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B.C. Provincial Collection
MINUTES OF DECISION, CORRESPONDENCE & SKETCHES
A.W. Vowell
January 1899 to February 1907
Binder 13 (Box 6)

This binder contains the work of A.W. Vowell. Box 6 of the original collection contains only the work of Vowell. During his tenure as Indian Reserve Commissioner, Vowell was also the Indian Superintendent. The two positions were given to Vowell upon the retirement of O'Reilly.

Vowell maintained O'Reilly's practice of submitting Minutes of decision and field notes as well as plans for approval and then duplicate field notes and tracings. His field minutes, or in the case of the provincial collection, covering letters, do not provide the same depth as O'Reilly's. It is also notable that Vowell submitted his reports to the Secretary of Indian Affairs after he had submitted it to the provincial government. This becomes evident when comparing the correlating correspondence in the federal collection. It is, perhaps, noteworthy that the majority of Vowell's correspondence is directed to the Deputy Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, where O'Reilly's was usually directed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

This volume contains some correspondence with respect to the exchange of lands of the Nicola Indians. Vowell states that he has received a Certified Copy of an Order-in-Council dated May 6, 1899, relinquishing the "Zoht reserve at Nicola in exchange for Lot 716, situated in the valley of Clapperton Creek." Vowell requests the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works to obtain from the CCLW "such instrument as may be necessary transferring the said Lot 716 to the Department, and thus bring this longstanding transaction to an end." [Corr. No. 4658/99]

There is a handwritten note at the end of the Minutes of decision for the Nemaiah Valley Indians (currently known as Xeni Gwetin) which states: "Note The consideration if this matter has been laid over for cause. W.S.G. [W.S. Gore, CCLW] 16/2/05" It is unclear what this statement means. It is noteworthy that the comment is written approximately four and a half years after Vowell's allotments. [Corr. No. 8522/99]

A good deal of the correspondence involves the approval of the surveys of reserves.

There are significant gaps in the dates of the correspondence. For example, there is no correspondence between:

- December 1901 and May 1902;
- December 1902 and March 1903; and
- March 1903 and December 1903.

Many of the Minutes of decision in this binder are from a microfilm copy and not the original document. In some cases photos have been added, but the provenance of the photos is not known. It is also apparent that additional correspondence has been placed with some of the documents.

By the early 20th century, the Province was unwilling to continue setting aside Crown land as reserves per the terms of the 1871 Terms of Union. The transition in the relations between the two provinces with respect to setting aside land becomes evident in the correspondence between Vowell and the Dept. of Lands.

Vowell arranged the acquisition of land from a settler in the Pemberton Valley in order that it could be set aside for the Pemberton (now Mount Currie) Indians. Upon completion of the acquisition, the Deputy CLW advised that "the land formerly covered by Mr. Bell's pre-emption record has now been entered upon the Official Plans of this Department as Indian Reserve No. 7, in conformity with the said Minute." [Corr. No. 950/07]

In one letter, the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works states he has "amended the Minute of

Decision dated 6th April 1906 ... to read 48.66 acres instead of 50 acres, and the same has this day been approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works." [Corr. No. 1855/07] It is not clear on what authority such an amendment could have been made.

Although the correspondence in the provincial collection goes only up to 1907, Vowell held the position of Indian Reserve Commissioner and Indian Superintendent until his retirement in 1910.

Organization of Index

- The identification of the location of the documents is based upon the correspondence number.
- Enclosures are identified with "[encl]" following the correspondence number.
- In some instances, the term "(add. corr.)" has been used to indicate additional correspondence under the same correspondence number.
- Page numbers have been provided in "[]" below the correspondence number for the Minutes of decision and sketches. Pagination begins with the Minutes of decision and do not include the covering letter.

Additional Sources

In order to verify and cross-reference information in the collection a number of sources are cited in the footnotes.

Federal Collection	Federal Collection of Minutes of Decision, Correspondence & Sketches
1943 Schedule	The 1943 Schedule of Reserves prepared by the Department of Indian Affairs based upon the work of C.H. Taggart, Dominion Land Surveyor.
NRCan Schedule (2005)	Schedule of Reserves prepared by the Vancouver office of the Legal Surveys Division, Natural Resources Canada
PILQ	The Papers on the Indian Land Question, 1850-1875, 1877

People of Note

A.W. Vowell	B.C. Indian Superintendent, Indian Reserve Commissioner
Indians Identified	See complete list under Additional Subjects
Settlers Identified	See complete list under Additional Subjects

Cross-Reference to the Federal Collection

Correspondence No. 8522/99 is found in vl. 15, pp. 133-51
Correspondence No. 3749/00 is found in vl. 15, pp. 66-75
Correspondence No. 7044/01 is found in vl. 15, pp. 435-52
Correspondence No. 7045/01 is found in vl. 15, pp. 453-57
Correspondence No. 7191/02 is found in vl. 15, pp. 9-13
Correspondence No. 9779/03 is found in vl. 15, pp. 371-79, 403-09
Correspondence No. 7219/04 is found in vl. 15, pp. 223-26
Correspondence No. 5927/04 is found in vl. 15, pp. 228-31
Correspondence No. 10748/04 is found in vl. 15, pp. 291-93
Correspondence No. 7202/05 is found in vl. 15, pp. 207-10
Correspondence No. 950/07 is found in vl. 15, pp. 169a-b

ANNOTATED INDEX BINDER 13

M.O.D. is an abbreviation for Minute of Decision.

A.M.O.D. is an abbreviation for Amended Minute of Decision

Reserve names are current spellings and current numbers, unless the reserve no longer exists.

Band/Tribe names are as they appear within the volume; **n.b.** for a variety of reasons (eg. change of name, band division and amalgamation) the band originally allotted the reserve may not be the current holder.

[w/encl] indicates there were enclosures contained with the correspondence.

[copy] indicates that there was a notation on the correspondence identifying it as a copy

m/copy indicates that the document is a microfilm copy

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
01 09 1899	Survey	Necoslie, Tache, Trembleur Lake ¹	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	212/99
01 12 1899	Survey	Necoslie, Tache, Trembleur Lake	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	272/99
04 21 1899	Survey	Hazelton	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	2901/99
04 21 1899	Survey	Kuldoe	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	2901/99
05 14 1899	Survey	Hazelton	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	3452/99
15 14 1899	Survey	Kuldoe	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	3452/99
05 11 1899		Kisgegas ²	Vowell	Letter	3536/99
05 26 1899	Cowichan 1	Cowichan ³	Vowell	Letter	4022/99
05 31 1899	Cowichan 1	Cowichan	Vowell	Letter	4212/99
06 14 1899	Old Zoht ⁴	Lower Nicola	Vowell	Letter	4658/99
08 31 1899	Kisgegas	Kisgegas ⁵	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	7144/99

¹ Vowell forwards six plans for reserves approval of the CCLW (not in collection). The First Nations identified are: Necoslie (currently Nak'azdli), Tache and Trembleur Lake (both currently part of Tl'atz'en Nations). All the reserves were allotted by O'Reilly. Vowell states the reserves were approved April 15, 1893, however, the date of approval on the covering letter states April 14, 1893. [See Corr No. 272/99, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 902/93; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 91, 99]

² Vowell refers to his letter of October 27, 1898 enclosing the Minute of decision for Kisgegas and requests that the CCLW approve the Minute so that the survey can commence as soon as possible. [See Corr. No. 7144/99, this binder; Binder 12, Corr. No. 7221/98]

³ Vowell requests information on the Crown Grant for 20 acres of the Cowichan reserve issued to P. Brennan in 1871. He also requests to be provided with a copy of the tracing.

⁴ Vowell states that he has received a Certified Copy of an Order-in-Council dated May 6, 1899, relinquishing the "Zoht reserve at Nicola in exchange for Lot 716, situated in the valley of Clapperton Creek." Vowell requests the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works to obtain from the CCLW "such instrument as may be necessary transferring the said Lot 716 to the Department, and thus bring this longstanding transaction to an end." [See Binder 4, Corr. No. 269/80, p. 17; Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 304-306; 1885 Schedule, p. 396; 1902 Schedule, p. 57]

⁵ Vowell refers to a letter from the Deputy Commission of Lands & Works dated August 29, 1899, correspondence number as 6899/99 (not in collection). Vowell notes that the original plan of the Kisgegas reserve has been approved and he provides the tracing and duplicate field book. There is a handwritten notation at the bottom of the page which states, "Handed in by Mr. Green." This would most likely be Ashdown H. Green, Surveyor for the Indian Reserve Commissioner. [See Binder 12, Corr. No. 7221/98]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
10 14 1899		Nemaiah Valley ⁶	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy]	8522/99
10 14 1899	Garden 2	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 1]
10 14 1899	Lohbiee 3	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	8522/99 [pp. 1-2]
10 14 1899	Tanakut 4	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 2]
10 14 1899	Chilco Lake 1	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 2]
09 20 1899	Chilco Lake 1	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 3]
09 20 1899	Garden 2	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 3]
09 20 1899	Lohbiee 3 ⁷	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 4]
09 20 1899	Tanakut 4 ⁸	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	8522/99 [pp. 4-5]
02 10 1910	Survey	Nemaiah Valley	Vowell ⁹	Letter [w/encl, m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 6]
02 11 1910	Survey ¹⁰	Nemaiah Valley	Surveyor General	Letter [m/copy]	8522/99 [p. 7]
09 20 1899	Chilco Lake 1	Nemaiah Valley	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	8522/99 [pp. 8, 8b, 8c, 8d]

⁶ This group is currently known as Xeni Gwetin First Nations. The name has also been spelled "Nemiah Valley." Vowell's field minute in the federal collection provides more detail about his trip to this area. There is a marginal notation at the commencement of the Minutes of decision indicating that the allotments were approved by the CCLW on October 18, 1899. This version of Vowell's covering letter and Minutes of decision have been taken from a microfilm copy. The copy included in the collection is poor and difficult to read. In addition to the black and white microfilm copies of the sketches, there are photographs of the sketches as well. The provenance of the photos and the microfilm copy is not known. Pagination from the microfilm copy has been used. [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 133-51; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 75, 92]

⁷ Identified as Fishery 3.

⁸ Identified as Meadow reserve. There is a handwritten note at the end of the minutes of decision which states: "Note The consideration if this matter has been laid over for cause. W.S.G. [W.S. Gore, CCLW] 16/2/05" It is unclear what this statement means. It is noteworthy that the comment is written approximately four and a half years after Vowell's allotments.

⁹ This letter, dated more than 10 years after the allotments by Vowell, is included at this point in the documents. Vowell forwards "Plan No. 1" of the Nemaiah Valley reserves to the CCLW for "final approval." (not included in the collection)

¹⁰ The Surveyor General forwards the plan of the Nemaiah Valley reserves. The letter is somewhat puzzling as the SG makes certain statements which do not seem to coincide with the facts. For example, he states, "[y]ou will please note that these minutes of decision have not been approved as they are not signed by the Chief Commissioner ..." This is a curious statement, as the version included in the collection was approved in October 1899. The SG also notes the difference in area for Tanakut 4. He states the difference is accounted for in the Lake frontage. The same reason is provided for the lower acreage of Chilco Lake 1. He finally states that the "No. 3" reserve is "not yet surveyed." As the plan for the Nemaiah Valley depicts all four reserves, it is unclear what plan the SG was forwarding.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
09 20 1899	Garden 2	Nemaiah Valley	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	8522/99 [pp. 8, 8b, 8c, 8e]
09 20 1899	Lohbiee 3	Nemaiah Valley	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	8522/99 [pp. 8-8c, 8f]
09 20 1899	Tanakut 4	Nemaiah Valley	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	8522/99 [pp. 8-8c, 8g]
07 11 1900		Sechelt ¹¹	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D.	3749/00
07 11 1900		Klahoose ¹²	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	3749/00
08 06 1900	Tatpo-oose 10	Klahoose	CCLW	Approval	3749/00
08 06 1900		Sechelt	CCLW	Approval	3749/00
06 22 1900	Sechelt Lands 21 ¹³	Sechelt	Vowell	M.O.D.	3749/00 [p. 1]
06 22 1900	Sechelt Lands 22 ¹⁴	Sechelt	Vowell	M.O.D.	3749/00 [p. 1]
06 22 1900	Sechelt Lands 23 ¹⁵	Sechelt	Vowell	M.O.D.	3749/00 [p. 2]
06 25 1900	Tatpo-oose 10	Klahoose	Vowell	M.O.D.	3749/00 [p. 3]
06 25 1900	Tatpo-oose 10	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch	3749/00 [p. 4]
02 16 1901	Survey ¹⁶	Upper Similkameen	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	839/01

¹¹ There is no sketch included with these Minutes of decision. Sketches are included with the federal copy. The marginal notations state: "Approved 6th August 1900 subject to modifications of Cok-que-neets Resv^c. Chief Commission of Lands & Wks. For amended Minute of decision re Cok-que-nets see L.d.[?] 9774/05" The signature is difficult to discern. There is another notation on the top right hand corner which states "Ans. 6/8/00" This must be August 6, 1900. In 1986, the Sechelt Band adopted a self-government model, which was enacted through legislation (Bill C-93, May 21, 1986). Subsequently PC 1986-2240 was passed through which the reserves held by Sechelt were transferred to the band in fee simple. After this all the reserve names changed to "Sechelt Lands" and the corresponding former reserve number. [See Corr. Nos. 7202/05 (add. corr.), 9774/05, this binder; Binder 12, Corr. No. 4472/95; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 66-75; vl. 20, pp. 178-178a, 194-194a; ILR #200370; ILR #200371]

¹² See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 66-75.

¹³ Originally named Sekaleton 21.

¹⁴ Originally named Saughanaught 22.

¹⁵ This reserve was originally identified as Cokqueneets 23. The CCLW approves only that portion of the reserve "lying to the west of Eagle Creek ... it was not deemed desirable to include any portion of the ground on the east side of Eagle Creek, nor the small island at the mouth of the reserve. // The land to the eastward of Eagle Creek to which exception is take by the Provincial Government contains twenty acres and is valueless for any purpose." Ultimately, the boundaries of Cokqueneets 23 were modified. This allotment is ultimately cancelled and the reserve is re-allotted at a reduced acreage. There is a notation on the Minute which states: "amended by 9774/05." [See Corr. No. 9774/05, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 178-178a, 194-194a]

¹⁶ Vowell forwards "Plan No. 1" of the Upper Similkameen reserves for "final approval and signature." He notes that the Minutes of decision for reserve nos. 3, 4, and 7 were approved on November 21, 1893. Vowell goes on to state that reserve number 6 (One Mile 6) was allotted by Sproat on October 5, 1878 and the No. 1 reserve (Vermillion Forks) was an "old reserve" made prior to 1871, and confirmed by Mr. Sproat on October 5, 1878." [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 655/80, pp. 105-116a; Binder 11, Corr. No. 3885/93; Federal Collection, vl. 6, pp. 115-129]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
11 08 1901		Kluskus ¹⁷	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	7044/01
11 15 1901		Kluskus	Deputy CCLW	Approval	7044/01
09 28 1901	Kluskus 1 ¹⁸	Kluskus	Vowell	M.O.D.	7044/01 [p. 1]
09 28 1901	Kloyadingli 2 ¹⁹	Kluskus	Vowell	M.O.D.	7044/01 [p. 1]
09 28 1901	Sundayman's Meadow 3	Kluskus	Vowell	M.O.D.	7044/01 [p. 2]
09 28 1901	Yaladelassla 4	Kluskus	Vowell	M.O.D.	7044/01 [p. 2]
09 28 1901	Kluskus 1	Kluskus	Unknown	Sketch	7044/01 [p. 3]
09 28 1901	Kloyadingli 2	Kluskus	Unknown	Sketch	7044/01 [p. 3]
09 28 1901	Sundayman's Meadow 3	Kluskus	Unknown	Sketch	7044/01 [p. 3]
09 28 1901	Yaladelassla 4	Kluskus	Unknown	Sketch	7044/01 [p. 3]
11 08 1901		Ulkatcho ²⁰	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	7045/01
11 15 1901		Ulkatcho	Deputy CCLW	Approval	7045/01
09 21 1901	Ulkatcho 1 ²¹	Ulkatcho	Vowell	M.O.D.	7045/01 [p. 1]
09 21 1901	Ulkatcho 1	Ulkatcho	Unknown	Sketch	7045/01 [p. 2]
12 07 1901	Survey ²²	Kitwanga & Kitsequecla & Kitlathla	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	7701/01

¹⁷ Vowell identified these Indians as "Cluskus Lake." They are currently known as Kluskus. His reporting letter to the Superintendent General provides more detail on his meeting with these Indians. [See Corr. Nos. 698/04, 889/04, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 435-52; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 51, 83]

¹⁸ Spelled Cluskus by Vowell.

¹⁹ Originally spelled Clo ya ding lee.

²⁰ Vowell justifies the area set aside for these Indians noting that the "whole country for many miles has been burnt over and there is practically no soil left. ... The altitude of the reserve and the poverty of the soil preclude any possibility of agricultural pursuits and it is necessary that a large range be given them for the horses they possess and the cattle they hope to acquire." Vowell's report to the SGIA provides more detail regarding his meeting with these Indians. [See Corr. Nos. 698/04, 889/04 this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 453-57]

²¹ Spelled "Uhl-cat-cho" by Vowell. A large portion of this reserve was cut-off by the McKenna-McBride Commission, April 15, 1916. The cut-off claim was settled in October 1991. [See McKenna-McBride Report, vol. 1, p. 250]

²² Vowell forwards three plans: Kitsequecla, Kitwanga, and Kitlathla, for signature and final approval of the CCLW (not included in the collection). All the allotments were made by O'Reilly prior to his retirement. [See Corr. No. 3026/02, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 319/92, pp. 8-10; Binder 12, Corr. Nos. 629/94; 691/94]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
05 10 1902	Survey ²³	Kitwanga & Kitsegucla & Kitlathla	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	3026/02
12 10 1901		Kitwanga	Deputy CCLW	Approval	3026/02
12 10 1901		Kitsegucla	Deputy CCLW	Approval	3026/02
12 10 1901		Kitlathla	Deputy CCLW	Approval	3026/02
07 16 1902	Survey ²⁴	Kispiox	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	4860/02
08 05 1902		Kispiox	Deputy CCLW	Approval	4860/02
08 08 1902	Survey ²⁵	Kispiox	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	5552/02
08 08 1902	Survey	Kitsumkayhum ²⁶	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	5553/02
08 25 1902	Survey	Kitsumkayhum ²⁷	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	6167/02
08 29 1902	Survey	Kitselas ²⁸	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	6276/02
09 09 1902		Kitselas	Deputy CCLW	Approval	6276/02
09 06 1902	Survey	Canoe Creek ²⁹	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	6484/02
09 09 1902		Canoe Creek	Deputy CCLW	Approval	6484/02
09 25 1902	Survey	Kitselas	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	7016/02
09 25 1902	Survey	Canoe Creek	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	7016/02
10 25 1902		Arrow Lake ³⁰	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	7191/02
11 12 1902		Arrow Lake	Deputy CCLW	Approval	7191/02

²³ Vowell refers to a letter dated December 12, 1901 (not in collection). He forwards the tracings and copy of the field books for the Kitsegucla, Kitwanga and Kitlathla reserves (not in collection).

²⁴ Vowell forwards the plan of the Kispiox reserve for signature and final approval (not included in collection). He notes that the Minutes of decision were approved by the CCLW February 4, 1892 and September 22, 1898. There is a marginal notation which states: "Approved 5/8/02" [ie. August 5, 1902].

²⁵ Vowell forwards the tracing and field book for the Kispiox reserves (not in collection).

²⁶ This group's name is currently spelled Kitsumkalum. Vowell forwards the plan of the reserves for signature and final approval (not included in the collection). Vowell notes that the Minutes of decision were approved February 4, 1892, but, the date on the correspondence is February 3, 1892 [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 380/92; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 51, 88]

²⁷ Vowell forwards the tracing and duplicate field book for the Kitsumkaylum reserves (not included in collection). He notes they have been approved by the Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, but the approval date is not provided.

