom from Montreal to Vancouver..... | 60.00 |
| Transportation of baggage at Vancouver from railway station to the boat..... | 3.00 |
| Passage on boat..... | 2.00 |
| Stateroom on boat..... | 2.00 |
| Transportation of baggage from boat to Empress press Hotel..... | 5.00 |
| Service..... | 7.50, |
| | 84.50 |

making the amount above mentioned, so that I am sending back actually a cheque of $415.50.x

Hoping this will be a satisfactory settlement of this question, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

as certified account please charge and give credit for me

x
addressed to Mr Scott.
J.G.H.B.

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Ottawa, February 10, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, File No. 606, and in reply have to request that you will kindly furnish the Department with a certified account covering your charges for transportation from Montreal to Victoria, amounting to $84.50, in order that you may be given credit for the same.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron,Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B.C.

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February 10th, 1915.

Dear Sir -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing cheque for $3,257.73 which I regret to say is short of the amount required by $1,650.37, after giving you credit for the $500.00 advanced in May, 1913.

According to our books, after giving you credit for all vouchers, accounts, pay-lists and refunds received to date, there remains unaccounted for up to the 31st December last the sum of $1,650.37.

1650.37
1275.20
375.17

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
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FEB 10 1915

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February 4th, 1915 475684

The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith supplementary accounts of the Commission for December, 1914, closing the financial operations of the Commission for the years 1913-14.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. G. H. BERGERON
Per C. Gibbons
Secretary.

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1275.20
375.17

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Return to Jacob

February 11th, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

Since writing you yesterday further accounts have come to hand for the month of December from Mr. Gibbons under cover of his letter of the 4th instant amounting in the total to $1275.20, which you have been given credit for, leaving the balance yet to be accounted for $375.17.

Yours Sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
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For British Columbia,
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MEMO. for Mr. Bergeron.

This summary of accounts should have been enclosed with official letter of the 12th February.

Included in these amounts shown as "credits" in this statement, is your full salary and allowance from the 31st March, 1913 to 31st December, 1914, amounting in the total to $10,230.00.

You have been charged with the $500.00 advanced to you at Ottawa but you have also been credited with it.

We have given you credit for all vouchers, accounts and refunds forwarded, but there still remains $875.17 unaccounted for.

Accountant.

Ottawa, February 13, 1915.

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OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Supplementary Financial Statement, December 1914.

| Revenue | | | Expenditures. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. | | | 1914. | | |
| Dec. 31 | Cash in hand | $5,408.10 | Dec. 31 | Commr. Carmichael, Bal Dec. salary and Living Allowance | 440.00 |
| | | | | Acme Press Ltd. | 793.80 |
| | | | | G.P.R. Telegraphs | 1.56 |
| | | | | Times P.& P.Co. Ltd. | 1.00 |
| | | | | Colonist P.&.P. Ltd. | 6.00 |
| | | | | Sheritt, Hill & Duncan Ltd. | 1.00 |
| | | | | G.H.Smith & Co | 31.84 |
| | | | | Cash Bal..... | 4132.90 |
| | | $5,408.10 | | | $5408.10 |

Further Statement.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914. Dec. 31, | To Bal. on Hand | $4,132.90 | |
| Feb. 1915 | By Refund by Mr. Bergeron | | 415.50 |
| " | " Expense Account of Mr. Bergeron | | 84.50 |
| " | " Refund per cheque No. G. 241 | | 3,257.73 |
| | " Balance | | 375.17 |
| | | $4,132.90 | $4,132.90 |

To Balance unaccounted for.....$375.17

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECAPITULATION.

| | RECEIPTS | DISBURSEMENTS, including sums advanced on account Salaries and refunds sent Department. |
|---|---|---|
| **1913.** | | |
| May & June | $13,000.00 | $8,683.30 |
| July | 10,000.00 | 4,639.11 |
| Aug. & Sept. | | 9,320.37 |
| Oct. | 13,000.00 | 9,261.66 |
| Nov. | 10,000.00 | 4,936.70 |
| Dec. | | 5,228.27 |
| **1914.** | | |
| Jany. | | 2,938.15 |
| Feby. | 5,000.00 | 2,153.85 |
| Mar. | | 3,697.67 |
| Apr. | 15,005.54 | 6,714.56 |
| May & June | 20,000.00 | 13,747.25 |
| July & Aug. | 20,000.00 | 19,174.57 |
| Sept. & Oct. | 10,000.00 | 15,775.63 |
| Nov. | 10,000.00 | 9,117.32 |
| Dec. | | 5,209.03 |
| | $126,005.54 | $120,597.44 |
| | | $126,005.54 |
| | | 120,597.44 |
| TO BALANCE..... | | $5,408.10 |

## FURTHER STATEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO BALANCE..... | | $5408.10 |
| By Accounts as per Supplementary Dec. Statement ..... | $1275.20 | |
| By Expense Account of Mr. Bergeron | 84.50 | |
| By Refund per Mr. Bergeron's cheque No. A. 374 | 415.50 | |
| " Refund per Cheque No. C. 241 | 3257.73 | |
| " BALANCE..... | 375.17 | |
| | $5408.10 | $5408.10 |

TO BALANCE UNACCOUNTED FOR ..... $375.17

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Return to Acct

Ottawa, February 12, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing supplementary statement for the month of December, covering accounts, amounting to $1,275.20, which you have been given credit for.

I now enclose for your information corrected statement showing a balance yet unaccounted for of $375.17.

The advances made to you, including the rebate of $5.54 received by you from the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. amount in the total to $126,005.54.

You have forwarded to the Department vouchers, pay-lists and refunds, amounting in the total to $125,630.37, leaving a balance of $375.17 not yet accounted for.

If these figures are incorrect, kindly point out where the mistake lies.

The corrected statements in your possession will enable you to detect wherein the difference lies.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

Victoria, B. C.

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Refund 1914-15

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 2737

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 3,257.73 *Ottawa,* Feb. 10th 1915.

*RECEIVED from* J.G.H. Bergeron

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Thirty two hundred and fifty seven -73/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 11 1915

February 3rd, 1915.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of I. A.,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

As intimated in my lettergram of yesterday, I now address you a cheque of $3257.73 made to the order of the Receiver-General, Ottawa, which is the balance left to the credit of the Commission in the Imperial Bank on the 31st of December, 1914. This cheque is accepted and made payable at par, Ottawa. This, I think, answers to your suggestions.

Our account at the Bank for the operations of 1913 and 1914 are closed by the balance which I am sending you and, as suggested in your letter of the 28th December, we have opened a new account with the last cheque of $10,000.00 which was deposited in the Bank and a new book opened, so that I think all your recommendations have been followed to the letter.

We shall also send vouchers as you desire at the end of every month and a certificate of the Manager of the Bank of the balance left to the credit of the Commission at the end of each month, if there is any.

In your letter of the 28th December, I notice in the last paragraph in which you say that at the end of October I had yet to draw $300.00 for my pay and allowances and you advise me to pay myself in full at the end of December. I do not quite understand that and have not made any such cheque as I believe I have drawn everything to which I am entitled, but this may be covered by the fact that I have been charged twice for the $500.00 given to me at Ottawa. I drew from the Commission $500.00, cancelled the amount charged to me in the vouchers for October, 1914, and have issued, out of my private funds, a cheque of $500.00 less my actual expenses for my trip from Ottawa to the Coast in May,

$84.10

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1913, namely, $415.50 which I think covers the whole thing. You might be kind enough to let me know if I am right in my contentions.

There was, accompanying your letter of December 28th, a statement of the cheques drawn by me for my salary and allowance down to the end of October 1914 and amounting to $17,100.00 and opposite the column of cheques drawn by me there is a list of monies for which I have been given credit amounting to $17,400.00, and that is why, I suppose, you say in your letter that I am entitled to $300.00 more. I believe that I have the key to the whole situation, in the cheques as drawn by me, my own order, is one on the 27th of April, 1914, for $200.00 which should not be charged to me as that was a cheque issued by me in trust for monies required for the visitations of reserves near Vancouver. The $200.00 was to pay the expenses of the Commission which was done and for which vouchers at the time were furnished, so that that $200.00 must be struck off from the column leaving it $16,900.00 which makes with the $300.00 which you pretend is owed to me, the sum of $500.00 which is the figure that has been troubling us; in other words, if you take off from the monies received by me personally, that $200.00 which was for the Commission and already accounted for in vouchers and the $300.00 which you say is owed to me, it forms the amount of $500.00 which is the cause of our difficulties.

I have settled it by drawing, as I said before $500.00, and paid back to the Receiver-General by sending him cheque of $415.50 by keeping $84.50 which was the money actually spent by me on my trip from Montreal to Victoria in 1913.

I have the honourto be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

my own

Enclosure.

Secretary.

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Refund 1914-15

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 2738

470712

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 415.50 Ottawa, Feb. 10th 1915.

RECEIVED from J.G.H.Bergeron

on account Indian Funds

the sum of Four hundred and fifteen - - - 50/100 Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd. 19

Pro. Manager.

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*Pro. Manager.*

*Ent'd.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 11 1915
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February 2nd, 1915.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A .

Dear Mr. Scott:

When I came back from the East I found everything in the office in perfect order.

In consequence of our conversation I have cancelled the extra amount of $500.00 which was over-charged to me in the month of October, 1913, as you remember, I hope, and I am sending a cheque to the Receiver-General which I am addressing to you for the amount of $500.00 charged to me before I came here, less the actual money spent for my ~~time~~ trip from Montreal to Victoria in the month of May, 1913. I hope that this will bring matters to a satisfactory settlement.

We are preparing the accounts for the month of January which we will address to you immediately, and also a cheque addressed to you of the balance of monies left in our Bank here on the 31st December, 1914, according to your instructions.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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To acct

February 12, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge receipt of accounts and financial statement for the month of January, forwarded under cover of your letter of the 5th instant.

It is observed that a certificate from the Manager of the bank, covering the balance on hand on the 31st January, did not accompany the statement neither were the paid cheques forwarded. In this connection kindly refer to my letter of the 28th December last in which I asked that these be forwarded. Will you kindly direct that they be now sent?

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Superintendent General.

otherwise the statement is correct

J.G.H.Bergeron,Esq.,

Secy. Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for
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February 9th, 1915.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A .

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of cheque of the Department for the amount of $10,000.00 and to advise you that the same has been deposited to the credit of the Commission's account with the Imperial Bank of Canada, Victoria.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.


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VICTORIA, B.C. 11th. February 1915

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th. instant, (your file No.39335/6) re closing the accounts of the Commission on the 31st. March proximo and refund of the balance of cash in hand at the expiry of the Fiscal Year referred to.

I am to advise you that your instructions herein are noted, and will be complied with.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

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February 18th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF IN[illegible] FEB 23 1915

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A , C A N A D A .

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th, 11th and 12th instant re. financial affairs of the Commission and to advise you that the same will be laid before the Commission immediately upon the return of the Commissioners from the field, which will be about the 23rd or 24th instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. BERGERON.

Per. C. Jacobus
Secretary.

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# DUPLICATE

VOUCHER _____ VOTE No. _____

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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO J. G. H. BERGERON, SECRETARY.

| DATE 1913 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| May 7th | Transportation of baggage in Montreal from the Place'Viger Hotel to C. P. R. Depot..... | $ 5 00 |
| " " | Stateroom from Montreal to Vancouver..... | 60 00 |
| " 12th | Transportation of baggage at Vancouver from railway station to the boat..... | 3 00 |
| " " | Passage on boat..... | 2 00 |
| " " | Stateroom on boat..... | 2 00 |
| " " | Transportation of baggage from boat to Empress Hotel. | 5 00 |
| | Service..... | 7 50 |
| | | $84.50 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 22 1915

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February 15th, 1915.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A , C A N A D A .

Dear Mr. Scott:

Yours of the 8th instant just at hand. I am sending two copies of the voucher of my expenses in coming up here in May, 1913, as you mentioned in your letter. I would be very glad to know definitely if all this matter is settled in a satisfactory way as it seems to me it should be.

Everything here is going on very well. The Commission is leaving on the 16th, tomorrow night, for visitations of the west coast of the New Westminster Agency, which will take about ten days.

Sincerely yours,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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**ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT: DECEMBER 1914:**

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| REVENUE | | EXPENDITURES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | 1914 | |
| Dec. 31 Cash in hand | ~~$4532.93~~ 5408-10 | Dec. 31 Comnr. Carmichael, balance December salary and Living Allowance .. | $440.00 |
| | | Acme Press Ltd. ..... | 793.80 |
| | | C.P.R.Telegraphs ..... | 1.56 |
| | | Times P. & P. Co. Ltd. ... | 1.00 |
| | | Colonist P. & P. Co. Ltd. | 6.00 |
| | | Shortt, Hill & Duncan Ltd. | 1.00 |
| | | C.H.Smith & Co. ..... | 31.84 |
| | | Cash balance ..... | ~~3257.73~~ 4132.90 |
| | ~~$4532.93~~ 5408.10 | | $4532.93 |

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**ABSTRACT OF PAID VOUCHERS SENT TO DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WITH SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DEC., 1914:**

| Voucher No. | In Favour Of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 628 | Pay List -- Commr. S. Carmichael | $ 440.00 |
| 629 | Acme Press Ltd. | 793.80 |
| 630 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 1.56 |
| 631 | Times P. & P. Co. | 1.00 |
| 632 | Colonist P. & P. Co. | 6.00 |
| 633 | Shortt, Hill & Duncan Ltd. | 1.00 |
| 680 | C. H. Smith & Co. | 31.84 |
| | | 1275.20 |
| Expenditure - Jany | | 5463.45 |
| Nanaimo Lib. a/cs | | 360.80 |
| J & J McKenzie Sal for Jany | | 333.33 |

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FEB 9 1915

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Ack

February 5th, 1915.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

O T T A W A.

475463

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith accounts and financial statement of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C. for the month of January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergman

Secretary.

Enclosures.

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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J.A.J. McKENNA, LL.D.

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1915.

Jany. 31, To salary as Commissioner during the month of January, 1915, @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$333.33

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Transportation Accounts.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jany. 15, 1915. | $60.00 | Pd. by Cheque | 2485 |
| " 7, 1915 | 22.50 | " | 2437 |
| Dec. 2, 1914 | 118.05 | " | 2142 |
| " 9, 1914 | 27.70 | " | 2142 |
| " 8, 1914 | 122.55 | " | 2142 |
| | $360.80 | | |

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## COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT : JANUARY 1915.

**REVENUE**

1915
Jan. 1 Deposit chk.
Dept.of I.A. $10,000.00

**EXPENDITURE**

1915

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 31 | Commissioners pay list | $4030.00 |
| | Salaries: | |
| | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| | Ashdown Green | 300.00 |
| | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| | Miss A.Porritt | 62.00 |
| | Office & Operation: | |
| | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| | B.C.Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| | United Type.Co. 1.50) | |
| | C.H.Gibbons 4.55) | |
| | Victoria P.O. 3.00) | |
| | F.Blizzard 2.00) | 11.05 |
| | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| | F. Blizzard | 2.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons | 2.05 |
| | Re. New Westminster Tour: | |
| | Central Auto Stand Co. | 42.00 |
| | J.P.Hampton Bole | 25.00 |
| | F.van Volkenburgh | 24.00 |
| | J.Jones (G.Wilkerson) | 21.50 |
| | St. Alice Hotel | 32.00 |
| | Paid out of cash, $250.00) withdrawn for expense) | |
| | Simon Pierre 2.50) | |
| | Chas. Inkman 5.00) | |
| | St. Alice Hotel 13.95) | |
| | A.John 2.50) | |
| | Hotel Russell,N.W. 9.50) | |
| | Felix Kopp 2.50) | |
| | J. Kelly 5.00) | |
| | J.H.Swail 5.95) | |
| | Alec Charlie 2.50) | |
| | Joe Hall 2.50) | |
| | Alec Charlie 2.50) | |
| | " " 2.50) | |
| | Empress Hotel,Chill'k 8.50) | |
| | John Morgan 2.50) | |
| | Chief Johnnie Leon 20.00) | |
| | J.S.McArthur.petty a/cs 19.80) | |
| | " " " " 22.65) | |
| | Cash in hand of Exp.a/c 119.65) | 250.00 |
| | J.G.H.Bergeron | 29.00 |
| | Cash in Bank | 5762.95 |

Outstanding Cheques
January 31:15

| | |
|---|---|
| J.G.H.Bergeron | $930.00 |
| Ashdown H.Green | 300.00 |
| J.S.McArthur | 75.00 |
| Miss Porritt | 10.00 |
| C.H.Gibbons | 2.05 |
| J.G.H.Bergeron | 29.00 |
| | $1346.05 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bank balance less outstanding cheques | $5762.95 |
| | 1346.05 |
| | $4416.90 |
| Cash in hand | 119.65 |
| Net Credit | $4536.55 = cash on hand |

advance 10.000.00
Disbursements 5463.41
Balance to be accounted for = 4.536.55

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT : JANUARY 1915.

REVENUE

1915
Jan. 1 Deposit chk.
Dept.of I.A. $10,000.00

EXPENDITURE

1915
Jan. 31 Commissioners pay list $4030.00
Salaries:
C.H.Gibbons 450.00
Ashdown Green 300.00
J.S.McArthur 150.00
Miss A.Porritt 62.00
Office & Operation:
Cross & Co. 135.00
Victoria P.O. 5.00
B.C.Telephone Co. 7.50
United Type.Co. 1.50)
C.H.Gibbons 4.55)
Victoria P.O. 3.00)
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St. Alice Hotel 32.00
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John Morgan 2.50)
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J.S.McArthur,petty a/cs 19.80)
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Cash in hand of Exp.a/c 119.65) 250.00
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| | |
|---|---|
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| | 1346.05 |
| | $4416.90 |
| Cash in hand | 119.65 |
| Net Credit | $4536.55 |

Total expenditure in Jany. $5465.45

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Abstract of Paid Vouchers sent to Department of Indian Affairs

with Supplementary Financial Statement, December, 1916.

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| Voucher No. | In favor of | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 628 | Pay-list, George S. Carmichael | $440.00 |
| 629 | Anne Press Ltd. | 793.50 |
| 630 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 1.56 |
| 631 | Times P. & P. Co. | 1.00 |
| 632 | Colonist P. & P. Co. | 6.00 |
| 633 | Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Ltd. | 1.00 |
| 634 | C.H.Smith & Co. | 31.94 |
| | | $1276.20. |

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OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the month of December, 1914 as per Supplementary Statement and Vouchers attached..... | $1,275.20 |
| Expenses of Commission during the month of January, 1915 as per Statement and Vouchers attached..... | 5,468.45 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. Ry. as per accounts attached..... | 360.80 |
| ~~Transportation furnished by C. P. R. Ry. as per account attached.....~~ | ~~24.10~~ |
| Salary of J.A.J.McKenna, LL.D. for the month of January, 1915 @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 333.33 |
| | ~~$7,000.00~~ 7432.78 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | ~~$ 3,728.44~~ 3.716.39 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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25th February, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 31st January, 1915, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $7,456.88, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque from you for half of this sum, viz:- $3,728.44 at your earliest convenience.

I have also to remind you that as yet we have not received a cheque for $7,728.88 from you for the December accounts sent you on the 8th January last.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. McLean

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. Price Milisen,

Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

Victoria, B. C.

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VOUCHER No. _____ VOTE No. _____

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO J. G. H. BERGERON, SECRETARY.

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1913 | Transportation from Montreal to Victoria. | |
| May 7th. | Transportation of baggage in Montreal from the Place'Viger Hotel to the C. P. R. Depot | $ 5.00 |
| " " | Stateroom from Montreal to Vancouver..... | 60.00 |
| " 12th. | Transportation of baggage at Vancouver from railway station to the boat..... | 3.00 |
| " " | Passage on boat..... | 2.00 |
| " " | Stateroom on boat..... | 2.00 |
| " " | Transportation of baggage from boat to Empress Hotel | 5.00 |
| | Service on trip..... | 7.50 |
| | | $84.50 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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HEAD OFFICE,
TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada,
## Victoria, B.C.

Feby 27/15

This is to certify that the balance at credit of the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs as on January 31,1915 amounted to $5762,95 Five thousand seven hundred and sixty two 95/100 Dollars -

J. M. Aall
Manager

Accountant
W. V. Goddard

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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February 27th, 1915.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A .

Dear Mr. Scott:

Upon my return from the visitation of New Westminster Agency I found your letter of the 12th instant in which you asked for a certificate from the Manager of the Imperial Bank covering the balance on hand on the 31st January and the paid cheques of that month. I have the honour to enclose now the certificate requested and also enclose the paid cheques for the month of January. I desire to add that there were outstanding cheques of January to the amount of $1346.05 as you can see in our financial statement for January, 1915, which brought the balance in the Bank to $4416.90, to which might be added the sum of $119.65 which was deposited to our credit, as the amount being left over from the expenses of the trip of the Commission in January, so that on the 1st February we had in the Bank $4536.55 as you will also see by our financial statement.

As for the unaccounted balance of $375.17 which you mention in your letter of the 11th February, my Assistant is looking over the accounts and I will let you know the result as soon as his work is done.

I also enclose the vouchers for my travelling expenses in 1913 from Montreal to Victoria amounting to $84.50.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

P. S. As for the paid cheques: When I sent all the

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cheques which had been paid since we have been here, I was told that it was not necessary to send them. Now that you requare the ones of January, I take it upon myself to send you all that I have paid since the first bunch which I forwarded to you in October, 1914, so that you will receive October, November, December, 1914, and January, 1915, and I will be very glad to send them down to you every month if it is required.

J. G. H. B.

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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*Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, March 11, 1915.

The Honourable
The Minister of Finance and Agriculture,
Victoria, B.C.

As we are closing our accounts this month, would be glad to receive your share of Royal Commission accounts sent you eighth of January and twenty-fifth of February.

Duncan C. Scott.

Chge. D.I.A.

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$ 11.45

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W. MARSHALL, Supt., Toronto, Ont.
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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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HU Victoria BC Mch 12th.15.

Duncan [illegible]. Scott,.

Dept. Supt. Genl.Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Attorney general has indian commission vouchers before him for signature.

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No. 128 Tariff rate 2.00 - 5 at 2.00 = 10.00 Vote No.
Stateroom 2.50 - 5 " 2.50 = 12.50 22.50

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Canadian Pacific Ry. from Victoria to Vancouver

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (5) Card (3) No 03319/23 | | | | |
| (5) Form 1326 No. 111364/368 | 271 | | 10 | — |
| 4 Commissioners | | | 12 | 50 |
| 1 Secretary including staterooms | | | 22 | 50 |

Service For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

On account of

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa

Date issued 16th Feby/15. (Sgd) G H Bergeron
Secy. Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 16 1915

BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

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March 10th. 1915.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

In relation to our finances: I understand that you desire to have a settlement before the end of the fiscal year, namely, on the 31st of March. I believe that we will be able to send you about $4000. but, of course, this will leave us pennyless and I would ask you to send us at the end of the month a cheque of at least $20,000. to start the new fiscal year. The Commission will leave for the visitation of reserves at the commencement of April and will require a good deal of money.

On the 12th of April the Commission is going to the Babine and Upper Skeena Agency and will be away until the end of the month. This trip, I believe, will require about $2000. as they will have to use a special car for a part of the way. Then another party composed of ~~the other~~ first half of the Commission will leave

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March 10th, 1915.

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on the 17th of May to visit the Stuart Lake Agency and will be away about two months, and will have to use packtrains, saddle horses,(about eighteen of them) and wagons. It will be a very expensive trip and will probably cost between $4000. and $4500. During that time another part of the Commission will leave on the 29th of May to visit the Stikine Agency and Atlin District which will take about a month and cost about $1500. as they will have to charter a steamer of the Hudson Bay Company for at least two weeks. If you take into consideration that our monthly expenses for salaries, rent and other incidental expenses of the office amount to over $6500. per month, you will understand that $20,000. will not be too much to start the new financial year with.

I also send you with this letter our old bank book. I do not know that you have asked for it, but as it is of no use to us here, it may be better that it should be kept at the head office.

Yours truly,
J. G. H. Bergson.
Secretary.

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Ottawa, 19th March, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bergeron,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant respecting your finances and requesting that a cheque for $20,000.00 be sent you at the end of the present month, and in reply I have to say that I fear we shall be unable to comply with your request as the appropriation for the fiscal year 1915-1916 will not be available until sometime early in April, but as soon as it is funds will be wired to your credit with the Imperial Bank of Canada, Victoria. Under these circumstances you need not refund the unexpended balance on hand at the end of March but may retain and use it in connection with expenses incurred during April and the accounts will be adjusted here. The March account, however, should be forwarded as early in April as possible. The accounts for February have not come to hand yet and it is hoped they are on the way.

Should you run short of funds before a credit is wired you arrangements may be made with the Imperial Bank for a loan until funds can be wired.

In your letter of the 27th February last you stated that your Assistant was looking into the unaccounted balance of $375.17 and

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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and would let me know the result as soon as his work was done. As yet I have heard nothing further and shall be pleased to hear from you now.

Yours truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Abstract of Paid Vouchers Forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs and covering disbursements for the month of February, 1915:

| Voucher | In Favour Of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 671 | Commissioners' Pay List | $3640.00 |
| 672 | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 673 | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| 674 | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| 675 | A.Porritt | 56.00 |
| 676 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 677 | C.H.Gibbons | 10.00 |
| 678 | W.H.Maysmith | 3.50 |
| 679 | Acme Press Ltd. | 14.50 |
| 682 | C.H.Gibbons | 7.65 |
| 683 | B.C.Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| 684 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 12.19 |
| 685 | C.P.R. Co. | 17.50 |
| 686 | Ss. Cassiar employees | 5.00 |
| 687 | A. Jeffries | 5.50 |
| 688 | A.Paul | 4.50 |
| 689 | " | 2.50 |
| 690 | " | 2.50 |
| 691 | P.Byrne | 1.00 |
| 692 | J.Fairclough | 2.00 |
| 693 | S.W.Eastman | 2.00 |
| 694 | W.H.Maysmith | 2.00 |
| 695 | J.S.McArthur | 4.75 |
| 696 | " | 22.00 |
| | | 4857.59 |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT : FEBRUARY 1915

**Revenue**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
| Feb. 1 | Cash in bank less outstanding January cheques | $ 4,416.90 | |
| | Deposit | 119.65 | 4536.55 |
| | " | 10,000.00 | |
| | | | 14,536.55 |

**Expenditures**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
| Feb. 27 | Commissioners' pay list | | $ 3,640.00 |
| | Salaries: | | |
| | C.H.Gibbons | | 450.00 |
| | A.H.Green | | 300.00 |
| | J.S.McArthur | | 150.00 |
| | Miss Perritt | | 56.00 |
| | Office & Operation: | | |
| | Cross & Co. | | 135.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | | 10.00 |
| | W.H.Maysmith | | 3.50 |
| | Acme Press Ld. | | 14.50 |
| | B.C.Telephone Co. Ld. | | 7.50 |
| | C.P.R.Telegraphs | | 12.19 |
| | W.H.Maysmith | | 2.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | | 7.65 |
| | Field Operations: | | |
| | J.S.McArthur | | 22.00 |
| | C.P.R.Co. | $ 17.50 | |
| | Ss. Cassiar | 5.00 | |
| | A.Jeffries | 5.50 | |
| | A.Paul | 4.50 | |
| | " | 2.50 | |
| | " | 2.50 | |
| | P.Byrne | 1.00 | |
| | J.Fairclough | 2.00 | |
| | S.W.Eastman | 2.00 | |
| | J.S.McArthur | 4.75 | 47.25 |
| | Cash in hand | | 42.35 |
| | | | 4536.55 |

Cash in Bank, March 1, 1915 .. $9,637.61
Less outstanding cheque
W. H. Maysmith 2.00
$9,635.61
Cash in hand 42.35
Net credit $9,577.96
9678.96

Cash in bank Mch 1/15 9637.61
Less outstanding cheque 2.00
9635.61
Amt of expenditure 4857.59
14493.20

Adv. + bal. on hand - 14536.55
less cash in hand & disbursements 14493.20
42.35

Advance + jany bal = 14536.55
Disbursements - 4857.59
Bal to be accted for — $9678.96

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TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada,

Victoria, B.C. 12 March, 1915.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
City.

Dear Sirs,

This is to certify that the balance at your credit on February 27th. 1915 amounted to $9637.61 (Nine thousand six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents.)

Yours truly,

E. M. Hall

Manager.

W. V. Goddard
Aut.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA, B.C. 15th. March, 1915

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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The Secretary.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir;

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith financial statement and accounts of the Commission for the month of February ultimo, together with cancelled cheques and certificate of bank balance at the 1st. instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Return to Vacc

Ottawa, March 22, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to return herewith your February statement as there is an error of $1.00 in it. The balance unaccounted for on the 31st January was $4,526.55 to which should be added the advance of $10,000.00 making a total of $14,526.55. Disbursements amounted to $4,857.59 in February, leaving a balance of $9,678.96 to be accounted for.

Be good enough to return the statement corrected without delay.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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1915.

Feb. 28, To salary as Commissioner during the months of February and March, 1915 @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$666.70.

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Vote No. _____

_____ Agency _____

# Department of Indian Affairs

To N. W. White
Victoria
B. C.

| DATE. | | SERVICE. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | | |
| Mar. | | Travelling expenses from Shelburne. N.S. to Ottawa. | | |
| | | Cab to station, Shelburne | | 50 |
| | | Fare to Halifax | 4 | 95 |
| | | Cab - Halifax | | 50 |
| | | " to station from hotel | | 50 |
| | | Fare to Ottawa | 22 | 75 |
| | | Pullman - Lower Berth | 5 | 30 |
| | | Baggage | | 50 |
| | | 2771 Reader Mr. White March 15/15. | | |
| | | TOTAL, | 35 | 00 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

(Sgd) N. W. White
Agent.

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VOUCHER No. _____ VOTE No. _____

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO J. G. H. BERGERON, SECRETARY.

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1913 | Transportation from Montreal to Victoria. | |
| May 7th. | Transportation of baggage in Montreal from the Place'Viger Hotel to the C. P. R. Depot | $ 5.00 |
| " " | Stateroom from Montreal to Vancouver..... | 60.00 |
| " 12th. | Transportation of baggage at Vancouver from railway station to the boat..... | 3.00 |
| " " | Passage on boat..... | 2.00 |
| " " | Stateroom on boat..... | 2.00 |
| " " | Transportation of baggage from boat to Empress Hotel | 5.00 |
| | Service on trip..... | 7.50 |
| | | $84.50 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED: J. G. H. Bergeron

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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Transportation Accounts.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jany. | 19, 1915 | $10.55 | Pd. by Cheque No.2637 |
| Sept. | 12, 1914 | 123.75 | " 2637 |
| Nov. | 20, 1914 | 4.50 | " 2637 |
| Dec. | 23, 1914 | 63.50 | 2722 |
| Feb. | 16, 1915 | 22.50 | 2773 |
| | | $224.80 | |

No. 129 Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Union Steamship Co. of B.C. Steamer "Cassiar" Ry. from February 17th to February 24 1915.

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charter of S.S. "Cassiar" for visitations of all reserves in the New Westminster Agency<br>Seven days at $155.00 per day | | 155.00 per day | 1085 | 00 |

Service

On account of For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

Payable at

Date issued February 27th 1915 (Sgd.) J. G. H. Bergeron
Inspector of Indian Accounts
Secretary

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Abstract of paid vouchers forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs and covering disbursements for the month of February, 1918.

| Voucher | In favor of | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 671 | Commissioners' pay-list | $3640.00 |
| 672 | G. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 673 | A. H. Green | 300.00 |
| 674 | J. S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 675 | A. Perritt | 56.00 |
| 676 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 677 | G. H. Gibbons | 10.00 |
| 678 | W. H. Mayesmith | 3.50 |
| 679 | Acme Press Ltd. | 14.50 |
| 682 | G. H. Gibbons | 7.65 |
| 683 | B. C. Telephone Co. | 7.50 |
| 684 | C. P. R. Telegraphs | 12.19 |
| 685 | C. P. R. Co. | 17.50 |
| 686 | S.S. Cassiar employees | 5.00 |
| 687 | A. Jeffries | 5.50 |
| 688 | A. Paul | 4.50 |
| 689 | " | 2.50 |
| 690 | " | 2.50 |
| 691 | P. Byrne | 1.00 |
| 692 | A. Fairclough | 2.00 |
| 693 | S. W. Eastman | 2.00 |
| 694 | W. H. Mayesmith | 2.00 |
| 695 | J. S. McArthur | 4.75 |
| 696 | " | 22.00 |
| | | $4857.59 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the month of February, 1915 as per Statement and Vouchers attached..... | $4,857.59 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. Ry. as per accounts attached..... | 224.80 |
| Transportation furnished by Union Steamship Co. of British Columbia as per account attached..... | 1,085.00 |
| Expenses of J.G.H.Bergeron, Secretary of Commission from Montreal to Victoria, May/13..... | 84.50 |
| Expenses of R. W. White, Commissioner, from Shelburne, N.S. to Ottawa, March/15..... | 35.00 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D. for the months of February and March, 1915, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 666.70 |
| | $6,953.59 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz- one-half..... $3,476.80

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Return to Vault

23rd March, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $2,953.59, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque from you for half of this sum, viz:- $2,476.80 at your earliest convenience.

As our books for the fiscal year 1914-15 close on the 31st instant may I ask you to kindly let me have your cheque with as little delay as possible in order that the refund may appear in the Public Accounts for the current fiscal year?

I have not yet received your cheque for $11,467.32 covering the December and January accounts and hope to receive it shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Honourable,

The Minister of Finance & Agriculture,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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Victoria BC Mar 27th-15

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Duncan C Scott,

Deputy Gen'l Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Matter still before executive council vouchers not yet been passed by them.-

Frank Ward,

Sec'y Finance Minister

1,46pm

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, March 26, 1915.

Frank Ward,
Secretary, Finance Minister,
Victoria, B. C.

Has cheque covering Indian Land Commission accounts been forwarded?

Duncan C. Scott.

Charge Dept. Indian Affairs.

Would like to have this information as we are short of funds

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# House of Commons, Canada,

COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 101.

Ottawa, March 22 1915

W. Corry

Deputy Minister,

Dept. of Interior

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SIR,—I have the honour of informing you that the Public Accounts Committee have ordered that the following papers be produced, in their original form, for the use of the Committee:

~~On motion of Mr. Carvell, Ordered~~ That all accounts, vouchers and other papers relating to a payment of $49,254.32 in connection with British Columbia Indian Commission, as set out at page H—48, 49 and 50, Report of Auditor General for fiscal year ended 31st March, 1914, be produced for the use of the Committee.

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Please hold said papers until telephoned for; then forward in the custody of an official responsible for their safe-keeping.

Your Obedient Servant,

Thos. Storrie

*Clerk, Public Accounts Committee.*

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Mr Pepat.
Please get the papers.
DCS

March 23rd, 1915.

Dear Sir -

The order of the Public Accounts Committee for the papers in connection with the British Columbia Indian Commission addressed by you to Mr. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior, has been transferred to me. The papers asked for will be produced when requested.

Please note that the Department of Indian Affairs is separate and distinct from the Department of the Interior.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Thomas S. Horne, Esqr.,
Clerk, Public Accounts Committee,
Committee Room No. 101,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Department of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, 25/3 1915

Mr. Reid

Can we get these vouchers from you - We have no duplicates having sent them to the B.C. Govt

F.H. Paget

Mr Paget,

These vouchers have already been sent to Public Accounts Committee

J.H. Reid

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total expenditure, 1913-14..... | | $90,489.54 |
| **Less** | | |
| Repaid by British Columbia Government..... | $41,236.07 | |
| Rebate on railway tickets..... | 9.45 | 41,235.52 |
| NET COST TO INDIAN DEPARTMENT IN 1913-1914..... | | $49,254.32 |
| Expenditure to date 1914-15..... | | $105,503.27 |
| **Less** | | |
| Repaid to date by British Columbia Government on accounts to end of October..... | | 32,772.44 |
| | | $72,730.83 |
| Yet due from British Columbia Government on November, December, January & February accounts | | 14,934.12 |
| | | $ 57,796.71 |

| | |
|---|---|
| NET COST to Indian Department in 1913-1914 = | $49,254.32 |
| " " " " " " 1914-15 to date..... | 57,796.71 |
| TOTAL NET COST to date in so far as accounts have been received..... | $107,051.03 |

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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*Send the following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, April 3, 1916.

Frank Ward,
Secretary,
Finance Minister,
Victoria, B. C.

Have accounts for December, January and February of Land Commission been passed by Council? If so when may cheque be expected? Kindly expedite payment.