²⁸ Vowell forwards the plan of the reserves for signature and final approval (not included in the collection). Vowell notes that the Minutes of decision were approved March 6, 1894 and February 4, 1892. This latter date appears to be incorrect as the date on the correspondence is February 3, 1892. There is a marginal notation which states: "Approved 9/9/02." [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 380/92]

²⁹ Vowell forwards "Plan No. 2" of the reserves of the Canoe Creek Indians for signature and final approval (not included in collection). There is a notation which states: "Approved 9/9/02." [See Binder 12, Corr. No. 3577/95]

³⁰ Vowell makes reference to a letter dated May 20, 1902 (not in collection). He notes that the group consists of "six families who have hitherto lived independently of each other at Revelstoke, Trail, Lower Kootenay and the Arrow Lake." [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 6-8, 9-13; 1943 Schedule, p. 33; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 40, 81]

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10 10 1902	Arrow Lake ³¹	Arrow Lake	Vowell	M.O.D.	7191/02 [p. 1]
10 10 1902	Arrow Lake	Arrow Lake	Unknown	Sketch	7191/02 [p. 2]
11 17 1902	Survey	Arrow Lake	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	8379/02
11 20 1902	Survey	Arrow Lake	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	8478/02
12 03 1902	Chopaka 7 & 8	Similkameen ³²	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	8865/02
12 03 1902	Keremeos Forks 12 & 12A	Similkameen	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	8865/02
03 17 1903	Chopaka 7 & 8 ³³	Similkameen	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1986/03
03 17 1903	Keremeos Forks 12 & 12A	Similkameen	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1986/03
03 17 1903	Survey	Upper Similkameen	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1986/03
03 17 1903	Survey	Osoyoos	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1986/03
12 15 1903		Lakelse/ ³⁴ Tsimpsean	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	9779/03 [pp. 1-4]
12 15 1903		Nass River	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	9779/03 [pp. 5-8]
12 23 1903		Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	CCLW	Approval	9779/03
12 23 1903		Nass River	CCLW	Approval	9779/03
12 15 1903	Killutsal 1A	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Vowell	Letter	9779/03
12 15 1903	Zaulzap 29A	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Vowell	Letter	9779/03
12 15 1903	Lachkalsap 9A	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Vowell	Letter	9779/03

³¹ The reserve for this group was transferred to the Province in 1956. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 33; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 40]

³² Vowell refers to a letter dated November 20, 1902 (not in collection) relating to errors in surveys by Jemmett (not in collection). Vowell forwards the amended plans done by Devereux. Sproat allotted these reserves, however, his Minutes of decision do not appear to be included in the provincial collection. [See Federal Collection, vl. 5/3, pp. 66-67]

³³ Vowell refers to a letter from the Deputy CLW dated December 23, 1902 (not in collection). Vowell forwards the tracing and field books for the amended Similkameen reserves (not in collection). Although the correspondence number looks like 1956/03, there appears to be a clarification at the top of the page indicating it is 1986/03.

³⁴ Vowell identifies three groups for which he has set aside four pieces of land: Tsimpsean (a.k.a. Tsimshian); Nass River (a.k.a. Nisga'a) and Lakelse. The Lakelse appear to have been a sub-group of the Tsimpsean. The reserves allotted to them were ultimately held by Lax Kw'alaams and/or Metlakatla. [See Corr. Nos. 1210/04, 1404/04 this binder; Binder 12, Corr. No. 692/94, pp. 5-6; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 371-79, 403-09]

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09 19 1903	Lakelse 25 ³⁵	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Vowell	M.O.D.	9779/03 [p. 1]
09 19 1903	Lakelse 25	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 2]
09 23 1903	Killutsal 1A ³⁶	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Vowell	M.O.D.	9779/03 [p. 3]
09 23 1903	Killutsal 1	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 4]
09 23 1903	Killutsal 1A	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 4]
10 14 1903	Zaulzap 29A ³⁷	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Vowell	M.O.D.	9779/03 [p. 5]
10 14 1903	Zaulzap 29	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 6]
10 14 1903	Zaulzap 29A	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 6]
10 14 1903	Gitwinksihlkw 7	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 6]
10 15 1903	Lachkalsap 9A ³⁸	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Vowell	M.O.D.	9779/03 [p. 7]
10 15 1903	Lachkalsap 9	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 8]
10 15 1903	Lachkalsap 9A	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	9779/03 [p. 8]
01 26 1904	Survey	Ulkatcho & Kluskus ³⁹	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	698/04
02 02 1904	Survey	Ulkatcho & Kluskus	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	889/04
02 16 1904	Survey	Tsimpsean	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1210/04
02 22 1904	Survey	Nass River	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1404/04

³⁵ This reserve is currently held in common by Lax Kw'alaams & Metlakatla. Vowell states at the end of the Minute that this "small reserve is for the use of such of the above Indians as may require to camp upon it, with the express understanding that the band known as the "Lakelse Indians" shall in nowise [sic] be interfered with in their free use of said reserve. Neither is it intended to interfere with the existing tribal customs governing the rights of any particular band to the fishing station so reserved." [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 372, 373, 403-04, 407-08; 1943 Schedule, p. 134; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 53, 58, 90]

³⁶ Vowell identifies these Indians as "Lakelse Band, Tsimpsean Indians." For many years, Killutsal 1 and 1A were erroneously noted to be held by the Kitsumkalum Indians. That error was corrected and the reserves are currently noted to have been held by the Lax Kw'alaams [a.k.a. Port Simpson] Indians. This reserve was sold in 1960. [See Binder 12, Corr. No. 692/94; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 53; CLSRBC 160]

³⁷ These Indians are part of the Nisga'a. They are currently known as Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw. This reserve is currently part of the Nisga'a Lands [See Binder 9, Corr. No. 168/89; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 78, 85]

³⁸ See Binder 7, Corr. No. 506/82.

³⁹ Vowell forwards the plans for the Ulkatcho & Kluskus reserves for final approval (not included in collection). There is a marginal notation cross-referencing the Minutes of decision to Corr. No.s 7044/01 and 7045/01, both of which are included in Binder 13.

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02 25 1904	Survey	Douglas, Pacheena, Nass River, Lakelse Tsimpsean	Vowell	Letter [w/enc]	1488/04
06 20 1904		Pemberton ⁴⁰	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	5927/04
02 16 1905		Pemberton	CCLW	Approval	5927/04
06 20 1904	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter	5927/04
06 15 1904	Mount Currie 6 ⁴¹	Pemberton	Vowell	M.O.D.	5927/04 [p. 1]
06 15 1904	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch	5927/04 [p. 2]
06 15 1904	Mount Currie 1	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch	5927/04 [p. 2]
06 15 1904	Mount Currie 2	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch	5927/04 [p. 2]
06 15 1904	Nesuch 3	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch	5927/04 [p. 2]
06 15 1904	Lokla 4	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch	5927/04 [p. 2]
08 31 1904		Nazko ⁴²	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	7219/04
02 16 1905		Nazko ⁴³	CCLW	Approval [m/copy]	7219/04
08 20 1904	Nazco 20	Nazko	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	7219/04 [p. 4]
08 20 1904	Nazco 20	Nazko	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	7219/04 [pp. 5, 5a]

⁴⁰ This group is currently known as Mount Currie. There is a marginal notation which states: "See 10407/04 Tide Lot 236 G1 Lillooet." This correspondence is found later in this binder. [See Corr. Nos. 10407/04, 2239/05, 1800/06; 950/07, this binder; Binder 6, Corr. No. 360/82; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 228-231; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 58, 93]

⁴¹ This reserve was also known as Pemberton 6 and Pemberton Meadows. Vowell excludes a 320 acre pre-emption claim of a settler named James Smith from the reserve. This Minute differs from that found in the federal collection in that the right to cut timber is not noted in this version. There is, however, a marginal notation which states: "Subject to timber lease Lot 236 Approved R.F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works Feb. 16th 1905." N.B.: Nearly eight months passed before the CCLW approved the allotment. [See Corr. No. 2239/05, this binder, Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 20-23; 230; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 58]

⁴² This version of Vowell's covering letter and Minutes of decision have been taken from a microfilm copy. The microfilm is a reverse image (black background, white print). It is poor quality and difficult to read. In addition to the black and white microfilm copy of the sketch, there is a photograph of the sketch as well. The provenance of the photo and the microfilm copy is unknown. Although there are page numbers on the microfilm copy, the pages were not in chronological order when numbered. Thus, page 1 follows Vowell's reporting letter. For simplicity, the pagination from the microfilm copy has been used. [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 223-26]

⁴³ The date of approval of 17 September 1904 has been crossed out and the date 16th Feb. 1905 written in.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
12 10 1909	Survey	Nazko ⁴⁴	Vowell	Letter [w/encl, m/copy]	7219/04 [p. 1; add. corr.]
12 20 1909	Survey	Nazko ⁴⁵	Surveyor General	Letter [m/copy]	7219/04 [p. 2; add. corr.]
12 29 1909	Survey	Nazko ⁴⁶	Surveyor General	Memo [m/copy]	7219/04 [p. 6; add. corr.]
12 13 1904	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter	10407/04
03 14 1905	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Deputy CCLW	Letter [typescript]	10407/04 [add. corr.]
12 27 1904		Alexis Creek ⁴⁷	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	10748/04
12 28 1904		Alexis Creek	CCLW	Approval [m/copy]	10748/04
09 20 1904	Redstone Flat 1 ⁴⁸	Alexis Creek	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	10748/04 [p. 2]
09 20 1904	Redstone Flat 1	Alexis Creek	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	10748/04 [pp. 3, 3a]
01 14 1910	Survey	Alexis Creek	Vowell	Letter [w/encl, m/copy]	10748/04 [p. 5; add. corr.]
01 17 1910	Survey	Alexis Creek ⁴⁹	Surveyor General	Letter [typescript/ m/copy]	10748/04 [p. 4; add. corr.]

⁴⁴ Vowell forwards the plan of the Nazko reserve for final approval and signature. It is noteworthy that more than 5 years have passed since the original allotment and nearly 5 since the approval by the CCLW. Although there is a correspondence number of 24157/09 on the letter, the material has been included within 7219/04.

⁴⁵ The Surveyor General advises Vowell that the plan of the reserve will be laid before the CCLW.

⁴⁶ The Surveyor General submits the plan for approval by the CCLW. He notes a discrepancy between the sketch submitted with the Minute of decision and the actual survey. File No. 24167/09 is written in the corner.

⁴⁷ Vowell refers to a letter dated September 20, 1904 (not in collection). This version of Vowell's covering letter and Minutes of decision have been taken from a microfilm copy. It is poor quality and difficult to read. In addition to the black and white microfilm copy of the sketch, there is a photograph of the sketch as well. The provenance of the microfilm and the photo is not known. The pagination from the microfilm copy has been used. [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 291-93]

⁴⁸ Also known as Norman Lee's Meadow. There is somewhat of a discrepancy with the acreage for this reserve. Vowell, who allotted the reserve, states that it is 680 acres; the 1943 Schedule indicates that it is 780 acres. The original survey was not until 1910, six years after Vowell's allotment. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 40]

⁴⁹ The Surveyor General notes that there is a discrepancy in the area between the sketch (680 acres) and the survey (780 acres) and that the discrepancy will be brought to the attention of the CCLW.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
01 18 1910	Survey	Alexis Creek ⁵⁰	Surveyor General	Letter [typescript/ m/copy]	10748/04 [pp. 6, 7; add. corr.]
01 18 1910	Redstone Flat 1	Alexis Creek ⁵¹	Vowell	Letter [typescript/ m/copy]	10748/04 [pp. 8-9 add. corr.]
03 18 1905	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter	2239/05
03 16 1905	Mount Currie 6 ⁵²	Pemberton	Gore	Letter	2239/05 [add. corr.]
07 28 1905		Tahltan ⁵³	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	7202/05
08 29 1905		Tahltan ⁵⁴	CCLW	Approval	7202/05
07 28 1905	Tahltan 1	Tahltan	Vowell	Letter	7202/05
07 28 1905	Hiusta's Meadow 2	Tahltan	Vowell	Letter	7202/05
06 20 1905	Tahltan 1	Tahltan	Vowell	M.O.D.	7202/05 [p. 1]
06 20 1905	Hiusta's Meadow 2	Tahltan	Vowell	M.O.D.	7202/05 [p. 1]
06 20 1905	Tahltan 1	Tahltan	Unknown	Sketch	7202/05 [p. 2]
06 20 1905	Hiusta's Meadow 2	Tahltan	Unknown	Sketch	7202/05 [p. 2]
11 03 1905	Survey	Tahltan	Vowell ⁵⁵	Letter [w/encl]	7202/05 [add. corr.]
11 03 1905	Survey	Sechelt	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	7202/05 [add. corr.]

⁵⁰ The Surveyor General notes that "in the past many surveys have been approved with an excess area from that asked in the Minutes." There are two copies of this memo, one with a letterhead (p. 7), one without (p. 6).

⁵¹ With respect to the discrepancy in the area of the reserve, Vowell states that surveyor Ashdown Green "points out that the spirit of the Minute as far as possible has been fully carried out. // Owing to the configuration of the country, and the rule that all lines are to be run to the cardinal points of the compass, a large quantity of worthless land, nearly 200 acres, has of necessity been included in the reserve. ..."

⁵² W.S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner Lands & Works, refers to another letter to Vowell dated March 14, 1905 (not in collection). Gore advises Vowell that the approval of the Mount Currie 6 reserve (i.e. Pemberton Meadows) "was subject to the timber lease covering a portion of that ground." Gore advises that a lease was granted April 1, 1891 and renewed April 1, 1903 for a period of 21 years. Gore states he has enclosed a tracing which shows the timber leasehold and the reserve (not included in the collection).

⁵³ See Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 207-210.

⁵⁴ In the federal collection, Vowell states that the date of approval is August 30, 1905. [See Federal Collection, vl. 15, p. 207]

⁵⁵ Vowell forwards plans for the Tahltan and Sechelt (spelled "Seshelt" by Vowell) reserves for "final approval and signature" (not included in collection).

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
10 10 1905		Sechelt ⁵⁶	Vowell	Letter, A.M.O.D., Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	9774/05
10 10 1905	Sechelt Lands 23	Sechelt	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	9774/05
10 09 1905	Sechelt Lands 23 ⁵⁷	Sechelt	Vowell	A.M.O.D. [m/copy]	9774/05 [p. 2]
10 09 1905	Sechelt Lands 23	Sechelt	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	9774/05 [pp. 3, 3a]
02 21 1906	Survey	Pemberton ⁵⁸	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1800/06
02 23 1906	Survey	Pemberton	Surveyor General	Letter [Typescript]	1800/06 [add. corr.]
02 27 1906	Survey	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	2001/06
06 08 1906		Cowichan ⁵⁹	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	5765/06
02 09 1907		Cowichan	CCLW	Approval	5765/06
04 06 1906	Cowichan 9 ⁶⁰	Cowichan	Vowell	M.O.D.	5765/06 [p. 1]
04 06 1906	Cowichan 9	Cowichan	Unknown	Sketch	5765/06 [p. 2]
02 15 1905	Cowichan 9	Cowichan	Gore	Letter [copy]	5765/06 [add. corr.]
10 24 1906	Cowichan 9	Cowichan	Surveyor General	Letter [copy]	5765/06 [add. corr.]
02 28 1906		Pemberton ⁶¹	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	2023/06 [p. 7]
02 28 1906	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	2023/06 [p. 7]

⁵⁶ The marginal notation on the covering page states: "Noted on L.I. 3749/00 covering former Minute of Decision. Re: Cok-que-neets Reserve 4/10/05." This version of Vowell's covering letter and Minutes of decision have been taken from a microfilm copy. It is poor quality and difficult to read. In addition to the black and white microfilm copy of the sketch, there is a photograph of the sketch as well. The provenance of the photo is unknown. The pagination from the microfilm copy has been used. [See Corr. No. 3749/00, this binder]

⁵⁷ This reserve was originally known as Cokque-neets 23. Vowell cancels the original allotment, dated June 22, 1900 and submits the Amended Minute of decision. Notably, the location of the allotment is Eagle River, B.C. [See Corr. No. 3749/00, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 178-178a, 194-194a]

⁵⁸ Vowell forwards the plan of "Pemberton Reserve No. 6" [ie. Mount Currie 6] for final approval and signature (not included in collection). [See Corr. No. 5927/04, this binder]

⁵⁹ See Corr. Nos. 1855/07, 1993/07, 2173/07, this binder.

⁶⁰ See Binder 1, 1352/77 (pp. 26-27, Map 5, 7), Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 110-112; vl. 20, pp. 199-199a]

⁶¹ This correspondence appears to have come from a microfilm. Although this letter is clearly dated and has its own correspondence number, it followed Corr. No. 950/07 and it is numbered consecutively following Corr. No. 950/07. The provenance of this material is unknown.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
02 28 1906	Mount Currie 7 ⁶²	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	2023/06 [p. 7]
03 19 1906	Mount Currie 7 ⁶³	Pemberton	CCLW	Letter [m/copy]	2023/06 [p. 8; add. corr.]
01 17 1907		Pemberton ⁶⁴	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy]	950/07
01 17 1907	Mount Currie 7 ⁶⁵	Pemberton	Vowell	Letter [m/copy]	950/07
01 08 1907	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Bell	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 2]
02 26 1906	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Soues	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 3]
01 17 1907	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Vowell	M.O.D. [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 4]
01 17 1907	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	CCLW	Approval	950/07 [p. 4]
01 17 1907	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 5]
01 24 1907	Mount Currie 7 ⁶⁶	Pemberton	Deputy CLW	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 6; add. corr.]
06 05 1924	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton ⁶⁷	Unknown	Memo [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 9; add. corr]
06 05 1924	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Unknown	Memo [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 9; add. corr.]

⁶² The land referred to as comprising the Bell pre-emption is ultimately set aside as Mount Currie 7.

⁶³ The CCLW advises that if arrangements can be made with Mr. Bell to abandon his pre-emption, which is surrounded by Mount Currie 6, then "there will be no objection to the ground being included within the Indian reserve."

⁶⁴ This version of Vowell's covering letter and Minute of decision have been taken from a microfilm copy. It is poor quality and difficult to read. In this case, there is only a black and white microfilm copy of the sketch. In the federal collection a colour copy of the sketch can be found. The pagination from the microfilm copy has been used. [See Corr. No. 5927/04, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 169a-169b]

⁶⁵ Vowell advises that the Pemberton Indians paid Mr. Bell \$150 for his land and that his pre-emption has been cancelled. This land is now set aside as Mount Currie 7.

⁶⁶ With respect to Vowell's allotment of the former pre-emption as an Indian reserve, the Deputy CLW states that "the land formerly covered by Mr. Bell's pre-emption record has now been entered upon the Official Plans of this Department as Indian Reserve No. 7, in conformity with the said Minute."

⁶⁷ Pages 9 through 14 are all additional correspondence related to both Mount Currie 6 and Mount Currie 7. No correspondence number was given to the documents. For the purpose of this index, Corr. No. 950/07 has been used, as it is the later dated material. Given the date of this memo (1924), it is possible that this memo relates to the work of Ditchburn and Clark, there is, however no signature to confirm this. Reference is made to the "Royal Commission on Indian Affairs" [i.e. McKenna-McBride] confirming Mount Currie 6 without any reference to the timber lease.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
06 09 1924	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Supt. of Lands	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 10; add. corr.]
06 09 1924	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Supt. of Lands	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [p. 10; add. corr.]
06 23 1904	Mount Currie 6 ⁶⁸	Pemberton	Ditchburn	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [pp. 11-12; add. corr.]
06 23 1904	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Ditchburn	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [pp. 11-12; add. corr.]
07 16 1924	Mount Currie 6	Pemberton	Supt. of Lands ⁶⁹	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [pp. 13-14; add. corr.]
07 16 1924	Mount Currie 7	Pemberton	Supt. of Lands	Letter [m/copy]	950/07 [pp. 13-14; add. corr.]
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02 05 1907	Survey ⁷¹	Cowichan	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1855/07
02 07 1907	Cowichan 9 ⁷²	Cowichan	Deputy CLW	Letter	1855/07 [add. corr.]
02 08 1907	Cowichan 9	Cowichan	Green	Letter	1993/07
02 11 1907	Survey ⁷³	Cowichan	Vowell	Letter	2173/07

⁶⁸ Ditchburn errs in stating that "Reserve No. 6 was allotted by Reserve Commissioner O'Reilly on the 15th June 1904." The reserve was allotted by Vowell. O'Reilly retired in 1898.

⁶⁹ H. Cathcart, as Superintendent of Lands, questions Ditchburn's interpretation that the timber lease encompassed within Mount Currie 6 would be terminated after the 21 year period. Cathcart asserts a perpetual right of renewal. Cathcart further asserts that "at no time did the reserve carry the right to the timber."

⁷⁰ Mr. van Drimmelen notes that the Minutes of decision were found "in the Archives' microfilms" and he provides a copy for Bill Fry.

⁷¹ Vowell forwards the plan for Cowichan 9 for final approval and signature (not included in collection). [See Corr. No. 5765/06, this binder]

⁷² The Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works states he has "amended the Minute of Decision dated 6th April 1906 ... to read 48.66 acres instead of 50 acres, and the same has this day been approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works."

⁷³ Vowell forwards the tracing and duplicate field books for the Cowichan 9 reserve. This is the last piece of correspondence in the provincial collection.

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~ A.W. Vowell ~
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⁷⁴ N.B.: Virtually every letter in this volume is addressed to the CCLW and every sketch is signed by the CCLW. When the CCLW is specifically named in correspondence, he will be separately identified.

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8522/99; 7044/01; 7202/05

Village/Settlement/Site

Chilco Lake
Clemclemaluts
Cloyadingle
Cokqueneets
Fishery
Garden
Hiusta's Meadow
Kitwillucschilt
Kluskus (a.k.a. Cluskus)
Lachkalsap
Lakelse
Meadow
Pemberton (a.k.a. Mount Currie)
Redstone Flat
Tahltan
Tat-po-oose
Ulkatcho
Yaladelassla
Zaulzap

8522/99 (cov. lett, 8d)
5765/06 (p. 2)
7044/01 (p. 3)
9774/05 (p. 3a)
8522/99 (p. 8f)
8522/99 (p. 8e)
7202/05 (p. 2)
9779/03 (cov. lett., 6)
7044/01 (p. 3)
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8522/99 (p. 8g)
5927/04 (p. 2)
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3749/00 (p. 4)
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7044/01 (p. 3)
9779/03 (cov. lett., 6)

Water

allotment/irrigation

7202/05

Colonial Reserve

Name

Vermillion Forks

Comment

"old reserve"

Corr. No.

839/01

Settlers

Name

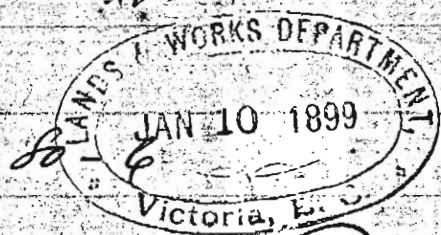
General
Bell, J.S.
Brennan, P.
Fell, Thornton
Gentry, Jesse
MacLaren, James
Maitland-Dougall, F.
Slack, Mrs. H.
Smith, James

Corr. No.

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7191/02 (p. 1)
5927/04 (pp. 1,2)

Ans 11/1/99

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria B.C.



January 9th 1899

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your final approval and signature, the original plotted plans (4) of the Necoslie, Tache, and Trembleur Lake Indian reserves, surveyed during the past season.

The Minutes of decision of these allotments were approved by your Department on the 15th April 1893.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
and devoted

J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}

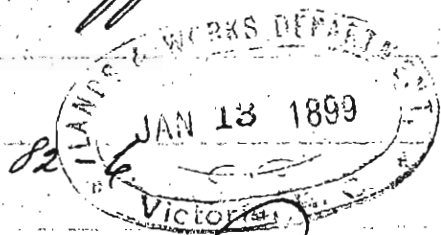
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.

Act. 7/1/99

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

January 12th 1899.



Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of yesterdays date, No 212/99, together with the original plans (6) of the Necoolie, Tache, and Tremblour Lake Indian reserves, duly approved and signed by you.

Herewith I forward tracings (6) of the plans above referred to, and also the duplicate field books relating to the survey of the same.

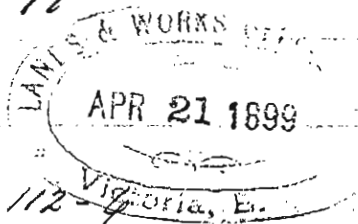
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
Andrew

J.R.C.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands and Works.
Victoria. B.C.

Aug 25/4/99
Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria B.C.
April 21st 1899.



Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your final approval and signature, Plans (3) of reserves for the Hazelton and Kildoe Bands of Indians.

The Minutes of decision of these allotments were approved by your Department on the 4th February 1892, and 22nd September 1898.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

[Signature]
J.R.C.

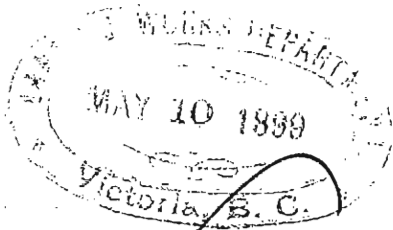
The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

May 10th 1899.



Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith tracings (3) of the original plans of the Hazelton and Kildoc Indian reserves, approved by you on the 24th ultimo, together with the field notes relating to the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

Yours truly
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

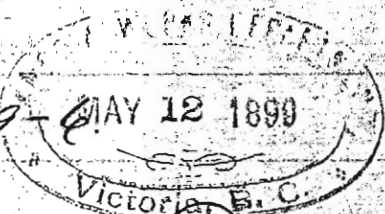
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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

May 11th 1899

no 119-6



Sir

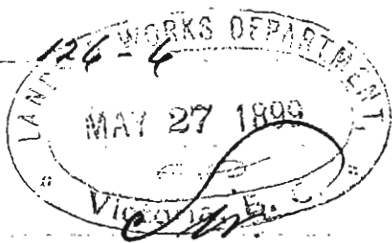
Referring to my letter to you of the 27th October last, enclosing for your approval a Minute of decision of a reserve for the Kisegeas Indians may I request the favor of an early reply thereto, as it is desirable that the plans should be completed as soon as possible so as not to delay other work.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
as above
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.

Ans 20/5/99
4022
Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria B.C.
May 26th 1899.



CH. 1162/1
I have the honor to apply
for information as to the circumstances
under which a Crown grant for
twenty acres of the Cowichan Indian
Reserve was issued to P. Brennan
on the 21st June 1871, and to ask
whether there were any conditions
attached to the "Special Authority"
issued by Governor Seymour.

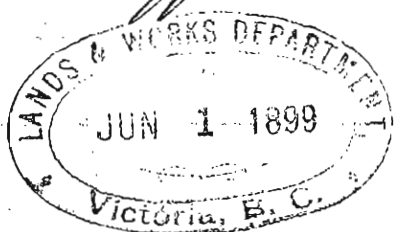
May I also beg to be supplied
with a copy of the tracing attached
to Mr. Brennan's Crown grant.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
as above

The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works
Victoria

J. R. C.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner

Victoria B.C.
May 27 1899.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant, N^o 4022/99, with reference to 20 acres, portions of Sections 15. 16, Range III Cowichan district, sold to Mr. P. Breunan, together with a copy of the tracing attached to that gentleman's Crown grant, for which I thank you.

I have the honor to be

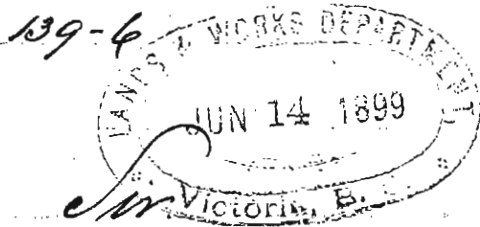
Sir.

Your obedient servant
and so forth

J.R.C.

The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria B.C.



June 14th 1899.

With further reference to my letter to you of the 14th April. W^o 107-6, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day received from the Dept at Ottawa, for transmission to the Provincial Government, a Certified Copy of an Order in Council, dated the 6th May 1899, relinquishing the joint reserve at Nicola in exchange for Lot 716, situated in the valley of Clapperton Creek, and I shall feel obliged if you will obtain from the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works such instrument as may be necessary transferring the said Lot 716 to the Department, and thus bring this long-standing transaction to an end.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

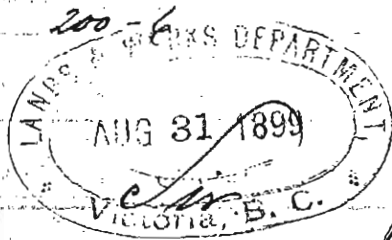
The

Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.

Your obedient servant
A. R. C.
J. R. C.

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.

August 31st 1899.



I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
29th instant, N^o 6899/99, returning
the original plan of the Kiseegas
Indian Reserve duly approved and
signed by the Hon^{ble} the Chief
Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Herewith I send a tracing
of the plan above referred to,
together with a duplicate copy of
the field notes relating to the survey
thereof.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
and over

The Deputy Commis-
sioner of Lands & Works.
Victoria. B.C.

J.R.C.

Handed in by W. Green

Office of the Indian Commissioner.
209-6
October 14, 1899.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your approval, Minutes of decision and sketches of four reserves defined by me for the use of the Kemaiah valley Indians.

These allotments are situated to the eastward of Chilco Lake, Coast district, and contain in the aggregate 125⁷⁴ acres.

A good deal of this land is entirely worthless. On the allotment marked 'Garden Reserve' the land is poor and the attempt made to raise root crops not encouraging.

'Fishery Reserve' is for the most part very inferior; there are patches of bunch grass here and there on hill sides with some scattered timber of no commercial value. The Indian

however

The Deputy Commissioner

is in the office.

Yours faithfully,

Plan of location &

I
however at certain seasons camp there in
numbers for the purpose of catching fish of
which there is an abundance in the lake.

The Meadow Reserve at the eastern
end of Connee Lake contains about 30 acres
of natural meadow land with a limited
area of grazing land on adjacent side hills.
The remainder being of no value on any account.

That on Chelco Lake is chiefly a place
of residence where some families have
built houses and live in the winter.

Seventy Indians winter in the valley
some of these however belong to other
bands and having already been provided
with land were not taken into
consideration. They claim to have
150 horses in the valley but own no
cattle depending altogether for their
living on hunting trapping and fishing.

I have the honor to be
c. v.

Your obedient servant

(Signature)

H. C.

B.

Minutes of decision.

Nemai ah Valley Indians.

No. 1. Chilco Lake Reserve. A reserve of two hundred (200) acres, situated on the eastern shore of Chilco Lake, at the outlet of the Nemai ah Valley.

Commencing on the edge of the lake at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian Reserve, and running East sixty (60) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence West to Chilco Lake and thence following the shore of the said lake in a northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No. 2. Garden Reserve. A reserve of eighty (80) acres, situated in the Nemai ah valley about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Reserve No. 1.

Commencing at a spruce tree marked Indian Reserve and running North forty (40) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains; thence South forty (40) chains, and thence West twenty (20) chains to the place of commencement.

No. 3

Approved 18th October 1899.

Chief Council of Lands Works

Ne mai ah Valley Indians. (cont.)

No 3 Fishery Reserve - A reserve of five hundred and forty five (545) acres, situated in the Ne mai ah valley at the foot of Con nee lake.

Commencing on the shore of Con nee lake, at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; and thence North sixty (60) chains to the place of commencement.

No 4. Meadow Reserve - A reserve of four hundred and thirty two (432) acres, situated in the Ne mai ah valley at the head of Con nee lake.

Commencing on the edge of Con nee lake, at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian reserve, and running South ten (10) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains.

(5)

Nemaiak Valley Indians (cont.)

chains thence north to the lake
and thence following the shore of
the said lake in an easterly and
southerly direction to the place of
commencement.

W. H. C.

Nemaiak Valley, BC.
Sept 20th 1899.

Note

The association of this matter
has been laid over for cause

W. H. C.

10/2/05

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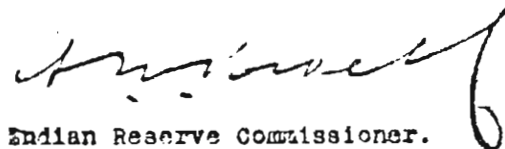
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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C., February 10th, 1910.

485 - 9.

Sir:-

I have the honour to forward herewith for your final approval and signature Plan No. 1 of the Nemaiah Valley Indian Reserves the Minute of Decision of which was sent you on the 14th October 1899, No. 209-6.

Your obedient servant,


Indian Reserve Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.

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SURVEYOR GENERAL & CLERK

VICTORIA

Feb. 11th./10

Memo for the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands.
Indian Reserves Coast District

Sir,-

I have the honour to submit for your consideration plan of Indian Reserve in the Kemaiah Valley, Coast District.

I enclose minutes of decision of October 14th. 1899 of these Reserves. You will please note that these minutes of decision have not been approved as they are not signed by the Chief Commissioner, and the note of Deputy Commissioner, W.S. Gore attached states that "the consideration of this matter has been laid over for cause"

Note Lesson Reserve No. 4, area called for in minute 432 acres, surveyed as 455 acres, this is accounted for in the lake frontage.

Garden Reserve, 10 acres same as minute. Chilco Lake Reserve No. 1, area surveyed 128 acres, called for in minute 200 acres, this is also owing to shore line of Lake. No. 3 in minute 545 acres, not yet surveyed.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

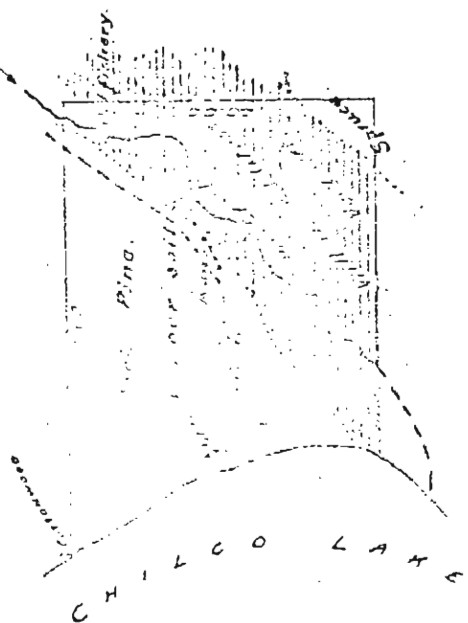
Your obedient servant

Surveyor-General.

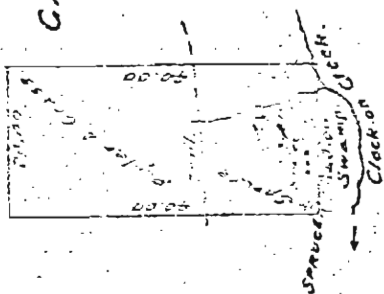
NEMAHA VALLEY INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.

Nº1.
CHILCO LAKE RESERVE.
200 ACRES.



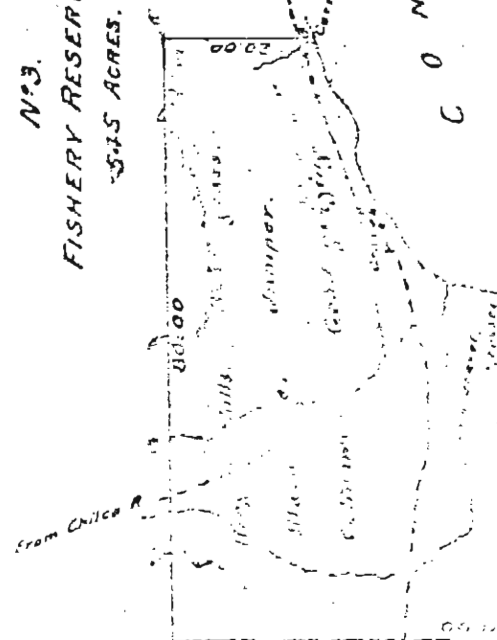
Nº2
GARDEN RESERVE.
80 ACRES.



Nº4
MEADOW RESERVE.
432 ACRES.



Nº3.
FISHERY RESERVE.
545 ACRES.



C O N N E C T I O N L A K E

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NEMAH VALLEY INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.

N^o 1.
CHILCO LAKE RESERVE.
800 ACRES.



N^o 2.
GARDEN RESERVE.
80 ACRES.



N^o 3.
FISHERY RESERVE.
545 ACRES.



N^o 4.
MEADOW RESERVE.
938 ACRES.



KEY PLAN.

Scale 1 inch = 4 miles.



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KEY PLAN.

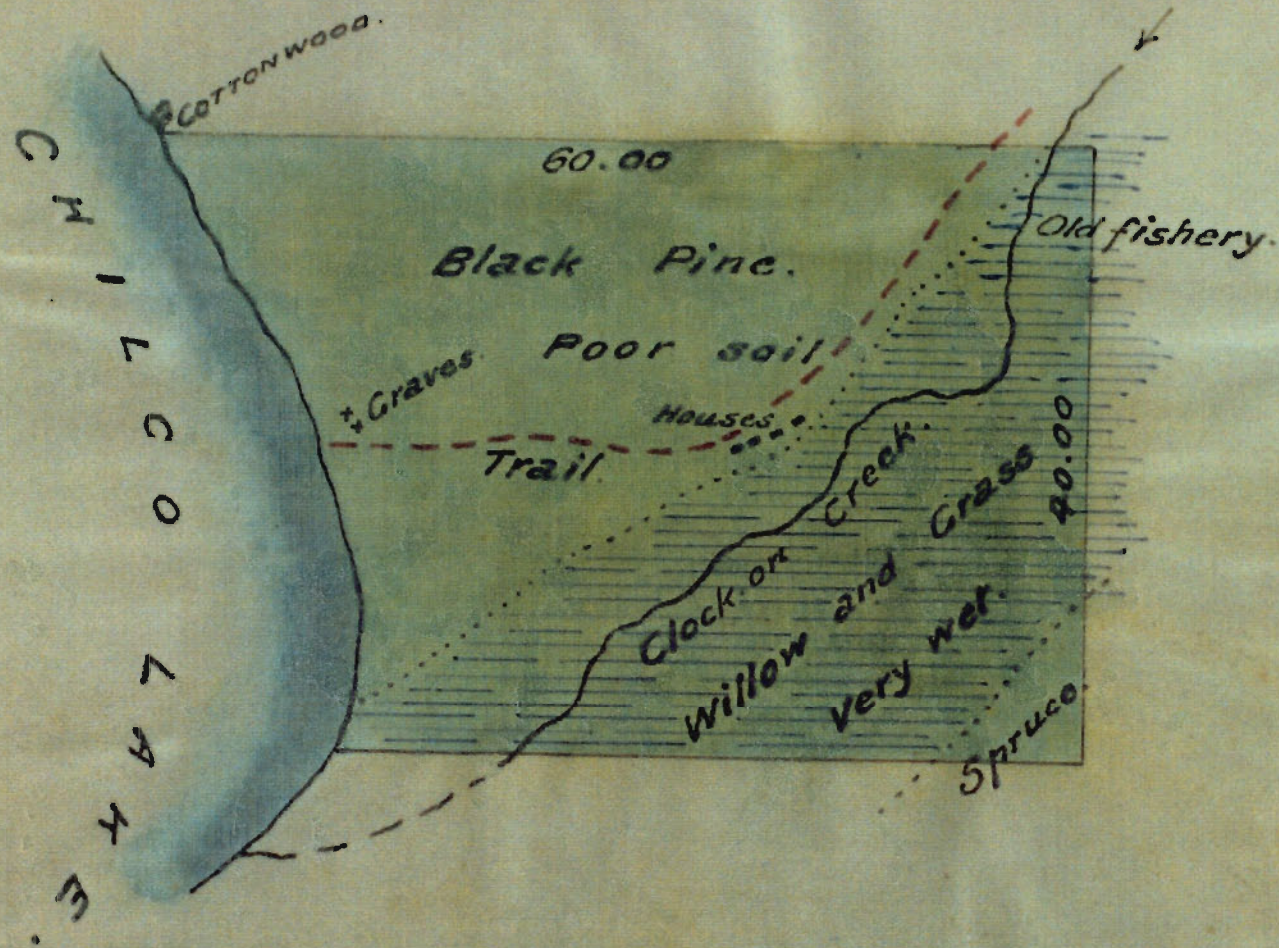
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Nº1.