Duncan C. Scott.

Charge Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT ; FEBRUARY 1915

**Revenue**

| 1915 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. 1 | Cash in Bank less outstanding January cheques | $4,416.90 |
| | Deposit | 119.65 |
| | " | 10,000.00 |

**Expenditure**

| 1915 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 27 | Commissioners' pay list | | $ 3,640.00 |
| | SALARIES: | | |
| | C.H.Gibbons | | 450.00 |
| | A.H.Green | | 300.00 |
| | J.S.McArthur | | 150.00 |
| | Miss Porritt | | 56.00 |
| | OFFICE & OPERATION | | |
| | Cross & Co. | | 135.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | | 10.00 |
| | W.H.Maysmith | | 3.50 |
| | Acme Press Ltd. | | 14.50 |
| | B.C.Telephone Co.Ld. | | 7.50 |
| | C.P.R.Telegraphs | | 12.19 |
| | W.H.Maysmith | | 2.00 |
| | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | | 7.65 |
| | FIELD OPERATIONS. | | |
| | J.S.McArthur | | 22.00 |
| | C.P.R.Co | $17.50 | |
| | Ss.Cassiar | 5.00 | |
| | A.Jeffries | 5.50 | |
| | A.Paul | 4.50 | |
| | " | 2.50 | |
| | " | 2.50 | |
| | P.Byrne | 1.00 | |
| | J.Pirelough | 2.00 | |
| | S.W.Eastman | 2.00 | |
| | J.S.McArthur | 4.75 | 47.25 |
| | Cash in hand | | 43.35 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash in Bank,March 1, 1915.. | $9,637.61 |
| Less outstanding cheques W.H.Maysmith | 2.00 |
| | $9,635.61 |
| Cash in hand | 43.35 |
| Net credit | $9,678.96 |

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

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| | Office & Operation: | | |
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14,536.55

| | |
|---|---|
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Cash in bank March 1st 9.637.61
Less outstanding ck 2.00
9.635.61
Amt of Expenditure 4857.59
14493.20
Adv. & bal on hand 14.536.55
Amt. cash on Bank disbursements 14.493.20
43.35

Advance & petty bal — 14.536.55
Disbursements 4857.59
Bal to be acctd for — $9678.96

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA, B.C.

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TEL. [illegible]

APR. 6 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

30th. March, 1915

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of B. C. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. instant, (Your File No.59335/6), and return herewith, as requested, corrected Financial Statement for the month of February. The balance of cash in hand at the close of February should have been $43.35 instead of $42.35.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron
Secretary.

Enclosure.

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Abstract of Vouchers sent to the Department of Indian Affairs covering Disbursements for the month of March.

| No. | In Favour of | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 697 | Commission Pay List | $4695.00 |
| 698 | C. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 699 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 700 | J. S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| 701 | (Miss) A. O. Porritt | 62.00 |
| 702 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 703 | C. P. R. Telegraphs | 3.15 |
| 704 | Maysmith Auto Service | 5.00 |
| 705 | B. C. Telephone Co., Ltd. | 8.95 |
| 706 | Government Telegraph Service | 2.83 |
| 707 | Victoria P. O. | 5.00 |
| 708 | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 13.10 |
| 709 | C. H. Gibbons (Petty Cash) | 23.80 ~~24.00~~ |
| | | 5853.83 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT : MARCH, 1 9 1 5 :

| 1915 | REVENUE | | 1915 | EXPENDITURES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 1 | Cash in bank | $9,635.61 | March 31 | Commission pay list | $4,695.00 |
| | Deposit | 43.35 | | Salaries | |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| | | | | Miss A.Porritt | 62.00 |
| | | | | Office & Operation: | |
| | | | | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | | | C.P.R. Telegraphs | 3.15 |
| | | | | Maysmith Auto Service | 5.00 |
| | | | | B.C.Telephone Co. Ld. | 8.95 |
| | | | | Government Telegraphs | 2.83 |
| | | | | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| | | | | Victoria B. & S. Co. Ld. | 13.10 |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | ~~24.00~~ 23.80 |
| | | | | Cash in hand | 1.00 |
| | | 9,678.96 | | | 5853.83 |

March 31st, 1915

Bank balance ... $4,788.93
Outstanding Cheques
N. W. White $665.00
A. H. Green 300.00
net Bank balance ..... $3,823.93
Cash in hand ..... 1.00
Total available funds $3,824.93
20
3825.13

March 1915 Revenue $9678.96
" Expenditure 5853.83
Bal. to be acctd for - $3825.13
3825.13
4200.30

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT : MARCH, 1 9 1 5 :

| 1915 | REVENUE | | 1915 | EXPENDITURES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 1 | Cash in bank | $9,635.61 | March 31 | Commission pay list | $4,695.00 |
| | Deposit | 43.35 | | Salaries | |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons | 450.00 |
| | | | | A.H.Green | 300.00 |
| | | | | J.S.McArthur | 150.00 |
| | | | | Miss A.Perritt | 62.00 |
| | | | | Office & Operation: | |
| | | | | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | | | C.P.R. Telegraphs | 3.15 |
| | | | | Maysmith Auto Service | 5.00 |
| | | | | B.C.Telephone Co. Ld. | 8.95 |
| | | | | Government Telegraphs | 2.83 |
| | | | | Victoria P.O. | 5.00 |
| | | | | Victoria B. & S. Co. Ld. | 13.10 |
| | | | | C.H.Gibbons (P.C.) | 24.00 |
| | | | | Cash in hand | 1.00 |

**March 31st, 1915**

Bank balance ... $4,788.93
Outstanding Cheques
N. W. White $665.00
A. H. Green 300.00
net Bank balance ..... $3,823.93
Cash in hand ..... 1.00
Total available funds $3,824.93

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HEAD OFFICE,
TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada,

Victoria, B.C. 31 March, 1915.

The Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
City.

This is to certify that the balance at the credit of your account as on to-day's date amounts to four thousand seven hundred and eight-eight dollars and ninety-three cents, ($4788.93).

Manager.

pr. accountant

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA


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March 30th, 1915.

Acct

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

477807

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to transmit herewith financial statement and accounts of the Commission for the month of March, together with cancelled cheques and certificate of bank balance at the 1st. instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

Enclosure.


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To week

Ottawa, 7th April, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bergeron,

We have been expecting to hear from you in regard to the unaccounted for balance in your hands on the 31st December last, viz:- $375.17. Either vouchers covering this amount or your cheque should be forwarded forthwith, as it must be accounted for before the books of the fiscal year 1914-15 close at the end of the present month. In this connection I would refer you to the last paragraph of my letter of the 19th March last.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General
Of Indian Affairs.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary, Royal Commissioner on Indian Affairs,
For British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Abstract of Vouchers sent to the Department of Indian Affairs covering Disbursements for the Month of March.

| No. | In favor of | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 697 | Commission pay-list | 4695.00 |
| 698 | G. H. Gibbons | 450.00 |
| 699 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 700 | J. S. MacArthur | 150.00 |
| 701 | (Miss A. G. Perritt | 62.00 |
| 702 | Gross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 703 | C. P. R. Telegraphs | 3.15 |
| 704 | Maysmith Auto Service | 5.00 |
| 705 | B. C. Telephone Co., Ltd. | 8.95 |
| 706 | Government Telegraph Service | 2.83 |
| 707 | Victoria P. O. | 5.00 |
| 708 | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. | 13.10 |
| 709 | G. H. Gibbons (Petty Cash) | 23.80 |
| | | $5,853.83 |

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Ottawa, 7th April, 1915.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing financial statement and accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia for the month of March, and in reply have to point out that your Cash Balance at the end of that month should be $3,825.13, instead of $3,824.93 as shown in your statement, there being an error of 20¢ in the addition of Voucher No. 708 which amounts to $23.60, not $24.00.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

3825.13
375.17
4200.30

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Expenses of Commission during the month of March, 1916

as per statement and vouchers attached.....$5,853.85

Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:-

one-half..... $2,926.92

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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appropriations have been made upon the understanding that the Province of British Columbia would bear one-half of the expense and that refunds would be made promptly upon the presentation of accounts. ~~Unless this arrangement is adhered to this Department will be subject to embarrassment.~~

Yours faithfully,

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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To act

7th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting to $5,[illegible].92. These accounts conclude the expenditure during the fiscal year 1914-15 that ended on the 31st March last. In order, therefore, that it may be shown in the Public Accounts that half of the expense has been borne by the Province of British Columbia, may I ask that you will be good enough to forward a cheque for $2,[illegible].92 without delay so that it may be received here before the end of the present month and brought to account before the books of the fiscal year close.

I have also to refer you to my letter of the 23rd March last enclosing accounts for the month of February and asking that a cheque for $5,[illegible].92 be forwarded, also calling attention to the fact that your cheque for $11,457.52, covering accounts for the months of December and January had not been received. It is hoped that these cheques will be received without further delay. I may say that the Department is being much inconvenienced owing to these refunds not having been promptly made, as our appropriations

The Honourable,
The Minister of Finance & Agriculture,
Victoria, B. C.

2926.92
3476.80
11457.52
17861.04

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y CO.'S TELEGRAPH

# NIGHT LETTERGRAM

The Canadian Pacific R'y Co.'s Telegraph transmits and delivers this night lettergram subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

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Victoria, BC., Apl 21, 1915.

can C. Scott,

Depy Supt. Gen. Of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

perial Bank here has not yet been advised by
partment of the deposit which was to be made
the end of the session. Have no doubt matter
your memory. Manager of Bank has been very kind
nd we have overdrawn a large amount of
lease wire at once twenty thousand as promised.

J. G. H. Bergeron.

Please 14

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Ottawa, April 22, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose cheque for $20,000.00 and would ask you to kindly wire this amount to the credit of J. G. H. Bergeron with your branch at Victoria, B. C.

I also enclose blank telegraph form franked.

Your obedient servant,

~~Asst. Deputy & Secretary.~~

The Manager,
Imperial Bank of Canada,
Ottawa.

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OFFICE
TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada

Ottawa, Ont. April 22, 1915.

F. H. Paget, Esq.,
Accountant,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing cheque for $20,000, which amount has been transferred by wire to our Victoria Branch for credit of Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron.

Faithfully yours,

Manager.

H:C

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VICTORIA, B.C.

April 16th, 1915.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of the 7th instant received. The Auditor of our books is still at work on that amount of $375.17. As soon as I have official news I will let you know.

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Secretary.

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No.1

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

VICTORIA, April 16th.1915

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 20 1915

Duncan Scott,Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
O T T A W A.

478368

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th.instant enclosing statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting to $5,853.83 and asking for a cheque for one half of that amount viz.$2,926.92 being the Province's ~~one half~~ share in such expenditure. You also refer to your letter of 23rd. March last enclosing statements of previous expenditure one half of which amounts to $14,922.07 (and not $14,934.12 as stated by you) making a total of apparently $17,848.99 due your Department up to the 31st.March 1915.

In reply I beg to state that this Government is on record at Ottawa as objecting to the liability of the Province with regard to any share in the salary and expenses of Mr.J.G.H.Bergeron,Secretary of the Commission. Whilst having no objection personally to Mr.Bergeron it was felt at the time of his appointment that Mr.O.H.Gibbons,Assistant Secretary would practically perform the duties of Secretary and that the appointment of Mr.Bergeron to the position so far as British Columbia was concerned was superfluous . Under these circumstances I must object to the payment of any monies on Mr.Bergeron's account and this applies to previous statements in which the Secretary's payments were included and passed by the Audit Office in ignorance of the circumstances. The total amount already paid by the Province on account of honoraria and living allowance to Mr.Bergeron is $10,965.00 to which must be added the amount charged to the Province in the statement

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between November 1st.1914 and 31st.March 1915 this amounting to $2,265.00 making a total of $12,230.00. These figures do not include travelling expenses incurred by that gentleman. It will take considerable time to aggregate this particular expenditure but the amount can be settled at a later date when the figures are arrived at. Deducting the amount of $12,230.00 from your claim against the Province up to 31st.March last,$17,848.99 there will be a balance of $4,618.99 for which amount I am willing to authorize a cheque to issue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Ronser

MINISTER OF FINANCE.

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April 22nd. 1915.

MEMORANDUM

Hon. Dr. Roche -

I beg to enclose herewith copy of the Hon. W. J. Bowser's letter of the 16th. April, in which he refuses on behalf of the British Columbia Government to pay the salary and expenses of Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary of the Royal Commission.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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59,335-6A April 26, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 16th of April, with reference to the accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the province of British Columbia. I have conferred upon this matter with the Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and we think your proposed action is hardly justifiable, as the Commission has been in existence for nearly two years and moieties of the item objected to have been paid by your Government and the accounts closed.

It is noted that you say "that this Government is on record at Ottawa as objecting to the liability of the province with regard to any share in the salary and expenses of Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary of the Commission.". We do not find any trace of this record here, and I would take it as a favour if you would let me have copies of the communications

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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referred to. As it is necessary for us to close our books, I will be glad to receive a cheque for $4,618.99, which will be considered as part payment of the amount shown to be due by British Columbia until the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 28/4 1913

Pay Rec. Gen.l $ 3825-12
unexpended balance on hand
31st March, B.C. Land Commission

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No 5454

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 4.618.99 *Ottawa,* Apl. 28th 1915.

*RECEIVED from* Dept.

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Forty six hundred and eighteen ---- 99/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

189/15

VICTORIA April 22nd.1915

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A . Ont.

Sir.

Re Indian Commission

With further reference to my letter of the 16th. instant I beg to enclose Treasury Cheque No.38279 for $4,618.99 in settlement of accounts to the 31st.March 1915.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

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**Department of Indian Affairs.**

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British Columbia
Commission

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COPY.

VICTORIA, B. C. April 20th, 1913.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secy. Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Room 518, Belmont House,
City.

Sir:

On checking up your Petty Cash, and Check Stubs I find money all accounted for and checked out,- but on checking up statements sent to Ottawa there is a balance of $375.17 due the Dept. or there are some accounts that have been paid by Mr. Gibbons your assistant or some of the Commissions out of the monies you advanced them for which the sub-receipts or accounts have not been turned in, I have no doubt the error can be traced as soon as Mr. Gibbons is well enough to take the matter up, as by the statements I had, there is no way of telling by whom the a/cs were paid.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) H. N. Howard.

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April 22nd, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 22 1915

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General, of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

According to an understanding with the Honourable Mr. Casgrain, Post Master-General, who has been kind enough to offer me the position of Post Master in Montreal, which position will be vacant on the 1st of May next, I am leaving tomorrow for the East.

I have left a communication for the Chairman stating how everything stands in the office concerning my charge and I have asked the Manager of the Imperial Bank to accept the cheques signed by Mr. Commissioner Shaw, who is here, personally, until the Chairman returns from the Babine Agency when, I imagine, he will take charge of the finances himself.

I am very sorry that the matter of the $375. has not been settled before my departure. The Auditor of the Local Legislature, Mr. Howard, who has charge of looking after the matter wrote to me and I now enclose you a copy of his letter. He tells me that as soon as he can get the help of Mr. Gibbons, who is a

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present sick, he will surely discover the error.

I have issued requisitions for my passage and sleeping accommodation from here to Montreal and also on the boat and hope that you will approve of the same. I have also taken $75.00 for expenses on the way for which I will render you an account after my arrival home, and send you a cheque for the balance of money which may be left over. I will probably be in Ottawa shortly after my return and will see you.

Thanking you very much for your kindness and courtesy during the time that I have been acting here for your Department, and with kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

J. G. H. Bergeron

Enclosure.

Secretary.

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April 29th. 1915. 59335-6

Dear Mr. Bergeron,

I was very glad to learn from your letter of the 22nd. instant that you had been appointed Postmaster at Montreal. I hope that you will enjoy the work, and that you will have a long continuance of office.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 1 1915

I am sure that we will be able to adjust the differences in the Commission's accounts. Evidently the Auditor agrees with us that there is this discrepancy.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Montreal, Que.

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Refund made

3rd May, 1913.

Dear Sir,-

Referring to the first paragraph of your letter of the 16th ultimo in which you state that the accounts referred to in my letter of the 25th March last, namely, those for the months of Nov. December, January and February last, amount to $14,922.07 and not $14,934.12, I beg to say that I have caused an examination to be made of these accounts without finding the difference, viz:- $12.05. The amounts of the accounts rendered were as follows, viz:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| November Account..... | | $ 5,567.01 |
| December | " | 9,910.20 |
| January | " | 7,456.88 |
| February | " | 6,952.59 |
| | | $29,877.68 |
| LESS one-half | | 14,938.84 |
| | | $14,938.84 |
| LESS one-half rebate from G. F. R. on Tickets & credited in Nov. statement | | 4.72 |
| | | $14,934.12 |

7452.99

I shall be glad to hear from you as to how you arrive at the amount, viz:- $14,922.07.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General

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To Accd

16th May, 1915.

Dear Mr. White,-

Mr. Borgeron wrote me on the 16th of last month that the Auditor of your accounts was at work endeavoring to locate a shortage of $375.17 not accounted for up to the 31st December last, and that he would let me know the result. Will you, therefore, kindly advise me when this unaccounted for balance will be settled?

On the 31st December last all advances up to that time had been accounted for with the exception of $375.17 and vouchers for this sum had not been submitted. As pointed out to Mr. Borgeron either vouchers covering this amount should be submitted or the money refunded.

Since the 1st January last all advances have been accounted for satisfactorily and there only remains the amount above referred to as not having been accounted for, and the Auditor General will be demanding an accounting as the accounts for the fiscal year 1914-15 closed on the 10th instant.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Superintendent General

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VICTORIA, May 11th. 1915

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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Sir,

Re Vouchers Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd. instant I might state that the January vouchers amount to $7,432.78 and not $7,456.88 as stated. It would appear that the voucher for transportation $24.10 included in the December accounts has been also included in the January accounts. I notice that aon the bill itself payment was made on the 7th. January 1915 by cheque No. 2121. This may possibly account for the difference. I shall be pleased to hear from you in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance

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May 12th, 1915.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C., I beg to advise you that, in consequence of the Commission (in two parites) being engaged in field operations almost continuously during April, May and June, it is impossible to submit the accounts, vouchers and financial statement month by month for this period. Vouchers transmitted with cheques in payment of certain accounts in the Interior have not yet returned. Until they do the April accounts cannot be completed, and as I am myself leaving Monday on the tour of the Stuart Lake Agency, it will be necessary for the accounts to await our return, when the financial transactions of the quarter (April, May and June) will be dealt with.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
C. F. Wills
Secretary.

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C O P Y

Victoria, B. C. 19th, May, 1915.

Secretary, Royal Commission of Indian Affairs,
Room #518 Belmont Blk.,
City.

Sir:

An audit of the books and statements of Mr. Bergeron, does not disclose how the deficit of $375.17 has arisen, owing to the fact that no ledger accounts were kept of the Vouchers turned in on account of advances made to the Commissioners, Assistant Secretarys, etc.

The only way I can see that the error has been made is through refunds of balances of advances having been made and not having been deposited and the money probably used to pay other accounts.

If the Secretary's private book is available, you might possibly trace each account of advances, and refunds and in that way tell if each refund accounted for.

Yours truly,
(Signed) H. N. Howard.

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C O P Y

Victoria, B. C. April 22nd, 1915.

The Honourable N. W. White, Esq., K. C.,
Chairman, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. White:

As I am leaving tomorrow for Montreal and as it was understood before your departure, I desire to tell you of the shape in which the finances of the Commission stand today. I may say immediately that we have not received the deposit of $20,000. promised by the Deputy Minister some time ago. I am surprised as the House has adjourned some days and that the "Special Bill" has been sanctioned by the Governor-General. We owe the Imperial Bank here over $4,000. and I telegraphed yesterday to Mr. Scott asking for the deposit at once. I have shewn the telegram to Mr. Lay, Manager of the Bank, so that he would know that we have been using diligence. I expect the deposit every moment now.

All the salaries and living expenses of the Commissioners and myself have been paid for the month of April. The salary of Mr. McArthur has been paid and Mr. Gibbons has $50. yet to be paid to him. Miss Porritt has also been paid as well as the rent of the offices which only leaves a few small bills which do not amount to much.

I have not yet had the result of Mr. Howard's audit of our books although he told me by telephone that he had everything at hand. I am sorry that this has not been finished as I would have been glad to have it settled before leaving, but I am convinced that the accounts are correct and that the differences will be found so as to get the matter in a satisfactory

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condition.

I desire to offer you my sincere appreciation of your kindness and beg of you to convey the same to your colleagues for their courtesy towards me during the time that we have been working together.

Wishing you and all my kindest regards, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. G. H. Bergeron.

Secretary.

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May 19th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have brought to the attention of the Commission your letter of the 12th instant respecting "a shortage of $375.17 not accounted for up to December 31st last", and in which you ask me to advise you "when this unaccounted for balance will be settled."

In reply I have to say that all monies provided for the Commission by the Government of Canada were transmitted to Mr. Bergeron, the late Secretary, and in form payable to his order. The monies were placed by him in the local branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada drawable only upon cheques signed by him up to his leaving at the end of December 1914, when an arrangement was made with the Bank under which Mr. Commissioner Macdowall issued cheques during Mr. Bergeron's absence in the month of January, 1915, which absence was occasioned by a visit to Ottawa for the very purpose of adjusting differences (including this very $375.17) which had arisen between the accounting branch of your Department and himself as Treasurer of the Commission. Mr. Macdowall continued to sign cheques up to the 1st of February, when Mr. Bergeron resumed that duty. It will be observed that the discrepancy referred to occurred before Mr. Macdowall assumed the duty of signing cheques and while Mr. Bergeron was in entire and in absolute control of the finances.

On going through the file of the Commission, the first reference to this $375.17 is found in a letter addressed to you by Mr. Bergeron on the 27th February last, in the second paragraph of which he stated "that as for the unaccounted for balance of $375.17, which you mention in your letter of the 11th of February, my Assistant is looking over the accounts and I will let you know the result as soon as his work is done". Your letter of the 11th of February cannot be found and may possibly have been kept by Mr. Bergeron with books and papers which he treated as non-official. Mr. Gibbons, who is the Assistant referred to, is now with two of the Commissioners on his way to the Stuart Lake District and cannot be consulted with reference to the work he was doing in connection with tracing this discrepancy, and he will not be back until towards the end of July.

When, during my absence, Mr. Bergeron returned from his visit of last January to the Capital he reported verbally, I am informed, to the Commission that he had adjusted with you all outstanding financial questions. It was rather a surprise, therefore, when the matter of the $375.17 was touched upon again in your letter of the 19th of March last. Mr. Bergeron, being unable to account for the discrepancy, the services of Mr. Howard, the Assistant Auditor-General of the Province, were secured to that end. And on going through the file in the matter after the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant,

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it was discovered that Mr. Howard had, on the 20th ultimo, while the Commission was on field work, addressed a note to Mr. Bergeron a copy of which he enclosed to you in a letter addressed to you on the 22nd ultimo. The Commission found Mr. Howard's note quite unsatisfactory and not at all in the nature of such a report as was expected from him; and resents what might be construed as a reflection upon the Commissioners in the remark as to advances made to them. On each return of the Commission from field work the advances made by Mr. Bergeron for general expenses were promptly accounted for to his satisfaction. The advances were in each case but one made in the form of Travellers Cheques, the accounting for which, as you know, can be readily and easily made. On that occasion, a cheque book was taken and cheques issued, a method which also admitted of ready accounting for.

Upon reading the Assistant Auditor's note to Mr. Bergeron Mr. Howard was communicated with in the hope that he would furnish a report giving the details of his investigation and indicating in what month the sum of $375.17 was unaccounted for, or in what months sums making up that amount were unaccounted for; but I am sorry to say that the further note that we had received from Mr. Howard dated the 19th instant, a copy of which I enclose, is scarcely more satisfactory than the first. You will observe, however, that he states "that if the Secretary's private book is available it might be possible to trace each account of advances and refunds". Mr. Bergeron has left no private book of accounts here nor any papers or memoranda dealing with accounts. The Commission, before receiving Mr. Howard's note of the 19th instant, came to the conclusion that the only way in which the amount could be traced and a comprehensive audit made would be through an examination of such books and records as he may have kept and taken with him to Montreal, together with the bank book and cheques and vouchers which were transmitted to the Department.

For your information, there is also enclosed herewith a copy of a letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to me by Mr. Bergeron when he was about to leave Victoria to assume the postmastership at Montreal. You will observe that the reference therein to a difference in accounts is of such a nature as to lead to the conclusion that it was in the way of satisfactory adjustment.

I am to add that, as the Department of Indian Affairs entrusted Mr. Bergeron solely with the handling of the finances of the Commission the responsibility therefor during his term of office attaches to Mr. Bergeron and in no way attaches to the Commission or any member thereof; and that in the opinion of the Commission the matter of the $375.17 is one to be adjusted between your Department and Mr. Bergeron who is now in Montreal and quite easily accessible.

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The Commission has no doubt that Mr. Bergeron will be quite ready and willing to place at the use of the Department any books, papers or records which he may have that in any way deal with or touch upon the finances of the Commission, and to give all possible assistance in bringing about a satisfactory settlement of the difference arising between his accounts and the accounts of the Department. Mr. Bergeron always appeared to be fully seized with the responsibility placed upon him by the Department in entrusting him solely with the funds provided for carrying on the work of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman.

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Ottawa, Canada.

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June 16, 1915.

Dear Mr. White,-

Upon receipt of your letter of the 19th of May, with reference to the amount of $375.17 which is unaccounted for in the accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs by the late Secretary, I have to inform you that I wrote to him inclosing a copy of your letter. In reply Mr. Bergeron sent me his private bank-book, which, of course, is of no assistance in clearing up a matter of this kind; I have, therefore, returned it to him with a note stating that he is responsible and that he should correspond with Mr. Howard and endeavour to get the matter cleared up. It is evident that some vouchers for advances made have not come to hand; Mr. Bergeron should have opened personal accounts with each and every person who received an advance, debited him with the amount and should have credited that account with the vouchers for expenditure when received and with any cash refunded. Is it possible that he did not take

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this action, which is so essential when cash advances are being made?

Of course you will understand that I do not think for a moment that any of the Commissioners have failed to account for their advances. Our Accountant tells me that the other day he sent you all the paid cheques, and examination of these by Mr. Howard or some competent person should disclose what advances were made and it ought to be possible to trace the vouchers accounting for those advances.

The Dominion Auditor General is aware now of this discrepancy and is urging us to have it settled.

I am glad to see that you are having a rest at headquarters instead of an arduous trip in the rough northern country. I have made no plans for any extensive trip this year, in fact, I think I will be in Ottawa most of the summer.

With renewed regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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June 19, 1915.

Dear Mr. White,-

Since writing my note of the 16th instant I have decided to send you financial statements showing the total expenditure of the Royal Commission up to the 31st of December, 1914, with subsidiary statements; they show every voucher that was brought to account, and, where advances have been made for salary, the subsidiary accounts show the time covered.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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June 25th, 1915.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication enclosing financial statements showing the total expenditure of the Royal Commission up to the 31st of December last with subsidiary statements, and beg to thank you for the same.

Yours sincerely,

N. W. White
Chairman.

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July 7th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Scott:

By direction I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo with reference to the amount of $375.17 unaccounted for in connection with the financial operations of the Commission. The Commissioners note your statement that responsibility in connection therewith rests with Mr. Bergeron and that he has been so advised by you, with an intimation that he should communicate with Mr. Howard and endeavour to have this matter cleared up. The Commission has communicated with Mr. Howard and finds that he has not yet heard from Mr. Bergeron in the matter. Meantime, the Commission has the bank book and paid cheques forwarded by the Secretary of the Department on the 10th ultimo and is holding same for any examination which Mr. Howard may desire to make at the instance of Mr. Bergeron.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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May 25th, 1915.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Book 100 to 200 Supply of Sent to Commission 1/6/15

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to have forwarded a book of transport requisitions.

When the Commission leave on a tour of the Stikine Agency on the 30th instant they will need all the requisitions that are now in the book, namely, three.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

James McArthur
For Secretary.

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Dear Sir:-

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"Alameda" May 30th.

Your letter of the 17th inst.

Beg to advise that rooms 23-25 and 27 on the above steamer and sailing,are accepted by Messrs.D.H.McDowell-Dr.J.A. McKenna and Mr.J.S.McArthur.

We shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly prepare three round trip tickets ~~xxxxxxx~~ Victoria to Atlin, using G.T.Pacific steamer between Victoria and Seattle and C.P. R steamer on the return journey from Seattle to Victoria.B.C,also three tickets Seattle to Wrangel covering the extra accommodation.

We enclose Government Requisition No 140 drawn on the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa covering this business.This requisition should be forwarded by your Audit Office to the Dept. at Ottawa,when check will be forwarded you to cover.

It is impertatnt that the tickets should arrive in Victoria not later than Saturday morning.

If you prefer it,we will send the requisition to Ottawa ourselves. We have secured this business against the C.P.R and of course the C.P.R always accept a Government Requisition.

The rate is made up as follows:-

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| Seattle to ~~xxxx~~ Atlin and return .. | $105.00 |
| Victoria to Seattle & return ..... | 4.00 |
| Seattle to Wrangel ..... | 22.00 |
| War Tax ..... | 1.10 |
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Yours truly,
C.A.Solly

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Mr. Scott:

Mr. Bergeron has not accounted for the sum of money he drew at Victoria in April last, viz:- $75.00, to meet his expenses returning to Montreal, and it is about time we heard from him.

It might be advisable also to inform him that vouchers covering the amount unaccounted for on the 31st December last have not yet been received and that the Auditor at Victoria who has been at work on these accounts reports, through Mr. White, that he cannot find how it was expended and that the Department, of course, must hold him (Bergeron) accountable for it, and that his paid cheques cannot be accepted as vouchers and are useless to us as such, as the Auditor General will not accept them as vouchers and, therefore, they are of no value to us whatever. He must submit vouchers in the form of certified accounts corresponding to the amounts he drew out of the bank at Victoria by cheques. We have received such vouchers for all expenditure up to the 31st December last, excepting the sum of $375.17 and for this amount we are short of vouchers. Officials of the Auditor General's Department are asking for these vouchers or a refund of the amount, as the books of last fiscal year which ended on the 31st March last, show, after giving the Commission credit for all amounts expended, as per vouchers received, that there remains unaccounted for $375.17.

Mr. Bergeron seems to be under the impression that [illegible] he has produced the paid cheques showing that he has drawn out [illegible]

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bank the full amount advanced him by the Department, that he has accounted for the expenditure of this money and that his responsibility is at an end. I do not think that he should be allowed to remain under this impression, as until he has shown how every cent advanced to him was expended, by producing receipted accounts or vouchers, he will not have accounted for the money advanced him.

I understand Mr. White, in his last letter, requested that the paid cheques and bank book which Mr. Bergeron sent the Department be returned for the information of the Auditor who was examining the accounts. We can send these if you approve.

Accountant.

Ottawa, June 10, 1918.

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Ottawa, June 10, 1915.

Sir,-

I am directed to forward to you, under separate cover, the paid cheques received from Mr. Bergeron, together with bank book.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Office of The Auditor General,
Canada.

Ottawa, June 7, 1915.

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Sir,-

Voucher No. 454, in support of the expenditure at Victoria of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, is for a payment of $3625 to Maysmith & Elmer for 29 days' services of motor cars at $125 a day. This is all the information that is given on the voucher. I have, however, to ask for further information in regard to this payment, which I presume is in connection with a visit by motor car to various Indian reserves. I should like to have a statement showing the number of cars used on this trip, the number of persons in the party, the dates of leaving Victoria and of returning thereto, as well as a statement showing the various reserves visited. I notice from a letter of the Secretary's that during the season of 1915 the contract made with W.H. Maysmith provided for the use of 5 cars at the rate of $100 a day for the three.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Return to accl

Ottawa, June 11, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter which has been received from the Auditor General relative to Voucher No. 454 for a payment of $3625.00 to Messrs. Maysmith & Elmer for motor car service, and have to request that you will kindly furnish the Department with the information required by the Auditor General in regard to this payment.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W. M. White, Esq.,

Chairman,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 506A

June 7th, 1915.

480388

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Messrs. Shaw and Carmichael with Mr. Gibbons left here on the 17th of May to complete the field work in the Stuart Lake Agency.

Mr. Macdowall, Dr. McKenna and Mr. McArthur left on the 30th of May for the Stikine Agency.

The former will probably be back by the 10th of July and the latter on the 1st of July.

At the close of this month we will require additional money and I would suggest that you should send us about ten thousand ($10,000.) dollars.

Trusting this will meet your views, I am,

Yours very truly,

N. W. White
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 22 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

June 17th, 1915.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

480671

Rec'd

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th instant (Your File No. 59335-6) relative to voucher No. 454 for a payment of $3625.00 to Messrs. Maysmith and Elmer for motor car service, and in reply to say that a further statement will be sent you upon the return of the Commissioners to Victoria from field activities.

Your obedient servant,

N. White
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 22 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

June 17th, 1915.

J. D. McLean, Es q.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant (Your File No. 59335-6A); also the receipt, under separate cover, of paid cheques together with bank book forwarded to you by Mr. Bergeron.

Your obedient servant,

N. W. White
Chairman.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606A

July 9th, 1915.

Asst

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

401186

Sir:

With reference to the financial operations of the Commission since the close of the fiscal year, (our last balance sheet, statement and vouchers having been forwarded up to March 31st Last) and referring to ours to you of the 12th May last, I beg to state that inasmuch as field operations are still in progress, and this work necessarily over-laps in April, May, June and July, the same situation presents itself now as when our letter of the 12th May was written.

July field work will, however, be completed and all members of the Commission will have returned to Victoria by the end of the present month; and statement, vouchers and bank certificate will then be forwarded which will more systemically and satisfactorily cover the financial operations to that date than would otherwise be possible.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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**STATEMENT:** RE MOTOR CAR SERVICE AND PAYMENTS THEREON

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.,

In account with

Maysmith & Elmer, Contractors.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug. 5 - | To service as per contract. | |
| | 4 cars, 3 weeks @ $875.00 per week | $2625.00 |
| | 3 " , 2 days @ 93.75 " day | 187.50 |
| | | $2812.50 |

CREDIT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| July 10 - | By cash per J. G. H. Bergeron: | |
| | J. Elmer..... | 437.50 |
| | W. H. Maysmith..... | 202.50 |
| | C. H. Gibbons..... | 235.00 |
| | Per C. H. Gibbons: | |
| | J. Elmer, at Ashcroft..... | 5.00 |
| | J. Elmer, paid Hotel at Dog Creek for Elmer & Courtenay..... | 5.00 |
| | J. Elmer, at Bechers..... | 10.00 |
| | J. Elmer, per N.W.W. and repaid to him..... | 10.00 |
| | J. Elmer, at 150 Mile House..... | 6.00 |
| | J. Elmer, 14 cs. gasoline @ $2.75..... | 38.50 |
| | J. Elmer, 3 1/2 cs. " @ $7.12..... | 24.92 |
| | J. Elmer, proportional share loss on shipment gasoline..... | 36.12 |
| | J. Elmer, at Quesnel..... | 315.00 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, at 150 Mile House..... | 5.00 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, 4 1/2 cs. gasoline @ $2.75... | 12.38 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, 2 1/2 cs. " $7.12... | 17.80 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, proportional share loss..... | 18.06 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, at Quesnel..... | 100.00 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, 1 tin gasoline at $3.75..... | 3.75 |
| | W. H. Maysmith, ½ tin oil..... | 2.50 |
| | C. H. Gibbons (for W.H.M.), 5 ½ cs. gasoline @ $2.75..... | 15.12 |
| | C. H. Gibbons, ½ tin oil..... | 2.50 |
| | C. H. Gibbons, proportion of loss gasoline shipment..... | 18.06 |
| | C. H. Gibbons, paid expressage at 150 Mile House..... | 18.32 |
| | C. H. Gibbons..... | 210.97 |
| | | $1750.00 |

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## Expenditures by J. Elmer, on Motor Contract:

| | |
|---|---|
| Extra parts provided to assure against delays; $315.00 less 25%..... | $ 236.25 |
| " tires " " ; 425.00 Less 25%..... | 318.75 |
| Freight on cars, Victoria-Ashcroft and return..... | 194.50 |
| Wages, P. Courtney..... | 100.00 |
| Board & Lodging, Elmer and Courtney..... | 145.00 |
| Gasoline, 63.42; oil, 10.00; proportion loss on gasoline 36.12..... | 109.54 |
| Shipping blocks, rope shovels, axes, etc..... | 54.00 |
| Grease..... | 3.00 |
| Rent of substitute cars and dead business costs, Victoria..... | 75.00 |
| Depreciation @ 5% on $6,000.00..... | 300.00 |
| | $1536.04 |

## Expenditures by W. H. Maysmith on Motor Contract:

On Studebaker Car;

| | |
|---|---|
| Extra parts provided to assure against delays: $254.00 less 25%..... | 190.50 |
| General overhauling of car for trip..... | 115.00 |
| Extra tires provided to assure against delays: $125.00. Less 25%..... | 93.75 |
| Freight on car, Ashcroft-Victoria and return..... | 103.62 |
| Share of wages, Mechanician Louis Morris..... | 57.90 |
| Gasoline: 33.93, oil 2.50, proportion loss on gasoline 18.05..... | 54.48 |
| Board, lodging and personal expenses..... | 100.00 |
| Rent substitute car & dead business charges, Victoria.. | 40.00 |
| Depreciation @ 5% on $1600.00..... | 80.00 |
| | $ 835.25 |

On Apperson Car:

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|---|---|
| Overhaul in preparation for trip, Metropolitan Garage.. | 95.10 |
| Installation electric lighting system, Jamieson & R.... | 119.85 |
| Extra tires: Tait T. Co. 161.60, 35.50, less 25%..... | 147.84 |
| Assembling at Ashcroft; L.Morris, 15.00; C.Kean, 10.00. | 25.00 |
| Freight; Victoria-Ashcroft and return..... | 103.62 |
| Gasoline; 15.12; 2.75; 3.25; oil 2.50..... | 23.62 |
| Proportion loss on gasoline..... | 18.06 |
| Expressage gaso. 70 Mile to 150 Mile House..... | 18.32 |
| Telegrams..... | 21.45 |
| Proportional share wages etc. mechanician Morris..... | 57.90 |
| Expenses bringing car to 70 Mile after accident..... | 25.00 |
| New parts, duty and expressage..... | 55.10 |
| Chains..... | 19.50 |
| Emergency parts and extra equipment..... | 23.00 |
| D. D. Yuill, relief Cariboo Road..... | 35.00 |
| Depreciation at 5% on $2500.00..... | 125.00 |
| | $ 913.36 |

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COPY

Victoria, B. C., August 10th, 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., K.C.,
Secretary and Solicitor,
Royal Com'n on Indian Affairs for B.C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

Re. Motor Car Contract for Cariboo Tour:

The undersigned in connection with their contract with the Commission dated the 26th June, 1914, beg to enclose herewith statement of account for services rendered until the suspension by the Commission of its field activities at Spences Bridge.