CHILCO LAKE RESERVE

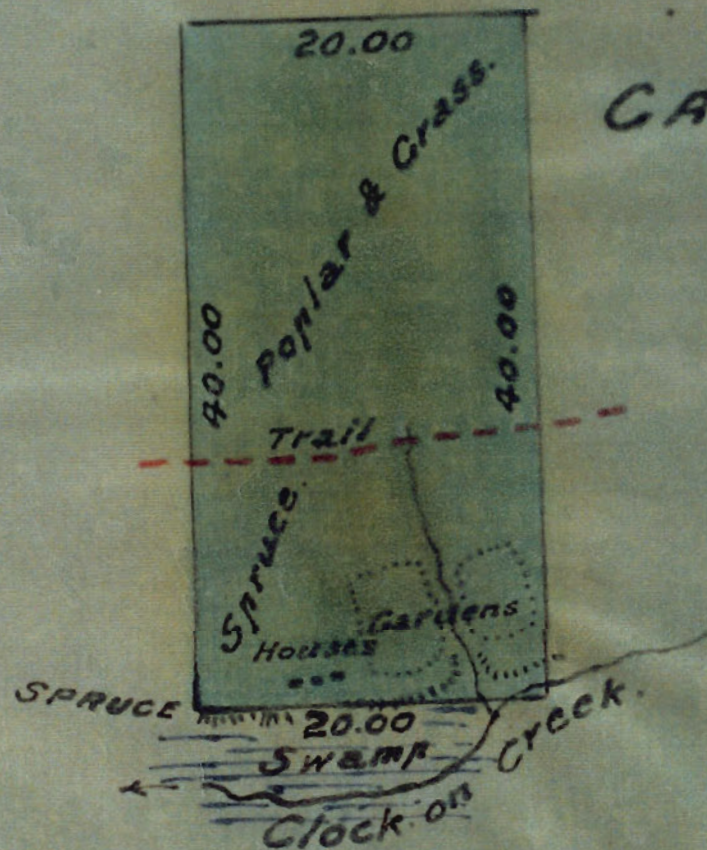
200 ACRES.



20 CHAINS.

Nº 2

GARDEN RESERVE.
80 ACRES.



Nº 3.
FISHERY RESERVE.
545 ACRES.



Nº 4

MEADOW RESERVE.

432 ACRES.



Approved 6th August 1900 subject to modification
14 Cox-Que-Insts. Rev

For amended Minute of decision
re Cox-Que-Insts see L.C. 9774/05

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

W. C. Weir

Ans 6/8/00

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

398-6

July 11th 1900

See L.C. 9774/05

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for
your information and approval, Minutes
of decision and sketches of additional
reserves in the New Westminster and
Seyward districts, allotted by me for
the use of the Teshelt and Klahoose
Indians.

These lands are for the most
part rocky and of little value;
they are used by the Indians
principally as fishing stations, and
owing to the nature of the surrounding
country are not likely to interfere
with the claims of white settlers.

The above are some of the reserves
which have been in abeyance for a
considerable time.

I have the honor to be
Sir

The Deputy Commis-
sioner of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

Your obedient servant
A. G. Howell
JRC

— Minutes of Decision —

Seskelt Indians

No 21 Se kâle ton, an island of one and one quarter ($1\frac{25}{100}$) acre, situated in Bender Harbor, $S 74^{\circ} 15' E$ of Henry Point.

No 22. Sagh-a-naught, a reserve of thirty five (35) acres, situated on the eastern shore of Agameunon Channel, about one mile North of Norman Point

Commencing on the seashore at a post marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains, and thence West twenty (20) chains to the place of commencement.

No 23

Seskelt Indians (cont^d)

No 23. Cok que neets, a reserve of eighty (80) acres, situated on the northern shore of Malaspina Strait, at the mouth of Eagle Creek.

Commencing on the seashore, at a post marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

amended by $\frac{9774}{05}$

approved
J.R.C.

Eagle Creek. B.C.
June 22nd 1900.

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— Minute of Decision —

Klapoose Indians.

No 10. Tat-po-ose, a reserve of twenty nine (29) acres, situated on the eastern shore of Valdes Islands at the head of Hoskyn Inlet.

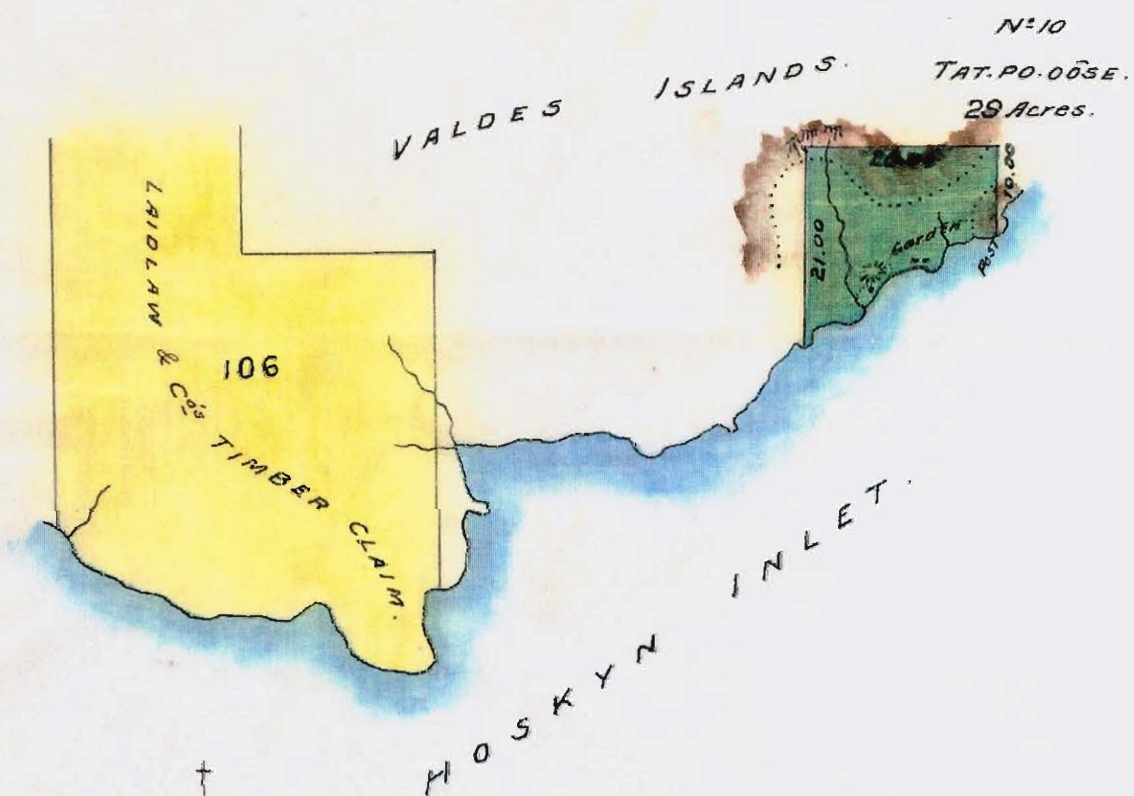
Commencing on the seashore at a post marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West twenty (20) chains; thence south to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a northeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

approved
J.R.C.

Valdes Islands. B.C.
June 25th 1900.

KLAHOOSE INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.

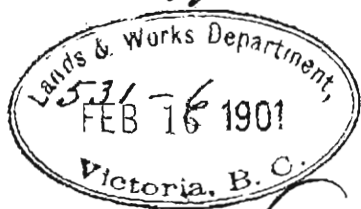


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Long° 125° 8' W

Ans 26/2/01

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.

February 16th 1901.



Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your final approval and signature Plan No 1 of the Upper Similkameen Indian Reserves.

The Minutes of decision relating to Nos 3, 4 and 7 were approved by your Department on the 21st November 1893.

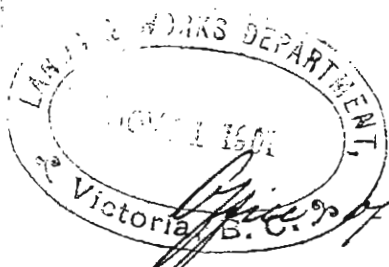
Reserve No 6 was allotted to the Indians, by Mr Commiss: Sproat, on the 5th October 1878, and No 1, is situated at Vermilion Forks, is an old reserve made prior to 1871, and confirmed by Mr Sproat 5th October 1878.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

Anscombe
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commis:
of Lands & Works
Victoria. B.C.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.
November 8th 1901.

713-6

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your approval Minutes of decision and sketches of four reserves, embracing in the aggregate 1858 acres, set apart by me for the use of the Cluskus Lake Indians.

These Indians number 77; they support themselves principally by hunting, fishing and trapping, but lately have turned their attention to cattle raising and now own forty head.

The reservations under consideration includes their village site, graveyard and lake fisheries; on Reserves No 2 and 3 they cut a limited quantity of hay, and on Reserve No 4 there are about twenty acres of fairly good soil on portions of which potatoes, turnips and carrots were growing at the time of my visit.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

A. V. Brown
A.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.
Victoria. B.C.

Approved 15th day of Nov 1901

W. A. Gore

Deputy Commr. of Lands & Works

— Minutes of Decision. —

Cluskeus Lake Indians.

No 1 Cluskeus, a reserve of one thousand and fifty six (1056) acres, situated on the northern shore of Cluskeus Lake.

Commencing on the shore of the lake at a Spruce tree marked Indian Res^{ve}, about one mile east of the Indian village, and running North forty (40) chains; thence West one hundred and sixty (160) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence East to Cluskeus Lake, and thence following the shore of the said lake in an easterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 2 Os ya ding lee, a reserve of five hundred and fifty (550) acres, situated about five miles eastward of Reserve No 1.

Commencing at a Black pine marked Indian Res^{ve} and running West one hundred and ten (110) chains; thence South fifty (50) chains; thence East one hundred and ten (110) chains, and thence North fifty (50) chains to the place of commencement.

No 3

Chusku Lake Indians continued.

No 3, Sundayman's Meadow, a reserve of eighty (80) acres, situated about one and a half mile eastward of Reserve No 2.

Commencing at a black pine, marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; and thence East forty (40) chains to the place of commencement.

No 4. Ys la del as sla, a reserve of one hundred and seventy two (172) acres situated on Echinico Lake, and on the trail from Chusku to Quconelle, about ten miles from the former.

Commencing at a spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, on the northern shore of the lake, and running North thirty (30) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence South to Echinico lake, and thence following the shore of the said lake in a northeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

Chusku Lake. B.C.
September 28th 1907

Approved
J.R.C.

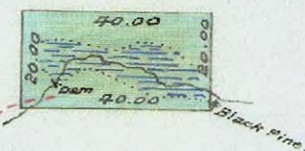
CLUSKUS LAKE INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

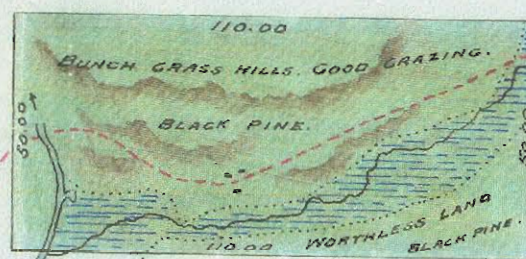
Nº4
YALA DEL AS-SLA.
172 acres.



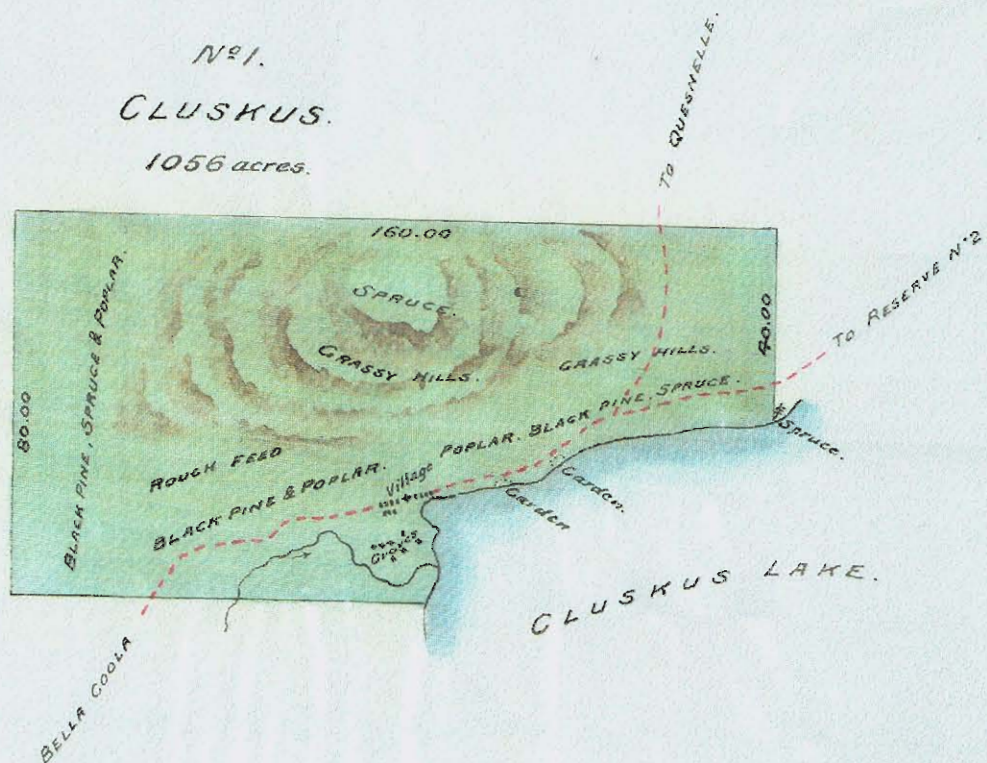
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SUNDAYMAN'S MEADOW.
80 acres.



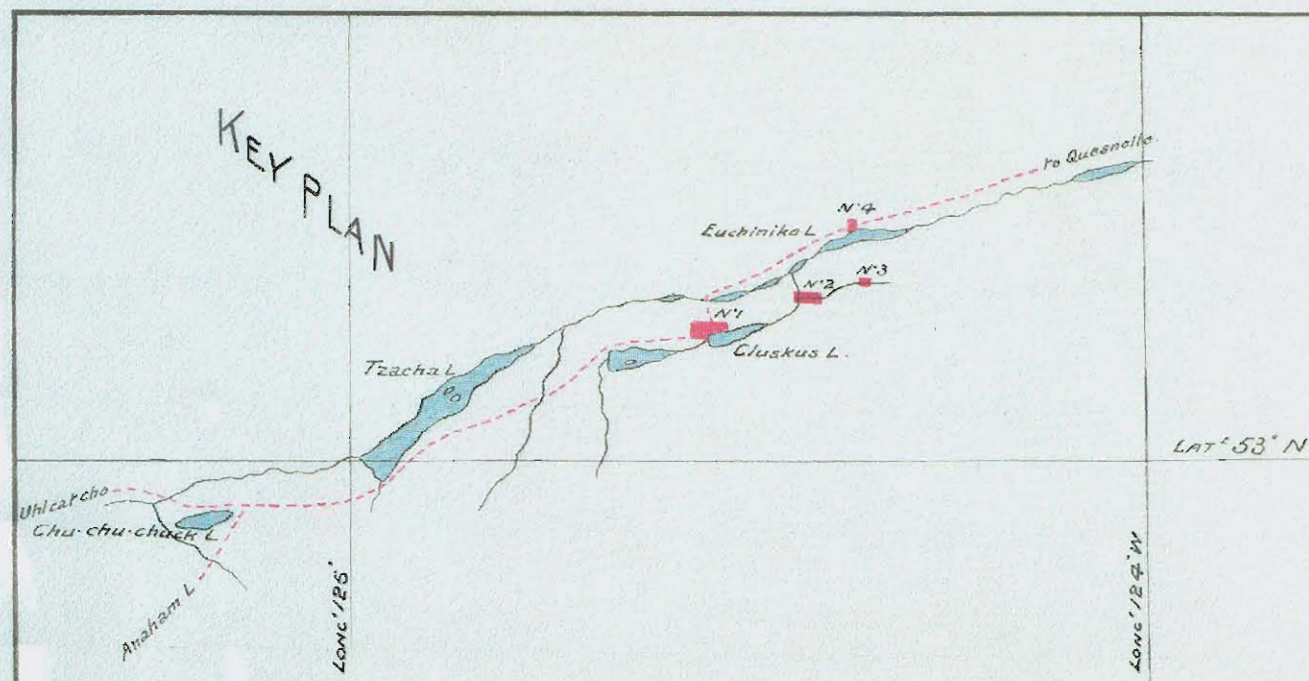
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CLO-YA-DING-LEE.
550 acres.

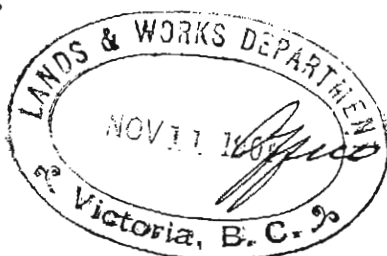


Nº1.
CLUSKUS.
1056 acres.



KEY PLAN





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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria, B.C.

November 8th 1901.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval, a Minute of decision and sketch of a reserve of 4340 acres, defined by me for the use of the Uhlcatcho Indians.

The population of this band is 71, and although the acreage assigned to them may at first sight appear large, it is, owing to the barrenness of the land none too much for their requirements.

The whole country for many miles has been burnt over, and there is practically no soil left, the only places of value being some small swamps on some of which the Indians cut hay. The altitude of the reserve and the poverty of the soil preclude any possibility of agricultural pursuits, and it is necessary that a large range be given them for the horses they possess and the cattle they hope to acquire in the near future.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

Approved
J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria, B.C.

Approved 13th Nov^r 1901

W.F. GOTE

Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works

— Minutes of Decision —

Uhl cat cho Indians.

No 1. Uhl cat cho, a reserve of four thousand, three hundred and forty (4340) acres, situated on the northern shore of Uhlcatcho Lake. (Approx Lat^o 52° 55' N. Long^o 125° 50' W.

Commencing on the shore of Uhlcatcho Lake, at a Spruce tree marked Indian Resⁿ (at the mouth of a small creek) and running East fifteen (15) chains; thence North two hundred and forty (240) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains; thence West one hundred and sixty (160) chains; thence South one hundred and sixty (160) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence South one hundred and sixty (160) chains; and thence East one hundred and forty five (145) chains to the place of commencement.

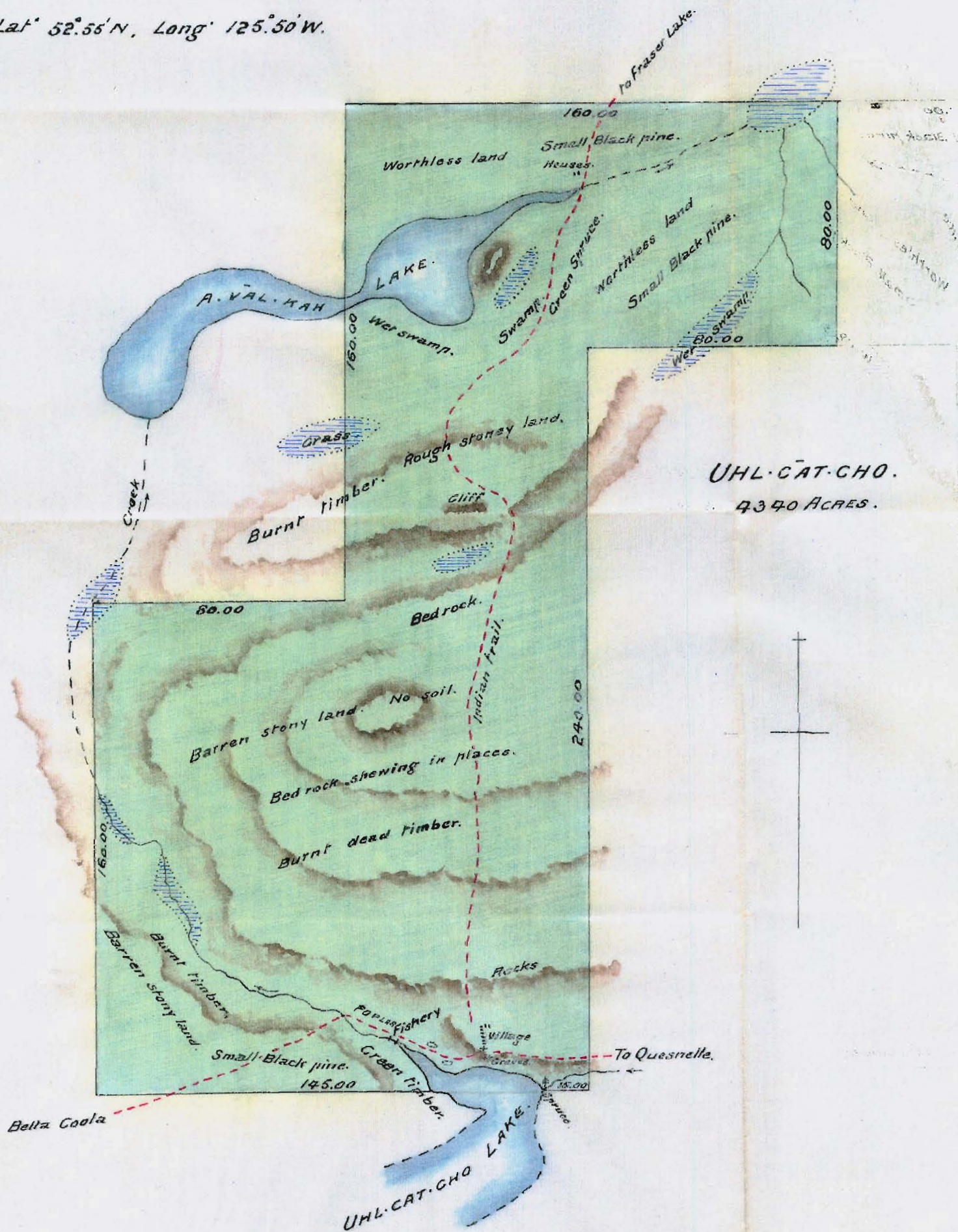
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J. R.