By a second statement also attached hereto, the Commission will see that the contractors have -- without making any allowance for wages or remuneration of any sort for themselves, and placing depreciation at the very low rate of 5% -- sustained an actual money loss of something over $1,000.00.

We would most respectfully beg to point out in this connection that our tender for this service and the resultant contract were based upon the assumption by the Commission as well as by ourselves that at least five weeks' use of cars would be entailed. The route was laid out and its general conditions described by the Commission as a basis of tender, and the quoted price was made upon the understanding that five weeks' engagement was involved. For a lesser period the undersigned could not have made the expenditures upon their cars that were necessitated and tendered at the figure quoted. Nor, had it been known that the tour would necessarily be curtailed, would moneys have been expended by the contractors for extra parts, tires, chains, ropes, tools, etc., not normally required and which must now remain on their hands a dead loss.

Nor would gasoline have been purchased and shipped to that portion of the Stuart Lake Agency originally proposed to be traversed in which no gasoline stocks are carried, this gasoline being subsequently sold at Quesnel at an unavoidable heavy cash loss.

The fact that service began and terminated at Ashcroft, it may further be mentioned, deprived the contractors of the use of their cars for upwards of ten days and therefore lost to the owners the normal earnings of these cars for such period, in addition to the heavy actual cash loss recorded.

In view of the foregoing circumstances and of the fact that the curtailment of the trip as originally planned resulted through circumstances for which the undersigned can in no way be held responsible, we would most respectfully suggest that the Commission, in equity, allow the amount of one week's additional rental (splitting the difference between the actual time of service and the minimum expected length of the service), which, while it would not be any means compensate for actual loss, would at the same time appreciably reduce the serious deficit now faced.

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We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Maysmith & Elmer

W. H. Maysmith.

J. Elmer.

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DEPARTMENT OF IN[illegible] JUL 16 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 509

Rect

July 9th, 1915.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

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Re. Motor Car Service covered by Voucher No. 454:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo (Your File 59335-6) re payment to Messrs. Maysmith & Elmer under our Voucher No. 454, with enclosure of letter from the Auditor-General dated the 7th June ultimo, contents of which are noted.

In reply to the inquiries contained in the letter of the Auditor-General above referred to, I beg to say that the service for which payment was made under Voucher No. 454 was for transport requisite to the visitation by the Commission of reserves of the Williams Lake Agency, as well as of certain reserves in the Stuart Lake and Kamloops Agencies.

The sections of country visited are remote from centers of population, and transportation facilities thereto and therein must, more especially in the case of a large party, be arranged for in advance.

The Commission found it necessary to utilize four motor cars for the work; and, tenders being obtained for the supply thereof, the lowest of such tenders was accepted, viz, that of Messrs Maysmith & Elmer. A contract had formerly been in effect between the Commission and Mr. Maysmith for the supply of three cars when required in connection with the work of the Commission, at a per diem rate of $100.00. For the visitations in the Cariboo country a fourth car was found to be imperatively necessary; and inasmuch as Mr. Maysmith could not supply such fourth car, a special contract was entered into with Messrs. Maysmith and Elmer, each of these contractors providing two cars. One car was required for the carriage of the baggage, gasoline, spare parts, etc, imperative for the avoidance of delays in sections of country remote from bases of supply.

The four cars secured under the contract were engaged in the work of the Commission from the 12th July to the 7th August, inclusive, and during the tour carried the five members of the Commission, the Assistant Secretary, one stenographer, the Inspector of Indian Agencies, the Agent of the Department, an Interpreter (for a portion of the tour) and the four chauffeurs in charge of the cars.

The original intention had been to perform the field work in connection with a considerable part of the Stuart Lake Agency with the cars, upon completion of visitations in the Williams Lake Agency, but it was found upon arrival at Quesnel that recent and unusually heavy rains had made the new roads north of Quesnel impassable; and hence compelled the abandonment of part of the proposed work in the Stuart Lake Agency.

The contract was made on the understanding that the cars contracted for would be required in the service of the

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Commission for at least five weeks, but because of road conditions aforesaid the cars were used only twenty-seven actual days.

On the return to Victoria, Messrs Maysmith & Elmer wrote the Commission (a copy of their letter is attached hereto) asking that one week's rental in addition to actual time be allowed. The Commissioners were seized with the reasonableness of the claim of the contractors as stated in their aforementioned letter that, their offer being based on a minimum time limit, the considerable shortening of the period entitled them to a payment beyond that for the actual days the cars were used on the road. Cars were some days at Ashcroft in advance of the arrival of the Commission and some days after the completion of the field work, awaiting facilities of shipment to Vancouver.

Carefully considering all the circumstances, the Commission judged that in fairness an adjustment should be made that would in some degree meet the loss occasioned to the contractors by the shortening of the period contracted for, and considered that two days at the least should be allowed of the time the cars were held at Ashcroft, and consequently paid the contractors for twenty-nine days' service.

Trusting that this information will meet the requirements of the Auditor-General,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Cobbett
Secretary.

Enclosure

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July 20, 1918.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 7th June last, respecting the payment by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs at Victoria for motor cars, I now enclose for your information copy of a communication received from the Secretary of the Commission in regard thereto.

Your obedient servant,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,

Ottawa.

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Telegraph Creek,

July, 27th 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 29 1915

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Sir,

I beg to submit an account together with Duplicate Vouchers from Mrs M.J. Mc Donald of Atlin for Payments made to four of the head men of the Teslin Band who came in to Atlin to meet the Commissioners, I was Instructed by Mr Tyson and the Commissioners to pay these men for making the trip in from Teslin, no specified sum being mentioned I kept it as low as possible.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Scott. Simpson

Indian Agent,

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Acct July 28/15

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY
MONTREAL, CANADA

W[redacted]DLEY,
[redacted]OR,
Comptroller

July 27th, 1915.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 29 1915

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The Treasurer
Of The Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith please find our bill collectible No. 30977 for use of private car No. 4107 from April 14th to April 28th, 1915, by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, $150.00, as per requisition No. 102-A of Chairman N. W. White attached thereto. Kindly forward cheque in payment thereof to our Treasurer, and oblige,

Yours truly,

Encl.

Comptroller.

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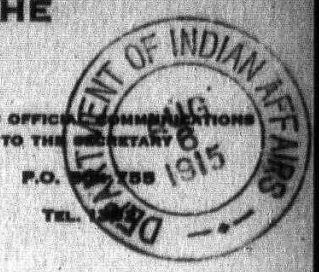


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VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

Acct

July 31st, 1915

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs, 482013
OTTAWA, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith Financial Statement, Balance Sheet, Paid Vouchers and certificate of credit balance in bank at this date, this return covering the period from April 1st last to July 31st instant, inclusive, which I trust will be found satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
C. Malcolme
Secretary.

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Imperial Bank of Canada,

Victoria, B.C.

July 31st., 1915.

The Royal Commission of Indian Affairs in B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs,

I beg herewith to certify the amount standing to the credit of yourselves as on the above date as:-$7721.52. (Seventy seven hundred and twenty one dollars and fifty two cents).

Yours faithfully,

Pro Manager.

Pro.Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Financial Statement: April, May, June, July

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## REVENUE

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|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | |
| April 1 - | Cash in Bank $4,789.93 less outstanding cheques N.W.White $665.00 and Ashdown H. Green $300.00 -- $965.00 ..... | $ 3,823.93 |
| " 1 - | Cash in hand ..... | 1.00 |
| | Refunded on account of error in Voucher 709 . | .20 |
| " 23 - | Deposit cheque Department Indian Affairs | 20,000.00 |
| June 24 - | " " " " " | 10,000.00 |
| | | $ 33,825.13 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Voucher | 710 | Pay list, April ..... | $ 4,950.00 |
| | 711 | C.H.Gibbons, salary April ..... | 450.00 |
| | 712 | Ashdown H. Green, salary April .. | 300.00 |
| | 713 | J. S. McArthur, salary April .... | 150.00 |
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| | 715 | Cross & Co., rent April ..... | 135.00 |
| | 716 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements | 13.00 |
| | 717 | Victoria P.O., stamps ..... | 5.00 |
| | 718 | Victoria B & S Co., stationery .. | 31.90 |
| | 719 | Victoria P.O., stamps ..... | 7.00 |
| | 720 | B.C. Telephone Co., service April | 8.55 |
| | 721 | Victoria P.O., box rent ..... | 6.00 |
| | 722 | N.W.White, petty disbursements .. | 3.75 |
| | 723 | United Typewriter Co., adjust'ts | 7.25 |
| | 724 | C.P.R. Telegraphs, service Mch. | 4.04 |
| | 725 | Brown, photographer, prints ..... | 19.50 |
| | 726 | H.W.Brown & Co., films ..... | 4.80 |
| | 727 | Shortt, Hill & Duncan, care clocks | 3.00 |
| | 728 | Maysmith Auto Service, transport | 5.50 |
| | 729 | Northern Lumber Co., storage .... | 27.23 |
| | 730 | C.H.Smith & Co., prints ..... | 13.85 |
| | 731 | Victoria B & S Co., stationery .. | 11.85 |
| | 732 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements | 1.50 |
| | 733 | C.H.Gibbons, revenue stamps paid | 1.00 |
| | 734 | Hotel Prince Rupert, accommodat'n | 9.00 |
| | 735 | Hotel Prince Rupert, " and transport | 8.00 |
| | 736 | J.A.Sampare, interpreting ..... | 2.50 |
| | 737 | Jack Joseph, " ..... | 5.00 |
| | 738 | Lame Michel, transport ..... | 17.50 |
| | 739 | George Moore, interpreting ..... | 2.50 |
| | 740 | Donald Grey, " ..... | 2.50 |
| | 741 | Walter Wright, canoe transport .. | 5.00 |
| | 742 | George Moore, interpreting ..... | 2.50 |
| | 743 | George Moore, " ..... | 2.50 |
| | 744 | Robert Tomlinson, interpreting .. | 2.50 |
| | 745 | George Moore, interpreting ..... | 2.50 |
| | 746 | George Moore, " ..... | 2.50 |
| | 747 | Miss Celia A. Stuart, interpret'g | 2.50 |
| | 748 | J.S.McArthur, petty disbursements | 16.25 |
| | 749 | J.S.McArthur, " " | 18.85 |
| | 750 | Ruddy & Mackay, transport ..... | 135.00 |
| | 751 | Robert Brown, interpreting ..... | 2.50 |
| | 752 | Emile Williams, " ..... | 5.00 |
| | 753 | Hazelton Hotel, accommodation ... | 9.25 |
| | 754 | C.W.Poole, launch hire ..... | 10.00 |
| | 755 | J.S.McArthur, petty disbursements | 29.20 |
| | 756 | Cross & Co., rent May ..... | 135.00 |
| | 757 | Imperial Bank of Canada, exchange | 2.70 |
| | 758 | J.G.H.Bergeron, petty disbursem's | 23.05 |
| | 759 | H.N.Howard, special assistance | 25.00 |
| | 760 | Victoria B & S Co., supplies .... | 19.85 |
| | 761 | B.C.Telephone Co., service May .. | 7.50 |
| | 762 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements | 11.50 |
| | 763 | Imperial Bank of Canada, interest on overdraft ... | 10.15 |
| | 764 | J.P.Corfield, wages as axeman ... | 108.00 |
| | 765 | A.R.Ashby, wages ..... | 144.00 |
| | 766 | Ashdown H. Green, petty disburs'ts | 191.90 |
| | 767 | C.P.R. Telegraphs, service April | 29.11 |
| | 768 | Victoria P.O., stamps ..... | 5.00 |
| | 769 | H.W.Brown & Co., developing etc | 15.00 |
| | 770 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements | 4.50 |
| | 771 | Maysmith Auto Service, transport | 8.00 |
| | 772 | Owen Hartley, transport ..... | 2.00 |
| | 773 | Fred. Blizzard , " ..... | 3.00 |
| | 774 | Victoria B & S Co., stationery | 4.00 |
| | 775 | Victoria P.O., stamps ..... | 3.00 |
| | 776 | J.S.McArthur, salary June ..... | 150.00 |
| | 777 | Shortt, Hill & Co., care clocks | 1.00 |
| | 778 | Maysmith Auto Service, transport | 8.00 |
| | 779 | B.C.Telephone Co., service June | 10.00 |
| | 780 | Cross & Co., rent June ..... | 135.00 |
| | 781 | Comnr. J.P.Shaw, disbursements in connection with field operations Stuart Lake Agency, May 17 to July 1, as per receipts and receipted invoices attached .. | 2568.10 |
| | 782 | J.P.Shaw, petty disbursements | 26.20 |
| | 783 | C.H.Gibbons, " " .. | 105.36 |
| | 784 | Pay list for May ..... | 4635.00 |
| | 785 | Ashdown H. Green, salary May . | 300.00 |
| | 786 | J.S.McArthur, salary May ..... | 150.00 |
| | 787 | Miss A.Porritt, salary May ... | 62.00 |
| | 788 | Pay list, for June ..... | 4500.00 |
| | 789 | Ashdown H. Green, salary June | 300.00 |
| | 790 | Miss A.Porritt, salary June .. | 60.00 |
| | 791 | Pay list, for July ..... | 4635.00 |
| | 792 | Ashdown H. Green, salary July | 300.00 |
| | 793 | J.S.McArthur, salary July .... | 150.00 |
| | 794 | Miss A. Porritt, salary July | 62.00 |
| | 795 | Cross & Co., rent July ..... | 135.00 |
| | 796 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements | 47.72 |
| | 797 | Pullen House, accommodation .. | 10.50 |
| | 798 | Louis Schultz, " | 22.25 |
| | 799 | Louis Schultz, transport ..... | 16.00 |
| | 800 | Pacific Coast Ss. Co., transp't | 60.00 |
| | 801 | Pullen House, accommodation .. | 11.00 |
| | 802 | White Pass & Yukon Route, hire steamer Scotia ..... | 30.00 |
| | 803 | Hudson's Bay Co., accommodat'n | 13.50 |
| | 804 | Caribou Hotel, accommodation | 6.25 |
| | 805 | Pacific Coast Ss. Co., transp't | 30.00 |
| | 806 | C.P.R. Company, transport .... | 65.00 |
| | 807 | Hotel Wrangel, accommodation | 7.25 |
| | 808 | Edgar Sidney, interpreting ... | 2.50 |
| | 809 | Edgar Sidney, " ... | 5.00 |
| | 810 | Packer Tommie, " ... | 2.50 |
| | 811 | Hotel Wrangel, accommodation | 5.00 |
| | 812 | Hotel Stevens, " | 7.45 |
| | 813 | J.S.McArthur, petty disbursements | 51.95 |
| | 814 | C.H.Gibbons, " | 76.75 |
| | 814a | C.H.Gibbons, " | 2.00 |
| | 814b | C.H.Gibbons, " | 1.50 |
| | 815 | Northern Hotel, accommodation | 10.50 |
| | 816 | Ruddy & Mackay, transport ..... | 40.00 |
| | 817 | Hotel Prince Rupert, accommodation | 11.80 |
| | 818 | J.S.McArthur, transport ..... | 1.50 |
| | 819 | Imperial Bank of Canada, exchange | 8.00 |
| | | Cash in Bank as per certificate | 7721.52 |
| | | | $ 33,825.13 |

$ 33,825.13

Certified Correct
E. & O. E.
C. H. Gibbons
Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq. D.

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1915.

July 31, To salary as Commissioner during the months, April, May, June and July, 1915, at $6,000.00 per annum.....$1,333.33

Certified Correct,

J. W. Paget

Accountant.

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Dept. Indian affairs British Columbia

Stikine, Bla. Agency

To Mr. M. J. McDonald. Atlin.

1915
June 20.

To cash paid Indians of Teslin Band. for trip up to Atlin to meet Commissioner

These payments were made under instructions from the Inspector & Commissioner

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John Tom | Each | 10 00 |
| Tom Kooklah | " | 10 00 |
| Chief Billy Johnson | " | 10 00 |
| Jackoo Billy | " | 10 00 |
| | | 40 00 |

CK. 1089.
Sent July 28/15.

I hereby certify that this Vch is correct &c. &c.

(Sgd) W. Scott Simpson
Indian Agent

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6B)

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No. 141 Copy Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Port Simpson Ry. from Wrangell to

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transportation, Royal Commission on Indian affairs in B.C. from Wrangell Alaska to Telegraph Creek B.C. & return (One hundred & eighty-seven, 45/100 dollars) | | | #187 | 45 |

Service

On account of

Payable at Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Date issued June 8th 1915.

For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C. (Sgd) A. W. Vert
Inspector of Indian Agencies.
Chairman

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6B)

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The Hudson's Bay Co.:

Victoria, B.C. June 14. 1915.

Dept. Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Transportation account = $187.45

Dear Sirs,

Herewith - I beg to enclose requisition No. 141. covering transportation of the Royal Commission on Indian affairs in British Columbia from Wrangell. Alaska, to Telegraph Creek B.C. and return amounting to 187.45. A cheque in settlement will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully.

(Sgd.) C. H. French.
District Manager.
per J. B. M.

CK. 648
sent June 23. 1915

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Form 20—2m—2-14—N&N

Alaska Steamship Co.

6 00 Hauling May 20 1915

Received of **ALASKA STEAMSHIP CO.**

Six and [illegible] 100 DOLLARS

Three trips. Helping to haul

Farm 6 # 918-9-20

Agency Order

Indian Department

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6B)

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No. 140 Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Alaska S.S. Co ~~Ry.~~ from Victoria to Atlin & return

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Two (2) Commissioners<br>One (1) Secretary<br>From Victoria to Wrangle thence<br>Skagway thence by White Pass & Yukon<br>Ry & lake boat to Atlin & return to Victoria | | $132.10 | 396 | 30 |

Service

On account of

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Date issued 25 May 1915

For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.
(Sgd) A. W. Vowell
Chairman & Commissioner

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Form H No. 5M 11-14

BILL NO.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, B. C.

# TO ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, DR.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON May 28, 1915. 191

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | For transportation Victoria to Atlin, Alaska, furnished D. H. McDowell, Dr. J. A. McKenna and Mr. J. S. McArthur ex SS Alameda | | | | 395 00 |

B6

Owl

46 Send June 8/15

AUDITOR

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Acct. Dept. 377.04

Vch. No. 1584/3/15.

Dominion Government.
Dept. Indian affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Ry Co. Dr.

1915

Mar. 15 - #697. Ottawa & Victoria one at. T.R. $71.50
One Compartment 46.50

$118.00

Ck. 148.
sent. Mar. 6/15.

Correct
W.R.
Montreal. Apr. 26/15

Audited.
W. J. Moule.
Auditor of Disbursements

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Dominion Government
Dept. Indian affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Acct Dept. No. 378701
Vch. No. 2421/4/15

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Victoria to Montreal - | One 1st cl. single | 73.55 |
| | One Drawing room | 60.00 |
| | | $133.55 |

CK. 391

Correct.
W.R.S.

Audited
W. J. Moule.
Auditing Disbursements

Montreal May 20. 1915.

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Dominion Government.
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Acct' Dept. 378702
Tch. No. 2428/4/15

Dr. to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Dr.

1915

Apr. 23 - Victoria to Vancouver - One room. $2.00

Correct
W.R.S.

Audited
(Sgd) W. J. Moule,
Auditor of Disbursements

Montreal. May 20. 1915

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(Form 2121)

When Remitting Please Refer to No. 30977

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

for The Province of British Columbia.

1219-6

To GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. Dr.

Remit to FRANK SCOTT, Treasurer, Montreal.

For further information address W. H. ARDLEY, Comptroller, Montreal.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1915 April | For Use of Private Car No. 4107 from April 14th to April 28yh, 1915, as follows:- | |
| | Car No. 4107 15 days @ $10.00 per day | $150 00 |
| | MOUNTAIN DIVISION | |
| | CREDIT:- Const. A/C 38. Opr. A/c 114. | |

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

EXAMINED AND AUDITED:

APPROVED:

Comptroller.

Vice-Prest. & General Manager.

APPROVED:

PER

Auditor of Disbursements.

President.

Received Payment:

Treasurer.

MONTREAL, 19

(F 10-14)

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The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

For The Province of British Columbia.

(Form 2121)

When Remitting Please Refer to No. 30977

1219-5 To GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. Dr.

Remit to FRANK SCOTT, Treasurer, Montreal.

For further information address W. H. ARDLEY, Comptroller, Montreal.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1915 April | For Use of Private Car No. 4107 from April 14th to April 28yh, 1915, as follows:- | |
| | Car No. 4107 15 days @ $10.00 per day | $150 00 |
| | MOUNTAIN DIVISION | |
| | CREDIT:- Const. A/C 38. Opr. A/c 114. | |

I hereby certify the above to be correct.

Approved:

Examined and Audited:

Comptroller.

Per

Auditor of Disbursements.

Approved:

Vice-Prest. & General Manager.

President.

Received Payment:

Montreal, 19

Treasurer.

(F 10-14)

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7783, File 27150-3-6B)

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ck 1113 sent July 31/15

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APPROVED:

EXAMINED AND AUDITED:

Comptroller.

APPROVED:

Vice-Prest. & General Manager.

PER

Auditor of Disbursements.

President.

Received Payment:

MONTREAL, 19

Treasurer.

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Dept. Indian affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

To Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Ltd. Dr.
Vancouver. B. C.

1915

May 12. For value of the following tickets issued by Prince Rupert agent. period ending April 30. destination Victoria in exchange. Requisition attached.

| Form | No. | No. Passengers. | Rate | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 18.00 | 90.00 |
| 30 | 2112 - 2117 | 5 | | 15.00 |
| 103 P. | 423 | 1 with berth | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| 103 P. | 425 - 427 | 2 | | |
| | | | | 125.00 |

CK. No. 390

Credit.

Ticket suspense Prince Rupert. April 1915.

Approved.

(Sgd) C. H. Nicholson

I hereby certify the above to be correct.
(Sgd) A. Cotter.

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No. ..... Vote No. .....

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. from Victoria to Prince Rupert

| FOR | | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | AMOUNT c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| One Chairman | 1 | | 27 00 | 27 | 00 |
| Three Commissioners | 4 | | 18 00 | 72 | 00 |
| | Berth rooms | | 15 00 | 30 | 00 |
| One Secretary | 2 | 2 | 10 00 | 20 | 00 |
| | | | | $ 149 | 00 |

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Service For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

On account of

Payable at Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

8th April 1915

(Sgd) J. H. Benson
Secy.
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Ref. No. 3633.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

To Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Ltd., DR.
Vancouver, B. C.

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May 18, Value of the following tickets issued by Victoria G.P.A. period ending May 14, 1915, in exchange for requisition attached.

| Form | No. | From | To | Rate | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22-1 | 68 | Victoria | Burns Lake | $30.70 | 30.70 |
| 22-6 | 69-72 | " | " | 30.70 | 92.10 |
| 102 P | 574-576 | " | Pr. Rupert | 15.00 | 30.00 |
| " | 576 | " | " | 10.00 | 10.00 $162.80 |

GR.

Ticks Susp. Victoria G.P.A. May/15 $162.80.

4 30
sent June 2/15

Approved, (Sgd) G.H. Nicholson,

Manager.

I hereby certify the above to be correct,

(Sgd) A. Cotter.

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C O P Y.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

To GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, DR.

Vancouver, B. C.

1915.

July 23, Value of the following transportation issued by Prince Rupert Agent, period ending July 7, 1915, in exchange for requisition attached.

| From | To | Form | No. | Rate | Amount. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fort Fraser | Pr. Rupert | 1 | 134076-78 | 14.90 | 29.80 | |
| Vanderhoof | " | 1 | 134078 | 15.90 | 15.90 | |
| Pr. Rupert | Victoria | 30 | 3074-78 | 18.00 | 72.00 | |
| " | " | 102P | 495-496 | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| " | " | 102P | 496-498 | 15.00 | 30.00 | $157.70 |

CR.

Tick. Susp. Pr. Rupert July 1915. $157.70.

I hereby certify the above to be correct,
(Sgd) A. Cotter.

Approved,

(Sgd) C.H. Nicholson
Manager.

1157
Acct. - Aug 10/15

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C O P Y.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

To GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, DR.

Vancouver, B. C.

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July 23, For value of the following transportation issued by Victoria Agent period ending July 14th. in exchange for requisition No. 142 attached.

| From | To | Form | No. | Rate | Amount | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria | Pr. Rupert | 27 | 295-599 | $18.00 | $72.00 | |
| " | " | 102P | 578-580 | 10.00 | 20.00 | |
| " | " | 102P | 579-581 | 15.00 | 30.00 | |
| Pr. Rupert | Hazelton | 1 | 192-196 | 7.10 | 28.40 | |
| Hazelton | Pr. Rupert | 1 | 196-200 | 7.10 | 28.40 | $178.80 |

Cr.

Tick. Susp. Vict. C.P.A. July 1915, $178.80

I hereby certify the above to be correct

(Sgd) A. Cotter

Approved,

(Sgd) C.H. Nicholson.
Manager.

1157
Rec'd Aug 10/15

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Commission on Indian affairs for

AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

April, May, June, July

1915 ;

## DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | 748 | J.S.McArthur, petty disbursements..... | 16.25 |
| | 749 | J.S.McArthur, " " ..... | 18.85 |
| | 750 | Ruddy & McKay, transport..... | 135.00 |
| | 751 | Robert Brown, interpreting..... | 2.50 |
| | 752 | Emile Williams, " ..... | 5.00 |
| | 753 | Hazelton Hote, accommodation..... | 9.25 |
| | 754 | C.W.Poole, launch hire..... | 10.00 |
| | 755 | J.S.McArthur, petty disbursements..... | 29.20 |
| | 756 | Cross & Co., rent May..... | 135.00 |
| | 757 | Imperial Bank of Canada, exchange..... | 2.70 |
| | 758 | J.G.H.Bergeron, petty disbursements..... | 23.05 |
| | 759 | H.N.Howard, special assistance..... | 25.00 |
| | 760 | Victoria B &.S Co., supplies..... | 19.85 |
| | 761 | B.C.Telephone Co., service May..... | 7.50 |
| | 762 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements..... | 11.50 |
| | 763 | Imperial Bank of Canada, interest on overdraft..... | 10.15 |
| | 764 | J.F.Corfield, wages as axeman..... | 108.00 |
| | 765 | A.R.Ashby, wages..... | 144.00 |
| | 766 | Ashdown H. Green, petty disbursements.. | 191.90 |
| | 767 | C.P.R. Telegraphs, service April..... | 29.11 |
| | 768 | Victoria P.O., stamps..... | 5.00 |
| | 769 | H.W.Brown & Co., developing etc..... | 15.00 |
| | 770 | C.H.Gibbons, petty disbursements..... | 4.50 |
| | 771 | Maysmith Auto Service, transport..... | 8.00 |
| | 772 | Owen Hartley, transport..... | 2.00 |
| | 773 | Fred Blizzard, " ..... | 3.00 |
| | 774 | Victoria B & S Co., stationery..... | 4.00 |
| | 775 | Victoria P.O., stamps..... | 3.00 |
| | 776 | J.S.McArthur, salary June..... | 150.00 |
| | 777 | Shortt, Hill & Co., care clocks..... | 1.00 |
| | 778 | Maysmith Auto Service, transport..... | 8.00 |
| | 779 | B.C.Telephone Co., service June..... | 10.00 |
| | 780 | Cross & Co., rent June..... | 135.00 |
| | 781 | Comnr. J.P.Shaw, disbursements in connection with field operations Stuart Lake Agency, May 17 to July 1, as per receipts and receipted invoices attached..... | 2568.10 |
| | 782 | J.P.Shaw, petty disbursements..... | 26.20 |
| | 783 | C.H.Gibbons, " " ..... | 105.36 |
| | 784 | Pay List for May..... | 4635.00 |
| | 785 | Ashdown H. Green, salary May..... | 300.00 |
| | 786 | J.S.McArthur, salary May..... | 150.00 |
| | 787 | Miss A. Porritt, salary May..... | 62.00 |
| | 788 | Pay-list for June ..... | 4500.00 |
| | 789 | Ashdown H. Green, Salary -June..... | 300.00 |
| | 790 | Miss A. Porritt - Salary June ..... | 60.00 |
| | 791 | Pay-List for July..... | 4635.00 |
| | 792 | Ashdown H. Green - Salary July..... | 300.00 |
| | 793 | J.S.McArthur - Salary July..... | 150.00 |
| | 794 | Miss A. Porritt - Salary July..... | 62.00 |
| | 795 | Cross & Co - Rent July ..... | 135.00 |
| | 796 | C.H.Gibbons - Petty disbursements... | 47.72 |
| | 797 | Pullen House - accomodation..... | 10.50 |
| | 798 | Louis Schultz - Accomodation..... | 22.25 |
| | 799 | " " Transport..... | 16.00 |
| | 800 | Pacific Coast S.S.Co. - Transport... | 60.00 |
| | 801 | Pullen House - Accomodation..... | 11.00 |
| | 802 | White Pass & Yukon Ry (Hire S.S."SCOTIA" | 30.00 |
| | 803 | Hudson's Bay Co - accomodation..... | 13.50 |
| | 804 | Cariboo Hotel - accomodation..... | 6.25 |
| | 805 | Pacific Coast S.S.Co - transport.... | 30.00 |
| | 806 | C.P.R.Co - transport..... | 65.00 |
| | 807 | Hotel Wrangel - accomodation ..... | 7.25 |
| | 808 | Edgar Sydney - interpreting..... | 2.50 |
| | 809 | " " " ..... | 5.00 |
| | 810 | Packer Tommie - interpreting..... | 2.50 |
| | 811 | Hotel Wrangel - accomodation..... | 5.00 |
| | 812 | Hotel Stevens - accomodation..... | 7.45 |
| | 813 | J.S.McArthur - petty disbursements.. | 51.95 |
| | 814 | C.H.Gibbons - petty disbursements . . | 76.75 |
| | 814 A | C.H.Gibbons " " ... | 2.00 |
| | 814 B | " " " " ... | 1.50 |
| | 815 | Northern Hotel - accomodation..... | 10.50 |
| | 816 | Ruddy & MacKay - transport..... | 40.00 |
| | 817 | Hotel Prince Rupert - accomodation.. | 11.80 |
| | 818 | J.S.McArthur - transport..... | 1.50 |
| | 819 | Imperial Bank of Canada, Exchange... | 8.00 |

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the months of April, May, June and July, 1915, as per statement and vouchers attached..... | $ 26,103.61 |
| Transportation furnished by Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co., Ltd., as per accounts attached..... | 773.20 |
| Transportation furnished by Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. as per account attached..... | 150.00 |
| Transportation furnished by Canadian Pacific Railway Co. as per accounts attached..... | 253.55 |
| Transportation furnished by Alaska Steamship Co. as per account attached..... | 396.30 |
| Transportation furnished by Hudson's Bay Co. as per account attached..... | 187.45 |
| Cash payments made to Indians of Teslin Band by Mrs. M. J. McDonald as per account herewith..... | 40.00 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the months of April, May, June and July, 1915, as per account attached..... | 1,333.32 |
| | $29,237.53 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- | |
| one-half..... | $14,618.77 |

Certified Correct,

F. S. Puyet

Accountant.

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11th August, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred up to the 31st July last, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $ 29,237.33, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, viz:- $14,618.77 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AUG 15 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 506

August 11th, 1915.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

482244

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Commission have arranged to leave here on the first of next week for the Pemberton Meadows and return by the fifth of September, and soon after will go to the Naas Agency. We estimate that $20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) will be necessary for charges and expenses until the last of November.

Will you please send us this amount.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
N. W. White
Chairman.

B6

Send advance $10,000.00

$10,000.00 - 1247 sent Aug 20/15

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

August 28th, 1915

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN.

482748

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Official Cheque No. 1247 in the amount of ten thousand ($10,000.00) dollars, advance on account of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

N. W. White
Chairman.

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JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Victoria BC Sept 13-15

Duncan C Scott,

Deputy Supt Genl of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa

Complete commission leaving twenty first inst for visitations Naas Agency continuing until late October. Funds in Bank only approximately sufficient to provide for office and general operation expenses Sept and October. Please wire Imperial Bank here credit ten thousand dollars in order work continue without interruption.

N W White,

Chairman Royal Commission Indian Affairs.

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OK

Oct 1473

Send Invoice $10,000.00 E.J.

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With cheque.

Ottawa, Sept. 14, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith, this Department's cheque No. 1473 for $10,000 in favour of your Bank, and I have to request that you will cause the amount in question to be telegraphed to the Imperial Bank of Canada at Victoria for credit of Mr. N. W. White, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

A franked telegraph blank is also enclosed.

Yours truly,

Accountant.

Manager,
Imperial Bank of Canada,
Ottawa.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 506

August 31st 1915

R.E. Loring Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Hazelton, B.C.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., with voucher in the amount of $80.00, compensation for personal expenses incurred by Indians of Fort Babine and Old Fort Babine in meeting the Commission at Hazelton by request; and to advise you that the Commission approves the payment covered by the voucher in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Babine Agency,

Hazelton, B.C., September 3rd, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 23 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH
OCT 7 1916

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH
SEP 29 1915

Mr. Scott
Do you approve of funds of Babine Post being used for purchase of true copy of Pay Sheet
J.D.A.
True Pay Sheet
Approved
Del
1681
Sent Oct 9/15

I have the honour to enclose herewith voucher No. 61, for $80.00, in favour of the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post, wherewith it is intended to compensate (through that Post) four Indians of Fort Babine and four Indians of Old Fort Babine at the exceedingly reasonable amount of $10.00, each, for loss of time, hardship of travel, expenses, etc., etc., in repairing to Hazelton, stay and return to their respective homes, as per advice of the Chairman and Members of the Royal Indian Commission of British Columbia, and its endorsement thereupon; and also beg to enclose therewith a letter of its Secretary, Mr. C. H. Gibbons (506) dated the 31st ultimo to that effect.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 22 1915

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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VICTORIA September 15th, 1915

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

483340

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 11th.ultimo I beg to enclose Treasury cheque No.51755 - $14,152.17 being in settlement of one half of the expenditure incurred up to the 31st July last in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting to $28,257.55 less the following items disallowed :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | $28,257.55 |
| J.G.H.Bourgeron, | | |
| | Living Allowance - - | $900.00 |
| | Petty Disbursements- | 25.00 |
| Imperial Bank of Canada. | | |
| | Interest on overdraft 10.15 | 330.40 |
| | | $28,504.55 |
| | | 14 152.17 |

which I expect you will find in order.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W.J.Gwyn

Deputy Minister of Finance.

for Vote 298

acknd 21/9/15.

enc

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 22 1915

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 4575

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 14,152.17 *Ottawa,* Sept. 21st 1915.