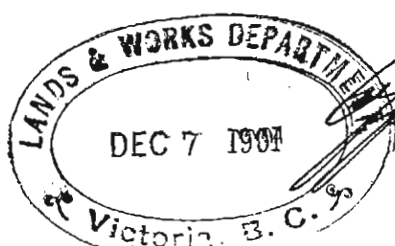
Uhlcatcho Lake. BC
September 21st 1901.

UHL-CAT-CHO INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

Approx^e Lat^e 52° 55' N, Long^e 125° 50' W.





718-6
Ans 11/12/01

Sir

779

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria. B.C.

December 7th 1901.

I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval and
signature, plans of the Kitsequecla
and Kitwanga Indian Reserves, the
Minutes of decision of which were
approved by you on the 4th Feb^r 1892.

LJ 319
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Also a plan of Kittlathla Reserve
No 5^a surveyed in accordance with
the Minute approved by you on the
27th February 1894

bag
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

Answer
J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Land & Works.
Victoria. B.C.



ack. 12/5/02

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria. B.C.

May 10th 1902.

Sir.

With further reference to my letter to you of the 12th December last, No 543, I have now the honor to forward herewith tracing of the Kitsequecla, Kitwanga and Kithlathla plans of Indian reserves approved by you on the 10th December 1901, together with a copy of the field books (3) relating thereto.

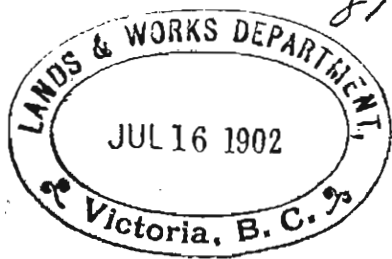
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.
Anvowely
J.W.C. 6

The Deputy Commis^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria. B.C.

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.

July 16th 1902



Sir.

I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval and
signature, a plan of the Kispaias
Indian reserves, the Minutes of decision
of which were approved by the Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner of Lands and
Works on the 4th February 1892, and
22nd September 1898.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
Approved
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commis.^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.

August 8th 1902.

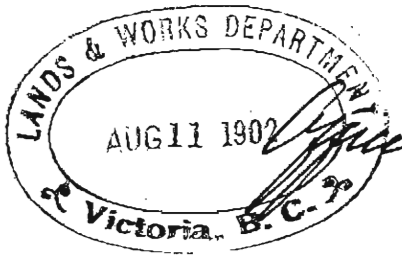
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the plan of the Kispaiac Indian reserves duly approved by you, and now forward a tracing of the same, together with a duplicate copy of the field notes relating to the survey thereof.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
and sincerely
J. R. C.

The Deputy Commis-
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C.
August 8th 1902.

95-7

Sir.

I have the honor to forward
herewith for your final approval and
signature, a plan of the Kitsumkaylum
Indian reserves situated on the
Skene river, Coast district.

The Minutes of decision relating
to these allotments were approved
by you on the 4th February, 1892.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
Andrew
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commiss-
r of Lands & Works.
Victoria, B.C.



111-7

Office of the Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
August 25th 1902

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the plan of the
Kitsumkaylum Indian Reserves
duly approved by you, and now
forward a tracing of the same
together with a duplicate of the
field notes relating to the survey.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
A. J. C.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.



6276
Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria, B.C.

August 29th 1902

Ans 11/9/02
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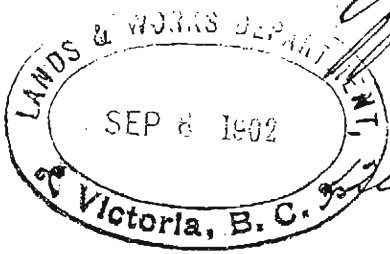
Sir.

Approved 9/9/02
I have the honor to forward herewith, for your final approval and signature, plans (2) of the Kitselas Indian reserves the Minutes of decision of which were approved by you on the 4th February 1892, and 6th March 1894.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
and
JRC.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works.
Victoria, B.C.



Ans 11/9/02
Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.
September 6th 1902

Sir.

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I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval
and signature, Plan No 2 of the
reserves set apart for the Indians
resident at Canoe Creek.

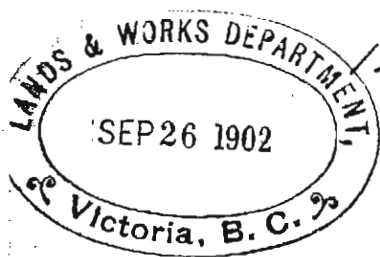
Approved 9/9/02
The Minutes of decision
relating to these allotments were
approved by you on the 23rd
September 1895.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
Ans 11/9/02

J. R. C.

The Deputy Commis-
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.



7916
Office of the Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
Sept 25th 1902

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all
19/9/02
Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of the
original plans of the Canoe Creek
and Kitselas Indian Reserves,
approved by you on the 9th instant,
and I now forward herewith
 tracings of the same, together with
the field books (3) relating to the
same.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
answered

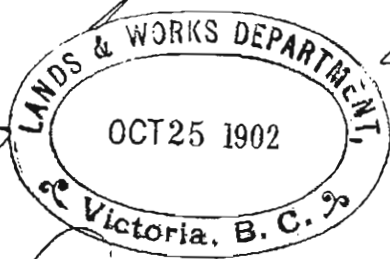
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works.
Victoria, B.C.

Ans 12/11/02

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

135 -



October 25th 1902

Sir.

With further reference to my letter to you of the 20th May last I have now the honor to enclose for your approval a Minute of Decision and sketch of a plot of land, 255 acres in extent, set apart by me for the use of the Indians now residing at Arrow Lake.

These Indians number 22, and consist of six families who have hitherto lived independently of each other at Revelstoke, Trail, Lower Kootenay and the Arrow Lake, no land having been assigned to them.

Truly one half of the reserve consists of precipitous granite bluffs; near the shore of the lake however sufficient good land can be obtained to meet all the requirements of the Indians. This land is however, subject to annual overflows. I have the honor to be

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

Sir.

Your obedient servant
A. W. Vowel

J. W. P.

Approved
W. A. Gore
Deputy Commissioner
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Minute of Decision.

Arrow Lake Indians.

A Reserve of two hundred and fifty five (255) acres, situated in West Kootenay district on the western shore of the Lower Arrow Lake, about five miles below Burton.

Commencing on the lake shore at the southeastern corner of Mr. Stacks' Preemption, No 503, and running West thirty (30) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South sixty (60) chains; thence East to the lake shore, and thence following the bank of the said lake in a north-easterly direction to the place of commencement.

Approved
J.R.C.

Arrow Lake, B.C.
October 10th 1902

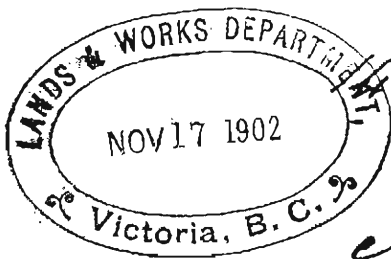
ARROW LAKE INDIANS.
WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

— Scale 1 Inch = 20 Chains. —



Office of the Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.

November 17th 1902.



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Ans. 18/11/02
Sir.

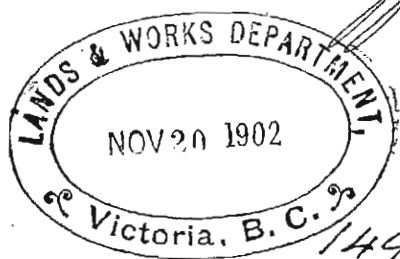
I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval
and signature, a plan of the
Arrow Lake Indian reserve, the
Minute of decision of which was
approved by you on the 12th instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
and very
S. R. C.

The Deputy Commission-
of Lands & Works }
Victoria B.C.

Ans. 18/11/02



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

November 20th 1902

149-7

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, No 8379/02, and the plan of the Arrow Lake Indian Reserve duly approved by you; I now forward a tracing of the same together with a duplicate of the field notes relating to the survey thereof.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant

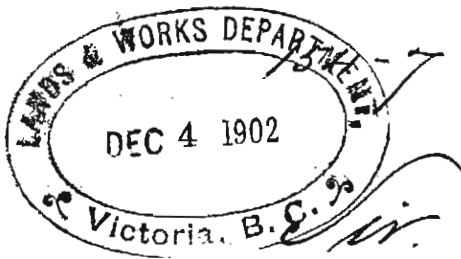
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J.R.C.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

December 3rd 1902

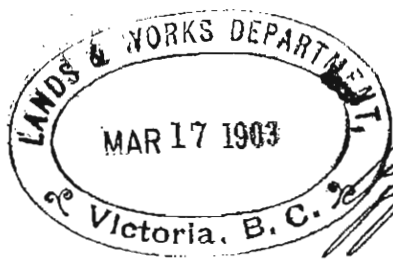


Ans. 12/12
Referring to the recently
discovered errors in Capt Jemmetts
survey of the Similkameen Indian
reserves which were brought to your
notice on the 20th ultimo, I have
now the honor to forward for your
approval and signature an Amended
Plan of Reserves Nos 7, 8, 12 and 12^a
showing the boundary lines as they
actually are on the ground and
as resurveyed by Mr. F. A. Devereux.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
Ans. 12/12
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commr
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner

Victoria, B.C.

March 17th 1903.

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd December last, No 8865/02 together with the Amended plan of Similkameen reserves Nos 7, 8, 12 and 12th duly approved by you.

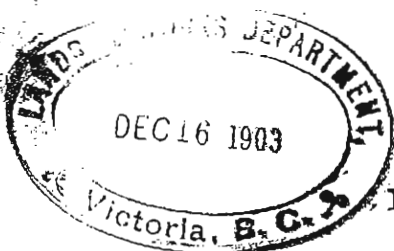
I now forward herewith a tracing of that plan, with amended field books (4) relating to the resurvey of the reserves for the Similkameen, Upper Similkameen and Osoyoos Indians.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
and over

J.R.C.

The Deputy Commis-
of Lands & Works
Victoria, B.C.



Indian Reserve Commissioner's Office, Victoria, B.C.

December 15th 1903.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose for your approval Minutes of decision of four small plots of land recently reserved by me for the use of the Tsirpsean, Lakelse and Naas River Indians, viz:-
No. 25 Lakelse a fishing and hunting station contains 21 acres of which about ten are first class open fern land, which was evidently the site of an old camping ground.

This place was promised to the Indians in 1891 by my predecessor in office but had hitherto not been visited by the Commissioner.

No. 1 ^a Kil lut sal. On my return to the mouth of the Lakelse river, the Indians resident at Kil lut sal Reserve No. 1 drew my attention to the fact that their burial ground had by some oversight been omitted as part of the reserve. This I rectified by allotting five acres which include all the graves, and it is hoped will meet their future requirements.

No. 29 ^a Zaulzap. About two years ago the Indian village of Kit-wil-luc-shilt, situated at the lava beds on the Naas river, was burnt to the ground, and on account of the dangerous rapids at that place the Indians determined to rebuild at a point about a mile lower down the river.

There,

W. S. Gore, Esqre.,

Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works,

V i c t o r i a, B. C .

Approved this 23rd December 1903

R. F. Green

Chief Clerk of Lands

There they built a village of ten substantial lumber houses. Unfortunately the place chosen was outside a reserve and it became necessary to allot them a plot of six acres to include their houses, graves, etc.

No. 9^a Lach kal tsay. At this place the Indians complained of the water supply of the village, which owing to the proximity of the old grave yard was contaminated and unfit for use. They had been obliged to make a new burial place—which they unfortunately located outside of the reserve—and, it having been used for some time, already contained many graves, to protect which I allotted the five acres embraced in this reservation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Arthur W. C.
Indian Reserve Commissioner, B.C.

Minute of Decision.

— Simpcan Indians. —

No. 25. Lakelse a reserve of twenty one (21) acres, situated on the right bank of the Lakelse river, about a mile from Lakelse lake.

Commencing at a twin Spruce, marked Indian reserve, on the right bank of the Lakelse river and running North twenty (20) chains; thence West twenty (20) chain. to the Lakelse river, and thence in a southeasterly direction along the bank of the said river to the place of commencement.

This small reserve is for the use of such of the above Indians as may require to camp upon it, with the express understanding that the band known as the "Lakelse Indians" shall in nowise be interfered with in their free use of said reserve.

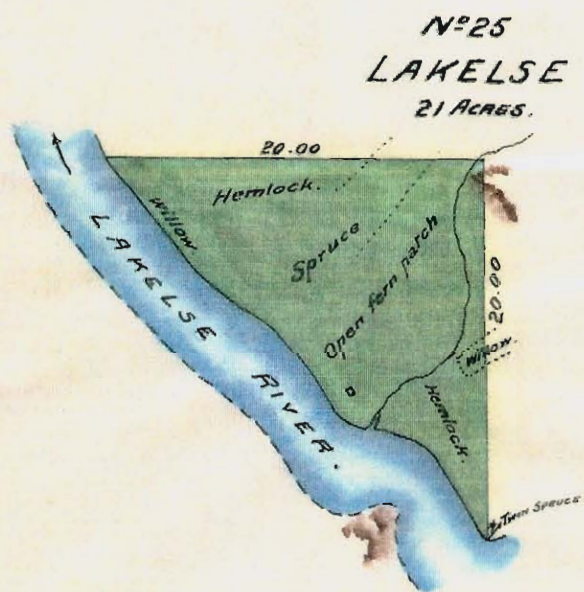
Neither is it intended to interfere with existing tribal customs governing the rights of any particular band to the fishing station so reserved.

Lakelse river. B.C.
September 19th 1903 }

Approved
J.R.C. 6

TSIMPSEAN INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 10 CHAINS.



Minutes of Decision.

Lakelse Band.

Tsimpsean Indians.

No. 1st Killitsoal, a reserve of five (5) acres situated to the northwest of and adjoining Reserve No. 1.

Commencing at the northwest corner of Killitsoal Reserve No. 1 and running west ten (10) chains; thence north eight chains eighty three links (8.83) to the Lakelse river, and thence following the left bank of the said river in a southeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

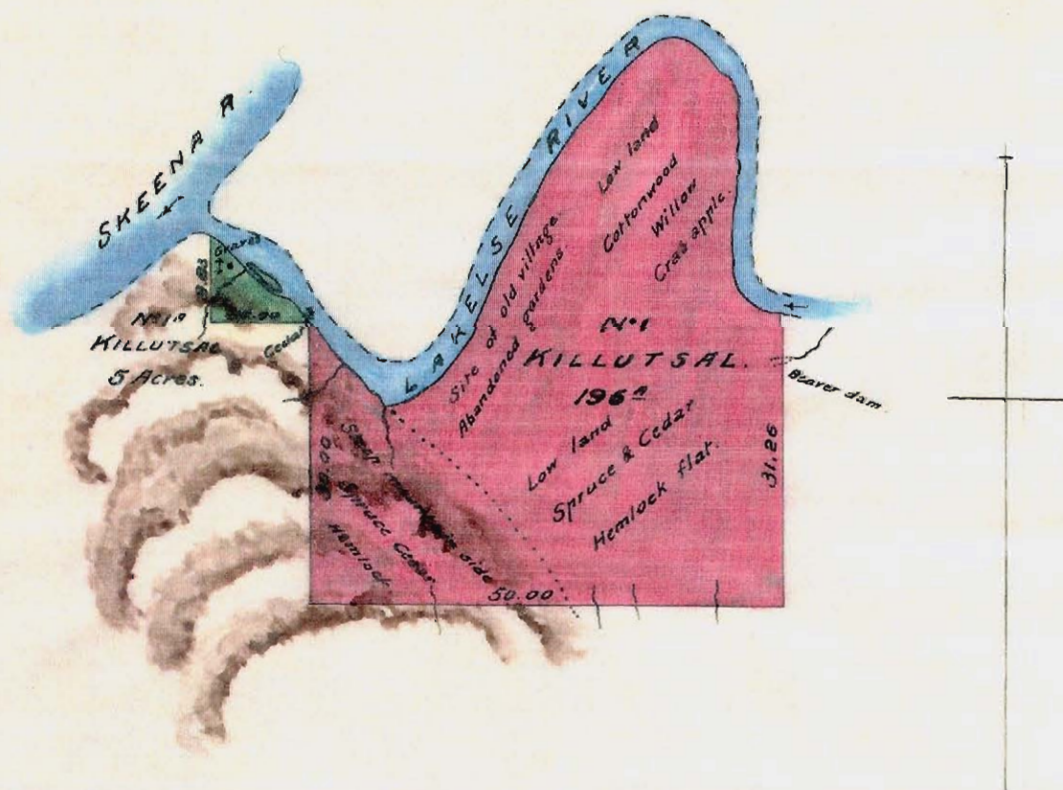
Approved
J.P.C. 6

Lakelse River. B.C.

23rd September 1903 }

LAKELSE BAND.
 TSIMPSEAN INDIANS.

SCALE 20 CHAINS = 1 INCH.



Minute of Decision.
Nass River Indians

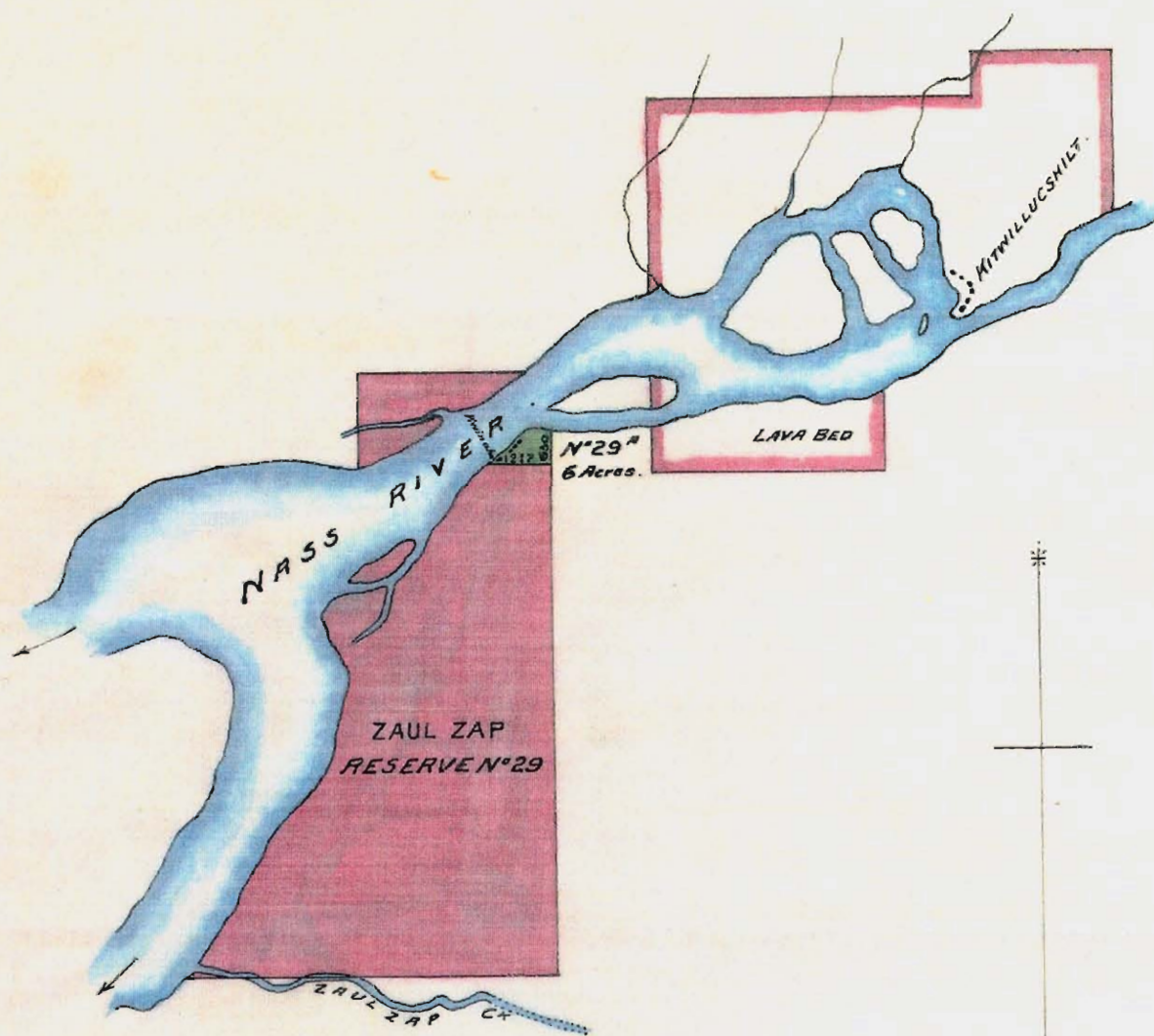
No 29th Gaulzap, a reserve of six (6) acres situated to the North of and adjoining Reserve No 29.