*RECEIVED from* B.C. Government

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Fourteen thousand one hundred and fifty two - 17/100 *Dollars,*
*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

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HEAD OFFICE,
TORONTO.

No.

# Imperial Bank of Canada,
## Victoria, B.C.

Sept 1/15

The Royal Commission of Indian Affairs,
City

Dear Sirs :-

This is to certify that the balance at credit of your account with us as on 31st ulto amounted to -

$10,877-92 Ten thousand eight hundred and seventy seven 92/100 Dollars -

Yours truly

p.m. a alls
Manager

H. Lane
pr. Accountant -

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

September 11th,
1915
483319

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith Financial Statement, Vouchers, etc., covering the monetary transactions of the Commission during the month of August, together with certificate of balance in bank at the close of the said month.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of these as well as of statement covering the months of April, May, June and July.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

Enclosures

Do 80

we will wait until left for B.C. Govt. as is come in pending to B.C. Govt.

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Return to Geech

Ottawa, Sept. 25, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing financial statement vouchers etc. for the month of August. I have also to say that the statement of vouchers etc. covering the period from April 1st to 31st July last, forwarded under cover of your letter of the 31st July were duly received. In connection with these accounts I beg to inform you that the British Columbia Government has refused to pay its share , viz; one half of Interest charged on overdraft by the Imperial Bank, viz; $10.15. Be good enough therefore to interview the Deputy Minister of Finance and explain to him why it was necessary to incur this expense which it is considered his Government should bear one half of, and if he refuses, to give reasons for so doing.

I have also to point out that the advances made up to the end of the fiscal year that ended 31st March last, have not been accounted for in full. There is a balance of $375.17 yet unaccounted for as shown by statements which have been sent you giving all vouchers, refunds, etc. which have been received by the Department for which you have been given credit and all advances which were charged to the Commission. These statements make it clear that you have unaccounted for the sum of $375.17. Since 1st January last all advances have been accounted for, but, prior to that date there are vouchers amounting to $375.17 missing. These accounts have been audited by the Auditor General's Department and the balance found by this Department verified as correct.

It must

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It must therefore, either be refunded or vouchers for the amount submitted. You should either admit that the statement furnished you by the Department is correct or not: If it is not correct you should point out where the mistakes lie; and as you had charge of the accounts you should be able to do this. You will observe in the statement referred to that Mr. Bergeron accounted for the $500.00 which was advanced to him here in May, 1913, by refunding the sum of $415.50 and submitting accounts covering his expenses amounting to $84.50. All the other advances made to him are contained in the statements you prepared and forwarded to the Department, but the vouchers, accounts and refunds you took credit for in these statements fall short by $375.17 of the amounts advanced. It is clear therefore, that you have yet to account for this difference.

There has been drawn out of advances deposited in the Bank the sum of $375.17 for which vouchers have not been submitted. This is proven by statements prepared by yourself. What explanation have you to offer?

You have omitted to forward with the August statement a statement covering outstanding or unpaid cheques on the 31st August. Without it your statement is not complete. Please forward it now.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

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Ottawa, September 27, 1915.

Dear Mr. Allen,-

The enclosed letter has been received by Mr. Scott but it is not just in accordance with the facts. We are only claiming $375.17 from Mr. Bergeron. At the end of the fiscal year 1914-15 the Commission should have had on hand $4200.30 but they only showed $3825.13, being $375.17 short, and it is this amount we want either refunded or accounted for by Mr. Bergeron. The balance, viz:- $3825.13 will appear in the 1915-16 accounts and will be accounted for in the proper manner.

The shortage of $375.17 occurred prior to the 31st December 1914 when Mr. Bergeron was responsible.

Mr. Scott would be pleased to have a letter from Mr. Sutherland calling attention to this amount being unaccounted for so that he can send a copy of it to Mr. Bergeron and demand that he either do one thing or another. This is the only amount that is in dispute.

I enclose copy of a letter that would suit our purpose. If you make it stronger it will suit us all the better.

S.S.Allen, Esq.,
Auditor General's Office,
Ottawa.

Yours truly,

Accountant.

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Return to accr

Ottawa, September 29, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to Voucher No. 528 which accompanied your Financial Statement for the month of August, I beg to point out that the charge of 35¢ for souvenirs in the account for Mr. Caswell's board at the St. Alice Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, cannot be allowed. I have, therefore, to request that you will kindly give the Department credit for this amount in your September Statement.

Your obedient servant,

D.C. Scott

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

G. H. Gibbens, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE
OCT 2 1915
DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Immediate
Mr Payne

Office of The Auditor General,
Canada.

Ottawa, Sept. 30, 1915.

483676

Sir,-

In connection with my letter to you of Sept. 25th, with reference to the amount due by Mr. Bergeron, Secretary of the British Columbia Land Commission, I find that there was a misapprehension as to the amount due by him, which should have been shown as $375.17 instead of $4200.50.

I have to request that you would call upon Mr. Bergeron to either submit satisfactory vouchers for this amount of $375.17 or refund that amount without further delay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E R Sutherland
for Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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E.Y.D.

Ottawa, 9th October, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, and voucher No. 61 for $60.00 in favor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Babine Post, I beg to say that receipts for the payments which the company made to the Indians should be obtained from the company and forwarded to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Loring, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Hazelton, B.C.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 18 1915

ACCOUNTANTS
OCT 20 1915
BRANCH

October 12th, 1915.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

484056

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo (Your File No. 59335/6), re financial affairs of the Commission.

A number of the Commissioners are at present engaged in field operations on the Upper Naas River but are expected to return to Victoria very shortly. Upon their return the subject matter of your communication will obtain early attention at the hands of the Commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons

Secretary.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

VICTORIA, B.C.

October 12th, 1915.

484058

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo (Your File No. 56335-6B) in which attention is directed to the allowance of the charge of $.35 for souvenirs in the account of Mr. Carswell's board at the St. Alice Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs. Our triplicate voucher does not disclose details of the amount paid to Mr. Carswell under detailed voucher "U" attached to the original of our voucher 827, viz, $49.90. If the item of $.35 is included as stated in the allowed hotel account it has been by inadvertence. We will, therefore, credit the Department for this amount in the September statement as requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Ottawa, 21st October, 1915.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, respecting the charge of .35¢ for souvenirs in ~~the~~ Mr Carswell's board account; I beg to enclose sub-voucher "U" for amount paid him for "transportation and services", also the St. Alice Hotel account for $4.10, in which the charge of .35¢ for souvenirs appears. It is assumed that the Hotel account forms a part of Mr. Carswell's expenses amounting to $49.90. A statement should be attached to sub-voucher "U" showing how the amount, viz $49.90 is made up, what portion is for services rendered, giving the time and rate of pay, and what portion is for transportation. The charge appears in voucher No. 827 as "wages and board", whereas the receipt reads "transportation and services".

Be good enough to return the enclosures without delay.

A statement covering outstanding or unpaid cheques on 31st August should also be forwarded.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

G.H.Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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OCT 25 1915

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After

October 18th, 1915.

484314

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 25th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6) and to the introductory paragraph thereof:

I, several days ago, took up with the Provincial Prime Minister the refusal of the British Columbia Government to pay its proportional share of the item of interest charge on overdraft by the Imperial Bank of Canada, viz, $10.15. Sir Richard requested me to formally communicate with him in explanation of the charge and promised that, upon receipt of my letter, he would see that the item in question was passed. I wrote Sir Richard accordingly on the 15th instant and have reason to believe that you will be advised in due course that the item has been allowed by the British Columbia Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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October 18th, 1915.

484318

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 25th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6) re finances of the Commission, I have the honour, by direction, to refer you to the letter of the Deputy Superintendent-General addressed to the Commission Chairman, Mr. White, and dated June 16th, 1915, by which you will note that Mr. Bergeron is held responsible for adjustment of the balance of $375.17, and has been advised accordingly. I have also to refer you to our letter to Mr. Scott of the 7th July, 1915, on this subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIMITED.

J. R. NEWSTEAD & CO. LIMITED
OF LIVERPOOL.
AGENCY

CABLES:
'UNION'
VANCOUVER.

CODES,
BENTLEYS.
A.B.C. 5TH

TELEPHONE: BRANCH EXCHANGE SEY. 306
CONNECTING WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS

STEAMERS
CAMOSUN. CHELOHSIN.
COWICHAN. CHEAKAMUS
CASSIAR. COMOX.
CAPILANO. COQUITLAM.
VENTURE. MELMORE.

Vancouver, B.C.

484352

Oct. 20th. 1915.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Sirs:-

We herewith hand you requisition for $3400.00 covering transportation of your Royal Commission on Indian Affairs from Vancouver to Northern British Columbia Ports by our Steamer "Chelohsin" as arranged by the Department officials at Victoria. We also hand you requisition for $17.75 covering transportation from Mill Bay to Prince Rupert.

We trust you will find these in order and shall be obliged if you will send us your cheque at your convenience.

1897
Sent Oct 27/15

We have the honour to be,

Sirs,

Your obedient servants,

Union Steamship Company of B.C., Limited

Assistant Manager

JG/H.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

October 18th, 1915.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

484288

Referring again to your letter of the 25th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6) I note the statement therein contained that you place upon me accountability in connection with the difference in the amount of $375.17 between the voucher total of Commission expenditures and the total of moneys advanced to the Commission from time to time up to the end of last year. Such accountability I must disclaim as the control and administration of the Commission funds was wholly in the hands of Mr. Bergeron up to the time of his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Commission.

The preparation of vouchers and accounts was largely in my hands as Assistant Secretary, but I had nothing whatever to do with the drawing of cheques from the Commission's account, and my only knowledge of the banking operations of the Commission was from instructions given me by Mr. Bergeron. I may say that for a considerable period I was unable to make our vouchers balance properly with what I was informed was the bank credit; and in view of such difficulty Mr. Bergeron informed me that he would go to Ottawa and adjust matters with the Department direct. Mr. Bergeron visited Ottawa for this purpose and upon his return I was informed that everything had been satisfactorily arranged during his stay at the Capital. I was then instructed to start the Commission accounts afresh with the New Year. This was done, and there has been no variation thenceforward between the voucher shewing of expenditure with balance at credit and the total of moneys received on account of the Commission's work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED

C. H. N[redacted]AGER

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VANCOUVER, B. C. October 21st. 1915.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO A5565 CGS/L.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

484333

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed please find our Bills Collectible #3785 accompanied by Requisition #1014, for transportation 3 Commissioners and 1 Secretary from Prince Rupert to Victoria in amount $122.80, which we trust will be found in order for prompt settlement.

Yours truly,

Manager.

1907

Sub Cal. 29/15

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Return to acct.

Ottawa, October 30, 1915.

Sir,-

I am directed to forward to you a copy of a letter received from the Auditor General requesting this Department to call upon you to either submit satisfactory vouchers for the sum of $375.19 unaccounted for by you on the 31st December last or refund the amount without further delay. Kindly comply with this request forthwith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. STEWART

For Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Montreal, Que.

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NOV 3 1915

BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

October 28th, 1915.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

484659

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant (Your File No. 59335-6B), re payments under sub-voucher "U" of our Voucher 827, transmitted with August accounts, and original of which is herewith returned.

As previously intimated to you in my letter of the 12th instant, we are crediting revenue with the item of $.35 in our next statement, such item having been inadvertently passed in the details of Mr. Carswell's small hotel bill.

The details making up the payments out under sub-voucher "U" are as hereunder, all items being expenses incurred by M. G. Carswell in the Commission's service and on public business:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fare, New Westminster to Vancouver.. | $ .25 |
| " , Vancouver to Newport..... | 1.00 |
| " , Agassiz to New Westminster.... | 2.55 |
| 12 days' wages @ $3.50 per day..... | 42.00 |
| Hotel a/c Harrison Hot Springs..... | 4.10 |
| | $49.90 |

As to the concluding paragraph of your letter: As August financial statement and certificate of bank balance show, there were no outstanding cheques at the month's close, although an advance of $500.00 to the Commission's Technical Officer required and still requires to be accounted for by vouchers in due form, this item being referred to in said financial statement as follows:

> "Advanced August 14, to Ashdown H. Green, on account of expenses incident to field operations by him in Williams Lake Agency and to be accounted for by him..... $500.00."

Mr. Green, I may say, has only this week returned to Victoria upon completion of the work assigned to him, and his vouchers will be transmitted with the Commission's next financial statement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

O. M. Ubovs
Secretary.

Enclosure

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# Union Bank of Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 10 1915

Ottawa, Canada, November 8th, 1915...

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;-

We have for acknowledgement your letter enclosing cheque to our order in payment to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company for transportation furnished the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs in British Columbia, August 16th. amount - $160.

Yours faithfully,

K. G. Dillon

MANAGER.

G/M.J.

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125,000.-18-12-14

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No.....
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NOV 3 1915

1 To Mr Scott
2 Acct

# POST OFFICE,

484655

MONTREAL,

Nov. 2nd, 1915, 191

S. Stewart Esq.,
Acting for Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Sir:--

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ultimo, No:--59,335--6, enclosing a communication from Mr. D. D. Sutherland, acting for the Auditor General, in which I am asked to refund the sum of $375.17, which it is claimed I should remit or give vouchers therefor. I have already answered to this by letter addressed to Mr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, to whom I furnished my explanations with reference to the above.

I may again state that I was not called upon to keep the books of the Commission; such work being done by Mr. Gibbons, the Assistant Secretary, whom I understand is now acting as Secretary of the Commission. All that I had to do was to receive the cheques which were addressed to

me

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MONTREAL,

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me and deposit same in the Imperial Bank of Canada, at Victoria. All monies which were paid out for the Commission were drawn from the Bank by cheques which have been sent back to the Department, at Ottawa. I have kept a private book which I have in my possession, and which I sent to Mr. Scott for his examination. He, in turn, sent back the book to me with the understanding that it would be at his disposal, should he again desire to examine it. My book is also at the disposal of the Auditor General, if he so requires. From it it will be seen that all monies recievd by me were accounted for by cheques issued and which have been sent to the Department, at Ottawa while I was in Victoria.

cheques cannot be accepted as vouchers

He is responsible for the accounts made to him

I cannot understand how I should be called upon to remit the amount above mentioned; it is merely a matter of book-keeping and the whole thing should be quite easily cleared by a close examination of the bank account and of

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125,000.-16-12-14

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MONTREAL,

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the cheques issued against same,

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron.

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acct-
under

Ottawa, November 10th, 1915.

Dear Sir -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, with regard to the refund of $375.17. The Auditor General evidently considers that the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, having charge of moneys advanced for the expenses of the Commission, is responsible for the proper accounting and could not, therefore, divest himself of the responsibility by merely stating that his bank account had shown that all moneys had been checked out.

Fmt
Gel
B.N.B.

The Auditor General finds by an audit of the account that the expenditure of $375.17 has not been vouched for, and, therefore, looks to yourself as the responsible officer for satisfaction. The Department agrees with the Auditor General, and it is quite possible that unless you

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Postmaster,
Montreal, Que.

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can cause proper vouchers to be provided for this expenditure the Auditor may retain the shortage for amounts due you by the Government.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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Department of Indian Affairs

In Account With

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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1915.

Oct. 31. To salary as Commissioner during the months of August, September and October, 1915, @ $4,000.00 per annum.....$999.99

Certified Correct.

Accountant.

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No. 113a

Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

REQUIRED TRANSPORT on account of the ~~Department of~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Pacific Great Eastern Ry. from as hereunder to

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rental and haulage private car "Lillooet" from Aug 16 to 23, 1915 inclusive, 8 days at $20 = | | $20 per day | 160 | 00 |

Service Rental of Car "Lillooet"

On account of Vacation New Westminster Agency

Payable at Dept Indian Affairs, Ottawa

Oct 21 1915

1927 Sent Nov. 5/15

For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.

Inspector of Indian Agencies

Chairman

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# BILLS COLLECTIBLE

The [illegible]rtment of Indian Affairs,

Victoria, B.C.

When remitting please refer to No. 3785

To GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, Dr.

1915 VANCOUVER, B. C.

FOR Value of the following tickets issued by Prince Rupert Agent period ending July 21st. 1915, Prince Rupert to Victoria in exchange for requisition No. 101A attached hereto.

| Form | No. | No. | Rate | War Tax | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 3090-94 | 4 | 18.00 | .50 | 72 | 50 |
| PPC | 307 | 2 | 15.00 | | 30 | 00 |
| Parlor Rooms | | 2 | 10.00 | | 20 | 00 |
| | | | | | $ 122 | 50 |

Cr
Tick.Susp. Pr.Rupert July 15th. 1915. $122.50

1907

I hereby certify the above to be correct:

Approved Stut Oct 29/15

Received Payment:

Vancouver, B. C. 191

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TELEPHONE: SEYMOUR 306

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Vancouver, B.C., 8th October 1915

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M Dept. of India Affairs

Ottawa

483967

# Co Union Steamship Company of British Columbia,

LIMITED

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S. S. Chelohsin Trip 221

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Three Fares from Prince Rupert to Vancouver | 54. 60 | 54. 60 |

Chairman
One Commissioner B.C.
Secretary

Pay

173 Sept-Oct-19/15

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No. 112 Copy Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the ~~Department of Indian Affairs~~ Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C. by the Union Steamship Co. ~~By~~ from to as hereunder

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charter of Steamship "Chelohsin" Sept 22nd to Oct. 5th 1915 - as per agreement - Ninty four hundred dollars ($94 00 ~~00~~) | | | 34 00 | 00 |

Service

On account of

Payable at Dept. of Indian Affairs Ottawa

15/10/15

1897

Sept 22/15

For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.
(Sgd) N. W. White
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
Chairman

No. Copy Vote No.

# REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT.

**REQUIRED TRANSPORT** on account of the Department of Indian Affairs by the Union S.S. Co. of B.C. Ltd ~~Ry.~~ from Mill Bay to Prince Rupert

| FOR | MILES | RATE | AMOUNT $ | c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Three (3) Commissioners | | | 10 | 65 |
| One (1) Cook | | | 3 | 55 |
| One (1) Secretary | | | 3 | 55 |
| | | | $17 | 75 |

Service

On account of Naas River Agency Investigations

Payable at

13/10/15

1897

Sept Oct 27/15

For the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.
(Sgd) N. W. White
~~Inspector of Indian Agencies~~
Chairman

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Accounting Dept. No. 357763

Voucher No. 1536/E/15

Dominion Government,
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915. | | | |
| July | 14 | Victoria to Vancouver - 6 1st Cl. Return | $21.30 |
| | | Six Staterooms @ $2.50 | 15.00 |
| | | | $36.30 |

Correct,
(Sgd) W. R. S.
Montreal, Sept. 23, 1915.

Audited,
(Sgd) W. J. Moule,
Auditor of Disbursements

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Sent Oct 2 - 1915

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Accounting Dept. No. 389789

Voucher No. 977/9/15.

Dominion Government
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Dr.

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1915.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 3, | 106 A, | Victoria to Vancouver, Rot. 5 T.R. @ $3.50, | $17.50 |
| | | 5 Staterooms Rot. @ $5.00 | 25.00 |
| | | | $42.50 |

4 Commissioners
1 Secretary.

Correct,

W. R. S.

Audited,

(Sgd)W. J. Moule,

Auditor of Disbursements.

Montreal October 9, 1915.

1814

Sent Treas. C.P. Ry Co. 25/11/15

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1915-1916

Vouch[illegible] No. 61 Incidental Expense

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Babine Agency.

TO. the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | |
| | By advice of the Royal Indian Commission to allowance to be made the following named Indians of Fort Babine and Old Fort Babine in compliance to reach and meet the Commission at Hazelton, B.C., at the lowest estimate, for 4 days at $2.50 per diem each given, and if possible, to be made payable to the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post, and for which receitps respectively be furnished, | |
| from | -Fort Babine- | |
| July 10th | Taach William (Chief) for 4 days at $2.50 p. diem | 10.00 |
| | Johnny Williams " " " | 10.00 |
| | Lame William (Toaste) " " " | 10.00 |
| | Little Louis " " " | 10.00 |
| | | 10.00 |
| to | -Old Fort Babine- | |
| | Michel (Chief) for 4 days at $2.50 p. diem | 10.00 |
| | Anatole " " " | 10.00 |
| | Francis " " " | 10.00 |
| July 14th, inclusively. | Antoine Alexis " " " | 10.00 |
| | and left subject to the endorsement of the Chairman and Honourable Members of the Royal Indian Commission for British Columbia. | |
| | | 80.00 |

I hereby certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED
THE ROYAL COMMISSION
ON INDIAN AFFAIRS IN B.C.
(Signed) C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

(Signed) R. J. Irving
Indian Agent.

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September 14th, 1915.

**NOTE:**

Two items in Voucher 628, Owl Auto Service $4.00, and Dominion Express Co., 70¢, should have been personal charges, the service not being on public business. The amounts are being refunded to the Commission and will be so dealt with in next statement.

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FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ment August 1915

## DISBURSEMENTS

1915

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | Voucher 820 | Ashdown H. Green, sundry expenses while engaged in survey work in New Westminster Agency ..... | $ 447.60 |
| | 821 | Pay List for August ..... | 4,635.00 |
| | 822 | Ashdown H. Green, salary August . | 300.00 |
| | 823 | James S. McArthur, " " . | 150.00 |
| | 824 | Agnes Powitt, " " . | 62.00 |
| | 825 | Cross & Co., rent August ..... | 135.00 |
| | 826 | Ashdown H. Green, sundry expenses while engaged in survey work in West Coast Agency ..... | 110.60 |
| | 827 | J.P.Shaw (In Trust), sundry expenses in connection with field operations in the New Westminster Ag'y | 375.91 |
| | 828 | C.H.Gibbons, Petty Cash disbursements as per Statement and Voucher | 93.00 |
| | 829 | A.K.Maysmith, Special Assistance | 32.00 |
| 11.380.41 | | Advanced August 14 to Ashdown H. Green on account of expenses contingent upon field operations by him in Williams Lake Agency, and to be accounted for by him ..... | 6341.11 .35 Less 6340.76 ~~500.00~~ |
| | | Cash in hand ..... | ~~2.49~~ |
| | | Cash in Bank ..... | ~~10,877.92~~ |
| | | Balance | 11280.76 |
| | | | $ 17,721.52 |

Vch 828 - a/c Owl Auto Service - 4.00 - Which should be charged to personal a/c
" " - a/c Dom Express - " 70¢ - " " " " " " "
" " - a/c St. Alice Hotel - " 35¢ for ~~[illegible]~~ disallowed ✓.
Mr. Caverhill's head.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Financial Statement August 31, 1915

### REVENUE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
| Aug. 1 | Cash in bank ..... | $ 7721.52 | |
| 28 | Deposit cheque Department of Indian Affairs .. | 10000.00 | |
| | | $17,721.52 | |

### DISBURSEMENTS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
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| | | | $ 17,721.52 |

11.380.41

Certified Correct
E. & O. E.
C. H. Gibbons
Secretary

828 - a/c Owl Auto Service - 4.00 Check should be made to personal a/c
" - a/c Bon Express - " 70.00 " " " " "
" - a/c St. Alice Hotel - " 35.00 for commission drawn ed
Mr. Cornell head

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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| | Advanced August 14 to Ashdown H. Green on account of expenses contingent upon field operations by him in Williams Lake Agency, and to be accounted for by him ..... | ~~500.00~~ 6341.11 .35 loss 6340.76 | |
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Certified Correct
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C. W. Gibbons
Secretary

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Financial Statement August 1915

**REVENUE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
| AUG. 1 | Cash in Bank | | $ 7,721.52 |
| 28 | Deposit cheque Department of Indian Affairs | | 10,000.00 |
| | | | $17,721.52 |

**DISBURSEMENTS**

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| | 828 | C. H. Gibbons, Petty Cash disbursements as per Statement and Voucher. | 93.00 |
| | 829 | A. K. Maysmith, Special Assistance | 32.00 |
| | | | 6.341.11 |
| | | Advanced August 14 to Ashdown H. Green on account of expenses contingent upon field operations by him in Williams Lake Agency, and to be accounted for by him | 500.00 |
| | | Cash in Hand | 2.49 |
| | | Cash in Bank | 10,877.92 |
| | | | $17.721.52 |

Certified Correct
E. & O. E.
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Secretary.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the month of August, 1915, as per statement and vouchers attached..... | $6,340.76 |
| Transportation expenses furnished by Hudson's Bay Co., as per account attached..... | 50.00 |
| Transportation furnished by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. as per accounts attached..... | 75.50 |
| Transportation furnished by the Union Steamship Co. of British Columbia Ltd., as per accounts attached..... | 3,472.35 |
| Transportation furnished by the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co.Ltd., as per account attached..... | 122.50 |
| Transportation furnished by the Great Eastern Railway, as per account attached..... | 160.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J.McKenna, LL.D., for August, Sept. and Oct. 1915, as per account attached..... | 999.99 |
| | $ 11,254.70 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | $ 5,627.35 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Financial Statement for the month of August, 1915.

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| | 621 | Pay-list for August | 4,635.00 |
| | 622 | Ashdown H. Green, salary Aug. | 300.00 |
| | 623 | James S. McArthur " " | 150.00 |
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| | 627 | J. P. Shaw (In trust) sundry expenses in connection with field operations in New Westminster Agency | 375.92 |
| | 628 | G. H. Gibbons, Petty Cash Disbursements as per Statement and Voucher | 93.00 |
| | 629 | A. K. Mayamith, Special Assistance | 32.00 |
| | | | $ 6,341.12 |
| | | -Less- | |
| | | Charge of 35¢ for souvenirs made in Hotel Acct. included in M.G. Carswell's acct. amt'g to $49.90 - Voucher "U" | .35 |
| | | | $6,340.76 |

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November 15, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to enclose herewith a further statement, supported by vouchers, of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, amounting in the total to $11,254.70, and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, viz:- $5,627.35 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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Returned to Acct

Ottawa, November 15, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 15th ultimo, No. 606, relative to the refusal of the British Columbia Government to pay its proportional share of the item of interest charge on overdraft by the Imperial Bank of Canada, Viz:- $10.15, I beg to say that as yet this Department has not been advised that the item referred to has been allowed by the British Columbia Government.

With reference to vouchers which you forwarded with your letter of the 11th September, No. 606, covering expenditure incurred by the Commission during the month of August, I beg to point out that several of the receipts attached to the vouchers in question were not in duplicate. I have to request that you will kindly see that all receipts are forwarded in duplicate in future.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

G.H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for British Columbia,
V I C T O R I A, B. C.

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No.....
IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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# POST OFFICE,

MONTREAL,

11 Nov., 1915, 191

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16. Nov. 16

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada,

Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of yours No:--f59-335-6B, concerning the finances of the Indian Commission at Victoria, B. C. I intend going up to Ottawa in the course of this month, and will see the Auditor-General with reference to the matter,

Yours truly,

J. G. A. Bigelow

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 22 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

See Page 6

November 13th, 1915.

35164

Dear Mr. Scott:

In connection with the work of the Commission (now drawing to a close) I have to advise that we have at present at credit in bank a little more than $2,000.00 which sum will not suffice to meet operating expenses maturing and payable at the month's end. I should therefore be glad if you would have a further remittance forwarded either to me or directly to the Imperial Bank of Canada here so that it may be available at December 1st.

The Commission's accounts for the quarter, I may note, will be forwarded at the month's end.

Send 5000.00

Seul Nov 24/15

I have the honour to be,
Dear Mr. Scott,
Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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November 22nd, 1915.

Acct

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

485327

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant (Your File No.59335/6B) re payment by the British Columbia Government of its proportional share of the item of interest charge on overdraft by the Imperial Bank of Canada, namely, $10.15, and in reply to advise you that, as requested by you, I interviewed the Deputy Minister of Finance with respect to this matter and also the Prime Minister, addressing to the latter, by his request, a full explanatory letter, as you were advised on the 18th ultimo. On the 11th instant I received from the Prime Minister a letter in reply, to which was attached ~~the following~~ a memorandum from Mr. W. J. Goepel, Deputy Minister of Finance, to the following effect:

> "With regard to the attached file it has been the practice of the Provincial Government for a good many years to refuse payment to Banks of any charge for interest on overdraft, in fact Banks generally have been notified that in no case are they allowed to permit a Government Account to be overdrawn.
>
> "In the present case Mr. Gibbons should see that he is amply supplied with funds by requisition on Ottawa

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"and failing this should delay disbursing until such funds arrive."

On the 13th Instant I had a further interview with the Deputy Minister, Mr. Goepel, who informed me that the Acting Minister of Finance, Honourable Mr. Bowser, refused to allow the charge for the reasons set forth in his memorandum to the Premier.

I can, therefore, only cite the facts as herein set forth, adjustment of the matter resting between the Dominion Government and that of the Province.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 7 1915

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

November 30th, 1915

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, CAN.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant with enclosure of cheque No. 2151 in the amount of $5,000.00, which has been placed to the credit of the Commission with the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

VICTORIA, November 27th. 1915

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The Deputy Superintendent General
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th. instant enclosing statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting in the total to $11,254.70, I have pleasure in enclosing Treasury cheque No. 58433 - $5,627.35 being the Province's share of the said expenditure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 7 1915

Acct

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 1328

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 5,627.35 *Ottawa,* Dec. 6th 1915.

*RECEIVED from* Dept.

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Fifty six hundred and twenty seven -35/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

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Return to acct

Ottawa, December 15, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have to refer you to letter of the 10th ultimo respecting balance of advance remaining unaccounted for by you, viz:- $375.17, and to request that you will kindly inform the Department what arrangements you have made with the Auditor General in regard to accounting for this amount.

The Auditor has received vouchers for all advances made to you excepting this balance and is demanding vouchers for same up a refund of the amount. It is desirable to have it accounted for before Parliament assembles.

Yours truly,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J.G.H.Bergeron, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Montreal, Que.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 15 1915

# POST OFFICE.

MONTREAL,

Dec. 14th, 1915, 191

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J. D. McLean Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada,

Dear Sir:--

Yours of the 13th instant, concerning accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs received.

In answer to yours of the 10th of November last, I wrote you that I would take the matter up with the Auditor General, which I did on the 1st of December instant. I believe I have given him satisfactory information on the subject. Anyway the matter is in his hands and if there is anything more to be done about it, he told me that he would inform me of it. This, I believe, relieves your Department to a certain extent.

Yours very truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Victoria, B.C. Dec. 23-15. O 357

Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Supt General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa

Commission accounts, vouchers, balance sheet and certified bank statement to first December instant, mailed Department registered. You will note balance at credit insufficient to pay December salaries and operation expenses. Kindly have telegraphed to Bank here before year's end ample funds to provide for matured obligations and continuation of commission's work.

N. White,

Chairman.

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sent Dec 24/15 (Telegraphed)

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Ottawa, December 24th., 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for $10,000.00 and would ask you to kindly wire this amount to the credit of Mr. N. W. White with your branch at Victoria, B. C. I enclose blank telegraph form, franked.

Yours truly,

The Manager of the Imperial Bank,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Imperial Bank of Canada.

Victoria, B.C. 1 December, 1915.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

Belmont House.

City.

Dear Sirs,

This is to certify that the balance at the credit of your account on November 30th. 1915, amounted to $5398.72, (Five thousand three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-two cents.

Yours truly,

Manager.

Accountant.

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DEC 1915 INDIAN AFFAIRS

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606A

Immediate
Ack

December 23rd, 1915.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir ;

I have the honour, by direction, to transmit herewith Financial Statement, ~~the~~ Balance Sheet, paid vouchers and certificate of credit balance in bank at the 1st instant, this return covering the period from September 1st last to November 30th last, inclusive, which I trust will be found satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibsons
Secretary.

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Ottawa, December 30th., 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to return herewith Financial Statement and certain vouchers received under cover of your letter of the 23rd December, for the following reasons:-

Voucher No. 847. Sub-voucher No. 19 is charged in this voucher as $4.60, whereas the receipt covers only $2.30.

Voucher No. 858. There is an error in the addition of sub-voucher No. 16.

Voucher No. 868. The last item in this voucher namely, $3.60 is also contained in voucher No. 871.

Voucher No. 871. The second last charge in this voucher namely, $3.00 for cartage is unsupported by a receipt. The last item of $3.60 also appears in voucher No. 868 as already pointed out in connection with that voucher.

Be good enough to make the necessary corrections and return the vouchers and statements with as little delay as possible. In future I have to request that you will forwarded these statements promptly at the end of each month.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
For Province of British Columbia,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC R'Y CO.'S TELEGRAPH

# NIGHT LETTERGRAM

The Canadian Pacific R'y Co.'s Telegraph transmits and delivers this night lettergram subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

JAS. KENT, Manager Telegraphs

| Sent No. | Sent By | Received By | Time Sent | Time Filed | Check |
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*The following night lettergram, without repeating, subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.*

Ottawa, 30th December, 1915.

N. W. White,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

Please return all cheques issued by Bergeron also all others up to thirty first March last, together with Bank Book.

Chg. Dept. I. A. D.C. Scott.

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Return to Acct

Ottawa, January 4th., 1915.

Sir,-

I have to request that you will kindly forward to the Department at the end of every month statements of expenditure together with vouchers in order that refunds may be obtained monthly from the British Columbia Government; as the funds voted by Parliament are insufficient to meet all expenditure without these refunds.

The December statement should be sent immediately.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

hite Esq.,
irman,
oyal Commission on Indian Affairs,
For Province of B. C.
Victoria, B. C.

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- Incidental Expense -

Voucher No. [illegible] Vote No.

Royal Commission

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

Babine AGENCY

To the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post,

| DATE | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 1915. | | |
| | By advise of the Royal Indian Commission to allowance to be made the following named Indians of Fort Babine and Old Fort Babine in compliance to reach and meet the Commission at Hazelton, B.C., at the lowest estimate, @ for 4 days @ $2.50 per diem each given, and, if possible, to be made payable to the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post, and for which receipts respectively be furnished. | |
| from | - Fort Babine - | |
| July 10th | Teach William (Chief) for 4 days @ $2.50 p. diem | 10. 00 |
| | Johnny Williams " " " | 10. 00 |
| | Lame William (Toaste) " " " | 10. 00 |
| | Little Louis " " " | 10. 00 |
| to | - Old Fort Babine - | |
| | Michel (Chief) for 4 days @ $2.50 p. diem | 10. 00 |
| | Anatole " " " | 10. 00 |
| | Francis " " " | 10. 00 |
| July 14th, inclusively. | Antoine Alexis " " " | 10. 00 |
| | and left subject to the endorsement of the Chairman and Honourable Members of the Royal Indian Commission for British Columbia. | |
| | Receipts attached | |
| | | 80. 00 |

1681 Feb-Oct-1915

I hereby certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

Approved:-
The Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs in B. C.
C. Adams
Secretary.

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Indian Agent.

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Voucher No. 61.

Date of Payment ..... 1915.

# Department of Indian Affairs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Name Hudson's Bay Company (Babine Post)

Service Meals furnished for travel of Indian Trust Royal Commission during July, 1915.

$ 80 10/100.

W. E. Ditmar, Ind. Agt.

Babine

Agency.

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The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 39.

Babine Post, B.C. 12th Nov. 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission.

$ 10.00

Witness: D. B. Tilly

Jock Williams
Chief

his
X
mark.

The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 40.

Babine Post, B.C. 12th Nov. 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Witness: D B Tilly

Lame William

his
X
mark

The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 41.

Babine Post, B.C. 12th Nov. 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Witness: D B Tilly

Johnny Williams

his
X
mark

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The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 42.

Babine Post, B.C. 12th Novr 1915

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Little Louis his x mark

Witness: D. B. Tilly

The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 43.

Babine Post, B.C. 12th Novr 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Michael Chief his x mark

Witness: D. B. Tilly

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The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 44.

Babine Post, BC. 12th Novr 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Anatol his + mark.

Witness: D. B. Tilly

The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 45.

Babine Post, BC. 12th Novr 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Antoine Francis his + mark

Witness: D. B. Tilly

The Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 46.

Babine Post, BC. 12th Novr 1915.

Received from The Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account Royal Indian Commission

$ 10.00

Francis his + mark.

Witness: D. B. Tilly

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# INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Babine Agency,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 427,004-51
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Hazelton, B.C., December 11th, 1915.

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ACCOUNTANT'S BRANCH JAN 4 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DEC 24 1915

Sir,—

With reference to Departmental letter of the 9th October, last, and voucher No. 61, for $80.00 in favour of the Hudson's Bay Company, Babine Post, I have the honour to state, that the Indians therein named (8) have been paid by cheque No. 1681, dated 7th October, last, and received by me on the 16th of that month; and in further connection attending, beg to enclose herewith, as stipulated, the individual receipts, which are dated the 12th ultimo, collectively.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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C. H. GIBBONS, SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 6 1916

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 1359
TEL. 1302

BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

Acct

December 31st, 1915.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 30th instant requesting the return of cheques issued by the Commission up to the 31st March last, and in compliance am forwarding same by concurrent post, registered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons

Secretary.

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED

C. H. NIC[redacted]NAGER

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 5 1916

VANCOUVER, B.C. December 30th. 1915.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FRH/L.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:-

We enclose herewith our account for $140.00 together with requisition duly completed, covering transportation furnishef for the Royal Commission of Indian Affairs in British Columbia. Will you please let me have your cheque for the amount at your earliest convenience and oblige,

Yours truly,

C. H. Nicholson

Manager

2433 sent Jan 10/16

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Imperial Bank of Canada,

Victoria, B.C. Jan. 3rd, 1916.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Belmont House,

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

This is to certify that the balance standing at the credit of your account on the 31st of December, 1915, was Nine thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-six cents. ($9165.36)

Yours truly,

Manager

MCH/R

Accountant.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 10 1916
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 755
TEL. 1302

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606 Acct

VICTORIA, B.C.

December 31st, 1915

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, CANADA.

736512

Sir:

I have the honour by direction to transmit herewith the Financial Statement, Paid Vouchers and Certificate of Bank Balance covering the financial transactions of the Commission for the month of December instant.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt and oblige.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. H. Gibbons

Secretary.

Enclosures

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**MEMORANDUM: BANK ACCOUNT:**

Imperial Bank of Canada, Victoria,

In Account With

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.

1915.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 30. | To balance on deposit $5,398.72 | | |
| | By outstanding cheque Petty Cash | | 33.00 |
| | " " " | A.H. Green | 44.00 |
| | " " " | Edwards & Co. | 37.60 |
| | " " " | W.B. Rimmer | 255.00 |
| | " balance (net) at Nov. 30 | | 5029.12 |
| | | $ 5,398.72 | $ 5,398.72 |

E. & O. E.

Certified Correct

C. H. Gibbons

Secretary.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR

Financial Statement: September.

R E V E N U E .

| 1915 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 11380.76 |
| September 1 | Balance in Bank ..... | | ~~$10,877.92~~ |
| 1 | Deposited cash balance ..... | | ~~8.49~~ |
| 14 | Deposited cheque Dept. Indian Affairs ..... | | 10,000.00 |
| October 12 | Cash from C. Brown X | $34.00 | |
| | Cash from C.L. Cullin X | 7.00 | |
| | Cash from E. Harkness X | 7.00 | |
| | Cash from E. Harkness X | 6.00 | |
| | Cash from C.C. Perry X | 15.00 | |
| | Cash from C.L. Cullin X | 10.00 | |
| | Cash from J.M. Collinson X | 15.00 | |
| | Cash from C.C. Perry X | 46.29 | |
| | Cash from C.C. Perry X | 18.75 | |
| | Cash from S. Carmichael X | 18.75 | |
| | Cash from J.P. Shaw X | 18.75 | |
| | Cash from D.H. Macdowall X | 18.75 | |
| | Cash from A.M. Tyson X | 18.75 | ~~234.04~~ |
| November 15 | Deposited refund to cover disallowed item for souvenirs in sub-voucher "U" of Voucher No. 827 ..... | | ~~.35~~ |
| | Deposited refund to cover charges of $4.00 (motor hire) and .70 (express) included in Voucher No. 828 and being personal charges ..... | | ~~4.70~~ |
| 30 | Deposited cheque Dept. Indian Affairs | | 5,000.00 |

( X for details see Statement of Mr Commissioner Shaw, in trust, attached to Vouchers 858,859, 860 and 861).

~~26,119.50~~

Less. ~~234.04~~

~~26,880.46~~

Less. ~~4.70~~

~~26,880.46~~

Total. 26,380.76

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 861 | Schedule "D" ..... | 15.50 |
| | Thomas Edwards & Co., motor car service in connection with surveys in Williams Lake Agency: | |
| 862 | Progress payment ..... | 750.00 |
| 863 | Second progress payment ..... | 700.00 |
| 864 | Final payment ..... | 230.00 |
| | Office and operation: | |
| | Acme Press Ltd., on acct. of printing Final Report: | |
| 865 | Progress payment ..... | 250.00 |
| 866 | Progress payment ..... | 187.35 |
| 867 | C.H. Gibbons, sundry disbursements as per detailed statement ..... | 286.84 |
| 868 | C.H. Gibbons, do. | 21.90 |
| 869 | C.H. Gibbons, do. | 13.75 |
| 870 | C.H. Gibbons, do. | 8.90 |
| 871 | C.H. Gibbons, do. | ~~44.10~~ 40.50 |
| | Balance, December 1, | ~~[illegible]~~ $ ~~26,119.50~~ 21,596.98 |

Less.

Chgs. of 4, motor 970 express incurred in V. 40 828 inq statement 4.70

Less.

Sale of articles 234.04 2387.4

21,258.04

Balance 5022.72

~~4527.42~~

~~25,850.46~~

$ 26,380.76

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THE PROVI[illegible] OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

October, [illegible]ovember, 1915

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DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | | |
| Voucher No. | 830 | Paylist - September | | $4,500.00 |
| | 831 | Paylist - October | | 4,635.00 |
| | 832 | Paylist - November | | 4,500.00 |
| | 833 | Salaries: | Ashdown H. Green, Sept. | 300.00 |
| | 834 | | Ashdown H. Green, October | 300.00 |
| | 835 | | Ashdown H. Green, November | 300.00 |
| | 836 | | J.S. McArthur, September | 150.00 |
| | 837 | | J.S. McArthur, October | 150.00 |
| | 838 | | J.S. McArthur, November | 150.00 |
| | 839 | | Miss A. Porritt, September | 60.00 |
| | 840 | | Miss A. Porritt, October | 62.00 |
| | 841 | | Miss A. Porritt, November | 60.00 |
| | 842 | Rent | Cross & Co., September | 135.00 |
| | 843 | | Cross & Co., October | 135.00 |
| | 844 | | Cross & Co., November | 135.00 |
| | | Field Operations: Surveys: | | |
| | 845 | Ashdown H. Green, sundry disbursements in connection with survey operations in the Williams Lake Agency, $1186.60, ~~inclusive of $500.00 appearing as an advance in disbursements shown in last financial statement,~~ leaving balance of ..... | | 1186.60 ~~686.60~~ |
| | 846 | W.B. Rimmer, surveys at Atlin Lake ..... | | 255.00 |
| | 847 | A.W. Harvey, surveyors' fee and expenses as per detailed statement ..... | | 631.30 |
| | 848 | Hudson's Bay Co., tents and camp equipment | | 68.70 |
| | 849 | J.S. McArthur, proportional charge for living expenses during visitations of reserves in New Westminster Agency ..... | | 13.18 |
| | 850 | J.S. McArthur, proportional share living expenses during visitations of reserves of the Babine Agency | | 29.13 |
| | 851 | Disbursements in connection with visitations of reserves of the New Westminster Agency: | | |
| | | W. Dennions, motor service | | 6.00 |
| | 852 | Joseph Kelly, allowed travel expenses ..... | | 5.00 |
| | 853 | D. Montgomery, motor hire | | 3.50 |
| | 854 | Joe Hall, allowed travel expense..... | | 5.00 |
| | 855 | J.S. McArthur, travel expense ..... | | 4.25 |
| | 856 | S. Carmichael do. | | 3.00 |
| | 857 | N.W. White do. | | 3.25 |
| | | Commissioner J.P. Shaw, in Trust, re visitations of reserves of the Naas Agency | | 1111.04 |
| | 858 | Schedule "A" ..... | | ~~1100.04~~ |
| | 859 | " "B" ..... | | 14.65 |
| | 860 | " "C" ..... | | 180.41 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Financial Statement: Septemb

R E V E N U E

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | | |
| | | | | 11380.76 |
| September | 1 | Balance in Bank..... | | ~~$10,877.92~~ |
| | 1 | Deposited cash balance..... | | ~~2.49~~ |
| | 14 | Deposited cheque Dept. Indian Affairs... | | 10,000.00 |
| October | 12 | Cash from C. Brown (x) | $ 34.00 | |
| | | " " C.L.Cullin (x) | 7.00 | |
| | | " " E.Harkness (x) | 7.00 | |
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| | | " " D.H.Macdowall (x) | 18.75 | |
| | | " " A.M.Tyson (x) | 18.75 | ~~234.04~~ |
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| | | | | ~~26,119.50~~ |
| | | | Less | ~~234.04~~ |
| | | | | ~~25,885.46~~ |
| | | | | ~~5.05~~ |
| | | | | ~~4.70~~ |
| | | | | ~~25,875.71~~ |

( (x) for details see statement of Mr. Commissioner Shaw, in trust, attached to Vouchers 858, 859, 860 and 861 )

Total 26.380.76

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|---|---|---|
| 859 | Schedule "B" ..... | 14.65 |
| 860 | " "C" ..... | 180.44 |
| 861 | " "D" ..... | 15.50 |
| | Thomas Edwards & Co., motor car service in connection with surveys in Williams Lake Agency: | |
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| 871 | C.H.Gibbons, do ..... | ~~44.10~~ 40.50 |
| | | 21590.78 |
| | ~~Balance, December 1st..... 5029.12~~ | |

~~$ 26119.50~~

— Less —

~~Less~~ Charges of 4¢ (motor line) and 70¢ (Express) included in Voucher No 828 August Statement these being personal exp's incs. 4.70

Less

Cash for articles sold 234.04

21.358.04

~~21.358.34~~

~~41.27.08~~

~~4.532.42~~

~~21.885.46~~

~~21.880.76~~

~~41~~

In my statement the errors of 10¢ in V. No 871 and 3.60 in V. No 818 rectified - These will reduce the balance by 6.40

Balance 5022.72

Total 26.380.76

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OR THE PROV[illegible] OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

[illegible], October, No[illegible]ber, 1915

DISBURSEMENTS

1915

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| 843 | Cross & Co., October.... | 135.00 | ✓ |
| 844 | Cross & Co., November... | 135.00 | ✓ |
| | | 13572 | |
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| 849 | J.S.McArthur, proportional charge for living expenses during visitations of reserves in New Westminster Agency..... | 13.18 | ✓ |
| 850 | J.S.McArthur, proportional share living expenses during visitations of reserves of the Babine Agency..... | 29.13 | ✓ |
| 851 | Disbursements in connection with visitations of reserves of the New Westminster Agency: W. Dennions, motor service | 6.00 | ✓ |
| 852 | Joseph Kelly, allowed travel expenses..... | 5.00 | ✓ |
| 853 | D. Montgomery, motor hire | 3.50 | ✓ |
| 854 | Joe Hall, allowed travel expense..... | 5.00 | ✓ |
| 855 | J.S.McArthur, travel expense..... | 4.25 | ✓ |
| 856 | S. Carmichael do..... | 3.00 | ✓ |
| 857 | N.S.White do..... | 3.25 | ✓ |
| | Commissioner J.P.Shaw, in Trust, re visitations of reserves of the Naas Agency | 1181.04 | |
| 858 | Schedule "A" ..... | ✓ ~~1101.04~~ | |
| | | $ 18896 87 | |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COL'A

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER, 1915

December

## REVENUE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | |
| Dec. 1 - Balance in Bank ..... | $ 5,398.72 | |
| Outstanding cheques as reported in November statement ..... | 369.60 | |
| Net balance in hand ..... | $ ~~5,029.12~~ | 5022.72 |
| " 24 - Deposit by Dept. of Indian Affairs ..... | | 10,000.00 |
| | | ~~$15,029.12~~ 15022.72 |

Certified bank balance, December 31, 1915 - $9,165.36
Less outstanding cheque C.H.Gibbons, to reimburse Petty Cash ..... 26.55

Net balance Dec. 31 ~~$9,138.81~~ less 6.40

6.40

$ 9132.41

Certified Correct
E. & O. E.
Secretary.

## DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | | |
| Dec. 31 Voucher No. | 872 | Pay-1st, December ..... | $ 4,635.00 |
| | | Salaries: | |
| | 873 | Ashdown H. Green ..... | 300.00 |
| | 874 | J.S.McArthur ..... | 150.00 |
| | 875 | Miss A. Porritt ..... | 62.00 |
| | 876 | Mrs Anita Maysmith ..... | 44.00 |
| | 877 | Mrs Anita Maysmith ..... | 18.00 |
| | | Rent of Offices: | |
| | 878 | Cross & Co. ..... | 135.00 |
| | | Office and Operation: | |
| | 879 | Acme Press Ltd. ..... | 483.15 |
| | 880 | C.H.Gibbons, sundry disbursements ..... | 63.16 |
| | | ~~Balance (less outstanding cheque $26.55)~~ | ~~9,138.81~~ |
| | | | ~~$15,029.12~~ 5890.31 |
| | | Balance | 9132.41 |
| | | | 15022.72 |

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## ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COL'A

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Certified Correct
E. & O. E.
[signature]
Secretary.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

1915

Dec. 31 Voucher No. 872 Pay-List, December .....$4, 635.00
Salaries:
873 Ashdown H. Green ..... 300.00
874 J.S.McArthur ..... 150.00
875 Miss A. Porritt ..... 62.00
876 Mrs. Anita Maysmith ..... 44.00
877 Mrs. Anita Maysmith ..... 18.00
Rent of Offices :
878 Cross & Co..... 135.00
Office and Operation:
879 Acme Press Ltd ..... 483.15
880 C.H.Gibbons , sundry disbursements ..... 63.16
Balance (less outstanding cheque $26.55) .... 9, 138.81

$15, 029.12

15029.12
9138.81
5890.31

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MEMORANDUM: BANK ACCOUNT:

Imperial Bank of Canada, Victoria,

In Account With

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.

1915.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 30. | To balance on deposit $5,398.72 | | |
| | By outstanding cheque Petty Cash | | 33.00 |
| | " " " A.H. Green | | 44.00 |
| | " " " Edwards & Co. | | 37.60 |
| | " " " W.B. Rimmer | | 255.00 |
| | " balance (net) at Nov. 30 | | 5029.12 |
| | | $ 5,398.72 | $ 5,398.72 |

E. & O. E.

Certified Correct

Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B.C.
January 5th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 9 1915

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

486601

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo returning financial statement for September-November for the correction of certain vouchers accompanying same.

Re. Voucher No. 847, Sub-voucher 19: I have to say that the charge of $4.60 was a correct charge, the expenditure of $4.60 having been made for transportation from Burns Lake to Fort Fraser and return, although Mr. Harvey took receipt (Sub-voucher 19) for but one way, viz $2.30.

Re. Voucher No. 858, Sub-voucher 16: The error in addition, in the amount of $10.00, is noted and will be corrected in January financial statement.

Re. Voucher No. 871: The item of $3.00 was included in payment made under sub-voucher, but was not sufficiently particularized. I am attaching separate voucher hereto.

Re. duplication of item of $3.60 in Vouchers Nos. 868 and 871: This has occurred by inadvertence and also will be corrected in January statement by the credit to Secretary of underpayment $10.00 under Voucher 858 less duplication of $3.60 under Voucher No. 871, i. e., $6.40 net.

6.40 reduction in balance on hand

Vouchers and statement are herewith returned.

I note and will comply with your request that financial statement and returns be made at each month's end. This will be possible during the remaining portion of the Commission's life. During the prosecution of field work it has at times been impossible, the visitations of reserves overlapping the months.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

Enclosures.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, L. L. D.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1915. | | |
| Dec. 31st. | To salary as Commissioner during the months of November and December, 1915, @ $4,000.00 per annum..... | $666.66 |

Certified Correct.

Accountant.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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TO THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, DR.

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1915

AUG. 30 NO. 105A AGASSIZ TO VANCOUVER -
ONE A T. R. $2.85

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CORRECT APPROVED AUDITED

SGD. W. R. S. SGD. W. J. MOULE

AUDITOR OF DISBURSEMENTS

MONTREAL, NOV. 15/ 1915

2079
Sent to Treasurer Nov 23/15

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September - October - November

# D I S B U R S E M E N T S.

1915.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Voucher No. 830 | Paylist - September ..... | | $4,500.00 |
| 831 | Paylist - October ..... | | 4,635.00 |
| 832 | Paylist - November ..... | | 4,500.00 |
| 833 | Salaries: | Ashdown H. Green, Sept. ... | 300.00 |
| 834 | | Ashdown H. Green, Oct'r. .. | 300.00 |
| 835 | | Ashdown H. Green, November. | 300.00 |
| 836 | | J.S.McArthur, September ... | 150.00 |
| 837 | | J.S.McArthur, October ..... | 150.00 |
| 838 | | J.S.McArthur, November .... | 150.00 |
| 839 | | Miss A. Porritt, September. | 60.00 |
| 840 | | Miss A. Porritt, October .. | 62.00 |
| 841 | | Miss A. Porritt, November . | 60.00 |
| 842 | Rent | Cross & Co., September .... | 135.00 |
| 843 | | Cross & Co., October ..... | 135.00 |
| 844 | | Cross & Co., November ..... | 135.00 |
| 845 | Field Operations : Surveys : | Ashdown H. Green, sundry disbursements in connection with survey operations in the Williams Lake Agency,.. | 1,186.60 |
| 846 | | W.B. Rimmer, surveys at Atlin Lake ..... | 255.00 |
| 847 | | A. W. Harvey, surveyors' fee and expenses as per detailed statement ..... | 631.30 |
| 848 | | Hudson's Bay Co., tents and camp equipment ..... | 68.70 |
| 849 | | J.S.McArthur, proportional charge for living expenses during visitations of reserves in New Westminster agency ..... | 13.18 |
| 850 | | J.S.McArthur, proportional share living expenses during visitations of reserves of the Babine Agency .. | 29.13 |
| 851 | | Disbursements in connection with visitations of reserves of the New Westminster Agency: W. Dennions, motor service . | 6.00 |
| 852 | | Joseph Kelly, allowed travel expenses ..... | 5.00 |
| 853 | | D. Montgomery, motor hire .. | 3.50 |
| 854 | | Joe Hall, allowed travel expense ..... | 5.00 |
| 855 | | J.S.McArthur, travel expense | 4.25 |
| 856 | | S. Carmichael, do. ..... | 3.00 |
| 857 | | N. S. White, do. ..... | 3.25 |
| | | Commissioner J.P. Shaw, in Trust, re visitations of reserves of the Naas Agency .. | |
| 858 | | Schedule "A" ..... | 1,111.04 |
| | | Forward .....$ | 18,896.95 |

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|---|---|---|
| | Brought Forward | $ 18,896.95 |
| 859 | Schedule "B" ..... | 14.65 |
| 860 | " "C" ..... | 180.44 |
| 861 | " "D" ..... | 15.50 |
| | Thomas Edwards & Co., motor car service in connection with surveys in Williams Lake Agency: | |
| 862 | Progress Payment ..... | 750.00 |
| 863 | Second Progress Payment .... | 700.00 |
| 864 | Final Payment ..... | 230.00 |
| | Office and Operation: | |
| | Acme Press Ltd., on acct. of printing Final Report: | |
| 865 | Progress Payment ..... | 250.00 |
| 866 | Progress Payment ..... | 187.35 |
| 867 | C.H. Gibbons, sundry disbursements as per detailed statement ..... | 286.84 |
| 868 | C.H. Gibbons, do..... | 21.90 |
| 869 | C.H. Gibbons, do..... | 13.75 |
| 870 | C.H. Gibbons, do..... | 8.90 |
| 871 | C.H. Gibbons, do..... | 40.50 |
| | | $ 21,596.78 |

- Less -

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges of $4.00 (motor hire) and 70¢ (express) included in Voucher No. 828, August Statement these being personal expenses. | 4.70 |
| | $ 21,592 .08 |

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December

# D I S B U R S E M E N T S.

1915

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. 31 | Voucher No. 872 | Paylist - December ..... | | $4,635.00 |
| | 873 | Salaries: | Ashdown H. Green ..... | 300.00 |
| | 874 | | J.S. McArthur ..... | 150.00 |
| | 875 | | Miss A. Porritt ..... | 62.00 |
| | 876 | | Mrs. Anita Maysmith ... | 44.00 |
| | 877 | | Mrs. Anita Maysmith ... | 18.00 |
| | 878 | Rent of Offices : | | |
| | | | Cross & Co. ..... | 135.00 |
| | 879 | Office and Operation : | | |
| | | | Acme Press Ltd. ..... | 483.15 |
| | 880 | | C.H. Gibbons, sundry disbursements ..... | 63.16 |
| | | | | $5,890.31 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the months of September, October and November as per statement and vouchers herewith | $ 21,592.08 |
| do do for month of December | 5,890.31 |
| Transportation furnished by Canadian Pacific Railway Co. as per account | 2.85 |
| Paid David Johnson for trip to Teslin Lake as per account | 30.00 |
| Notices of Itinerary of Commission as per account | 8.00 |
| Paid M. J. McDonald for supplies as per account | 8.00 |
| Transportation furnished by Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co. as per account | 140.00 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL. D. for November and December | 666.66 |
| | $ 28,337.90 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government namely one-half. | 14,168.95 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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, January 15th., 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith the statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred during the months of September, October, November and December by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, amounting in the total to $28,337.90 and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque from you for half this amount, namely, $14,168.95 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

sgd. Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JAN 25 1916

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January 19th, 1916

Dear Mr Scott:

Might I bring to your attention the fact that with the payment of obligations of the present month, the Commission's funds will be very considerably depleted, and request that a further remittance be made at an early date to provide for the carrying forward of the Commission's work.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Mr Scott,

Yours faithfully

F. W. White
Chairman

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

$9130.00 on hand 31 Dec.

Dec. a/cs = $5890.00

Refund to 31 Dec. $ due $14168.95

2650

sent 25/1/16

Send $5000.00

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Ottawa, February 8th., 1916.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B.C.

When may cheque in payment of accounts sent you fifteenth January be expected? Would feel obliged if you will kindly expedite payment as our funds in connection with Land Commission are exhausted.

Duncan C. Scott.

Charge Dept. Indian Affairs.

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Hu Victoria BC Feb 9-16

Ducan C.Scott

Deputy Supt General Indian Affairs

Ottawa Ont---

Referring your telegram eighth Cheque will be forwarded tomorrow

Deputy Minister of Finance

1040pm,.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Financial Statement - [illegible] 1916

REVENUE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| Jan. 1 | Balance in hand, after allowance for outstanding cheque $26.55 ..... | $ 9,138.81 |
| | | $ 9,138.81 |

Balance in Bank, 31.1.1916 - $3914.79
Outstanding Cheques (4) 390.35
Net Balance 31.1.1916 $ 3524.44

E. & O. E.
31.1.1916.

C. Ricoard
Secretary

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | | |
| Jan. 31 | Voucher No. 881 | Pay List January | $ 4,635.00 |
| | | Salaries: | |
| | 882 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| | 883 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| | 884 | Miss A. Porritt | 62.00 |
| | 885 | Mrs Anita Maysmith | 62.00 |
| | | Rent: | 5209 |
| | 886 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | Surveys: | |
| | 887 | Nelson C. Kenny | 117.65 |
| | | Office and Operation: | |
| | 888 | C.H. Gibbons | 146.32 |
| | | Correction of Error | |
| | 889 | C.H. Gibbons | 6.40 |
| | | Balance (Less outstanding cheques: | |
| | | C.H. Gibbons, $ 8.75 | |
| | | Ashdown H.Green 300.00 | |
| | | Miss A. Porritt 47.00 | |
| | | C.H. Gibbons 34.60 | |
| | | $390.35) | 3,524.44 |
| | | | $ 9,138.81 |

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VOUCHER No. 889

VOTE No.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO C. H. GIBBONS, SECRETARY:

| DATE 1916 | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Jan'y. 5th | Error in addition sub-voucher 16 of Voucher 858, expenses on Naas Agency trip - $10.00 | |
| | LESS | |
| | Duplication of item of $3.60 in Voucher No. 871..... | $6.40 |
| | See letter of 5.1.1915 to Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs. | |
| | Not required as corrections made in Pay vouchers | |
| | | $6.40 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

C H Gibbons

APPROVED:

C H Gibbons

*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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*Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia*

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Financial Statement - January

REVENUE

1916

Jan. 1 Balance in hand, after allowance for outstanding cheque $26.55 ..... ~~$9,156.81~~ 9132.41

Balance in Bank, 31.1.1916 - $3914.79

Outstanding Cheques (4) 390.35

Net Balance 31.1.1916 $3524.44

~~$9,156.81~~

9132.41

E. & O. E.

31.1.1916.

Secretary

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HE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

. 1916

January

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | | | |
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| | | 885 | Mrs Anita Maysmith | 62.00 |
| | | | ~~Rent~~ | |
| | | 886 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | | ~~Surveyor~~ | |
| | | 887 | Nelson C. Kenny | 117.65 |
| | | | ~~Office and Operation~~ | |
| | | 888 | C.H. Gibbons | 146.32 |
| | | | Correction of Error | 360797 |
| | | 889 | C.H. Gibbons | ~~6.40~~ |
| | | | Balance (Less outstanding cheques: | |
| | | | C.H. Gibbons 8.75 | |
| | | | Ashdown H. Green 300.00 | |
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| | | | C.H. Gibbons 34.60 | |
| | | | $390.35) | 3,524.44 |
| | | | | $ ~~9,150.01~~ |
| | | | | 9132.47 |

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Imperial Bank of Canada.

Victoria, B.C.

February 2, 1916.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

This is to certify that the balance at credit of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs with us at the close of business on January 31st, was Thirty-nine hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-nine cents. ($3914.79)

Yours truly,

Acting Manager.

for Accountant.

C.R.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Immediate

January 31st, 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 10 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A , C A N .

487403

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith Financial Statement for the month of January instant, together with paid vouchers referred to therein and certificate of bank balance at the month's end. Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof at your early convenience.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
C. F. Gibbons
Secretary.

Enclosures

Cash 1st Feby 8524.00

Feb 1st 5500 say
Mch 5500
11000

cash in hand 1st Feby. 8524.00
Refunds from B C Govt 2 nos 5500.00
14024.00

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, L. L. D.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| Jan. 31st. | To salary as Commissioner during the month of January, 1916 at $4,000.00 per annum..... | $333.33 |

Certified Correct.

Accountant.

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## JANUARY.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1916.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 31 | Voucher No. | 881 | Pay List January..... | $ 4,635.00 |
| | | 882 | Ashdown H. Green..... | 300.00 |
| | | 883 | James S. McArthur..... | 150.00 |
| | | 884 | Miss A. Porritt..... | 62.00 |
| | | 885 | Mrs. Anita Mayesmith..... | 62.00 |
| | | 886 | Cross & Co..... | 135.00 |
| | | 887 | Nelson C. Kenny..... | 117.65 |
| | | 888 | C. H. Gibbons..... | 146.32 |
| | | | | $ 5,607.97 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during month of January 1916. | $ 5607.97 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna LL..D. for January. | 333.33 |
| | $ 5941.30 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, namely one-half. | $ 2970.65 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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, February 10th., 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith the statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred during the month of January by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, amounting in the total to $5941.30 and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, namely, $2970.65 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

sgd D. C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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File

VICTORIA, B.C.

February 4th 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 10 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of official cheque #3650 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars ($5000.00), which has been deposited to the credit of the Commission at the Imperial Bank of Canada here.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. Gibbons
Secretary

CHG:AM

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Mr. Scott
Chq. on hand
for $14.
189168 a.g.m.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

VICTORIA February 10th.1916

The Deputy Superintedant General
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

437644

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 15th.ultimo enclosing statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting in the total to $28,337.90, I have pleasure in enclosing Treasury cheque No.64827 - - $14,168.95 being the Province's share of the said expenditure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. G. Graves
for Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

Acked 17/2/16

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 1916

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 4099

Bank of Montreal,

$ 14,168.95 Ottawa, Feb. 17, 1916

*RECEIVED from* Dept.

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Fourteen thousand one hundred and sixty-eight------95/100 *Dollars,*

*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Pro. Manager.*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FEB 1916

Ent'd.

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

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J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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| | | | $ 5742.37 |
| | Advanced $ 750.00 in May 1913 but not accounted for - Claimed by Dr. McKenna to meet expenses living in Ottawa between 14th Dec. 1912 and 30th March 1913, 107 days @ $7.00. | = $ | 749.00 |
| | | | $ 6491.37 |
| | Salary as Commissioner B. C. from 31st March 1913, @ $4000.00. | | |
| | Allowance as Commissioner B. C. from 31st March 1913, @ $10.00 a day. | | |

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Office of The Auditor General,
Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 1916

Ottawa, Feb. 23, 1916.

487901

Sir,-

In the beginning of the fiscal year 1913-14 an advance of $750 was made to J.A.J. McKenna for his expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs. I have received no account of Mr. McKenna's expenditure under this advance. As I understand that the business of the Royal Commission will in a short time be closed, Mr. McKenna should be called upon either to produce proper accounts for this expenditure or to refund this amount.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, February 26th., 1916.

Sir,-

I am directed to enclose to you a copy of a letter received from the Auditor General respecting the advance of $750.00 made to you in May 1913. You should therefore account for same forthwith.

In your telegram of the 24th March, 1914 it was pointed out that you had no vouchers for living expenses while in Ottawa between the 14th December 1912 and 30th March 1913,(both dates inclusive, 107 days), and asked that this advance be not included in the Commission's accounts, but be allowed to stand, pending adjustment with the Department.

The time has now arrived when an accounting should be made and if you have no vouchers covering expenses during the period above mentioned, you should submit a statement in detail ~~covering your expenses~~ supported by a sworn declaration.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. J. McKenna Esq., LL. D.
Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.

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Re Paper herewith
Chque # 66022
for $2970.65
189/14

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

VICTORIA February 25th.1916

488043

The Deputy Superintendent General
Department of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th.instant enclosing statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred during the month of January 1916 in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting in the total to $5,941.30, I have pleasure in enclosing Treasury cheque No.66022 for $2,970.65 being the share of the Province in said expenditure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

enc.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - February, 1916.

| 1916 | REVENUE | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| February 1 | Cash in bank, allowing for deduction of cheques outstanding, $390.35, as per last Financial Statement ---------- | | $ 3,524.44 |
| " 3 | Deposited cheque Dept. of Indian Affairs -- | | 5,000.00 |
| | Balance in Bank 29.2.1916 | $2924.52 | |
| | Outstanding cheques: | | |
| | Victoria Transfer Co. $55.50 | | |
| | C.H.Gibbons, Petty Cash 9.93 | | |
| | Net Balance | $2859.09 | |
| | | | $ 8,524.44 |

B.M.O.

| 1916 | EXPENDITURES | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| February 29 | Voucher No. | Service | Amount |
| | 890 | Pay List for February | $4,365.00 |
| | | Salaries for February: | |
| | 891 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| | 892 | James S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| | 893 | (Miss) A. Porritt | 58.00 |
| | 894 | (Mrs.) A. Maysmith | 58.00 |
| | | Rent for February: | |
| | 895 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| | | On A/c Printing Final Report: | |
| | 896 | Acme Press Ltd. | 400.00 |
| | | Office and Operation: | |
| | 897 | C. H. Gibbons | 199.35 |
| | | | 5665.35 |
| | | BALANCE: (Less outstanding cheques - Victoria Transfer Co., $55.50, C. H. Gibbons, $9.93) | 2,859.09 |
| | | | $8,524.44 |

B.M.O.

E. & O. E.

J. McArthur
Secretary.

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| 1¾ Lbs. Rope | .20 | .35 |
| 1 Doz. Tea Spoons | | 1.00 |
| 1 " Dessert Spoons | | 1.15 |
| 2 Only Muffin Tins | .20 | .40 |
| 1 " Milk Pitcher | | .60 |
| | | $3.50 |

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Imperial Bank of Canada.

Victoria, B.C.

March 1st, 1916.

To the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

This is to certify that the balance standing to the credit of the account of The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, at the close of business on Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1916, is Two thousand nine hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-two cents ($2924.52)

Yours truly,

Acting Manager.

Accountant.

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Immediate
Order

March 1st, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 9 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

488262

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to transmit herewith Financial Statement, Balance Sheet, Paid Vouchers and Certificate of Bank balance at this date, covering the financial transactions of the Commission for the month of February ultimo.

With respect to expenditure under sub-voucher "B" of Voucher 879, (vis Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., $55.50) I have to say that this was necessitated by the unprecedented snowfall of early February, for which Victoria was totally unprepared. As a result, street car and all general vehicular traffic was suspended for a week or more, and a very large proportion of offices and other places of business were closed. Such of the large institutions as maintained business as usual, such as the C.P.R., B. C. Telephone Co., B. & K. Milling Co., etc., did so by arranging at the outset for special transportation for staffs, this course being also followed by the Commission, which otherwise would have been obliged to suspend operations for the period of the blockade.

I am also enclosing herewith delayed original and duplicate receipt for expenditure under sub-voucher "G" of Voucher No. 888, in accordance with special note on such Voucher.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. H. GIBBONS
Secretary.

Encls.:

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# FEBRUARY

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1916.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, LL. D.

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|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| February 29th. March 31 | To salary as Commissioner during the month of ~~February~~ March, 1916 at $4,000.00 per annum..... | 333.37 $ 333.33 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during month of February, 1916..... | $ 5,665.35 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D for February, 1916..... | 333.33 |
| | $ 5,998.68 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, namely, one-half..... | $ 2,999.34 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Ottawa, Ont., March 10, 1916.

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Encl.

Yours very truly,

D. C. S.

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

Salaries sent to Lby.
$1066.00
2849.09 cash on hand, Mch
2206.91

2849.09 cash on hand, Mch
2500.00 Further advance
5349.09
5344.00 To pay in Mch
1.5.09

Salaries sent for Mch - will be $5344.00

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Return to accts

Ottawa, Ont., March 10, 1916.

Sir,-

I am directed to inform you that a cheque for $2500.00 is being sent you as a further advance to pay salaries, allowances, etc. up to the end of the current fiscal year, namely, 31st instant. This with the amount on hand on the 1st instant should meet amounts due on account of salaries and allowances and sundry accounts. If there should be insufficient funds to pay all accounts incurred up to the 31st March, those which you cannot pay should be forwarded here for payment.

Should there be a balance remaining on hand on the 31st March after paying all accounts it should be refunded to the Department as it cannot be applied on expenses incurred after the 31st March. Kindly see that these instructions are complied with.

After the 1st April no further advances will be made. All payments will be made by cheque from the Department, including salaries, allowanqes and other accounts which may have to be met until the Commission ceases its labours. The Pay Lists can be sent about the 15th of the month so that the cheques can be returned and in your hands by the end of the month

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for B. C.
Victoria, B. C.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

March 7th, 1916.

488404

Sir: Re. File 59,336-6B :4 years of 26th ult.

I must ask you for the file so that I may refer to my account and any statement made in connection therewith. My impression is that there was previous correspondence. I cannot put my hand on any copy, or any notes or memoranda, and it is necessary for me to refresh my memory in the matter.

Your obedient servant,

J. A. McLean

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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| | | | $ 6491.37 |

Salary as Commissioner B. C. from 31st March 1913, @ $4000.00.

Allowance as Commissioner B. C. from 31st March 1913, @ $10.00 a day.

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Victoria B. C. Mar. 24-14 COPY.

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Yours sixteenth re advance. Believing fixed allowance would cover time held in Ottawa kept on vouchers. Pleased to have any suggestion for fair adjustment, reckoning amount with Commissions payments complicates and confuses its accounts and greatly embarrasses me. Would ask that contrary instructions be wired Secretary so I may get what is available here for this month's expenses pending adjustment with Dep't of former advance.

J.A.J. McKenna.

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COPY. Ottawa, March 25th, 1914.

J. G. H. Bergeron,
Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for
British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

Reference letter eleventh instant. Eliminate from your accounts amount advanced Doctor MacKenna by Department. Pay him living allowance as it becomes due.

Chg. Dep't I. A. Duncan C. Scott.