Commencing at a point on the left bank of the Nass river, on the northern boundary of Reserve No 29, and running East twelve chains, seventeen links (12.17) to the eastern boundary of the said reserve; thence North six chains thirty links (6.30) to the Nass river; and thence following the bank of the said river in a westerly and southwesterly direction to the place of commencement.

Approved
J.R.C. 6

Gaulzap, B.C.
October 14th 1903

NASS RIVER INDIANS.



Scale 1 Inch = 40 Chains.

Minute of Decision.

Nass River Indians.

No 9^a Lach kal tsap, a reserve of five (5) acres, situated to the west of and adjoining Reserve No 9.

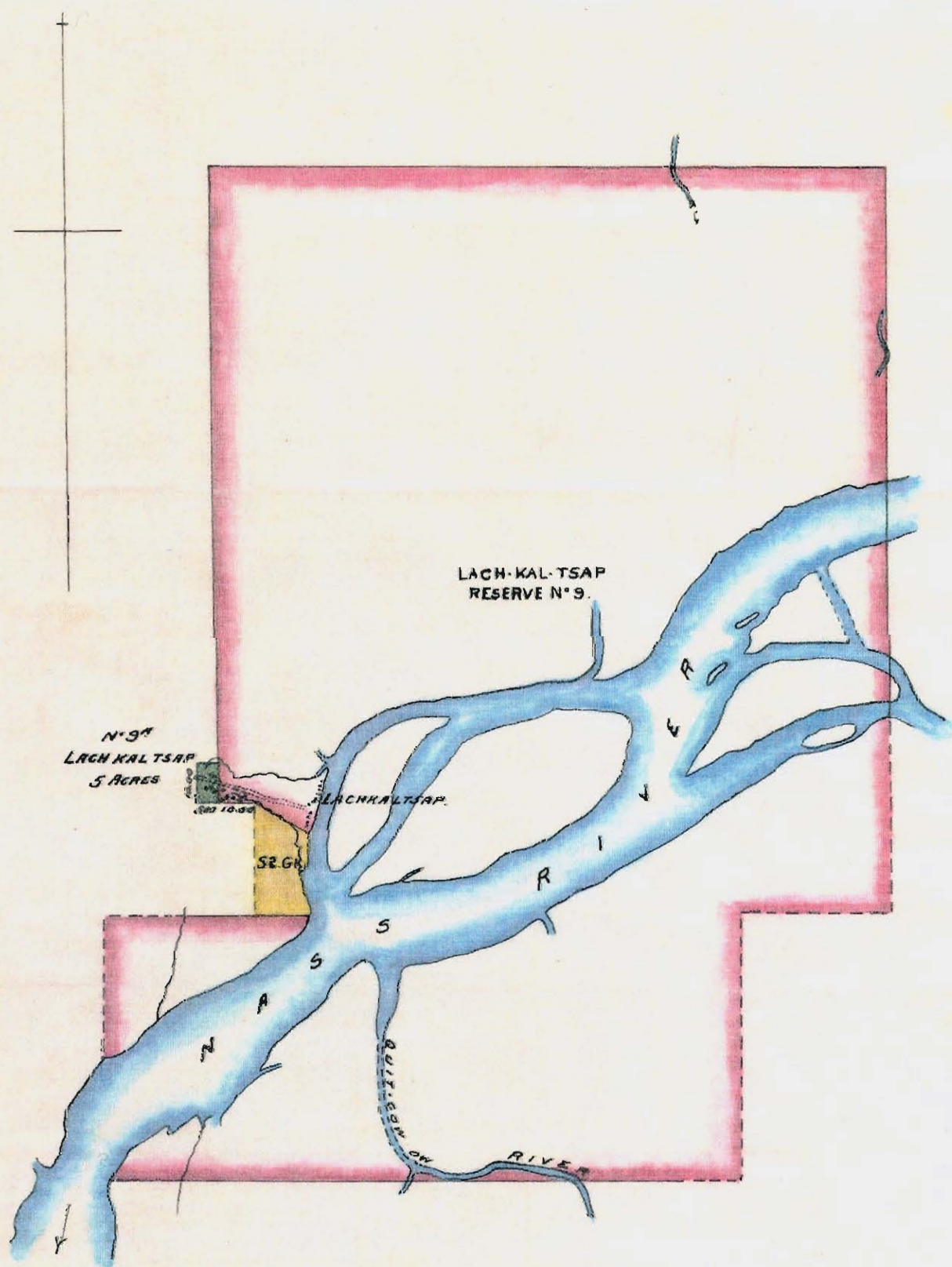
Commencing at a point ten (10) chains due west of the northwest corner of Section two (2) group one (1) Cassiar district, and running North, on the western boundary of Reserve No 9, ten (10) chains; thence west five (5) chains; thence South ten (10) chains, and thence East five (5) chains to the place of commencement.

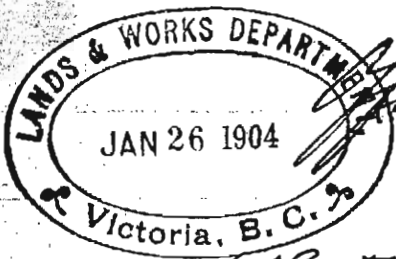
Approved
A.R.C.

Lach kal tsap. B.C.
October 15th 1903 }

NASS RIVER INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.





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Ans 28/1/04

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.
January 26th 1904

Sir.

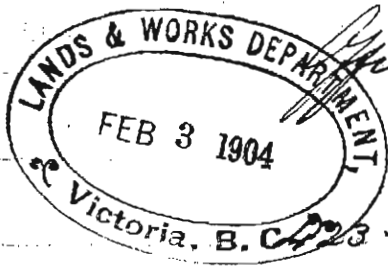
I have the honor to forward
herewith for your final approval
and signature Plans (2) of the
Mkatcho and Kluskus Indian
reserves. The Minutes of decision
of which were approved by the
Hon^{ble} the Chief Commissioner of
Lands & Works on the 15th November
1901.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
and
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commiss^r
of Lands & Works
Victoria. B.C.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria, B.C.

February 2nd 1904.

Ackd 3/2/04

Sir.

With further reference to my letter to you of the 26th ultimo, No. 418-7, I have the honor to forward herewith tracings of the Bulkatcho and Kluskus plans of Indian reserves approved by you on the 27th January, together with copies of the field books (4) relating to the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
J. R. C.

The Deputy Commis.
of Lands & Work.
Victoria, B.C.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

February 16th 1904.

432-7
Ans 17/2/04
Sir.

Approved
16/2/04

I have the honor to forward herewith for your final approval and signature a plan of the Lakelee reserves No. 1 and 1^a the Minutes of decision of which were approved by your Dept on the 6th March 1894, and 23rd December last.

Also Plan No. 3 shewing the Tempscaw reserve No. 25 approved on the 23rd December last.

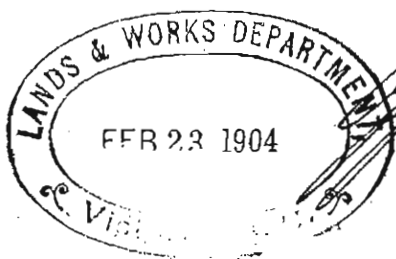
I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant

and very
I.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works.
Victoria B.C.



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.
February 22nd 1904.

Sir *an. 24/2/04*

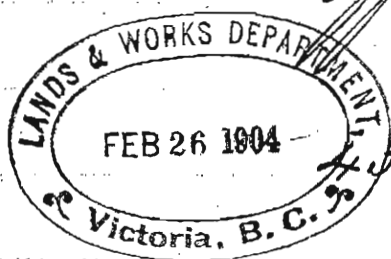
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2/2/04*

I have the honor to forward
herewith for your final approval
and signature Plan No 8 of the
Kass river Indian reserves shewing
two small allotments, No 9^a and 29^a,
the Minutes of decision of which
were approved by your Department
on the 23rd December last.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
an. 24/2/04
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commis-
sioner of Lands & Works
Victoria. B.C.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.

February 25th 1904.

434-7
Feb 29/2/04
Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th, 17th and 24th instant returning Plan of Indian reserves finally approved by your Department.

I have now the honor to forward herewith tracings of the plans so approved - viz.

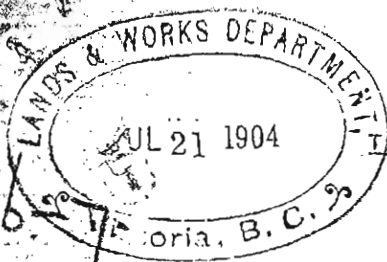
Douglas	Plan No. 2
Pacheena	" No. 2
Nass river	" No. 8
Tsimpscan	" No. 3
Lakelse	" No. 1

together with duplicates of the field-notes relating to the surveys of the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

The Deputy Commission
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

Your obedient servant
Amoroso
J.R.C.



Aug 29/1904
Aug 14/1904

Indian Reserve Commissioner's Office,
Victoria, B.C. July 20th 1904.

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Sir;-

I have the honor to enclose for your information and approval a Minute of decision and sketch of a reserve of 4010 acres defined by me for the use of the Indians residing at Pemberton Meadows.

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see 10407 04

Pide lot 236 & Littlewood

The reserves for this band were originally laid off by the late Reserve Commissioner Mr. O'Reilly, and in this connection I would refer you to his report of the 31st March 1882. The conditions regarding this part of the country have in no way altered since that report was written except in so far as that the recurrence of very high water is more frequent of late years than formerly. To a great extent the lands in the valley are still held by non residents and the Indians are restricted to locations that are almost wholly covered with water during the summer and occasionally (of late years) the autumn freshets, and are not to be depended upon, therefore, for agricultural purposes.

With a view to obtain land on which their cattle could range during the floods, and on which they could grow potatoes and other garden stuff, etc., the Indians asked that a rocky ridge to the north of their reserves, and some land to the north of the Pemberton Portage, be given them. The former I found to be of very little value as a cattle range, the feed not being of a good quality and only to be found in patches. On the southern slope it consists principally of bare rocky bluffs with occasional patches of timber of small size while on the northern it is

heavily

The Chief Commissioner

of Lands & Works,

Victoria B.C.

V.

heavily timbered; towards the wagon road there are places, not of very great extent, where, if there were any means of bringing it to market, the fir and cedar would be of value.

To the north of the wagon road, and extending to a range of very precipitous mountains, is a narrow valley that contains fairly good land in places and which is heavily timbered with Alder, Cottonwood and scrub-cedar. On both sides of the road the Indians have cleared patches where they grow potatoes and vegetables which looked well, some fruit trees also appearing especially thrifty.

Within the limits of the reserve is a Pre-emption (No. 1075) recorded by Mr. J. S. Bell, on the 20th November, last. This gentleman informs me that he is uncertain whether he will not abandon his claim, and, if so, I would strongly recommend that it be thrown into the reserve, as his abandonment would be evidence of its worthlessness for white settlement.

These Indians number 361, are industrious, possessing horses and many cattle; they bear a good character, and are certainly worthy of encouragement besides which they have at times in consequence of the destruction of their crops on the low lands, suffered absolute want during the winter months, both themselves and their stock; the Government having had to contribute largely on such occasions for their maintenance.

I would draw your attention to the fact that the lines on the official plan of this part of the country, and those on the ground, differ to the extent of about twelve chains. I was therefore unable to have the survey of the reserve made until I had obtained further information as

to
which of the lines should be adopted.

The boundaries of this reserve have been made to coincide with the surveyed lines of a projected Township adjoining it on the West. No official number has as yet been given this Township, I am therefore unable to describe the reserve by Sections and Townships.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. Vowel

Indian Reserve Commissioner, B.C.

V.

Minute of decision.

Pemberton Indians.

Reserve No 4. A Reserve of four thousand and ten (4010) acres, situated on the Pemberton Portage about one mile from Pemberton, and on the left bank of the Lillooet river.

Commencing at a point on the left bank of the Lillooet river, the southeast corner of Lot 209 Lillooet district, and running North, an approximate distance of ten (10) chains, to the northeast corner of the said Lot; thence West forty (40) chains; thence North one hundred and sixty (160) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence South one hundred (100) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South, an approximate distance of sixty four (64) chains to the Lillooet river, and thence following the left bank of the said river in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

The Preemption claim No 1073, containing 320 acres, the property of Mr. James Smith Bell, is not included in this reserve.

Pemberton Meadows B.C.
June 15th 1904

Approved
Indian Reserve
Commissioner
B.C.

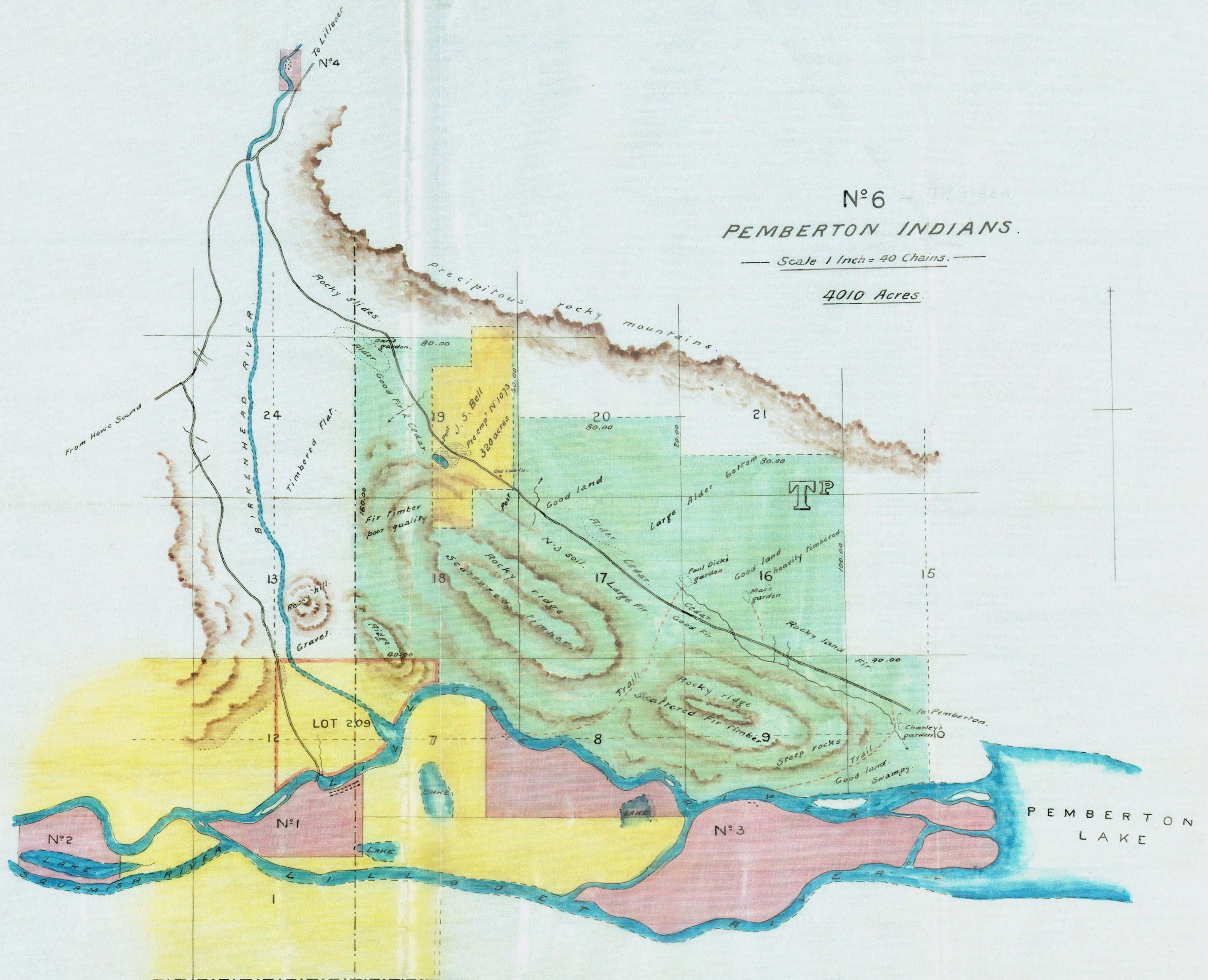
Subject to timber lease Lot 236
Approved Feb 16th 1905-

P. F. Green

Chief Commissioner of

Land & Works

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MINUTE OF DECISION
A.W. VOWELL
AUG. 20 /04

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner, Victoria, B.C.

August 31st 1904

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LANDS & WORKS DEPARTMENT
SEP 1 1904
VICTORIA, B.C.

Sir,
With further reference to my letter to you of the 5th September last No. 326-7, I have the honor to enclose a Minute of decision and sketch of the reserve defined by me on the 30th instant for the Indians resident on the banks of the Masoo river.

These Indians have resided on the spot for many years and have built good houses and stables. They have also put up considerable fencing and have laid down in timothy a field of 15 acres.

Summer frosts are prevalent in the valley and preclude the raising of agricultural products to any great extent; the place is however well adapted for stock raising on a small scale and this year about 25 acres of wild hay have been harvested.

The principal means of support of these people is hunting trapping and fishing, salmon ascend the Masoo river and fur-bearing animals are found in the neighborhood though not to the same extent as formerly. Now that the reserve has been made for them it is their intention to purchase cattle as they are a thrifty and enterprising people.

Your obedient servant,

W. J. H. Ross
Indian Reserve Commissioner, B.C.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works,
Victoria, B.C.

16 Feb 1905

Approved 17th August 1905

W. V. Green

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

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Minute of decision.

Nagoo Indians.

A reserve of eleven hundred and ten (1110) acres, situated on the banks of the Nagoo river, Cariboo district.

Commencing on the eastern shore of Stump Lake, at a poplar marked Indian Reserve S.W., and running East twenty-five (25) chain; thence North fifty (50) chain; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence North one hundred (100) chains; thence West forty (40) chain; thence North forty (40) chains; thence West sixty (60) chains; thence North forty (40) chains; thence East forty (40) chain; thence North one hundred and twenty (120) chains; thence East to Stump Lake, and thence following the bank of the said lake in an easterly and southerly direction to the place of commencement.

Nagoo river. B.C.
20th August 1905

as witness
J. R. 6

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NAZCO INDIANS

2110 Acres

Scale 1 inch = 40 Chasles

Approx. Lat. 52° 55' N. Long. 125° 40' W



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NAZCO INDIANS.

— 1,110 Acres. —

Scale 1 Inch = 40 Chains.

— Approx: Lat° 52° 55' N. Long° 123° 40' W. —



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
December 10th 1904.



Sir

I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval and
signature a plan of the Hage Indian
reserve in Cariboo district.

The Minute of decision relating to
this reserve was approved by you on
the 16th February 1905.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

A. W. Forsyth
J. R. C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commis^r of Lands
Victoria. B.C.

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Dec. 20th. /09

A. F. Fowell Esq.

Indian Reserve Commissioner

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 10th. inst. together with plan of the Harco Indian Reserve for signature, and in reply beg to say that this plan will be laid before the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Supt. for General.

AS ALL WORKS MUST BE DONE BY THE
SURVEYOR GENERAL

REFER TO
FILE NO. E4157/09



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SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE
(LANDS DEPARTMENT)

VICTORIA Dec.29th./09

Memo for the Hon.the Chief Commissioner of Lands.