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59,335-6B

Ottawa, Ont., March 15th, 1916.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg to say that the only correspondence on file respecting the advance of $750.00 made to you in May 1913 is contained in telegram from you dated 24th March, 1914, Copy of which is enclosed. The letter referred to in the telegram was addressed to the Secretary of the Commission and simply instructed him to include the advance made to you in his account with other advances.

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For your information I enclose a statement covering amounts paid you as Commissioner between 1st April, 1912 and 13th December, 1912.

The advance in question was made in connection with the expenses of the Commission to which you were appointed by Order-in-Council dated 31st March, 1913.

I also enclose an extract from a letter addressed to you by the Deputy to which I am informed there was no reply.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. J. McKenna, Esq., LL.D.,
Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

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59,335-6B

Ottawa, 17th March, 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to my letter of the 10th instant, I have to request that you will kindly cause to be forwarded with the March statement of expenditure, the Bank Book together with all cheques issued since Mr. Bergeron ceased to sign cheques drawn upon advances made by the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on
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Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 22 1916

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. .....

Cash

ACCOUNTANT
MAR 23 1916

March 16th, 1916

488639

Dear Mr Scott:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of cheque in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2500.00) to cover expenses in connection with the work of the Commission.

As you will gather from the Financial Statement accompanying paid vouchers mailed you at the first of the current month, this will be barely sufficient to provide for March disbursements, and I shall be glad if you will, so soon as may be convenient, send a further remittance sufficient to cover expenses incidental to the continuance of the Commission's work, referred to in my letter to the Honourable the Minister of the 4th instant, it being our practice (as disclosed in monthly Financial Reports) to make progress payments from time to time in connection with the printing of the Commission's Final Report.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully

N. W. White
Chairman.

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Our letter of 10th March hadn't been received when this was written. When he receives it he will understand

400 in July to come by Paid

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 1916

accept

March 17th, 1916.

488661

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant (Your File No. 59335-6B) re financial affairs of the Commission. The directions therein contained are noted and will be acted upon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. V. Gibbons

Secretary.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

March 17th, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 23 1916

488055

Acct

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant (Your File No. 59335-6B) I have the honour to enclose herewith approved vouchers for the current month which the Commission's funds in hand will be insufficient to provide for.

Will you kindly have cheques therefor issued and forwarded at your early convenience to reach me, if possible, by the Month's end, and oblige,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
N. W. White
Chairman.

Nov 250.00
" 187.50
Dec. 483.15
July 450.00

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B. C. Funds

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|---|---|
| available 1st March = | 8590.00 |
| Refund due by B.C. Govt. | 3000.00 |
| | 11590.00 |
| Expenditure to 24 March. | 5979.83 |
| | 5610.17 |

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59,335-6B

Ottawa, March 25, 1916.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, No. 606, enclosing voucher covering salaries due for the month of March and one for an advance of $1200.00 to the Acme Press Limited for printing done on Final Report; I beg to say that cheques covering the salaries have been forwarded but as regard the payment to the Acme Press Limited, I am directed to ask under what arrangement as to rates, etc. is this work being done. If under contract were tenders invited and if not how was it ascertained that the rates being charged for the work are fair and just. If a contract has been entered into it should be forwarded to the Department. Be kind enough also to report what the total cost of this work is estimated to be and what sums have already been advanced on it.

Before final payment can be made it will be necessary to have the amount covering the whole work taxed by the King's Printer and for his information specimens of the work will have to be submitted.

Before making further advances to the Acme Press Limited, the Department desires the above information.

The

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

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The voucher is also returned as it is not in proper form. A progress Estimate or Certificate should show the amount of the contract, also each advance that has been made, and the extent to which the work has been completed entitling the Contractors to a further advance. A form used in connection with buildings is enclosed for your information. A Certificate something of this nature is required.

Kindly also report how many copies of the Report are to be printed, when the work was commenced and when will it be completed.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Ottawa, March 29th., 1916.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

When may cheque in payment of accounts sent you tenth instant be expected? Would be obliged if you will kindly expedite payment.

Duncan C. Scott.

Chg. Dept. I. A.

$2999.34 we need it

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

March 23rd, 1916.

Ans

488303

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

ACCOUNTANTS
MAR 30 1916
BRANCH

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant (Your File No. 59,335-6B), and to advise you that when the Commission's March statement is forwarded it will be accompanied with the Commission's Bank Book and all cancelled cheques issued since Mr. Bergeron ceased to sign them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James S. W. Arthur

For Secretary.

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TELEGRAPH GREAT NORTH WESTERN AND CABLE

Z.A. LASH, PRESIDENT — HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT. — GEO. D. PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

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Victoria BC Mar 30th

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Deputy Supt General

Of Indian Affairs Ottawa Ont

Cheque for february accounts will be forwarded tomorrow

Deputy Minister of Finance

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MAR 30 1916

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VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. .....

March 23rd, 1916.

438878

Dear Mr. Scott:

As the work of the Commission draws to an end, we find that it is essential to have Mr. Ashdown Green in close touch with the Commission.

The work of making sketch plans of additional lands and proper descriptions thereof which may be readily understood by the Surveyor-General of the Province and by the Surveyor-in-Chief of your Department is essential.

In the performance of this duty, and other technical work, very frequent meetings with the Commission are necessary, which entail substantial loss of time to Mr. Green in walking from his office to the Commission office.

To obviate this the Commission have arranged with the owner of the Belmont House, in which our offices are, for the use of a well lighted room and surveyors' drawing table for Mr. Green at the cost of $25.00 per month - the Belmont House also give us free of charge storage room in a vault for our printed tabulations of which we have over $2,000.00 worth on hand. The Commission also think they should place - say $2,000.00 - insurance on the printed matter.

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I have thought it as well, with the acquiescence of my colleagues, to advise you of this action as it will involve the small additional expenditure for Mr. Green's office.

Yours very truly,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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J. A. J. McKenna

in account with

The Department of Indian Affairs.

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| May | 1913 | To Cheque from Dept. ..... | | $750.00 |
| Mar. 30, | " | By living expenses between the 14th December, 1912, and 30th March, 1913, 107 days @ $7.00 ... | $749.00 | |
| | | By Refund herewith ..... | 1.00 | |
| | | | $750.00 | $750.00 |

I certify that the above is correct and that the expenditure was incurred in Government business.

J. A. J. McKenna

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C O P Y.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.,
March 29th,1916.

Sir,-

Your File 59,336-6B:

Referring to yours of the 26th February and 15th instant, somehow I got the impression that the matter of expenses between the 14th December,1912, and 30th March,1913 had been disposed of. Cheque issued to me in May 1913. As stated orally and afterwards in my telegram of March 16th, 1914, I proceeded in the belief that the fixed per diem allowance applied and I, therefore, did not obtain vouchers for my expenses for the said period nor keep any account. The best I can do is to send an account in the form herewith, together with a sworn declaration as suggested in yours of the 26th February. I trust this will be satisfactory, As a matter of fact I am convinced that the amount charged does not adequately meet the expenses I was put to owing to my being kept in Ottawa during the said period, and I adhere to the belief that, in all fairness and in strict compliance with the understanding upon which the Commission issued to me, the full amount of the fixed per diem allowance should have been paid. However, I decided in view of the misunderstanding that arose to forego that claim and to attain settlement, fix the amount at the minnimum of reasonably chargeable outlay.

Your obedient servant,

Encl. Sgd. J. A. J. McKenna.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Return

, April 4th., 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd of February last, respecting the advance of $750.00 made to Mr. J.A.J. McKenna in the beginning of the fiscal year 1913-14 for his expenses in connection with the British Columbia Royal Commission on Indian Affairs; I now beg to enclose an account received from Mr. McKenna, supported by a Statutory Declaration, covering the sum of $749.00. A refund of $1.00 has been made by Mr. McKenna and deposited to the credit of Casual Revenue. I also enclose for your information a letter dated the 29th ultimo received from Mr. McKenna respecting this account.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

The Auditor General,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

Casual Rev

No. 6329

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 1.00 *Ottawa,* April 5, 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS APR 6 1916

*RECEIVED from* Department

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* One----------xx/100 *Dollars,*
*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 6329

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$ 1.00

*Ottawa,* April 5, 1916

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*on account* Indian Funds

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*Ent'd.*

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BANK RECEIPT No. 55-6

Amt. $1.00 p.mo.

G.M.M. Date 4-4-1916

Entered Journal No. Folio

Dept. Receipt No.

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BANK RECEIPT No. 3

Amt. $1.00 p.m.o.

G.M.M. Date 4-4-1916

Entered Journal No. Folio

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Clerk of Crown Revenue

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C O P Y

Victoria, B. C.,
December 29th, 1914

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We enclose herewith Invoices for work done to date on Tabulated Abstracts.

Owing to the scarcity of money, we shall be very glad if you will favour us with a cheque for part of the amount.

Yours very truly,
The Acme Press Limited

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COPY

Victoria, B.C.,
November 4th, 1914

The Chairman and Members,
Royal Commission in Indian Affairs for B.C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:

Re tabulation of evidence for Kamloops Agency:

Reference to the evidence taken during visitations of reserves and upon the examination of Agent Smith and then to the informative report furnished by Agent Smith and Mr A. W. Duck later, as to all reserves in the Agency, incidental to their joint report on valuations, shews that the information given by the Agent is so materially varied by his subsequent investigations on the reserves that practically all the descriptions of reserves in the physical characteristics tabulation have had to be corrected. This wholesale correction was imperative, and due allowance will have to be made the printers for the necessary corrections on proof.

Allowance will also have to be made for holding the Bella Coola Agency type until data re Ulkatcho Reserve is available.

I have the honour to be,
Sirs,
Your obedient servants,
(Signed) C.H. Gibbons,
Assistant Secretary.

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COPY

Victoria, B.C.,
October 22nd 1914

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith invoices for work completed on Tabulated Abstracts of ~~Accounts~~ Evidence.

You will notice that we have made up our account for all work completed up to and including October 20th, to enable us to keep our books straight, and so prevent any means of a mistake being made in our charges.

If you do not feel disposed to give us a cheque for the full amount of the invoice, we shall be quite willing to accept a remittance for half the amount, and the balance at the completion of the job.

Yours very truly,
The Acme Press Limited
per A.F. Stevens

The item of $85.00 for alterations and additional proofs subject to adjustment.

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C O P Y

Victoria, B. C., 26th March, 1914.

Messrs

The Acme Press Limited,

Victoria, B. C.

Sirs:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your tender of the 25th instant for the printing of tabulated abstracts of evidence, and to advise you that at a meeting of the Commission held this morning said tender was accepted, and it was ORDERED that the work be proceeded with at once.

Before any portion of such work is sent to press, it is requested that revised proof-sheets, together with original manuscripts be submitted to Mr. C. H. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary, for checking.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J.G.H.Bergeron.

Secretary.

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KODAK SAFETY

COPY

Victoria, B. C., March 25th, 1914.

The Secretary,
The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

Re Printing of Tabulated Statistics:

We hereby beg to tender as below for printing tabulated abstract of evidence and information as to Indian Reserves in British Columbia, as per sample sheets submitted, on paper of 20lb Bond stock, white. Two hundred copies (200) and type or matrix to be held for possible subsequent order from the Dominion Government, for a period of sixty days.

Per page of copy as per sample - Thirteen dollars and seventy five cents ($13.75).

Broken or incomplete pages at proportional rate.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
THE ACME PRESS, LTD.
per (Sgd.) A. F. Stevens.

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COPY

Victoria, B. C.,
October 16th, 1915.

The Chairman
and Members of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:

Re Acme Press a/c hereto attached:

With further reference to this account, I find that price and quantity are correct in respect to the first item, viz, 123 pages tabulation of evidence at $18.85 per page per M. copies, $2318.55.

As to the charge of $85.00 for alterations and extra proofs: The alterations consisted almost exclusively of the deletion of the eighth column of the second table, "Physical Characteristics of Reserves", as originally prepared, this being the column entitled "average cost of clearing", which was regarded as unnecessary and struck out by the Commission when looking over revise proofs of the first tabulation. The other alterations consisted in the striking out of matters from the remarks column which it was decided should not appear in the analytical tabulation, but should be noted for consideration in the preparation of the final report. Taking out the "clearing cost" column in Table "B", above referred to, necessitated the re-setting of the two following columns in wider measure so as to justify the page; and as this was done in the tabulation for the Cowichan, Queen Charlotte, Bella Coola and Okanagan Agencies the charge of $85.00 I should regard as a fair and reasonable one.

The items of $172.50 and $190.10 are dealt with in my report to the Commission of September 18th ultimo, under which a progress payment of $250.00 was made.

I would therefore approve the entire account as rendered September 15th last and recommend that a further payment be authorized in the amount of $187.35 covering balance due the contractors at the date mentioned.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
(Signed) C.H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

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Victoria, B. C.,
September 18th 1915

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B.C.,
Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:

Re account of the Acme Press Ltd., in the amount of $437.35, dated 15th instant:

The time intervening before the Commission's departure for the North does not permit precise examination of the detail of work making up the total charge. The comprehensive alterations and additions on Kamloops Agency were, I find, necessitated by the addition thereto of the portion of the Agency transferred from the Lytton Agency and also through many important changes in information, for the final schedule made by Agent Smith after his close inspection of reserves with Mr Duck. The charge of $172.50 in this connection would not be an excessive one.

As for the charge on type set to date since last payment: This includes composition on two general tabulations and on several tabulations of lands applications -- viz., Cowichan, Queen Charlotte, Kamloops, Okanagan, Kootenay and Williams Lake. The charge in this connection is also manifestly fair.

Pending close examination of all charges, I should recommend that a progress payment of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) be made, as the credit of the contracting firm well exceeds that amount in any event.

I have the honour to be,
Sirs,
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Victoria, B. C.,
January 6th, 1915.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq., K.C.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst., re the printing of "Analysis of Evidence" in tabular form, I beg to say that I consider the charge of $13.75 per page, for 200 copies printed on Bond paper, to be a reasonable and fair charge. The work is of an intricate and technical character and known in the trade as "double price matter".

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) W. H. Cullin,
King's Printer.

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January 5th 1915.

W.H. Cullin Esq.,
King's Printer,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

By direction of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia and with further reference to my interview with you of Monday last, I have the honour to transmit herewith a sample page of the "copy" furnished the Acme Press, Limited, in connection with printing of the tabulated abstract of evidence, also a sample printed page of such tabulation.

The Commission would greatly appreciate the courtesy if you would be good enough to advise us, if in your opinion the price charged, viz., $13.75 per printed page, is under present conditions in the trade a fair and reasonable one.

Kindly return the enclosures herewith with your reply, and oblige,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. H. Gibbons

For Secretary

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Victoria, B. C.,
January 4th, 1915.

Messrs.
The Royal Indian Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr Gibbons I have examined the various documents re tender of the Acme Press Limited for printing abstract of evidence. I should interpret the tender submitted as being for a printed page price and not a page of mss., the printed page to be of the size and grade of stock as sample submitted with the tender. In all my experience as a printer I may say that I have never known a tender to be made for such work at a page price where the page was not the printed page of the completed work of the printer. I should therefore regard the tender as meaning at a page price of the printed matter, not the copy furnished to the printers.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) W. H. Cullin,
King's Printer.

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Victoria, B. C.,
January 4th, 1914

The Acting Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir: Re account of Acme Press:

Acting under instruction of the Commission I have examined the account herein referred to.

As for the charge in the aggregate of $85.00 for alterations in proofs and additional proofs, I find that the charges herein were in the main necessitated by the elimination of the column as originally proposed covering "average clearing cost", and the substitution for the two columns giving pages of transcript and precis references of a column giving dates of visitations and evidence, also the putting in of valuations for the Cowichan, Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Islands Agencies, not available for inclusion when the copy of tabulations for these Agencies was prepared. These changes necessitated a general reconstruction of the forms, and examination of the time sheets convinces me that upwards of $75.00 was actually expended in wages in connection with such changes and alterations. The charge of $85.00 would therefore appear to be a fair and just charge, and as such deserving of payment.

The alterations on twenty-three pages of Kamloops Agency tabulation (as pointed out in my letter to the Board of the 4th November, 1914) were largely occasioned through material changes in the information furnished by Agent John F. Smith after his visitation of all reserves under his jurisdiction for the purpose of making valuations. The transfer of various reserves from the Lytton Agency to the Kamloops Agency also accounts for material change from the original Kamloops Agency tabulation. The charge of $172.50 in this connection, taking time sheets into consideration, appears to be a fair and just one.

As to the major charges in this account, for 118 pages at $13.75 per page, I beg to say that the page total is correct except for the last mentioned thirty pages of tabulation now in type but not yet made up in forms. This 30 pp is estimate and will probably slightly under-run the actual.

The charge per page for the printers' work I have from the first regarded as for the page of our Mss. as submitted to the printers. I have, under this impression, carefully preserved all copy, after proofs have been read, and checked such pages in passing progress payments to the contractors. The latter hold that the price is fixed as for the printed page. I have submitted the point of difference for an opinion to the King's Printer, and attach hereto his written expression. If the Commission accepts the same, the several items under this heading are correct, and the account correct.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) C. H. Gibbons,
Assistant Secretary.

Please copies of letters sent connected to Project Ed. of 1000 in bundle
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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS : RE PRINTING OF FINAL REPORT

CONTRACT OF ACME PRESS LTD., VICTORIA :

Printing double page tabulations, analysis of evidence, three (3) forms, 1000 each .....@ $18.85 per page

Printing double page tabulations additional lands applications, 1000 each .....@ $18.85 " "

Printing tabulations of confirmations, reductions, cut-offs and new reserves, 1000 each .....@ $17.90 " "

Extra proofs, alterations etc. 390 Pp @ $ .71 ..... 312.00

Estimated cost of work, complete.....$ 21,000.00

Value of work completed to date .....$ 6399.30

Progress payments to date :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1914** | | |
| July 7th | Cash | $250.00 |
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| Dec. 28th | " | 483.15 |
| **1916** | | |
| Feb. 23rd | " | 400.00 |
| | | $3649.30 |

Progress payment now asked, $1,200.00.

Recommended :

(Sgd) N. W. White
Chairman

Victoria, B.C.
March 31st, 1916.

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#1200.00

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY.
P.O. BOX 755
TEL. 1302

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS APR 11 1916

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

April 5th, 1916.

copy sent to Press with letters under Immediate Acct

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

59388

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6B), enclosing salary cheques for the month of March, and also having reference to the account of the Acme Press Limited for printing the Final Report of the Commission and statistical tables forming part thereof.

In reply to your enquiries, I beg to say that when it was decided, under authority of your telegram of the 10th July, 1914, to have the Final Report printed here, bids for the necessary work were informally invited from such representative printing firms as were in a position to satisfactorily perform the work, and the lowest offer being that of the Acme Press Limited, it was accepted. Copies of the Acme Press Limited's tender and the Commission's letter in acceptance thereof are attached hereto. I am also attaching copies of correspondence with respect to progress payments made on account of printing.

copy sent auditor with Profus Est. of $1000 in Acct 677 23/6/16

A difference of opinion arising as to the interpretation of the tender, i. e. as to whether the tender was made per page of manuscript or per printed page, this question was submitted to the King's Printer for British Columbia, W. H. Cullin, Esq., and his decision therein, as contained in his letter of the 4th January, 1915, copy of which is attached hereto, accepted.

Subsequently the Commission requested a further opinion from the Provincial King's Printer as to the reasonableness of the price charged (see copy of our letter January 5th, 1915, herewith). The King's Printer, on January 6th, 1915, reported the price charged to be fair and reasonable, and this price has only been varied proportionately as to cover the difference between 1000 copies (being the total required by the Dominion and Provincial Governments) and the 200 copies which was the original basis of tender.

It is difficult to estimate with any exactitude what the total cost of printing the Final Report will be, but the maximum estimate is contained in our letter to The Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs of the 4th March, ultimo, this estimate being inclusive of printing maps, illustrations and binding.

Progress payments aggregating $3,649.30 have been made to date as per memorandum enclosed herewith.

Upon completion of the work the entire copy will be available for examination by the Dominion King's Printer in connection with taxation of cost.

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The printing of the Report, i.e. the tabulations which are to be made a part thereof -- was begun in April, 1914; 1000 copies of the Report are to be printed; and it is anticipated that the work will be completed about the end of May proximo.

The Agency maps shewing the Reserves confirmed, Reserves reduced or cut off, and the new Reserves created, as well as the making of electrotypes for the illustration of the Final Report, are now in hand by the Colonist Printing and Publishing Company, which is the only firm in British Columbia with facilities for this class of work: the account of the Colonist Company in connection therewith will be a separate payment from that of the Acme Press Limited, but the amount thereof is included in the total estimated to cover the work as per ours of the 4th March, ultimo.

A certificate of progress adapted to the special conditions of the work is attached hereto.

Trusting that this explanation will be fully satisfactory,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Enclosures:

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Return W Scott

Ottawa, April 11th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with enclosures; and in reply I may say, with reference to the account of the Acme Press Limited for printing the Final Report, etc., of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, that when the final estimate in connection with the printing is forwarded to the Department, the original tender, also contract, if any, should be submitted for the Auditor General's Office. A cheque in payment of the advance of $1200.00 will be sent at an early date. At present funds are exhausted, but a Supplementary vote is being requested, and as soon as the money is available, the matter will receive attention.

Please forward a certificate showing the value of the work completed up to the 31st March together with the advances made and balance due.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
For the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS APR 11 1916

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

VICTORIA, B.C., APR 3 1916, 191.....

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Deputy Supt Genl
of Indian Affairs

*Sir,*

*I herewith enclose Government cheque in payment of the service mentioned thereon, as per voucher at this Department.*

Cheque No. 69452

$2,999 34

*Yours obediently,*
*W. J. GOEPEL,*
*Deputy Minister of Finance.*

NOTES—
All cheques are payable at par at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Canada.
When inquiring about above payment it is necessary to quote the number of the cheque.
Acknowledgment of cheques is not required.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 11 1916

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 6598

**Bank of Montreal,**

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$ 2999.34 *Ottawa,* April 10, 1916

*RECEIVED from* Department

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Twenty-nine hundred & ninety-nine------34/100 *Dollars*

*which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 11 1916

*Signed in Triplicate*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

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**Bank of Montreal,**

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, April 20th., 1916.

N. W. White, K.C.
Belmont House,
Victoria, B.C.

Return to acct

Why have not accounts for March been received here?

J. D. McLean.

Charge Dept. Indian Affairs.

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Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 1916

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Victoria BC Apr 22-16

J D McDean

Ottawa Ont

Account was forwarded a few days ago

N W White

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Financial Statement - March, 1 9 1 6:

REVENUE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| March 1 - Cash in bank, allowing for deduction of cheques outstanding, as per last Financial Statement ..... | | $ 2859.09 |
| " 16 - Deposit : Cheque Department of Indian Affairs ..... | | 2500.00 |
| Balance in Bank (after deduction of outstanding cheques) March 31st, 1916 ..... | $975.21 | |
| " " Petty Cash, March 31st, 1916 ..... | 1.42 | |
| | $976.63 | |
| | | $ 5359.09 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| March 31 Voucher No. 898 | Paylist for March ..... | $ 3762.00 |
| 899 | Rent for March ..... | 135.00 |
| 900 | George Robinson ..... | 118.00 |
| 901 | Office and Operation, March ..... | 367.46 |
| | Cash in Bank ..... | 975.21 |
| | " " Hand ..... | 1.42 |
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Certified Correct

E. & O. E.

C. Probert

Secretary.

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C. F. Hubbard
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| March 31st. | To salary as Commissioner during the month of March, 1916 at $4,000.00 per annum. ..... | $ 333.37 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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| 1916 | | | |
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| | | $3649.30 | |

Ck 3263.0
$ 1200
sent 26/4/16

Progress payment now asked, $1,200.00

Recommended:

(Signed) N. W. White
Chairman.

Victoria, B. C.
March 31st, 1916.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PAY-LIST FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1916, BALANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr. Commissioner J. P. Shaw, 31days' salary and L.A. @ $30.00 per day 2915 | $ 930.00 |
| Mr. Ashdown H. Green, B.C.L.S., Technical Officer, salary for March ..... 6 | 300.00 |
| Mr. J. S. McArthur, Clerk and Stenographer, salary for March ..... 7 | 150.00 |
| Miss A. Porritt, Stenographer, salary for March ($62.00 less $32.00 paid March 15th) ..... 8 | 30.00 |
| Mrs. A. K. Maysmith, Stenographer, salary for March ($62.00 less $25.00 paid March 15th) ..... 19 | 37.00 |

CERTIFIED:

(Sgd.) N. W. White,
Chairman.

(Sgd.) C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

Paid by Off. cheques 2915-19

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## March Disbursements

1916

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Voucher No. | 898 | Pay List pd from advances | | $3762.00 |
| " | " 899 | Rent for March | | 135.00 |
| " | " 900 | Geo. Robinson | | 118.00 |
| " | " 901 | Sundry Accounts | | 367.46 |
| " | " 902 | Advance to Acme Press Ltd. | | 1200.00 |
| " | " 903 | Pay List pd by Ottawa | | 1447.00 |
| " | " 904 | Salary of J. A. J. McKenna | | 333.37 |
| | | | | $7362.83 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government, namely one-half $3681.42

Certified Correct

Accountant.

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Ottawa 26th April 1916

Dear Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith the statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred during the month of March by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, amounting in the total to 7362.83 and I shall be pleased to receive a cheque for half this amount, namely, $3681.42 at your earliest convenience.

Encl.

May I ask you to kindly wire this amount through the Bank of Montreal as the accounts of the fiscal year 1915-16 are about to close and it is desirable that this refund should appear in those accounts.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLean
Acting Deputy Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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Certified Correct,

F. H. Paget

Accountant.

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Government of the Dominion of Canada

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

To C. H. Gibbons (Petty Cash)

| 1916 | Detail | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Apr. 1 | Messr. to Lands Dept. .25; to E.O.S.Scholefield .25 | .50 |
| " 3 | " to Colonist Office .25¢; Acme Press .15 ¢ Lands Dept. .25¢..... | .65 |
| 5 | " W. Fleet Robertson .25¢; to McGaffey .25¢ | .50 |
| 6 | " from " " " .25¢ to Lands Dept.25¢ | .50 |
| 7 | " to A.H.Green .25¢ to Fleming .25¢ ..... | .50 |
| 10 | " to Lands Dept..... | .25 |
| 11 | " to Parliament Buildings..... | .25 |
| 12 | Paid United Typewriter Company..... | 4.00 |
| 13 | Messr.to Lands Dept..... | .25 |
| 14 | " to Lands Dept. .25¢; to King's Printer .25¢ | .50 |
| 15 | " to Lands Dept. .25¢; to Colonist office .25¢ | .50 |
| 17 | Matches .25¢; to Acme Press .25¢; to Lands Dept. 25¢ | .75 |
| 18 | Messr. to Premier's Office .25¢; to Minister of Public Works .25¢; to Lands Dept. .25¢.... | .75 |
| 19 | " to Imperial Bank .25¢; to Fleming's .25¢ to Lands Dept .25¢ ..... | .75 |
| | | 10.65 |

Also required to pay

| | |
|---|---|
| Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Care of clocks, April..... | 1.00 |
| Victoria Toilet Agency " ..... | 1.25 |
| United Typewriter Co., rental of wide carriage typewriter | 7.50 |
| B. C. Telephone Co..... | 7.50 |
| United Typewriter Co..... Typewriter Ribbons..... | 2.00 |
| | $ 29.90 |

CK-2W 81 sent 26/4/16

I hereby certify that this voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

(Sgd.)C. H. Gibbons

Approved
(Sgd) C. H. Gibbons
Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia.

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Victoria, B.C. April 3rd., 1916.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs.

In account with Cross & Co.

Corner of Government and Humboldt Sts.

| | |
|---|---|
| To rent of Rooms 517 to 520 Belmont House for Month ending April 30th | 135.00 |
| " " Room 503 | 25.00 |
| | $160.00 |

CK 2080

Certified Correct.

The Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs in B.C.
(Sgd) C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia.

Pay-list for month of April, 1916.

| | | Cks |
|---|---|---|
| N. W. White, Chariman, 30 days @ $35.00 | $1050.00 | 70 |
| Commissioner S. Carmichael, 30 days @ $30.00 | 900.00 | 1 |
| " J. P. Shaw " " " | 900.00 | 2 |
| " D. H. Macdowall " " " | 900.00 | 3 |
| " J. A. J. McKenna " " @ $10.00 | 300.00 | 4 |
| Secretary, C.H. Gibbons, salary for month | ~~450.00~~ 74.83 | 5 |
| Technical Officer, A.H.Green " " " | 300.00 | 6 |
| Clerk & stenographer, J.S. McArthur " | 150.00 | 7 |
| Stenographer Miss A. Porritt, salary for month | 60.00 | 8 |
| " Mrs. A. K. Maysmith " " " | 60.00 | 9 |

Certified:

(Sgd) N. W. White
Chairman

(Sgd) C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

Sent 26/4/16

Ck no 237 for 375.17 wired Mr. Gibbons through B of M. 6/5/16

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59335/6B

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
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TEL. 1202

BELMONT HOUSE
VICTORIA, B.C.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 19 1916

Immediate

April 19th, 1916.

489759

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Received 26 Apr 3 P.M.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to transmit herewith Paylist of the Commission for the month of April, also account of Messrs Cross and Company for rental for the current month and memorandum of petty cash disbursements since March 31st ultimo to date. I should be glad to receive cheques, if possible, by the month's end in accordance with yours of the 10th ultimo, your File No. 59335-6B.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
N. W. White
Chairman.

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59,335-6B.

With Cheque.

Ottawa, April 26, 1916.

Sir,-

I am directed to inform you that the unaccounted for balance of $375.17 at the end of December 1914, has been charged against your salary for April until satisfactory explanations have been furnished the Department.

Upon comparing the cheques issued by Mr. Bergeron, and made payable to your order; with the vouchers you sent the Department, it appears that you have not fully accounted for these advances. The accounts paid by you from the proceeds of these cheques do not equal the amounts advanced you and as you did not refund the balance remaining in your hands you have yet to account for it.

This would seem to explain the difference between the amounts advanced and the vouchers received here, namely, $375.17.

I enclose cheque for $74.83.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on
Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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59,335-6 B

Return to Accts

Ottawa, April 26th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing accounts for the month of March, together with cheque for $975.21, $1.00 in cash and .52 cents in postage stamps. I beg to return herewith postage stamps to the extent of .40 cents, which represents the amount over-remitted.

Your obedient servant,

D. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
For the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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59,335-6 B.

Return to accts

Ottawa, April 27th., 1916.

Sir,-

With reference to cheque No. 81 for $29.90 sent you in payment of Petty Cash voucher I beg to inform you that receipted accounts covering the amounts included therein, which you yet have to pay, aggregating $19.25 will be required as this amount can only be regarded as an advance to be accounted for in the usual manner by submitting vouchers duly receipted. These should be forwarded to the Department as soon as the payments are made.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission On Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 26 1916

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.

April 19th, 1916.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour, by direction, to transmit herewith Financial Statement, Paid Vouchers etc., covering the Financial Transactions of the Commission for the month of March, together with certified cheque in the amount of Nine hundred and seventy five dollars and twenty one cents ($975.21) and cash One dollar and forty two cents ($1.42), the amounts respectively of the Commission's bank and petty cash balances at the close of the fiscal year.

I have also the honour to transmit herewith, under separate cover bank book and paid cheques of the Commission as requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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BANK RECEIPT No. .....

Chq $975.21
Amt. Cash 1.00
Stamps .82

G.H.M.

Date 26 — 4 — 1916

Entered Journal No. ..... Folio .....

Acct

Dept. Receipt No. .....

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 7550

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 976.63 *Ottawa,* April 27th, 1916

*RECEIVED from* B. C. Commission

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Nine hundred & seventy-six---63/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 7560

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 976.63

*Ottawa,* April 27th, 1916

*RECEIVED from* B. C. Commission

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Nine hundred & seventy-six---63/100 *Dollars,*
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*Signed in Triplicate,*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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D. G. C. Scott,

Deputy Supt Gen of Indian Affairs, OTTAWA

Commission holds to the view expressed in my letter to you of nineteenth May last eighth Paragraph thereof as to sole liability of Mr Bergeron for unaccounted balance three hundred and seventy five dollars seventeen cents in which view you express your concurrence in your letter of sixteenth June last and considers the deduction from Mr Gibbons salary of the amt unaccounted for by Mr Bergeron a grave injustice and requests that check for the amt withheld be immediately transmitted .

N W White

Chairman. 324pm

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 4, 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to draw your attention to the amount of $375.17 unaccounted for in connection with the expenditure at Victoria, B.C. by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, between April 1, 1913, and December 31, 1914. The method of dealing with the accounts at Victoria appears to be as follows- The sums advanced from time to time by your Department were deposited in the Imperial Bank at Victoria to the credit of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs and cheques were drawn against this account, signed occasionally by the Chairman, but as a rule by the Secretary, Mr. J.G.H. Bergeron.

I have examined the cheques thus issued together with the bank account as shown by the bank pass book, which was balanced up to December 31, 1914, and find that the salaries and allowances of the Commissioners and of the Secretary and Staff were paid directly by cheque, as were also a number of accounts for rent, automobile hire, etc. A large number of the accounts, however, were paid from advances made by cheque by Mr. Bergeron to Mr. C.H. Gibbons, the Assistant Secretary, and others.

I have endeavoured to connect the accounts not paid directly by cheque with these advances, but have found it impossible owing to the absence of any detailed statement of the expenditure under such advances. There is, however, a net difference of $375.17 between the amount of the advances made by Mr. Bergeron and the accounts which may be charged against such advances.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA May 4, 1916.



The cheques and bank book show that Mr. Bergeron paid out all the moneys he received from your Department, either in direct payments of the accounts or in the way of advances as above. As Mr. Gibbons, the Assistant Secretary, appears to have been the actual disbursing official, I think that he must be held responsible for this amount of $375.17, unless he provides a satisfactory statement in detail of the expenditure under the advances made to him.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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May 4th. 1916.

Dear Mr. White,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of May 2nd. with reference to the retention of Mr. Gibbons' salary. Since our previous correspondence on this subject, the examiners of the Auditor General's office, have drawn our attention to the fact that there were discrepancies in the vouchers for expenditure by the Commission, and the amounts for which there were no vouchers agreed with the shortage to which we have previously drawn your attention. We were advised that, as the work of the Commission was drawing to a close, it would be well not to pay Mr. Gibbons any further salary until the difference should be adjusted.

On receipt of your telegram I asked the Auditor General to place his views on paper, and I am able to send you herewith a copy of his letter of the

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

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4th. May. No doubt Mr. Gibbons ~~would~~ will be able to give an account of these advances. You will observe that the Auditor holds him responsible.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Victoria B.C., May 5-16

Duncan C. Scott.,

Deputy Supt Gen of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

Has check been mailed as requested in chairmans telegram Tuesday please wire answer.

C.H.Gibbons.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, May 5th, 1916.

C. H. Gibbons, Esqr.,

Secretary,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia

Victoria, B.C.

Cheque not mailed wrote Chairman yesterday.

(Chg. Dep't I.A.)

Duncan C. Scott.

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Ottawa, May 6th., 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose cheque for $375.17 and would ask you to kindly wire this amount to the credit of C. H. Gibbons, with your branch at Victoria, B. C. I enclose blank telegraph form franked.

Yours truly,

Accountant.

The Accountant,
Bank of Montreal,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 5th, 1916.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

When may remittance to cover March accounts twenty-six ultimo be expected? Our fiscal year ends March thirty-first and we would like to close our books.

(Chg. Dep't I.A.) Duncan C. Scott.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Belmont House,
Victoria, B. C.

File No. 622

CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS: RE PRINTING OF FINAL REPORT.

CR Acme Press Ltd.,
View Street,
Victoria:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1916 March 31 | By printing 157 Pp. tabulated abstracts analysis of evidence @ 18.85 per P. | $ 2959.45 |
| | " alterations and extra proofs (A) | 85.00 |
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| | " 390 additional proofs and alterations (C) | 312.00 |

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| 1914. July 7 | Cash | $250.00 | |
| Sept.1 | " | 135.00 | |
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| 1916 Feb.23 | " | 400.00 | $ 3649.30 |

Balance due to date .....$2071.50

Progress payment now asked $1,200.00

Recommended:

Sgd. N. W. White,
Chairman.

Victoria, B. C.,
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| | 157 Pages Tabulated Abstracts @ $18.85 per page | $ 2959.45 |
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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Belmont House,

Victoria, B. C.,

May 2nd., 1916.

No. 622

The Chairman and Members,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
for the Province of British Columbia.

Belmont House, Victoria.