- Indian Reserve, Nasco River.-

Sir,-

I have the honour to submit survey by the Indian Department of the above Reserve, together with minutes of decision approved Feb.16th.1905 by the Chief Commissioner. You will please note that the land asked for in this minute is given as 1112 acres, whilst that in the survey 1146 acres. This Mr.Green, the I.R. surveyor, points out is partly owing to the sketch attached to the minute shows that they intended to take in the Valley of the Nasco, but upon survey it was found that the river was further to the East and Mr.Green went only 20 chains on his third course instead of 30 chains as shown on sketch, and on his sixth course he ran 46 chains to join up the Government Surveyor's land which was correct. This departure from the Minutes is not of much importance as it only alters the area 36 acres. Should approve please sign plan.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



Surveyor-General.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

December 13th 1904.



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Sir.

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With reference to my letter to you of the 26th July last, No. 566-7, in which I enclosed a Minute of Decision and sketch of a reserve of 4010 acres allotted by me to the Pemberton Indians, I shall be glad to be informed if the reserve has met with the approval of the Hon^{ble} Chief Commissioner, and I would ask an intimation to that effect at an early date, being near the end of the year -

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

A. W. Vowel
J.R.C.

The Deputy Commis-
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

March 14th, 1905

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 13th December last alluding to your communication of the 20th July 1904, in which you enclosed a Minute of Decision and sketch of a reserve of 4,010 acres allotted by you to the Pemberton Indians, and beg to advise you that the Hon. the Chief Commissioner approved the said Minute on the 16th February ultimo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. S. GORE

A.W. Vowell Esq., Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.
Indian Reserve Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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Office of the Indian ~~Reserve~~ Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

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December 27th 1904.

Sir

With further reference to my
letter to you of the 20th September last.
No 624-7. I have the honor to enclose
a Minute of decision of the lands at
Redstone Flat allotted by me to the
Alsea Creek band of Indians which
I trust will meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
Arthur

+ R.C.

The Hon^{ble}

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria. B.C.

Minute of decision

Alexis Creek Indians

Redstone Flat, a reserve of six hundred and eighty (680) acres situated on the banks of Milanco river, Cariboo district immediately West of Redstone Bluff.

Commencing at the southeast corner of Mr. Leese Gentry's claim N^o 4, and running North forty (40) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence East sixty (60) chains; thence South sixty (60) chains; thence West one hundred (100) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; and thence West forty (40) chains to the place of commencement

Approved December 28th 1904

P. F. Green

Chief Commr. of Lands & Works

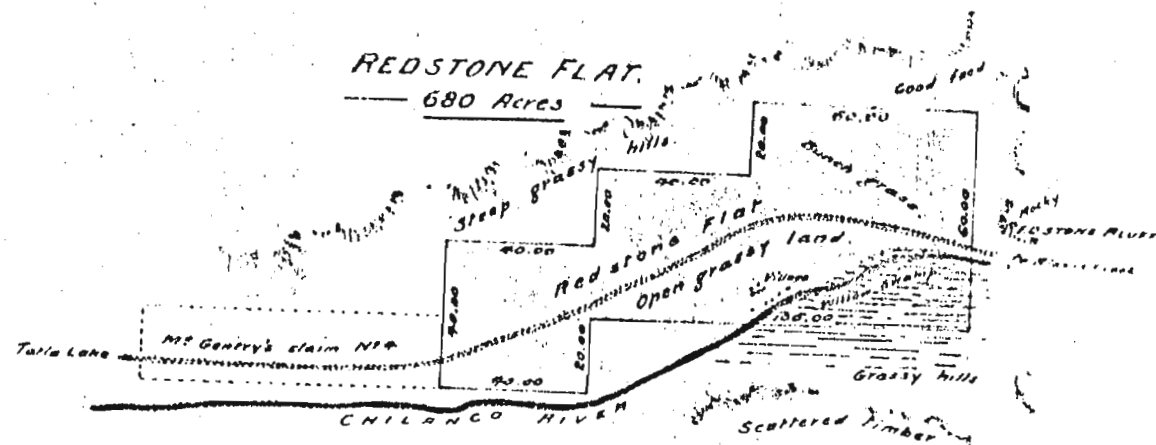
Victoria B.C.
20th Sept. 1904

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ALEXIS CREEK INDIANS.

— Scale 1 Inch = 40 Chains. —

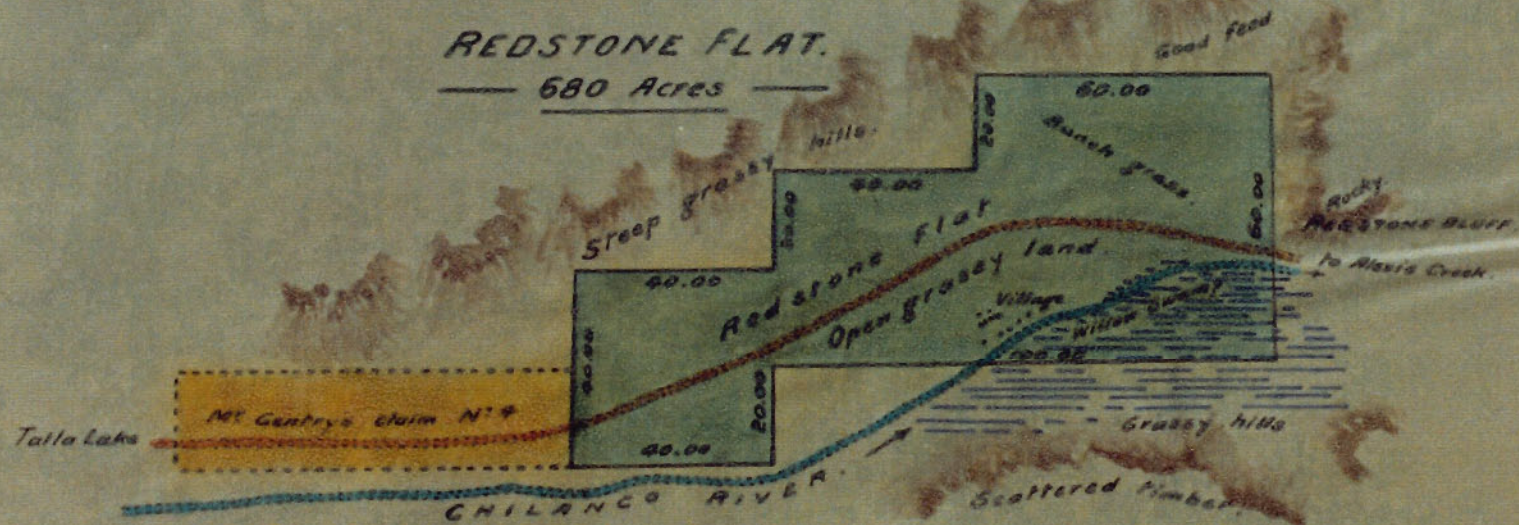
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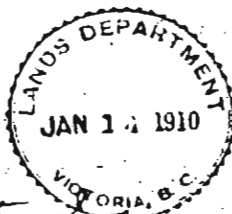


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ALEXIS CREEK INDIANS.

Scale 1 Inch = 40 Chains.





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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria, B.C.

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January 14th 1910.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
herewith a plan of the Allens Creek
Indian Reserve, in Cariboo district, for
your final approval and signature.

The Minute of decision of this
reserve was approved by you on the
28th December 1904.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

W. V. V. V. V.
J. R. E.

The Hon^{ble}

The Chief Commissioner of Lands
Victoria, B.C.

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Jan. 17th./10

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A. W. Vowell Esq.

Supt. of Indian Affairs for B.C.

Victoria B.C.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 14th. inst. addressed to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands enclosing plans of Alexis Creek Indian Reserve. Minute of decision approved by the Chief Commissioner, 26th. /04, and beg to draw your attention to the fact that the survey is not made in accordance with the minutes as approved. Area on approved minute 630 acres, as surveyed 780 acres. The attention of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner will be drawn to the matter and approval of plan rests with him.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Surveyor-General.

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Jan. 18th./10

Memo for the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands.

Indian Reserve Alexis Creek, Cariboo District

Sir,-

I have the honour to submit for your approval the plan of the Alexis Creek Indian Reserve, together with Minute of decision approved by the late Chief Commissioner, R. V. Green, Dec. 28th./04, and beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Reserve is not surveyed in accordance with the description and sketch in the Minute of decision. The Reserve as surveyed includes one hundred acres more than in the Minute is called for in the Minute. I may here state that the sketch on the Minute and the description are not from survey but are arranged by the Indian Reserve Commissioners Surveyor from an examination of the ground and in the past many surveys have been approved with an excess area from that asked in the Minutes.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Surveyor-General.

ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO NEWLY
ACQUIRED LANDS TO BE REFERRED TO THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

REFER TO
FILE NO. 10748/04



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE
(LANDS DEPARTMENT)

VICTORIA. Jan. 18th./10

Memo for the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands.

Indian Reserve Alexis Creek, Cariboo District.

Sir,-

I have the honour to submit for your approval the plan of the Alexis Creek Indian Reserve, together with Minute of decision approved by the late Chief Commissioner, R.F. Green, Dec. 28th./04, and beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Reserve is not surveyed in accordance with the description and sketch in the Minute of decision. The Reserve as surveyed includes one hundred acres more than ~~14/14~~ is called for in the Minute. I may here state that the sketch on the Minute and the description are not from survey but are arranged by the Indian Reserve Commissioners Surveyor from an examination of the ground and in the past many surveys have been approved with an excess area from that asked in the Minutes.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Surveyor-General.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C., January 18th, 1910.

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Dear Sir:-



I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, No. 10748/04, in which you draw my attention to the fact that the survey of the Alexis Creek Indian Reserve is not in accordance with the Minute of decision, as approved, the acreage as surveyed being one hundred acres in excess of that shown on the Minute.

I have submitted your letter to Mr. Surveyor Green, who made both the sketch on the Minute and the survey, and that gentleman points out that the spirit of the Minute as far as possible has been fully carried out.

Owing to the configuration of the country, and the rule that all lines are to be run to the cardinal points of the compass, a large quantity of worthless land, nearly two hundred acres, has of necessity been included in the reserve: sixty acres of this on the northern portion of the reserve might be eliminated without prejudice to the Indians by making a series of short jogs.

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E. E. McKay, Esq.,
Surveyor General,
Victoria, B.C.

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It has hitherto been understood that a certain amount of latitude was allowed so long as the spirit of the decision was adhered to, for it must be admitted that it is impossible for a surveyor to sketch as accurately as he could survey, and it is certainly inadvisable that a survey should be made before the consent of the Chief Commissioner is obtained.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. G. S.
Indian Reserve Commissioner.



Indian Office Victoria B.C.

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March 18th 1905.

Dear Sir;-

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, re Pemberton Meadow Indian Reserve, No. 6, together with tracing enclosed showing the timber lease-hold which covers a portion of the ground within the limits of said reserve.

A note ^{will} ~~should~~ be made of same for future guidance.

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Yours truly,

Andrew
Indian Reserve Commissioner,

B.C.

W.S. Gore Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner Lands & Works,

Victoria, B.C.

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March 16th, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Re: Pemberton Meadow, Indian Reserve No.6

I find that in my letter of the 14th inst. advising you that the reservation herein had been approved, I omitted to mention that such approval was subject to the timber lease covering a portion of that ground. This timber lease comprises ²⁸⁷236, Group I, Lillooet District, and was granted to James MacLaren on the 1st, April 1891 and renewed to the North Pacific Lumber Company for 21 years from the 1st, April 1903.

For your further information and convenience I enclose a tracing upon which the Indian Reserve is marked with a yellow outline and the timber leasehold by a green tint.
Enc.

Yours truly,

W.S. GORE

Deputy Commissioner Lands & Work

A.W. Vowell Esq.,

Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria, B. C.



Indian Office Victoria B.C.

July 28th 1905.

Sir;-

I have the honor to inclose herewith for your approval, Minute of decision and sketch of two reserves defined by me for the use of the Tahltan Indians resident on the Stickeen river.

No.1 Tahltan, comprises 375 acres of rough mountain land, the whole of which is valueless, either for pasture or agricultural purposes. The timber upon it is small and of no commercial value, and the soil is arid, consisting of lava beds and gravelly land, worthless as to quality, and should it be required there seems little possibility of obtaining water for irrigation purposes in that locality.

The salmon fishery at the mouth of the Tahltan river is very valuable, being an important factor in their food-supply. The Indians, who number about 203, support themselves principally by fishing and trapping; game and fur-bearing animals being fairly plentiful in the surrounding mountains, etc.

In addition to the means of support furnished by fish and game, these Indians find considerable employment in connection with pack trains, freighting, &c., in Cassiar; also as guides and packers, &c., the rate of wages obtained as packers running from \$75. a month and board to \$110. a month; ~~but~~ other employment, generally, \$2.50 per diem and board. These Indians own but few horses and no cattle, the country not being favorable to the support of these animals.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works,

Victoria, B.C.

No.2,

V.

*Approved this 29th day of August 1905-
R. H. Green
Chief Commissioner
Lands & Works*

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No. 2, Hiusta's Meadow, contains 40 acres, is mostly covered by a large pond, that has neither inlet nor outlet, but is valued by the Indians as a wintering place for their horses, and is convenient as a hunting camp.

Some few acres of rough swamp ground, surrounding the pond, is valued for hay, the land also containing sufficient timber for fuel; the greater part of the reserve, however, is muskeg.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Andrew
Supt. of Indian Affairs B.C.

— Minutes of Decision —

Tahltan Indians.

Tahltan.

No. 1 A reserve of three hundred and seventy five (375) acres, situated about thirteen (13) miles northeast of Telegraph Creek, at the confluence of the Tahltan and Stickeen rivers.

Commencing at a post marked Indian Reserve S.E. on the right bank of the Stickeen river, about one and a quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) mile below the mouth of the Tahltan river, and running West forty (40) chains; thence North forty (40) chains; thence East sixty (60) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence East to the Stickeen river, and thence following the right bank of the said river in a southwesterly direction to the place of commencement.

No. 2. Kinstai's Meadow, a reserve of forty (40) acres situated about three miles northeast of Reserve No. 1.

Commencing at a post marked Indian Reserve. S.E. and running West twenty (20) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains, and thence South twenty (20) chains to the point of commencement.

Tahltan. B.C.
June 20th 1905 }

Approved
J.R.C.

TAHLTAN INDIANS.

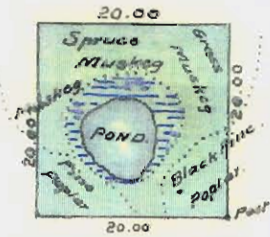
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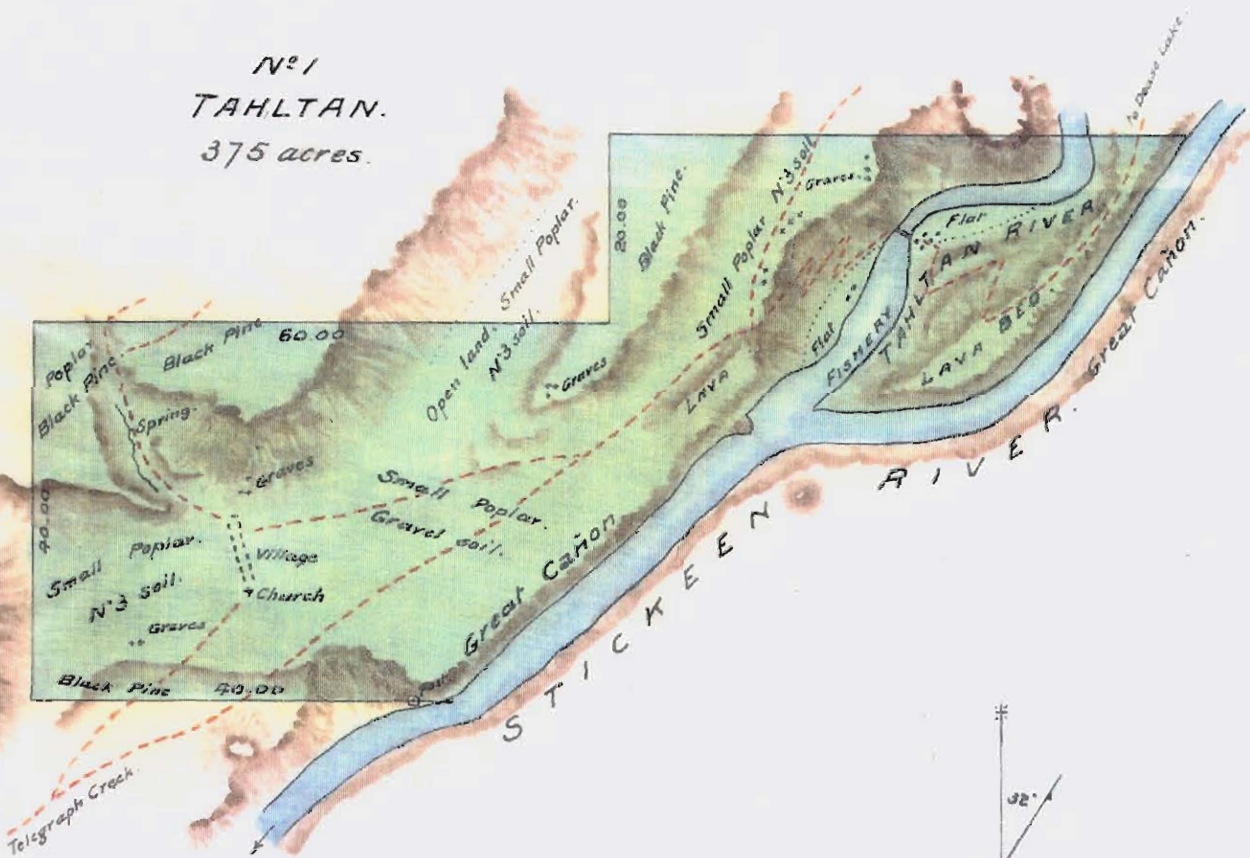
Nº 2

HUSTA'S MEADOW.

40 Acres.



Nº 1
TAHLTAN.
375 acres.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria. B.C.

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November 3rd 1905.

Sir

I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval
and signature, plans (2) of the
Tahltan and Seshelt reserves.

The Minutes of decision relating
to these allotments were approved by
you on the 30th August 1905, and
6th August 1900 respectively.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.
approved
J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.
Victoria. B.C.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.

October 10th 1905.

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Sir

Referring to my letter to you
of the 11th July 1900. No 398-6. and
to your reply dated 6th August 1900.
No 3749/00. I have the honor to
enclose the Minute of decision of
Cok-gue-neets Reserve No 23 assigned
by me to the Teshelt Indians, which
has been amended in accordance
with your wishes.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

[Signature]
J. R. C.

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

Noted on L.S. 3749/00 covering former
Minute of Decision. Re. Cok-gue-neets
Reserve 4/10/05

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Amended Minute of Decision.

Seshelt Indians

No 23 Cok que neets. The Minute of decision of this reserve dated 22nd June 1900 is hereby cancelled and the following substituted.

No 23 Cok que neets. a reserve of sixty (60 acres situated on the northern shore of Malaspina Strait, at the mouth of Eagle river, the outlet of Gordon Pasha Lakes.

Commencing on the seashore at a post marked Indian Reserve and running North twenty (20) chains. Thence East to Eagle river an approximate distance of Thirty-three chains forty five links (33.45); thence following the right bank of the said Eagle river in a southerly direction to the seacoast and thence along the shore in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

Eagle River. B.C.

October 9th 1905.