Sirs,- Re. Account of Acme Press Ltd. for Printing of Final Report appendices:

I have to report that with respect to charges made for printing of Additional Lands Applications and abstracts of Confirmations, Reductions and Cut-Offs, I find errors in total of $413.70, a greater number of pages having been charged for than were actually completed and printed on March 31st last. These errors I brought to the attention of the contractors and they being admitted, corrected bill was prepared which is submitted herewith.

As to charge (C) of $312.00 for 390 Pp. additional proofs and alterations, I have to report that, having gone thoroughly into this charge I find that there have been in fact 417 Pp. of extra proofs and revises on additional lands applications and tabulated abstracts of evidence, in many of which extensive alterations have been necessitated by the insitance of the Department of Lands of British Columbia in giving clearance, upon the proviso of "subject to any rights under the "Mineral Act" which may have been acquired prior to constitution of the same as a Reserve", "subject to survey", etc., etc., also by changes made by the Commission upon consideration of proof sheets and revises thereof, in order that the Final Report may be free of error, complete, clear and unembarrassed by any obstacles which might otherwise present themselves when the Commission, shall have ceased to exist. In the case of 22 Pp. the alterations made by the printers were slight and no charge was made in connection therewith. As for the remainder I should say, with some personal knowledge of the trade, that an averaged price of 80 cents per P. would be a fair and reasonable charge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. C. H. Gibbons,

Secretary.

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VICTORIA, B.C.

May 2nd, 1916

The Chairman and Members
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,

Belmont House, Victoria.

Sirs: Re. Account of Acme Press Ltd. for Printing of Final Report appendices:

I have to report that with respect to charges made for printing of Additional Lands Applications and abstracts of Confirmations, Reductions and Cut-Offs, I find errors in total of $413.70, a greater number of pages having been charged for than were actually completed and printed on March 31st last. These errors I brought to the attention of the contractors and they being admitted, corrected bill was prepared which is submitted herewith.

As to charge (C) of $312.00 for 390 Pp. additional proofs and alterations, I have to report that, having gone thoroughly into this charge I find that there have been in fact 417 Pp. of extra proofs and revises on additional lands applications and tabulated abstracts of evidence, in many of which extensive alterations have been necessitated by the insistence of the Department of Lands of British Columbia, in giving clearance, upon the proviso of "subject to any rights under the "Mineral Act" which may have been acquired prior to constitution of the same as a Reserve", "subject to survey", etc., etc., also by changes made by the Commission upon consideration of proof sheets and revises thereof, in order that the Final Report may be free of error, complete, clear and unembarrassed by any obstacles which might otherwise present themselves when the Commission shall have ceased to exist. In the case of 22 Pp. the alterations made by the printers were slight and no charge was made in connection therewith. As for the remainder I should say, with some personal knowledge of the trade, that an averaged price of 80 cents per P. would be a fair and reasonable charge.

I have the honour to be,
Sirs,
Your obedient servant

C. W. Gibbons
Secretary.

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May 2nd, 1916

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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 11th ultimo (Your File No. 59335-6B) re account of the Acme Press Ltd. for printing in connection with the Final Report of the Commission, I beg to enclose herewith Progress Certificate on work completed and payments made thereon up to the 31st March last.

The items (A) of $85.00 and (B) of $172.50 you will find fully explained in copies of Reports accompanying ours to you of the 5th ultimo. As to the item (C) of $312.00, I beg to enclose for your information copy of Report of the Secretary of the Commission of even date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully

N. W. White
Chairman

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May 2nd, 1916

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to confirm hereby my telegram to you of even date as follows:

"Commission holds to the view expressed in my letter to you of nineteenth May last, eighth paragraph thereof, as to the sole liability of Mr Bergeron for unaccounted for balance of three hundred and seventy five dollars seventeen cents, in which view you expressed your concurrence in your letter of sixteenth June last, and considers the deduction from Mr Gibbons' salary of the amount unaccounted for by Mr Bergeron a grave injustice and requests that cheque for the amount withheld be immediately transmitted".

Before the despatch of the telegram here quoted and confirmed, was Ordered by the Commission, the Commission had before it the letter of the Secretary of the Department to the Secretary of the Commission dated the 26th ultimo (File No. 59335-6B), together with all correspondence between yourself, the Secretary of the Department and this Commission, as well as the complete Record of the matter in question.

As to the statement contained in the letter of the Secretary of the Department of the 26th ultimo, above referred to, respecting difference between the total of cheques issued to and vouchers covering salary of and disbursements on Commission account made by Mr Gibbons, I beg to state with the full concurrence of the Commission:

1. That when the Commission went on field work, advances were made (except in one instance, when a cheque book was taken) to the Chairman, to Mr Commissioner Shaw or to Mr Commissioner Macdowall, to meet expenses of travel and operation outside of the personal expenses of the Chairman and Commissioners, which expenses were met out of their fixed per diem allowances;

2. That on the return of the Commission to Victoria, Mr Commissioner Shaw, Mr Commissioner Macdowall or the Chairman accounted in detail to Mr Bergeron, paying him the differences between the expenditures supported by vouchers and the amounts of the several advances;

3. That in the cases of Mr Gibbons, then Assistant Secretary, and Mr McArthur, then Stenographer, as they were paid only actual living expenses when travelling with the Commission, advances were made to them for such expenses;

4. That it happened at times that Mr Gibbons and Mr McArthur paid out of their advances for services which were not personal to them but appertaining to the movement and operations of the Commission;

5. That in one instance, when the Commission ran short of

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funds and the Assistant Secretary was instructed to wire to Mr Bergeron for a further advance, Mr Bergeron sent a cheque to Mr Gibbons payable to his own order;

6. That, in addition, advances for petty expenses of the office were made from month to month to Mr Gibbons, subject to accounting in connection therewith at the month's end;

7. That Mr Gibbons affirms, and the Commission is satisfied that he did so, that he accounted to Mr Bergeron for all advances made to him, in connection with field work disbursements, personal expenses or petty cash expenditures, presenting statements which were carefully checked by Mr Bergeron and paying to him any differences between advances so made and expenditures as shewn by statements and vouchers, which payments were accepted by Mr Bergeron as satisfactory and complete;

8. That Mr Bergeron did not at any time during his incumbency as Secretary state or suggest to the Commission, to the Chairman or to any member of the Commission (and Mr Gibbons affirms that he did not to him) that any refund was due from or owing by Mr Gibbons, or that any balance remained in Mr Gibbons' hands, as incorrectly intimated in the letter of the Secretary of the Department of the 26th ultimo.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours faithfully

N. W. White
Chairman.

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Duncan C Scott,

Deputy Supt General Indian Affaifs,Ottawa Ont.

Believe action in withholding money due Gibbons result of misunderstanding what I anticipated has happened but may be able to have work go on and completed in time if amount is wired and that course I unhesitatingly recommend.

J AAJ McKenna.

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Victoria Bc May 5th-16

Duncan Scott,

Deputy Supt Indian Affairs Ottawa Ont.

On receipt your telegram Gibbons tendered his resignation careful consideration discloses to the commission no justification for withholding amount even if a man of his capacity could promptly be secured it would take several weeks for him to so familiarize himself with commissions work as to enable him to continue it and date of final report would be delayed for a period it is now impossible to estimate commission urges money withheld be immediately wired answer. Answer.

A MS.

N W White,

Chairman.

433am

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Ottawa, May 6th. 1916.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, B.C.,
Victoria, B. C.

Have wired Gibbons salary Bank of Montreal Victoria.

Charge I. A.

Duncan C. Scott.

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Duncan C Scott
Supt General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont

As result of a dispute between Mr Gibbons secretary of Indian Commission and your department he has resigned this will mean a de in closing up the work of the indian commission and will place th in a very unsatisfactory position which in the end will mean muc more than amount in dispute gibbons claims that this shortage sh be charged to Bergeron would suggest that you forward cheque s that Gibbens will withdraw resignationand then the matter can threshed out between you before you finally settle with him.

W J Bowser Premier

456am

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Ottawa, May 6th. 1916.

Hon. W. J. Bowser.

Premier of British Columbia,

Victoria, B. C.

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Duncan C. Scott.

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MAY 10 1916

Mr Scott

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Duncan C Scott,

Supt. Genl of Indian affairs Ottawa-

Your Telegram 8th am afraid that we can do nothing by way of payment until after the rising of the house which will be shortly

W J Bowser

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**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 3681.42

*Ottawa,* May 12, 1916

*RECEIVED from* Department

*on account* Indian Funds

*the sum of* Thirty-six hundred & eighty-one----42/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate.*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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Ottawa, May 15, 1916.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, respecting the unaccounted for balance of $375.17, I have to say that Mr. Gibbons should furnish the statement asked for in the Auditor General's letter of the 4th instant.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White, Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B.C.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH MAY 16 1916

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MAY 15 1916

OTTAWA, May 12, 1916.

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Sir,-

Voucher No. 681, paid at Victoria, in connection with the expenditure during the fiscal year 1914-15 on account of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, is for a payment of $29 to J.G.H. Bergeron for petty expenses in connection with the trip to Ottawa between December 26, 1914 and January 30, 1915. In this account Mr. Bergeron makes the following charges for the transfer of himself and baggage-

Dec. 26, Empress Hotel, Victoria, to boat .....$3.50;
Dec. 26, C.P.R. boat, Vancouver to train .....2.00;
Dec. 31, Windsor Station, Montreal, to Windsor Hotel...$2.00;
Jan. 25, Windsor Hotel, Montreal, to Windsor Station .. 2.00;
Jan. 30, C.P.R. Station, Vancouver, to boat ..... 2.00;
Jan. 30, boat to Empress Hotel, Victoria, ..... 3.50.

As in each case the distance covered by the transfer amounts to about only 100 yds., the charges seem at first sight to be excessive. I should like an explanation as to why these charges are so high.

In the same account there is also a charge of $7.50 for services on the trip. This I take to be tips, &c.. As Mr. Bergeron was in receipt of a living allowance of $10 a day in addition to his remuneration of $20, this amount should have been met out of his living allowance and not made a charge against the expenses of the Commission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 13, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 15 1916

430452

Sir,-

In connection with the expenditure at Victoria during the fiscal year 1914-15 on account of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I should like an explanation of certain payments made for automobile hire at Cranbrook in September, 1914.

Voucher No. 538 is for a payment of $320 to A. Fenwick, Cranbrook, as follows - Sept. 23, 8 days' auto hire at $40 per day during tour of Kootenay Agency; Voucher 539 is for a payment of $360 to W.W. Ross, Cranbrook, as follows - Sept. 23, 9 days' auto hire at $40 per day during tour of Kootenay Agency; Voucher No. 540 is for a payment of $320 to the Hanson Garage Co., Cranbrook, as follows - Sept. 23, 8 days' auto hire at $40 per day during tour of Kootenay Agency. All these three vouchers are certified to by Jas. S. McArthur.

Voucher 543 is for a payment to the Hanson Garage Co., as follows - Sept. 22, 1 days' motor hire, $40; Voucher 544 is for a payment to W.W. Ross, as follows - Sept. 23, 1 day's motor hire, $40; Voucher 545 is for a payment to A. Fenwick, as follows - Sept. 22, 1 day's motor hire, $40. All these three vouchers are certified to by C.H. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 13, 1916.



I should like an explanation of these three last payments of $40 each, as they seem to be included in the periods covered by the first vouchers. I understand that expenses incurred on this tour of the Kootenay Agency were looked after by Mr. McArthur and that Mr. Gibbons was in a different part of the Province at the time. If that was the case, these payments of $40 each should be certified to by Mr. McArthur, who certified to the first payments, instead of by Mr. Gibbons.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, May 16th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose for your information a copy of a letter dated 12th instant received from the Auditor General respecting a payment to you of $29.00 for petty expenses in connection with a trip to Ottawa from Victoria between 26th December,1914 and 30th January 1915; also in regard to a charge of $7.50 for services on this trip which should have been met out of your living allowance, viz; $10.00 a day.

I have therefore, to request that you will furnish the explanations required by the Auditor General and refund the sum of $7.50 incorrectly charged.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. G. H. Bergeron Esq.,
Postmaster,
Montreal, P. Q.

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59.335-6.

Ottawa, May 16th., 1916.

Sir,-

I enclose copy of a letter dated 13th instant, received from the Auditor General respecting certain charges for automobile hire at Cranbrook in September 1914, and to request that you will be good enough to furnish the desired information and a certificate from Mr. McArthur covering the payments referred to.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N.W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D.

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|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | |
| May 31st. | To salary as Commissioner during the month of May, 1916 at $4,000.00 per annum..... | $ 333.33 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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Voucher No. ..... Vote No. .....

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

# Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS. XXXXXXX

To C. H. Gibbons, Secretary.

| DATE. | DETAIL. | | AMOUNT. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | Petty cash Disbursements as hereunder: | | |
| April 20 | Paid Messenger Lands Dept., .25; cartage on transcripts from Govt. bindery, .50..... | | 75 |
| " 26 | Paid Messenger Renwick, .25; to Surveys Dept. .25; to Fleming (for Govt. Photographs) .25 | | 75 |
| " 27 | Paid Messenger Lands Dept. (2), .50; Premier's office, .25 | | 75 |
| " 28 | Paid for matches, .25; messenger Lands Dept., .25; to Glenshiel Inn, .25 | | 75 |
| " 29 | Paid Messenger Lands Dept. .25; Umbagh, .25; Miss C.C.McCulloch, special assistance, as per Receipt attached here to, $7.65..... | 8 | 15 |
| May 1 | Paid cartage on stationery from Bindery, .50; Messenger, Lands Dept., .35; Acme Press, .15 | 1 | 00 |
| " 2 | Paid Messenger to King's Printer..... | | 25 |
| " 3 | Paid Messenger from Commissioner Carmichael, .50; Lands Dept., 140..... | | 90 |
| " 4 | Paid Messenger Indian Office, .25; Lands Dept., .25 Acme Press, .25..... ..... | | 75 |
| " 5 | Paid Cartage from Stationery Bureau, .50; messenger to Glenshiel Inn, .25; Renwick, .25; Taylor (Lands), .25..... | 1 | 25 |
| " 6 | Paid Messenger Glenshiel Inn, .25; Premier's Office .25; Lands Dept., .25..... | | 75 |
| " 8 | Paid Messenger Lands Dept., .25; Jubilee Hospital, .50..... | | 75 |
| " 9 | Paid Hooks for maps, .25; messenger Lands, .25 Acme Press, .25; Umbagh and Renwick (2), .50.... | 1 | 25 |

I hereby certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED,

Sgd. C.H.Gibbons,
Secretary, Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia.

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Voucher No.....  Vote No.....

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

# Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS. ~~AGENCY~~

To.....

| DATE. 1916. | DETAIL. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 10 | Paid Matches, .25; messenger Robbins, .25; Renwick, .25; Taylor (Lands) .25..... | 1 | 00 |
| 11 | Paid Messenger Lands Dept., .25; .25; Acme Press .25..... | | 75 |
| | Petty bills to pay for which funds required: | | |
| | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. Ltd..... | 14 | 20 |
| | United Typewriter Co. Ltd..... | 12 | 50 |
| | C.P.R. Telegraphs..... | 7. | 50 |
| | B. C. Telephone Co. Ltd..... | 7 | 50 |
| | Short, Hill & Duncan..... | 1 | 00 |
| | Victoria Toilet Agency..... | 1 | 25 |
| | | $ 63 | 75 |

340
Sent. May 19/16.

I hereby certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED.

Sgd.C.H. Gibbons,
SecretaryRoyal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia.

N. W. White
~~Inspector~~

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Victoria, B. C., May 1st., 1916.

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

IN ACCOUNT WITH CROSS & CO.

Corner of Government and Humboldt Streets.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To rent of Rooms 517 to 520 Belmont House | | |
| for Month ending May 31st. | | $ 135.00 |
| " do Room 503 | " | 25.00 |
| | | $ 160.00 |

Certified,

Sgd. N. W. White,

Chairman.

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Sent May 19/16.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PAY LIST FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1916.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| N. W. White, Chairman, 31 days @ $35.00 per day..... (Salary and Living Allowance). | $ 1085.00 | 329 |
| Mr. Commissioner J.P. Shaw, 31 days @ $30.00 per day..... (Salary and Living Allowance). | 930.00 | 330 |
| Mr. Commissioner S. Carmichael, 31 days @ $30.00 per day..... (Salary and Living Allowance). | 930.00 | 1 |
| Mr. Commissioner D. H. Macdowall, 31days @ $30.00 per day..... (Salary and Living Allowance). | 930.00 | 2 |
| Mr. Commissioner J.A.J. McKenna, 31 days @ $10.00 per day..... (Living Allowance). | 310.00 | 3 |
| Mr. C.H. Gibbons, Secretary, Salary for May..... | 450.00 | 4 |
| Mr. A.H. Green, Technical Officer, Salary for May..... | 300.00 | 5 |
| Mr. J.S. McArthur, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary for May... | 150.00 | 6 |
| Miss A. Porritt, Stenographer, Salary for May..... | 62.00 | 7 |
| Mrs. A. Mayesmith, Stenographer, Salary for May..... | 62.00 | 8 |
| Miss A. R. McKinnon, Stenographer, 6 days @ $2.00 per day... | 12.00 | 9 |
| | $ 5221.00 | |

Certified Correct

Sgd. N.W. White,
Chairman.

Sgd. C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary.

Sent May 19/16.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NATHANIEL [illegible]TE, K.C., CHAIRMAN
JAMES A. J[illegible]NA, LL.D.
S. CARNICL[illegible].C.L., K.C.
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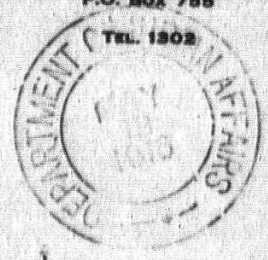

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

Immediate Ans

VICTORIA, B.C.

May 12th, 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

490503

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo (Your File 59335-6B) and to enclose herewith receipted vouchers for the items aggregating $19.25 therein referred to.

I have also to enclose herewith paylist for the current month; account of Messrs Cross & Co., rent for May, $160.00; and memorandum of petty cash disbursements paid and payable to date, on Commission business, for which we will be pleased to receive cheques in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

C. Williams
Secretary.

Enclosures

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59,335-6 B.

Petty Cash

Ottawa, May 19th., 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to say that a cheque for $63.75 in payment of voucher for petty cash disbursements is being forwarded today. I beg to return herewith accounts which have not been paid in order that when payment is made they may be receipted and returned to the Department. I would point out that in the voucher the United Typewriter Company Limited's account is shown as $12.50, whereas the account rendered is for only $7.50. You should obtain receipts from Messrs Short, Hill & Duncan and the Victoria Toilet Agency for $1.00 and $1.25 respectively, when you make payment of these accounts.

Your obedient servant,

F. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

G. H. Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 16, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 19 1916

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4th enclosing a statement received from Dr. J.A.J. McKenna accounting for the amount of $750 given him on account of expenses in May, 1913.

According to an Order-in-Council dated January 25, 1913, Dr. McKenna's services as a Special Commissioner were continued to December 13, 1912, with remuneration at the rate of $4000 per year and $10 a day for living expenses. After that date, i.e. from December 14th, Dr. McKenna's status as a Special Commissioner ceased and he was entitled to only his regular salary at the rate of $2600 per annum and such reasonable actual travelling expenses as might be necessarily incurred by him in the public service up to March 31st, 1913, on which date he was appointed a Commissioner in connection with the Indian Lands question in British Columbia. The account rendered by Dr. McKenna for the expenditure of the $750 referred to above is for 107 days' living expenses from December 14, 1912, to March 13, 1913, inclusive, at $7 a day. I should like to know where Dr. McKenna was between these dates and if he was actually engaged during this time on business connected with your Department. If it is your opinion that he should be allowed living expenses at the rate of $7 a day during the period in question, it will be necessary to get the authority of the Governor-in-Council for such allowance.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

This O.C. on File 344.441

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NATHANIEL W. WHITE, K.C., CHAIRMAN
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S. CARMICHAEL, [redacted], K.C.
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 12 1916

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 6B

490582

May 11th 1916

Dear Mr Scott:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant (your File No. 59335-6B) in the matter of the proposed retention of Mr Gibbons' salary as Secretary to balance accounts as between the former Secretary and the Government.

The position of the Commission herein was fully set forth in my letter to you of the 2nd instant, which would seem to have anticipated in itself the reply to your letter now acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

N. W. White
Chairman

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
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, May 25th., 1916.

Dear Mr. White,-

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant respecting the unaccounted for balance of $375.17, I have to say that Mr. Gibbons should furnish a satisfactory statement in detail of the expenditure under the advances made to him as required by the Auditor General.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy Superintendent General.

W. W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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Office of The Auditor General,
Canada.

Ottawa, May 22, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 25 1915

490755

Sir,-

With reference to my letter of the 4th inst. concerning the amount of $375.17 unaccounted for in connection with the expenditure by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I beg to say that as I understand the work of the Commission is about completed, and as Mr. Gibbons appears to have been the actual expending officer, a sum sufficient to cover this amount should be retained from his salary until such time as he supplies satisfactory statements in detail of the expenditure under these advances made to him, which statements were requested in my letter referred to.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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593356

Office of The Auditor General,
Canada.

Ottawa, May 22, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 25 1916

490753

Sir,-

In connection with the expenditure since March 31, 1914, on account of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, I should like to get from you statements showing how the amounts refunded by the British Columbia Government were arrived at.

I presume that from time to time you made demands on them for their one half of this expenditure, I should like to have copies of any statements which accompanied such demands, together with the action thereon taken by them, showing what items, if any, were repudiated by them in making the refunds.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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Vote No.....

Treaty No.....

# Department of Indian Affairs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

COMMISSIONERS' PAY LIST

W.606

| DATE 1914 | | SERVICE. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. | 31 | Commissioner J. P. Shaw. Honorarium and living allowance, 31 days at $30.00 per day | $ 930 | 00 |
| | " | Commissioner D. H. Madcowall. Honorarium and living allowance, 31 days at $30.00 per day. | 930 | 00 |
| | " | J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary, Honorarium and living allowance, 31 days at $30.00 per day | 930 | 00 |
| | " | Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna. Living allowance, 31 days at $10.00 | 310 | 00 |
| | | Paid on account of December Salaries and allowances: | | |
| | | N. W. White, Chairman. | 415 | 00 |
| | | Commissioner S. Carmichael | 490 | 00 |
| | | TOTAL, | $4005 | 00 |

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

(Sgd.) D. H. Macdowall
Pro. Secretary Royal
Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia.

(Signed) C. H. Gibbons
Assistant Secretary.

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54335/6

# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 29 1916

OTTAWA, May 23, 1916.

#30904

430904

Sir,-

I notice that for the month of December, 1914, Mr. M.W. White, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, was paid $415 only for his services during that month. Mr. White's rate of pay as Chairman was $25 a day, services, and $10 a day, living allowance, or $35 a day altogether.

I should like to know how this amount of $415 was arrived at, as the voucher does not state for how many days in this month he drew pay, and the amount does not represent an even number of days. Mr. White appears to have been not acting on the Commission from some time in December, 1914, to March 13, 1915.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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54335/6

# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 29 1916

OTTAWA, May 23, 1916.

430908

Sir,-

British Columbia cheque No. 1485, for the fiscal year 1914-15, is for a payment of $166.55 to the Can. Pacific Railway Co. for transportation for members of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, issued on transport requisitions. One of the requisitions covered by this cheque is as follows- 4 single fares from Victoria to Cranbrook at $18.80 each, for 3 Commissioners and 1 Secretary, also 4 single fares from Golden to Victoria, at $21 each. This requisition was issued at Victoria on September 4, 1914, and from the expense accounts furnished by the Commission I infer that they were used by Commissioners MacDowall, McKenna and White and Acting Secretary J.S. McArthur.

British Columbia cheque No. 1713, of the same year, is for a payment to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. of $75.20 for 4 single tickets from Cranbrook to Victoria given Commissioner McKenna on September 23, 1914. These tickets would appear to be for the transportation of the above members of the Commission, as on this date they returned to Victoria.

I am unable to determine what use was made of the 4 single tickets from Golden to Victoria supplied under the first requisition. Kindly let me know by whom and when these tickets were used.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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59,335-6.

Return to Accl.

Ottawa, May 30th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose copy of a letter received from the Auditor General respecting certain payments made to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company during the fiscal year 1914-1915 for transportation of members of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and to request that you will kindly furnish the information required.

Your obedient servant,

F. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N. W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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59.335-6.

Ottawa, May 30th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose copy of a letter received from the Auditor General in regard to the salary and living allowance drawn by you for the month of December 1914 and to request that you will kindly forward the information required. I may say that the pay-list for December 1914 gives no details in connection with the amount shown therein as having been drawn by you, viz:- $415.00. Kindly give the number of days this payment covers both for salary and allowance each separately.

Your obedient servant,

A. STEWART

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N.W. White Esq., K.C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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File 59,335-6A.

No. 1

Treasury Department.

Victoria, April 16th, 1915.

Duncan Scott, Esq,
Deputy Superintendent General,
OTTAWA.

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th. instant enclosing statement supported by vouchers of expenditure incurred in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia amounting to $5,853.83 and asking for a cheque for one half of that amount viz. $2,926.92 being the Province's share in such expenditure. You also refer to your letter of 23rd. March last enclosing statements of previous expenditure one half of which amounts to $14,922.07 (and not $14,934.12 as stated by you) making a total of apparently $17,848.99 due your Department up to the 31st. March 1915.

In reply I beg to state that this Government is on record at Ottawa as objecting to the liability of the Province with regard to any share in the salary and expenses of Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary of the Commission. Whilst having no objection personally to Mr. Bergeron it was felt at the time of his appointment that Mr. G. H. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary would practically perform the duties of Secretary and that the appointment of Mr. Bergeron to the position so far as British Columbia was concerned was superfluous. Under these circumstances I must object to the payment of any monies on Mr. Bergeron's account and this applies to previous statements in which

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the Secretary's payments were included and passed by the Audit Office in ignorance of the circumstances. The amount already paid by the Province on account of honorarium and living allowance to Mr. Bergeron is $10,965.00 to which must be added the amoun amount charged to the Province in the statements between November 1st. 1914 and 31st. March 1915 this amounting to $2,265.00 making a total of $13,230.00. These figures do not include travelling expenses incurred by that gentleman. It will take considerable time to segregate this particular expenditure but the amount can be settled at a later date when the figures are arrived at. Deducting the amount of $13,230.00 from your claim against the Province up to 31st. March last, $17,848.99 there will be a balance of $4,618.99 for which amount I am willing to authorise a cheque to issue.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. J. Bowser.
MINISTER OF FINANCE.

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File 59,335-6A.

Department of Indian Affairs

Ottawa, April 26, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 16th of April, with reference to the accounts of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the province of British Columbia. I have conferred upon this matter with the Honourable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and we think your proposed action is hardly justifiable, as the Commission has been in existence for nearly two years and moieties of the item objected to have been paid by your Government and the accounts closed.

It is noted that you say "that this Government " is on record at Ottawa as objecting to the liability of the " province with regard to any share in the salary and expenses " of Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary of the Commission.". We do not find any trace of this record here, and I would take it as a favour if you would let me have copies of the communications referred to. As it is necessary for us to close our books, I will be glad to receive a cheque for $4,618.99, which will be considered as part payment of the amount shown to be due by British Columbia until the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott.
Deputy Superintendent General.

Hon. W. J. Bowser,
Minister of Finance,
Victoria, B. C.

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## MARCH DISBURSEMENTS.

1916.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Voucher No. 898 | Pay-List paid from advances. | $ 3762.00 |
| Voucher No. 899 | Rent for March | 135.00 |
| Voucher No. 900 | Geo. Robinson | 118.00 |
| Voucher No. 901 | Sundry Accounts | 367.46 |
| Voucher No. 902 | Advance to Acme Press Ltd. | 1200.00 |
| Voucher No. 903 | Pay-List paid by cheques at Ottawa. | 1447.00 |
| Voucher No. 904 | Salary of J.A.J. McKenna | 333.37 |
| | | $ 7362.83 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government,
viz:- one-half.....$ 3681.42

Certified Correct,

Sgd. F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during the month of February, 1916..... | $ 5,665.35 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. for February, 1916.... | 333.33 |
| | $ 5,998.68 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half..... | $ 2,999.34 |

Certified Correct,

Sgd. F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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|---|---|
| Expenses of Commission during month of January, 1916..... | $ 5,607.97 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna LL. D. for January..... | 333.33 |
| | $ 5,941.30 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | $ 2,970.65 |

Certified Correct,

Sgd. F. H. Paget,

Accountant

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| Expenses of Commission during the months of September, October and November as per statement and vouchers herewith | $21,592.08 |
| do do for month of December | 5,890.31 |
| Transportation furnished by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. as per account | 2.85 |
| Paid David Johnson for trip to Teslin Lake as per account | 30.00 |
| Notices of Itinerary of Commission as per account | 8.00 |
| Paid M. J. McDonald for supplies as per account | 8.00 |
| Transportation furnished by Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co. as per account | 140.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. for November and December | 666.66 |
| | $28,337.90 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half | $14,168.95 |

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Sgd. F.H. Paget,

Accountant.

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OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Expenses of Commission during the month of August, 1915, as per statement and vouchers attached..... | $ 6,340.76 |
| Transportation expenses furnished by Hudson's Bay Co., as per account attached..... | 80.00 |
| Transportation furnished by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., as per accounts attached..... | 78.80 |
| Transportation furnished by the Union Steamship Co. of British Columbia Ltd., as per accounts attached.. | 3,472.35 |
| Transportation furnished by the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co., Ltd., as per account attached..... | 122.80 |
| Transportation furnished by the Great Eastern Railway, as per account attached..... | 160.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL. D., for August, September and October, 1915, as per account attached..... | 999.99 |
| | $ 11,254.70 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | $ 5,627.35 |

Certified Correct,

F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Expenses of Commission during the months of April, May, June and July, 1915, as per statement and vouchers attached..... | $28,103.61 |
| Transportation furnished by Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Co., Ltd., as per accounts attached..... | 773.30 |
| Transportation furnished by Grant Trunk Pacific Railway Co., as per account attached..... | 150.00 |
| Transportation furnished by Canadian Pacific Railway Co. as per accounts attached..... | 253.55 |
| Transportation furnished by Alaska Steamship Co. as per account attached..... | 396.30 |
| Transportation furnished by Hudson's Bay Co. as per account attached..... | 187.45 |
| Cash payments made to Indians of Teslin Band by Mrs. M.J. McDonald as per account herewith..... | 40.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D., for the months of April, May June and July, 1915 as per account attached..... | 1,333.32 |
| | $29,237.53 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:-

one-half..... $14,618.77

Certified Correct,

Sgd. F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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Expenses of Commission during the month of March, 1915 as per statement and vouchers attached.....$5,853.85

Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half.....$2,926.92

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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| Expenses of Commission during the month of February, 1915 as per Statement and Vouchers attached... | $4,657.59 |
| Transportation furnished by C.P. Ry. as per accounts attached..... | 224.80 |
| Transportation furnished by Union Steamship Co. of British Columbia as per account attached..... | 1,085.00 |
| Expenses of J.G.H.Bergeron, Secretary of Commission from Montreal to Victoria, May/13..... | 84.50 |
| Expenses of N.W. White, Commissioner from Shelburne,N.S.to Ottawa, March/15..... | 35.00 |
| Salary of J.A. J. McKenna, LL.D. for the months of February and March, 1915, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 666.70 |
| | $6,953.59 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government,viz:-

one-half... .....$3,476.80

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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| Expenses of Commission during the month of December, 1914 as per Supplementary Statement and vouchers attached..... | $1,275.20 |
| Expenses of Commission during the month of January, 1915 as per Statement and Vouchers attached..... | 5,463.45 |
| Transportation furnished by C.P. Ry. as per accounts attached..... ..... | 360.80 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. for the month of January 1915 @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached..... | 333.33 |
| | $7,432.78 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | $3,716.39 |

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Accountant.

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| Expenses of Commission during month of November, 1914 as per Statement rendered..... | $9,117.32 |
| Transportation accounts ..... | 457.70 |
| Dominion Express Company..... | 1.85 |
| J. A. J. McKenna's salary for November..... | 333.33 |
| Expenses of Commission during Month of December, as per Statement rendered..... | 5,199.58 |
| Transportation account | 24.10 |
| J. A. J. McKenna's salary for December..... | 333.33 |
| | $15,467.21 |
| Payable by British Columbia Government one-half, viz:- $7733.60 less $4.72 received from Canadian Pacific Railway as rebate on unused tickets charged in previous statements.... | $ 7,728.88 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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C O P Y.

File 59,335-6A.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 1914 in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia; also an item omitted from Statement of Expenditure during the months of May and June, 1914.

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| Hire of launch from May 1st to 3rd, visiting Naden Harbour & reserves along coast of Graham Island, valuing Indian Reserves .....$ | 65.00 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. for the months of July & August, 1914, @ $4000.00 per annum, as per account attached ..... | 666.66 |
| Salary of J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. for the months of September & October, 1914 @ $4000.00 per annum, as per account attached ..... | 666.66 |
| Salaries & Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the months of July & August as per pay-list attached ..... | 10,230.00 |
| Salaries & Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the months of September & October as per pay-list attached ..... | 10,065.00 |
| Expenses of Commission during the months of July & August as per statement and vouchers attached ..... | 8,944.57 |
| Expenses of Commission during the months of September & October as per statement and vouchers attached ..... | 5,710.63 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per accounts attached, July, August, September & October ..... | 417.45 |
| | $36,765.97 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half ..... | $18,382.99 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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File 59,335-6A.

Statement of Expenditure incurred during the months of May and June, 1914, in connection with the ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the months of May and June, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached ..... | $ 666.66 |
| Salaries and living allowance paid Commissioners for months of May and June, 1914, as per pay-list attached ..... | 9,985.00 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per accounts attached ..... | 7,294.00 |
| Expenses of Commission during months of May and June 1914 as per statement and vouchers attached ..... | 3,756.71 |
| | $21,702.37 |

Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half .....$10,851.18

Certified Correct,

(Sgd.) F. H. P.
Accountant.

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File 59,335-6A.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1914, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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| Salary of Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D. for the month of April, 1914, @ $4,000.00 per annum, as per account attached ..... | $ 333.33 |
| Salaries and Living Allowance paid Commissioners for the month of April as per paylist attached ..... | 4740.00 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. as per account attached ..... | 34.20 |
| Expenses of Commission during the month of April as per statement and vouchers attached ..... | 1974.56 |
| | $ 7082.09 |
| Amount payable by British Columbia Government viz:- one-half ..... | $ 3541.04 |
| - LESS - | |
| One-half of amount of refund made by C.P.R. overpayment for telegrams sent in April ..... | 2.77 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE BY B. C. GOVERNMENT for APRIL . | $ 3538.27 |

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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STATEMENT in connection with demands made upon the British Columbia Government, for refunds in connection with the Royal Commission's expenses.

| DATE MONTH. | Amount of accounts rendered B. C. Government. | Amounts payable by B.Columbia Government | Amounts received from B. C. Government. | Amounts not refunded by B. Columbia Government. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 April | $ 7,076.55 | $ 3,538.27 | $ 3,538.27 | |
| May&June. | 21,702.37 | 10,851.18 | 10,851.18 | |
| July to Oct. | 36,765.97 | 18,382.99 | 18,382.99 | |
| Nov.& Dec. | 15,457.76 | 7,728.88 | | |
| 1915 January | 7,432.78 | 3,716.39 | 4,618.99 | $13,230.00 |
| February | 6,953.59 | 3,476.80 | | |
| March | 5,853.83 | 2,926.92 | | |
| Apr.to July | 29,237.53 | 14,618.77 | 14,152.17 | 466.60 |
| August. | 11,254.70 | 5,627.35 | 5,627.35 | |
| Sept.to Dec. | 28,337.90 | 14,168.95 | 14,168.95 | |
| 1916 January | 5,941.30 | 2,970.65 | 2,970.65 | |
| February | 5,998.68 | 2,999.34 | 2,999.34 | |
| March. | 7,362.83 | 3,681.42 | 3.681.42 * | |

NOTE:- The refund for last March has not yet come to hand.

* see the March refund received 2nd June

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, May 31st., 1916.

Sir,-

As requested in your letter of the 22nd instant, I beg to enclose herewith statements required in connection with the refunds received from the British Columbia Government on account of its share of the expenses of the Royal Commission. I also enclose copies of correspondence between the British Columbia Government and this Department respecting the refusal of the former to refund in full its share, viz,- one-half, of the expenses. I may say that no further communication has been received from the British Columbia Government on this subject.

Your obedient servant,

D. S. A.

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 29, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 30 1916

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Sir,-

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I have been going over the expenditure for the fiscal year 1914-15 in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, in the endeavour to connect the several cheques issued at Victoria by the Commission with the vouchers submitted in support of the expenditure. In the majority of cases I have been able to trace the connection, but have been unable to trace exactly which vouchers were paid out of the proceeds of the following cheques-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April 2, | C. M. Gibbons | $ 50.00 |
| " 7, | J.G.H. Bergeron | 200.00 |
| May 4, | " | 14.95 |
| " 4, | C.M. Gibbons | 61.55 |
| " 4, | " | 150.00 |
| " 5, | N.W. White | 400.00 |
| June 30, | C.M. Gibbons | 200.00 |
| July 7, | " | 30.21 |
| " 7, | N.W. White | 2500.00 |
| Aug. 24, | C.M. Gibbons | 15.50 |
| Sept. 5, | J.S. McArthur | 150.00 |
| " 5, | N.W. White | 2000.00 |
| Oct. 16, | C.M. Gibbons | 5.30 |

I should like to get statements showing the actual vouchers covered by each of these cheques.

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# Auditor General's Office, Canada,

OTTAWA, May 29, 1916.

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I should also like to have a statement from Mr. Gibbons showing the actual amount of cash in his hands on April 1, 1914, brought forward from the advances of 1913-14, exclusive of what balance there may have been at that date to the credit of the Commission in the Imperial Bank at Victoria.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Auditor General.

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

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59,335-6.

Ottawa, May 31st., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Auditor General requesting certain information in connection with cheques issued at Victoria by the Commission and to request that you will kindly furnish the information asked for together with the statements required by the Auditor General, at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

N.W. White Esq., K. C.,
Chairman,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
for the Province of British Columbia,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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Bank of Montreal.

Ottawa Ont 2nd June 1916.

The Accountant,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Receiver General Receipt for $3,681.42, being an amount received by wire from our Victoria Branch, deposited by Treasury Department.

Yours faithfully,

A. Vanderlee

Manager.

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Surplus
Refund by BB Govt
Statement of Expenses
of Royal Commission
for the month of

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DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 1429

**Bank of Montreal,**

$ 3681.42

*Ottawa,* June 2nd, 1916

*RECEIVED from* Treasury Department Victoria B. C.

*on account* Department of Indian Affairs

*the sum of* Thirty-six hundred & eighty-one-----42/100 *Dollars, which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.*

*Signed in Triplicate*

*Ent'd.*

*Pro. Manager.*

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ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 1429

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*Ent'd.*

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COPY

Fort Steele, B. C.
October 1st, 1914.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 26th enclosing cheques for $120.00 and you will find herewith official receipts signed by Messrs Fenwick, Ross and the Hanson Garage for same.

Yours very truly,
(Signed). R.L.T.Galbraith.
Indian Agent.

J. G. H. Bergeron, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for B. C.,
Victoria, B. C.

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C O P Y

September 26th, 1914.

R. L. T. Galbraith, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Steele, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been advised by the Commission to enclose you the sum of $120.00 which you will use in paying the following:

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|---|---|
| A. B. Fenwick | $40.00 |
| W. W. Ross | 40.00 |
| Hanson Garage | 40.00, |

and you will be kind enough to send me back receipts from these parties on the enclosed forms, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J.G.H.Bergeron.
Secretary.

Enclosures:

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# ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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S. CARMICH[illegible]L, K.C.
JAMES P. SHAW, M.L.A.
DAY H. MACDOWALL
C. H. GIBBONS, SECRETARY

BELMONT HOUSE

VICTORIA, B.C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 758
TEL. 1302

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 31 1916

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

Acd

May 25th, 1916

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant (Your File 59335-6B) with enclosure of letter of the Auditor-General dated the 13th instant, in the matter of Vouchers Nos. 543, 544 and 545, for one day's motor car service in connection with visitations of Reserves of the Kootenay Agency.

With respect to these items, I have to say that automobiles were employed for eight days in connection with the visitation of Reserves of the Kootenay Agency, at a charge of $120.00 per day for three cars. The accounts for such service were paid on the spot, and receipts taken by Mr McArthur, who accompanied the Commissioners.

Subsequently a further day's field work was undertaken, for which the automobiles were again required, and for this service payment was not made at the time, as the Commissioners had not sufficient money with them. Upon the return of the party to Victoria a cheque for the amount of hire, viz. $120.00, was, on the 26th September, 1914, transmitted to Mr Agent Galbraith, with covering letter, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Mr Galbraith paid the three accounts as requested, returning the receipted vouchers, a copy of his letter of

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acknowledgment being also attached hereto.

Although Mr Gibbons, then Assistant Secretary, did not accompany the Commissioners on the tour of the Kootenay Agency, inasmuch as he prepared the vouchers for the additional day's motor hire, he, by direction of the Commission, certified the account in connection therewith, upon transmission of the receipted vouchers at the month's end.

Trusting that this explanation will be satisfactory to you and to the Auditor-General,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

N. W. White
Chairman

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59,335-6B.

Arthur Vacat

Ottawa, June 6th, 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 13th ultimo, requesting an explanation in regard to certain payments made for automobile hire at Cranbrook, September 1914, in connection with the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in British Columbia; I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Commission, which I trust will be found satisfactory.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa,
Ont.

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Return to Vacat

Ottawa, June 6th., 1916.

Sir,-

I have to refer you to your letter of the 16th April 1915 respecting the refusal of the Province to pay half of Mr. Bergeron's salary and living allowance; and to point out that one-half of the amount of the same from the 31st March, 1913 to 31st March,1915, both dates inclusive, or 731 days at $30.00 a day, is $10,965.00 and not $13,230.00 as stated in your letter and therefore there is due this Department a further sum of $2,265.00, for which I shall be pleased to receive a cheque at your convenience.

For

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Acting Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Hon W. J. Bowser,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.

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Expenditure of Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B. C. May to Nov./13.

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| Ethel Argue. | Making copies of papers for Commission at Ottawa May 7-10/13 ..... | $ 8.00 |
| H. Noonan. | " " " " " " " " " " ..... | 10.00 |
| Geo. May & Son. | Two Folio Cases for Messrs. White and McKenna ..... | 21.25 |
| C. P. Ry. | Fares, Berths, for Messrs. White and McKenna May 1913 Ottawa to Vancouver ..... | 245.35 |
| C. P. Ry. | " 1 Interpreter Duncan to Victoria June 7/13 ($1.60) 5 Comm's. 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, 1 Interpreter Victoria to Vancouver June 17/13 $30.50 ..... | 32.10 |
| C. P. Ry. | " 4 Comm's 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, 1 Interpreter Victoria to Vancouver & return May 14/13. ..... | 27.00 |
| Dominion Ex. Co. | Charges on notes Ottawa to Victoria to Sec. Bergeron ..... | 41.13 |
| Dominion " " | " " " " " " " " " ..... | 17.44 |
| C. P. Ry. | Hire of Str. "Queen City" to visit in Bella Coola and Queen Charlotte Agencies 35 days @ $175.00 Aug. 14 to Sep. 19/13. ..... | 6125.00 |
| C. P. Ry. | Fares, 5 Com's 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, Victoria to Vancouver and return Oct. 13/13 4 Com. 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, Vancouver to Enderby. ..... | 113.80 |
| Alfred Adams | Fares & expenses of Councillors Adams, Wiat and Yeomans of Massett Band while attending the sitting of Comr. at Skidegate. ..... | 62.00 |
| C. N. Ry. | Special train from Kamloops to N. Thompson Reserves all day for Com. Oct. 27/13 .... | 50.00 |
| C. P. Ry. | Fare 1 Commissioner Merritt, to Kamloops, Oct. 20/13. ..... | 4.50 |
| C. P. Ry. | Fares, 5 Comm's 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, 1 Interpreter Kamloops to Salmon Arm and 1 Stenographer Salmon Arm to Victoria. ..... | 35.80 |
| Dominion Ex. Co. | Charges on reports, Ottawa to Victoria to Sec. Bergeron. ..... | 6.15 |
| C. P. Ry. | Fares, 4 Comm's 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, Kamloops to Victoria, $72.30, 5 Comm. 1 Sec. 1 Stenographer, 1 Interpreter Salmon Arm to Chase $10.00 1 Interpreter Larskin to Victoria $28.20 ..... | 110.50 |
| Dominion Ex. Co. | Charges on files Ottawa to Victoria to Sec. Bergeron ..... | 7.25 |
| J.H.G. Bergeron. | Expenses etc. of Commission May, June, July, August, September, October and November 1913. ..... | 16117.91 |
| | Total | $ 23035.18 |
| | One-half payable by British Columbia Government ..... | $ 11517.59 |

Certified correct,

(Sgd.) F. H. Paget.

Accountant.

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FURTHER STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF ROYAL COMMISSION
ON INDIAN AFFARIS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA DURING
DECEMBER, 1913 and JANUARY, 1914.

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**J. G. H. Bergeron.**

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| Expenses of Commission, Dec/13, as per statement and vouchers attached..... | $ 1,278.27 |
| Expenses of Commission, Jany/14..... | 1,338.15 |

**N. W. White.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenses, Shelburne, N.S. to Ottawa, April/13..... | 32.20 |
| Salary and living allowance 1st to 13th Dec/13.... | 390.00 |

**J. A. J. McKenna.**

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|---|---|
| Salary March 31/13 to Jany 31/14 @ $2600.00 per annum, paid by Dept. of Indian Affairs | 2,173.65 |

**Canadian Pacific Ry.**

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|---|---|
| Transport of N. W. White, Victoria to Halifax..... | 116.70 |
| Berth for N. W. White, Vancouver to Ottawa..... | 16.50 |
| Salaries and Allowance of Commissioners for December and January as per pay-list..... | 3,740.00 |
| | $ 9,085.47 |
| One- half payable by British Columbia Government | $ 4,542.73 |

P.S.

When Dr. McKenna's extra remuneration of $1400.00 per annum is voted by Parliament, it will be paid to him and included in subsequent accounts to be rendered.

Certified Correct,

(Signed) F. H. Paget.
Accountant.

Ottawa, February 23, 1914.

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STATEMENT COVERING SALARIES AND ALLOWANCE DUE MEMBERS

OF THE COMMISSION TO 30TH. NOVEMBER, 1913.

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**Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 12th April to 30th Nov/13 at $25.00 per diem - 233 days. | $5,825.00 | |
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem | 2,330.00 | $8,155.00 |

**J.G.H. Bergeron, Secretary.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov/13 at $20.00 per diem - 245 days. | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | $7,350.00 |

**N. W. White.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov/13 at $20.00 per diem - 245 days. | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | 7,350.00 |

**J. P. Shaw.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov/13 at $20.00 per diem - 245 days. | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem | 2,450.00 | 7,350.00 |

**D. H. MacDowall**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salary from 31st March to 30th Nov/13 at $20.00 per diem - 245 days. | 4,900.00 | |
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem. | 2,450.00 | 7,350.00 |

**J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Living allowance at $10.00 per diem from 31st March to 30th Nov/13 - 245 dys. | 2,450.00 |
| TOTAL..... | $40,005.00 |
| Amount payable by the British Columbia Government, viz:- one-half..... | $20,002.50 |

Certified Correct,

(Signed). F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1914.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries and Allowance of Commissioners for February as per pay-list..... | | $ 1570.00 |
| Salary of J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for February, as per Voucher..... | | 216.66 |
| Voucher No. 252 | W. H. Maysmith | 8.00 |
| 259 | C. H. Gibbons. | 450.00 |
| 260 | Ashdown H. Green | 300.00 |
| 261 | James S. McArthur | 100.00 |
| 262 | Cross & Co. | 135.00 |
| 263 | W. H. Maysmith | 76.00 |
| 264 | Henderson Pub. Co. | 5.00 |
| 265 | Ashdown H. Green | 78.60 |
| 266 | " " | 31.60 |
| 267 | Weiler Bros. Ltd. | 22.50 |
| 268 | C. H. Smith & Co. | 148.70 |
| 269 | Vic. Book & Stat. Co. | 22.45 |
| 270 | Ashdown H. Green | 35.10 |
| 271 | Creech-Hughes Electric Co. | 8.50 |
| 272 | Victoria Post Office | 2.00 |
| 273 | P. McDonald | 1.00 |
| 274 | Victoria Post Office | 2.00 |
| 275 | " " " | 2.00 |
| 276 | " Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| 277 | " Post Office | 1.00 |
| 278 | B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd. | 7.50 |
| 279 | C. H. Gibbons, sundry petty disbursements | 25.10 |
| | | $ 3249.96 |
| One-half payable by British Columbia Government,- | | $ 1624.98 |

Certified Correct,

(Signed) F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1914, in connection with the ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Travelling expenses of N. W. White, K.C. from Shelburne, N.S. to Ottawa, as per attached account..... | $ 32.80 |
| Transportation furnished by C. P. R. Co. as per account attached..... | 37.60 |
| Salary and living allowance paid Commissioner N.W.White K.C. from 14th to 31st March, 1914, as per account attached | 540.00 |
| Salary of Commissioner J. A. J. McKenna, LL.D., for the month of March, 1914, @ $2600.00 per annum..... | 216.66 |
| Additional salary allowed Commissioner J.A.J. McKenna, LL.D. from 31st March, 1913, to 31st March, 1914, both dates inclusive, as per account attached..... | 1403.76 |
| Salaries and living allowance paid Commissioners for the month of March as per pay-list attached..... | 1990.00 |
| Expenses of Commission during the month of March as per statement and vouchers attached..... | 1194.45 |
| | $ 5415.17 |
| One-half payable by British Columbia Government,- | $ 2707.60 |

Certified Correct,

(Signed) F. H. Paget,

Accountant.

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STATEMENT in connection with demands made upon the British Columbia Government for refunds in connection with the Royal Commission's expenses.

| Date 1913 | Amount of accounts rendered British Columbia Government. | Amounts payable by British Columbia Government. | Amounts received from British Columbia Government. |
|---|---|---|---|
| May to Nov. | $ 23,035.18 | $ 11,517.59 | $ 11,517.59 |
| Apr. to Nov. | 40,005.00 | 20,002.50 | 20,002.50 |
| Dec. to Jany./14 | 9,085.47 | 4,542.73 | 4,542.73 |
| 1914 | | | |
| February. | 3,249.96 | 1,624.98 | 1,624.98 |
| March | 5,415.17 | 2,707.60 | 2,707.60 |

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA
RECEIPT
(TO BE RETAINED BY PURCHASER)
FOR
BANK MONEY ORDER
No. Y 125754
Date JUL 4 1916
Amt. $ 10 00/++
In favour of Dept of Indian Affairs

In the event of loss the Bank will, on surrender of this slip and on receipt of a satisfactory guarantee, refund the amount to the purchaser:

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Ottawa, June 7th., 1916.

Sir,-

With reference to my letter of the 31st ultimo, I beg to enclose a further statement covering refunds received from the British Columbia Government in connection with the expenses of the Royal Commission between 31st March, 1913, and 31st March, 1914.

I have also to inform you that the refund of $3,681.42 due in connection with expenses for the month of March last, has been received since writing you on the 31st ultimo.

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) J. D. McLean

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa.

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125 000,-18-12-14

No.....
IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER.

# POST OFFICE.

J.D.McL. (2)

5/6/16, 191

In following the same course, I have done nothing but what was always done by others on the Commission,

Yours truly,

J. G. H. Bergeron

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125 000.-10-12-14

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No.....
IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE ABOVE NUMBER.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUN 7 1916

# POST OFFICE.

copy sent Auditor 8/6/16

MONTREAL,

June 5th, 1916, 191

490973

J. D. McLean Esq.,
Ass't-Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Canada,

Dear Sir:--

Being confined to my room through illness since the 22nd of April last, I have not been able to attend to corr-espondence before to-day; hence my delay in acknoledging your communication of the 16 of May, in which you enclose copy of a letter written to you by the Auditor General calling for explanations of voucher 681, paid at Victoria, in connection with my trip East in December 1914.

I am writing Mr. Fraser by same mail, and now beg to confirm to you my statement to the Auditor General that all items mentioned in his letter are perfectly correct and that the $7.50, to which he refers in particular, covered services which it was customary with all the members of our Commission to have charged to travelling expenses.

In following.....

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May 31st 1916

The Chairman

and Members,

Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Gentlemen:

Referring to the letters of the Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs dated the 15th and 25th instants in respect of unaccounted for balance of $375.17, I have to say that, not having the several memoranda furnished the late Secretary by members of the Commission as well as by myself in accounting for advances from time to time, it is impossible for me to furnish such a statement as is asked for in the letter of the Auditor-General of the 4th instant.

The Chairman's letter, of the 2nd instant, would appear to summarize the Commission's information herein; and the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh numbered paragraphs of that letter undoubtedly fully cover my own connection with advances received by me and accounting therefor, which accounting was in each case accepted as satisfactory.

As stated in your letter referred to, all advances received by me have been (upon the return of the Commission from field expeditions or on closing the accounts for each particular

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month) promptly balanced by vouchers, or vouchers and cash difference in the event of the voucher total being less than the amount of the advance accounted for.

This, to the best of my knowledge and belief, was also the case with members of the Commission similarily accounting for advances received by them in the course of and in connection with the Commission's work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. Gibbons

Secretary

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JUN 7 1916

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May 31st 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

490975

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 15th and 25th instants (your File 59335-6B) in the matter of request that Mr Gibbons furnish information as to unaccounted for balance of $375.17.

It would seem to me that the Auditor-General should be furnished with a copy of my letter to you of the 2nd instant, which summarizes the Commission's information in the premises.

A letter which Mr Gibbons has addressed to the Commission is attached hereto.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

N. W. White
Chairman

Encl.

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Ottawa, June 8th., 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 4th ultimo, respecting the amount of $375.17 unaccounted for in connection with the expenditure at Victoria, B. C. by the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, between 1st April 1913 and 31st December 1914; I beg to enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from the Chairman of the Commission together with one from Mr. C. H. Gibbons, the Secretary of the Commission.

I also enclose copy of Mr. White's letter of the 2nd May, to which he refers.

Your obedient servant,

D. W. WOOD

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Return to Vacet

Ottawa, June 8th., 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 12th of May last respecting certain charges made by Mr. J.G.H. Bergeron for petty expenses in connection with his trip to Ottawa, between December 26th, 1914 and January 13th, 1915; I beg to enclose for your information copy of a letter received from Mr. Bergeron.

Your obedient servant,

D. C. Scott

D. C. SCOTT

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,

O T T A W A.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 6 1916

ACCOUNTANT
JUN 12

VICTORIA May 31st.1916

The Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
O T T A W A.

491208

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th.ultimo I beg to advise that I have to-day forwarded to the Bank of Montreal the sum of $3,681.42 and asked them to telegraph the amount to your credit.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

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55,339-6B.

Return to Accts

Ottawa, June 14th., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to my letter of the 19th of May last, returning accounts covering petty cash disbursements in order that receipts might be attached thereto, and to request that the voucher may be returned without delay with the necessary receipts attached.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
Belmont House,
VICTORIA, B. C.

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June 6th, 1916.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

491220

Dear Sir:

I have yours of May 30th enclosing copy of letter from the Auditor-General relative to the payment to me of $415.00 for services during the month of December, 1914.

In reply I beg to inform you that I went home for the holidays in December, 1914, and the sum of $415.00 was to cover the usual pay per day and living allowance for either the first eleven or twelve days of the month, I forget which, but think it was for twelve.

Evidently some mistake was made in the calculation as the amount does not correctly meet the amount payable, either for the eleven or twelve days.

I am

Yours truly,

N. W. White

Chairman.

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Return to file

Ottawa, June 17th., 1916.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo respecting the payment of $415.00 to Mr. N. W. White, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, for his services during the month of December, 1914, I now beg to enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. White on the subject.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa, Ont.

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June 12th 1916

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 19 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

491505

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, with enclosure of letter of the Auditor-General of the 23rd ultimo, re four (4) unused tickets, Golden to Victoria, I am directed by the Commission to say that:

1. The Commission in order to follow the Itinerary arranged for field operations in the Kootenay Agency, requisitioned transportation from the C.P.R. via Vancouver, Arrow Lakes, Nelson, Kootenay Lake, Creston and Cranbrook, with return tickets from Golden to Victoria;

2. On arrival at Windermere it was found that money could be saved by cancelling the return tickets from Golden to Victoria and substituting return over the route followed to Windermere -- this on account of the charges for motor transport from Windermere to Golden;

3. On the return of the Commission to Victoria, Mr White, Chairman, handed a statement of expenditures for the trip to Mr Bergeron, Secretary, which statement was accepted by him as correct;

4. The C.P.R. office in Victoria can find no trace

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of a refund and it is therefore probable that Mr Bergeron forwarded the unused tickets to Ottawa, and if so the Department should have a record of this.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. Hubbard

Secretary

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Return to Vacat

Ottawa, June 20th., 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd of May last respecting requisitions for transportation of members of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for British Columbia, I now beg to enclose for your information copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Commission, and in regard to the last paragraph thereof, I have to say that Mr. Bergeron did not forward the unused tickets referred to, to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Motherwell

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Auditor General,
Ottawa.

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

June 15th, 1916

Immediate Attn

491643

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, with cheque in the amount of $63.75 in payment of vouchers for petty cash disbursements.

I now beg to enclose herewith receipted bills as follows, viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| A. United Typewriter Co. | $ 12.50 |
| B. Victoria Book & S. Co. Ld. | 14.20 |
| C. C.P.R. Telegraphs | 7.50 |
| D. B.C.Telephone Co. Ld. | 7.50 |
| E. Victoria Toilet Agency | 1.25 |
| F. Shortt, Hill & Duncan Ld. | 1.00 |

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. Gibbons
Secretary.

Encls.

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Return W. Vice

Ottawa, June 21st., 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing receipted bills in support of voucher for petty cash disbursements in April and May; and in reply to say that receipt No. D from the B. C. Telephone Company, Limited for $7.50 was not enclosed. Kindly forward it without delay.

See C.K. 340 attached W. Vice

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. H. Gibbons Esq.,
Secretary,
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June 17th, 1916.

431340

Immediate

Dept

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

The monthly financial statement for June from this office was forwarded to you yesterday including the sum payable to me. As, however, I hope to be at Ottawa before the end of the month, I would be obliged if you would retain this sum so I may draw it at Ottawa on my way home.

Yours very truly,

N. W. White
Chairman.

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H. S. HENDERSON, President  S. ROWLINSON, Director  G. M. P. HENDERSON, Sec.-Treas.

1004 Government Street,
Victoria, B. C. May 1916

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Belmont Blg. Victoria

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"Royal and Empire" Typewriter, Non-Smut Carbons, Admiralty Charts, Mimiograph Supplies, Carey Safes, Globe-Wernicke Sectional Book Cases, and Filing Devices, Hughes-Owens' Mathematical Instruments.

Duplicate

P. O. DRAWER 831  TELEPHONE 63

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 3 | 1 Bx T/W Paper # 717 | 2 | 50 |
| | 5 | 2 Bts R Bands | 3 | 50 |
| | | 2 Balls Twine 60 1 Index Book 25 | | 85 |
| | 10 | 2 Bts T/W Paper | 4 | 80 |
| | 12 | 1 Qt Stephens Ink | 1 | 00 |
| | | 2 Btles Pen Ink | | 50 |
| | 13 | 1 Bt Pen Clips | | 20 |
| | 16 | 1 Rm F&S Cap 500 ½ Dz Pyramid Pens 65 | 5 | 65 |
| | | 1 Bt T/W Paper 100 1 Dz Manpel Pels 75 | 1 | 75 |
| | 19 | 1 Bt T/W Paper heavy | 2 | 50 |
| | 20 | 1 Eye Shade 15 Wrapping Paper 50 | | 65 |
| | 23 | 1/2 Bt Heavy T/W Paper | 2 | 00 |
| | 26 | 1 Jar Paste 50 1 Jar Paste 65 | 1 | 15 |
| | 27 | 1 Bt T/W Paper | 2 | 50 |
| | | 2 Rolls 1 & A Film @40 | | 80 |
| | 30 | 1 Refill for the T/W Record Book | 3 | 00 |
| | 31 | 1 Btle green Ink 10 1 Btle Purple 10 | | 20 |
| | | 2 Cards Mapping Pens | | 25 |
| | | | 33 | 80 |

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Victoria, B. C.

Telephone Number
1302

British Columbia Telephone Co. Dr.
Limited

For Toll Line and Messenger Service Month ending May 25th, 1916.

| Date | From | To | Place | Charge |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Gibbons | Cox | Pt. Alberni | .75 |
| 3 | Ditchburn | " | " | .75 |
| 9 | McArthur | Peter Byrne | New West. | 1.40 |
| 16 | McKenna | Robertson | Duncan | .60 |
| | | | | $ 3.50 |
| 19 | Carmichael | Rgs Desbarats | Lorney Parade | .20 |

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Rental Statement

# United Typewriter Company

Limited

732 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

Rented to Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,

Address Belmont House,

Terms: Cash in Advance. Rental charged until we receive instructions to call for machine.

To rent of typewriter

Underwood #24914-3-20 May 7 to June 7 $7.50

All Rental Payments

In case of purchase only two months' rental will apply.

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LIMITED

732 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

**The Underwood Typewriter**

Branch Offices in all other Canadian cities.

Our Order No. 25843

Your Order No.

Date April 15 1916

Delivered to Royal Indian Commission, Belmont House

Via

Terms

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 purple and red record ribbons | 2 00 | 2 00 |

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Underwood #24914-3-20 June 7 to July 7 $7.50

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To rent of typewriter

Underwood #435032-5 June 2 to July 2 $5.50
with table

All Rental Payments Strictly in Advance.

**In case of purchase only two months' rental will apply.**

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LIMITED

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**The Underwood Typewriter**

Branch Offices in all other Canadian cities.

*Our Order No.* P3932 *Your Order No.* *Date* May 8 1916

*Delivered to* Royal Indian Commission,
Belmont House.

*Via* *Terms*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 set felt pads | 75 | 75 |

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OFFICE STATIONERY BOOKLETS CATALOGS . LEGAL FORMS ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES

# THE ACME PRESS, LIMITED

A. P. STEVENS
J. C. McNEILL
J. P. WATSON

TELEPHONE 2001 *Printers & Binders* 753 VIEW STREET

THE AP QUALITY

May 31st. 1916

*for* Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in B.C.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 25 | 500 copies Information Listing sheet | 9. | 55 |

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(15-8-15-24754) Make all cheques payable to the order of the Canadian Pacific Ry. T. D. FORM 44a

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M Royal Indian Commission

TO THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO'S TELEGRAPH, DR.

| DATE 1916 | TO WHOM | PLACE | FROM WHOM | PLACE | CHARGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 1 | Cox | Alberni | Gibbons | Vict | 99 |
| 18 | Cook | Ottawa | " | " | 1 00 |
| 26 | Hanen | Penticton | " | " | 1 01 |
| | Brown | Summerland | " | " | 1 77 |
| 30 | Hanen | Penticton | " | " | 1 07 |
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C O P Y.

T. N. HIBBEN & CO.

1122 Government Street,

Victoria, B. C., June 8-16.

Royal Indian Reserve Committee.

To 1 Chart $ 1.25

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The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs

# In account with Cross & Co.

Folio

Corner of Government and Humboldt Streets

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To rent of Rooms 517 to 520 Belmont House for Month ending June 30th. | 135 | 00 | |
| " " Room 503 | 25 | 00 | |
| | $ 160 | 00 | |

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COPY.

Dr. to THE COLONIST

Victoria, B. C., May 31, 1916.

The Royal Commission of Indian Affairs for British Columbia

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | | | | |
| May | 19 | Makg. 2 agency maps in four colors, 900 copies each map at $60.00 per map | $120.00 | |
| " | 26 | Makg. 39 copper halftones for Report of Royal Indian Commission | 122.77 | $ 242.77 |

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COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PAY LIST FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1916

N.W.White, Chairman 30 days at $35.00 per day.....668...$1050.00
(Salary and living allowance)

Mr. Commissioner J.P.Shaw, 30 days at $30.00 per day 669. 900.00
(Salary and living allowance)

Mr. Commissioner D.H.Macdowall do 670...900.00

Mr. Commissioner S. Carmichael, do ...1.. 900.00

Mr. Commissioner J.A.J.McKenna 30 days at $10.00 per day..2 300.00
(Living allowance)

Mr. C.H.Gibbons, Secretary, Salary for June..... 3 74.83 ~~450.00~~

Mr. Ashdown H. Green, Technical Officer, Salary for June 4 300.00

Miss A. Porritt, Stenographer, Salary for June—$60.00)
Overtime; 17 hrs. )
at$.30.....5.10) 5 65.10

Mrs. A.Maysmith " Salary for June 60.00
Overtime;32 hrs
at $.30 9.60 676 69.60

$4934.70

Certified Correct

(Sgd) N. W. White
Chairman

(Sgd) C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

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Chs. 657 to 676

No

**CHEQUES REQUIRED, FAVOUR OF**

**COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF, AS PER PAYLIST:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C.H.Gibbons — ck no. 657 | To reimburse for payments out, Petty Cash, May 12 to 31..... | $32.85 | |
| | To reimburse for payments out, Petty Cash, June 1 to 15..... | 9.70 | |
| | To reimburse for payment to Mrs. Allan | 39.38 | |
| | | | 75.93 |
| | To pay the following: | | |
| ck no. 658 | Victoria Book & Stationery Co. Lts. as per account attached | $33.80 | |
| " 659 | B.C.Telephone Co, service and long distance tolls, 7.50 and 3.70 | 3.50 ~~11.20~~ | |
| " | H.P.McDowell, rubber stamps | 3.75 | |
| " 660 | United Typewriter Co. as per accounts attached | 23.25 | |
| | Victoria Towel Delivery | 1.25 | |
| | Shortt, Hill & Duncan | 1.00 | |
| 661 | Acme Press Limited | 9.55 | |
| 662 | C.P.R.Telegraphs | 5.84 | |
| 663 | T.N.Hibben & Co. | 1.25 | |
| 668 667 | Balance due for temporary assistance, | 19.50 | ~~110.39~~ |
| | Total..... | | ~~192.32~~ |
| Cross & Co. 664 | As per account attached | | 160.00 |
| Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd. 665 | As per account attached | | 242.77 |

Certified Correct

(Sgn) H. L. White
Chairman

(Sgn) C. H. Gibbons
Secretary.

Cheques to Gibbons

657 to 676 Cert June 26/16

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

# Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS. ~~AGENCY~~.

To C. H. Gibbons, Secretary.

| DATE. | DETAIL. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | Petty Cash Disbursements, May 12th to 31st, 1916: | | |
| May 12 | Paid Messenger to Taylor (Lands Dept.) .25; Robbins, (Lands Dept.) .25; Acme Press, .25 | | 75 |
| " 13 | " " " King's Printer, .25; Lands Dept. .25; Acme Press, .25 | | 75 |
| " 15 | " " " Taylor (Lands) .25; Electric Blueprint & M. Co, .25; Gore .25; "Colonist" Co. .25..... | 1 | 00 |
| " 16 | " " " Robbins .25; Acme Press .25; Taxi for Miss McCulloch, working at night $1.00 | 1 | 50 |
| " 17 | " " " Lands, .25; Soap .10 | | 35 |
| " 18 | " " " Lands .25; "Colonist" Co. .25; Fleming Bros. .25; Acme Press .25 | 1 | 00 |
| " 19 | " " " Taylor (Lands) .25; Robbins .25 Acme Press .25; Robbins (second trip) .25..... | 1 | 00 |
| " 20 | " " " Jubilee Hospital .30; Robbins, .25; Acme Press .25; Taylor (Lands) .25;..... | 1 | 05 |
| " 22 | " " " Lands Dept (2) .50; Stamps .50 | 1 | 00 |
| " 23 | " " " Lands Dept, .25; Acme Press .25 Stamps $1.00 | 1 | 50 |
| " 24 | " " " McKenna .50; Electric B. P. & M. Co. .25..... | | 75 |
| " 25 | " " " McKenna .50; Lands Dept. .25.... | | 75 |
| " 26 | " " " Acme Press .25; Dept. of Railways .25; Taylor (Lands) .25..... | | 75 |
| " 27 | " " " Acme Press .25..... | | 25 |
| " 29 | " " " "Colonist" Co. .25; Acme Press, .25; Lands Dept. .25..... | | 75 |
| " 30 | " Labour selecting printed matter from Cross & Co. vaults, $1.00; messenger "Colonist" P. Co. .25; Acme Press, .25; Lands Dept. .25; Stamps $1.00 | 2 | 75 |
| " 17 | " John Williams, cartage, receipt attached (original) ..... | 3 | 00 |
| " 31 | " Miss McCulloch " " ..... | 13 | 95 |
| | | $ 32 | 85 |

Part 657

I hereby certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

APPROVED:

Sgd. C. H. Gibbons.

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Sgd. C. H. Gibbons,
Secretary Royal Commission on Indian Affairs
for the Province of British Columbia.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

# Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS. AGENCY.

To C. H. Gibbons, Secretary.

| DATE. | DETAIL. | AMOUNT. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1916 | Petty Cash Disbursements, June 1st to 15th. | | |
| June 1 | Paid Messenger to Taylor (Lands Dept.) .25; to Acme Press, Ltd. .25..... | | 50 |
| 2 | " " To Renwick, .25; twine .10..... | | 35 |
| 3 | " " to Taylor..... | | 25 |
| 6 | " " to "Colonist" office .25; cartage on stationery from Government Printing office .50; stamps .50; rent of P.O. Box (receipt attached) $1.00..... (original lost) | 2 | 25 |
| 7 | " " from Robbins .25; to "Colonist" Co., .25..... | | 50 |
| 8 | " " to Lands Dept.,.25; to Premier's office .25; to Acme Press, .25.... | | 75 |
| 9 | " " to Taylor .25; Acme Press .25; "Colonist"Co.,.25..... | | 75 |
| 10 | " Bank of Montreal, on transfer of money to Ottawa, by request of Department of Indian Affairs communicated through the Deputy Minister of Finance, Victoria, $1.00 (receipt attached); Messenger Lands Department, .25; Acme Press, .25..... | 1 | 50 |
| 12 | " Messenger to Jubilee Hospital, .50; Acme Press .25; "Colonist" Office, .25; | 1 | 00 |
| 13 | " " to Taylor .25; J. Williams, cartage .50; messenger Colonist, .25 | 1 | 00 |
| 14 | " Matches .10; messenger to Lands Dept., .25 Acme Press,.25..... | | 60 |
| 15 | " Messenger from Land Dept..... | | 25 |
| | Part 657 | 9 | 70 |

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE - MAY 12th to JUNE 15th, 1916.

Part 65

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Hugh (A.K.) Allan : | 8 days @ $2.00 per day . | $ 36.00 | $ 39.38 |
| | Overtime..... | 3.38 | |
| | (Paid receipt attached) | | |
| Miss C.C. McCulloch : | 46½ hrs. to May 31, @ 30¢ | 13 95 | |
| | (Paid - Receipt attached to Petty Cash voucher. | | |
| | 18½ hrs. to June 15 @ 30¢ | 5.55 | 5.55 ~~19.50~~ 666 |
| | (Still to pay). | | |
| Miss Agnes Peddle : | 20½ hrs. to May 31, @ 30¢ | 6.15 | 13.95 667 |
| | 26 hrs. to June 15, @ 30¢ | 7.80 | |
| | (Still to pay) | | |

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VICTORIA, B.C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY
P.O. BOX [illegible]

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 26 1916
No. 1302

PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 606

Immediate

June 16th, 1916.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose herewith pay list and accounts of the Commission for the current month, for which we will be pleased to receive cheques in due course.

I am also transmitting herewith certificate of progress in connection with the printing of the Final Report, a further payment of $1,000.00 hereon being recommended. I am also enclosing a memorandum of our Secretary by which you will note that it is anticipated that the final cost of printing will fall considerably below the estimate of same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

N. W. White
Chairman.

Enclosures:

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TEL. 1302

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 606

June 15th, 1916

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

After our accounts (which are transmitted herewith) were made up, it was discovered that the account of the B. C. Telephone Co. Ltd., for long distance service, included one charge of twenty (20) cents which was for personal service for Mr Commissioner Carmichael. The amount, in order that re-preparation of the accounts may be obviated, is transmitted herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Secretary.

Encl.

Return to Collector

Stamps retd & credited 20¢

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In Account With,

J. A. J. McKenna, LL.B.

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1916.

June 30th. To salary as Commissioner during the month of June, 1916 at $4,000.00 per annum..... $ 333.33

Certified Correct,

Accountant.

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