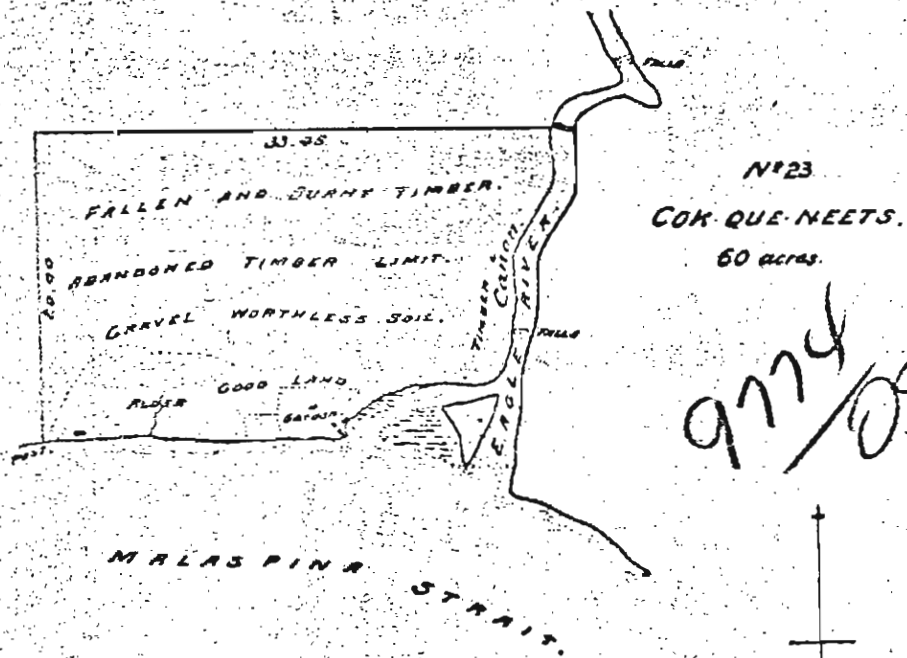
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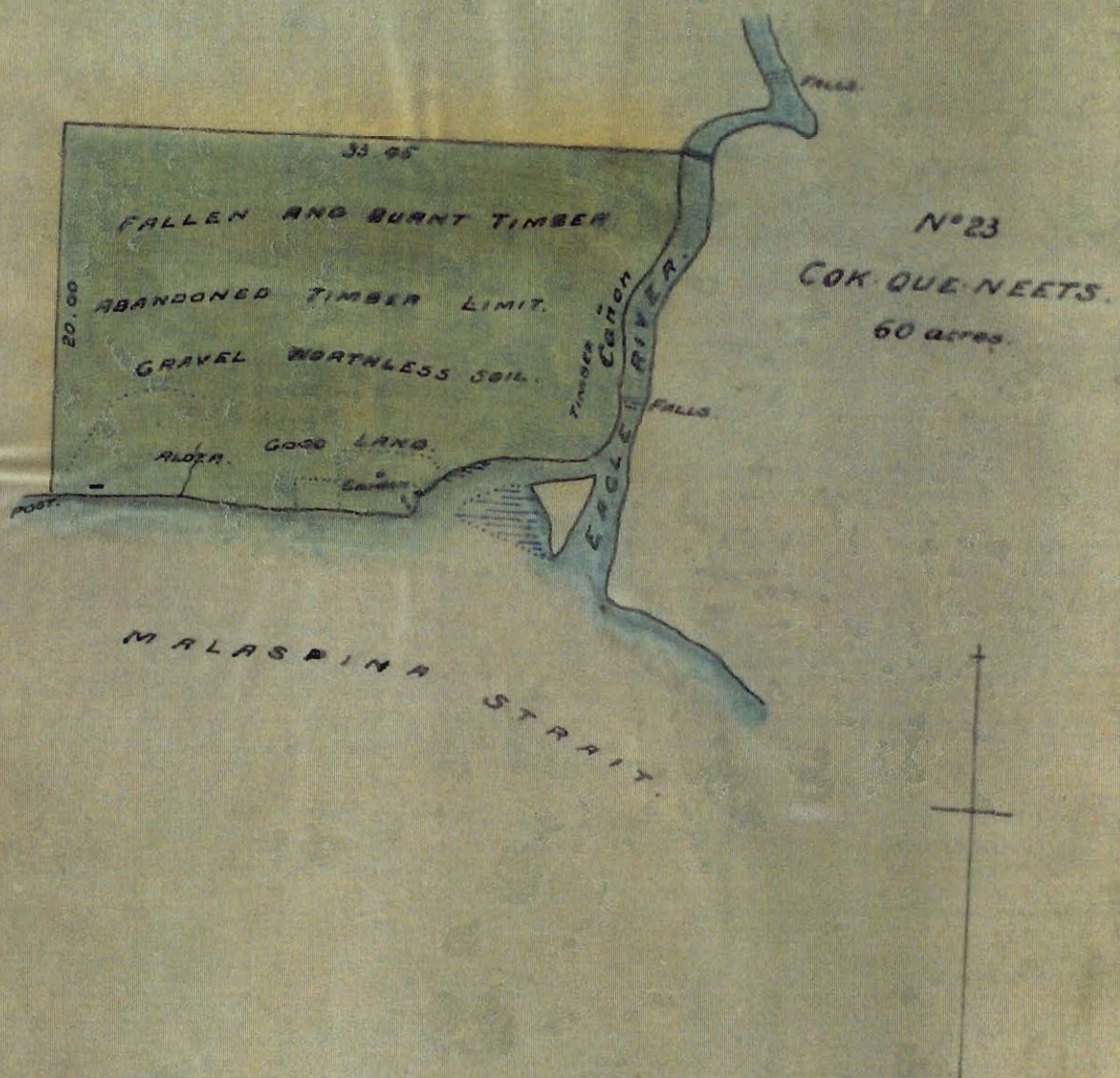
SESHOLT INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 10 CHAINS.



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SESHOLT INDIANS.
SCALE 1 INCH = 10 CHAINS.





Recd 23/2/06

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C.
February 21st 1906

Sir

I have the honor to forward
herewith, for your final approval and
signature, the plotted plan of
Pemberton Reserve No 6 which has
been surveyed in accordance with
the Minute of decision approved by
you on the 16th February 1905.

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or 2009/05

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

A. W. Howell JRC

per Ashdown St John.

The Hon^{ble}

the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria, B.C.

Feb. 23rd 1906

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. together with plan of Pemberton Reserve No. 6.

Herewith I return the said plan which has been duly approved and signed by the Chief Commissioner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

E. B. MCKAY

Surveyor General.

A.W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria, B.C.



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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.
February 27 1906.

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Sir.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, No 1800/05, returning the plan of Pemberton Reserve No 6, duly approved by you, for which I thank you.

Herewith I forward a tracing of the above mentioned plan together with a copy of the field notes relating to the survey thereof.

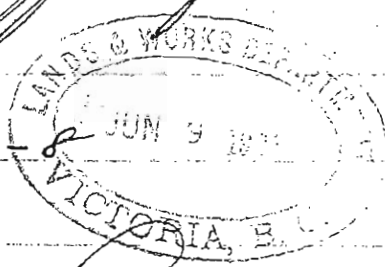
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Sir.

Your obedient servant
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The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

J.R.C.

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner
Victoria B.C.



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June 8th 1906
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C.O. 634/116

Sir

Referring to your letter of the
15th February ¹⁹⁰⁵ ~~last~~ I have the honor
to enclose a Minute of decision of
Reserve No 9 for the Cowichan Indians
which embraces the west half of
Section eleven (11) Range two (2)
Cowichan District, purchased by the
Provincial Government from Mr
Thornton Hill in 1890 for the use
of the Indians.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant
A. W. Vowel

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

J. K. C.

Minute of Decision

Cowichan Indians.

No 9. A Reserve of ^{Forty Eight $\frac{66}{100}$ (48.66)} ~~fifty (50)~~ acres
situated near the confluence of the
Koksailah and Cowichan rivers,
and consisting of the West half of
Section eleven (11) Range two (2)
as described in the Official map
of Cowichan District.

Approved
J. R. C.

Cowichan. BC
April 6th 1906

Approved this 6th day
of February 1907

Robt. G. Taylor.

Chief Commissioner

Copy.

Feb. 15th, 1905.

Dear Mr. Green,

Re W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 11, Range 2, Cowichan District.

Upon inquiry into this matter I find that a deed from Thornton
late
Fell to Her Majesty, dated 22nd January, 1890, covering the above
property, was duly registered in the Land Registry Office in this
City on the 20th February, 1890, and as this land was purchased
under authority of an Order in Council passed in pursuance of a
Report of a Committee of the Legislature it may undoubtedly be con-
sidered an Indian Reserve.

Yours truly,

" W. S. Gore ",

Deputy Commissioner of L & W.

Ashdown H. Green, Esq.,

Indian Department,

Victoria, B.C.

No. 5765/06

Oct. 24th, 1906.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 8th last enclosing Minute of Decision No. 9 Cowichan Indians, 2 Reserve of 50 acres being the West half of Section eleven, Range two as described on the official map of Cowichan District.

In reply I find that the West half S. 11, Range 2, was re-conveyed to Her Majesty 22/1/90 under authority of an Order-in-Council approved the 15th Jan. 1890, Indian Reserve. You will, therefore, file plan for signature by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner in the usual way.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. W. Vowell, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

Surveyor General.



Indian Office Victoria, B.C.

Feb'y. 25th 1906.

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. J. W. Bell, finding that his pre-emption claim, No. 1073, Lillooet district, for 320 acres, is practically surrounded by Pemberton reserve No. 8, has, under date 22nd instant, offered to abandon it and to sell his improvements to the Indians for the sum of \$150, which they have agreed to pay providing they can get the

land laying off reserve No. 8, I fully realized the difficulties of the position and the fact that some or less friction would eventually result but at that time such undesirable contingencies could not be avoided, and, however, when there seems an easy way out of such possible trouble, I would suggest that this land be included in the reserve.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Supt. of Indian Affairs, B.C.

The Honorable,

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, 19th Mar. 1906

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo, relative to the matter of Mr. J. S. Bell's pre-emption claim No. 1078, Lillooet District, which is practically surrounded by Pemberton Reserve No. 6 and which he is willing to abandon and sell his improvements thereon to the Indians for the sum of \$150.00.

In reply I may say that if arrangements are made with Mr. Bell and he abandons his pre-emption, there will be no objection to the ground being included within the Indian Reserve.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chief Commissioner of L. & W.

A. H. Vowell Esq.,

Indian Superintendent B. C.

Victoria, B. C.



Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner, Victoria.

January 17th 1908.

561-8

Sir,

With further reference to my letter to you of the 28th February last, No. 286-8, and to your reply of 19th March No. 2023/06, relative to Mr. J. S. Bell's pre-emption claim No. 1073 Lilloet District, I have the honor to inform you that the Pemberton Indians have paid Mr. Bell the \$150. agreed upon, and that his pre-emption has been duly cancelled at the Government Office at Clinton. A copy of Mr. Bell's receipt and the Original Certificate of pre-emption are herewith appended.

I also enclose a Minute of decision of the land in question, and would thank you to be good enough to approve of it in the usual manner.

Your obedient servant,

H. W. Howell

Indian Reserve Commissioner, B.C.

The Honourable,

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works,

Victoria B.C.

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Lilloet B.C. January 8th 1907.

Received from Chief James Steger of Pemberton
Meadows (per Ignace Jacob) the sum of One Hundred and Fifty
Dollars (\$150.00) payment in full for my improvements on
Pre-emption No.1073 which was cancelled by me on the 28th
day of Feby.1906.

"J.S.Bell".

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British Columbia.

No. 20347.

Land Revenue.

Clinton 26th Feby. 1908.

Received from J.S. Bell the sum of Two Dollars being fee
cancelling pre-emption Record.

No. 1073.

Signature P. Soues

\$2.00.

Office Govt. Agent.

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Minutes of Decision
Pemberton Indians.

Reserve No. 7. A reserve of three hundred and twenty (320) acres situated on the Pemberton Postage about four (4) miles northwest from Pemberton Lake.

Commencing at the northwest corner of Pemberton Indian reserve No. 6. (which is also the northwest corner of Section 19, Township) and running East forty (40) chains to the northwest corner of Reserve No. 7; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence West forty (40) chains, and thence North eighty (80) chains to the beforementioned northwest corner of Reserve No. 7.

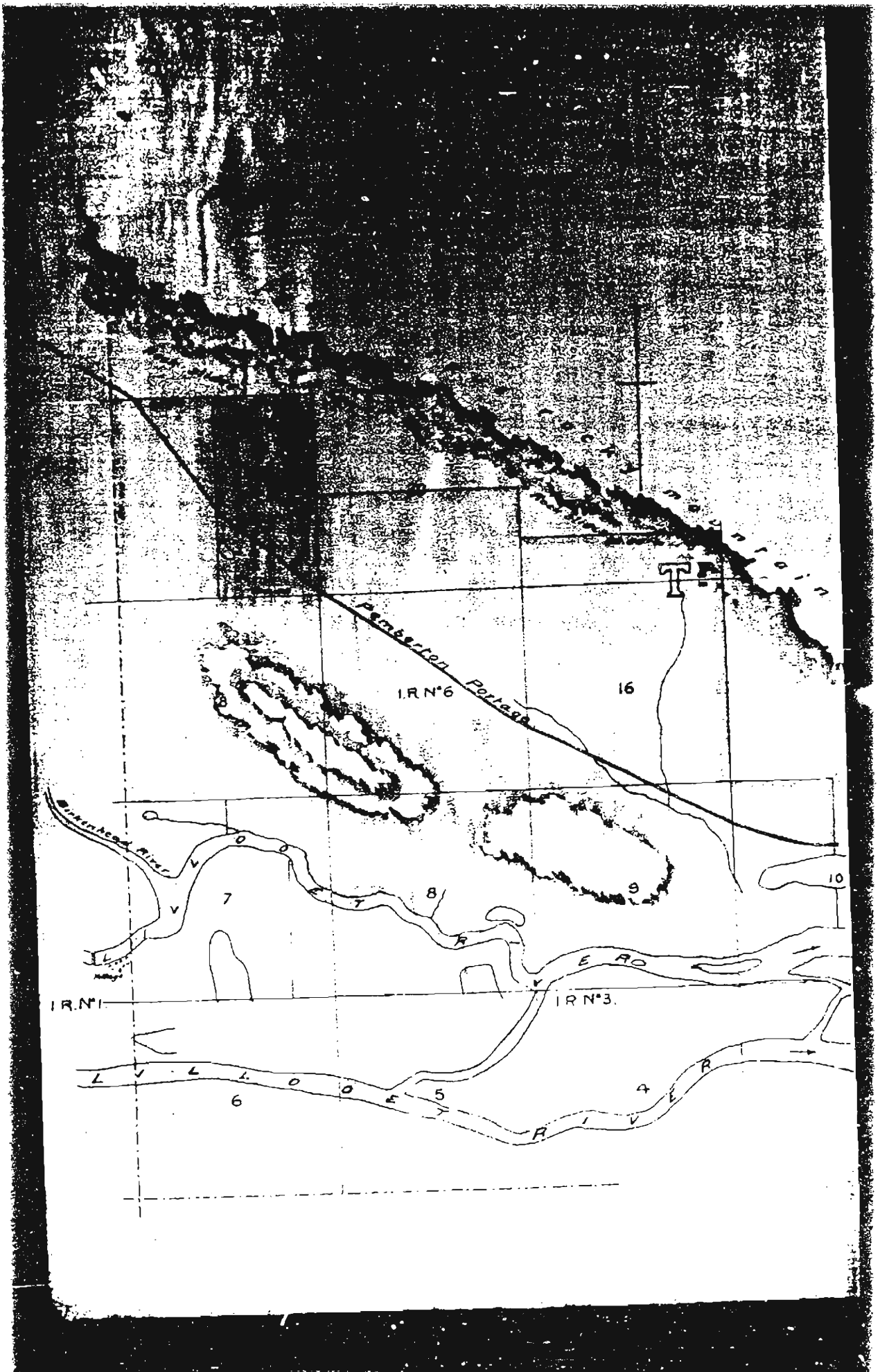
The land above described is that formerly preempted by Mr. James Smith Bell on the 20th of November 1903, Preemption Record No. 1073, Lillooet District, and cancelled on the 26th February 1906.

See Chief Commissioner's letter of 19th March 1906. No. 2023/4

Victoria, B.C.
January 17th 1907.

Approved
JRC

Approved
24th Jan 1907
R. G. Jones
Chief Commissioner



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Binder 13
Corr. No. 950/07
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Jan. 24th 1907

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. informing the Department that the Pemberton Indians have paid to Mr. J. S. Bell the \$150.00 agreed upon, and that Mr. Bell's pre-emption has been duly cancelled at the Government Office at Clinton, and enclosing a copy of Mr. Bell's receipt together with original Pre-emption Record No. 10730. You also enclose Minute of Decision of the land in question and ask that the same be approved by the Chief Commissioner in the usual manner.

In reply I beg to state that the land formerly covered by Mr. Bell's pre-emption record has now been entered upon the Official Plans of this Department as Indian Reserve No. 7, in conformity with the said Minute.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. W. Vowell, Esq.

Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria

B. C.

Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

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June 5th, 1924.

MEMORANDUM

Lot 236, Group I, Lillicoet District, 1640 acres.

Timber Lease covering the above lot was issued in the name of James MacLaren on April 1st, 1891.

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Pemberton Indian Reserve, No. 6, 4,000 acres.

Minute of Decision dated June 15th, 1904 was approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Feb. 19th, 1905, subject to Timber Lease covering Lot 236 (See File 5927/04.)

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Pemberton Indian Reserve, No. 7, 320 acres.

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By the time Indian Reserve No. 6, was applied for and approved, this area was held under pre-emption record 1073, dated Nov. 20th, 1903 (See File 9830/03). No mention was made on the record to the effect that the same was entirely covered by Lot 236. For a consideration of \$150.00 the pre-emptor abandoned his record in favor of the Indians after which Minute of Decision, dated Jan. 17th, 1907 covering same area was approved by the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works on June 24th, 1907 with no reference to the overlap of Lot 236. (See File 950/07)

The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in 1916 confirmed these two Indian Reserves without any reference to the conflict with Lot 236.

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JH
June 5th 1924

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June 9, 1924.

Sir:

Please refer to Files 5927-04 & 950-07
Attention "Superintendent"

Having reference to Pemberton Indian Reserve Nos. 6 and 7 comprising 4000 and 320 acres, respectively. I have to advise you that it has come to light that these reserves encroach upon Lot 236, Group 1, Lillooet District, in respect to which a timber lease was issued in the name of James MacLaren under date of 1st of April 1891.

It is noted that in the minute of decision dated the 15th June 1904 relating to Indian Reserve No. 6 was approved subject to this timber lease but there is no proviso of that nature in the confirmation by the Royal Commission.

Indian Reserve No. 7 was approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the 24th June 1907 under minute of decision dated January 17th 1907. The conflict in this case with Lot 236, seems to have been overlooked and no reference was made to it in the confirmation.

Your attention is drawn to this matter in order that there will be no misunderstanding in the future of the fact that both of these Indian Reserves must be subject to the timber lease, and that the holder of the said lease will have the right of entry to cut and remove the said timber without interference. Also that the Indians hold the lands subject to the prior rights of the said lease.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

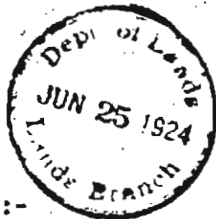
Your obedient servant,

M. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Office,
1230 Government St.,
Victoria, B.C.
ME/VYM

Superintendent of Lands.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO. 33/3179.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 66

VICTORIA, B.C., June 23, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Your Files 5927-04 and 950-07:
Attention "Superintendent"

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant referring to Reserves Nos. 6 and 7 of the Pemberton Band of Indians, 4000 and 320 acres respectively, which you inform me now encroached on Lot 236, Group 1, Lillooet District, in respect of which a timber licence was issued in the name of James MacLennan under date of 1st of April, 1891.

In reply I beg to say that when Reserve No. 6 was allotted by Reserve Commissioner O'Reilly on the 15th of June, 1904, and finally approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands on the 21st of February, 1906, it was fully understood that the North Pacific Lumber Company had the right to cut timber within the area designated as Lot 236, Group 1, Lillooet District, containing 1640 acres, for a period of 21 years from the 1st of April, 1903. This licence, therefore, expired on the 1st of April last.

So far as Reserve No. 7 is concerned, it too 320 acres comprise the old pre-emption of James Smith, Record No. 1073, issued on the 6th day of November, 1903, and was cancelled on the 26th of February, 1906. (See letter of Chief Commissioner of Lands, 1st March, 1906, No. 2023/06).

This area, you say, is now encroached upon by the

H. Cathcart, Esq.,
Superintendent of Lands,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Yours
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lease of Lot 236. It is difficult to understand how a pre-emption record was issued for land already covered by a timber licence. In any event, I beg to say that supposing such was done, the same conditions apply to this Reserve as to Number 6, namely, that the timber was to be taken off in 21 years from the date the licence was issued by the Government of British Columbia to the North Pacific Lumber Company.

There is nothing on this Department's files to show that the licence was to be renewed and it was taken for granted that such would not be the case. To do so now, when the said lease has expired, would, to my mind, be a breach of faith on the part of the British Columbia Government with this Department. It has been commonly understood that should the timber not be taken off during the period specified, the same was to be considered part of the Reserve.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Ditchburn

W.E. Ditchburn,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

WED/PM.



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July 16, 1924

W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

Please refer to Files 5927-04
& 950-07 Attn. "Superintendent"
Your File 33/3179

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd ult. in the matter of the encroachment of Indian Reserver Nos 6 and 7 of the Pemberton Band upon Lot 236, Group 1, Lillooet District held under timber lease.

In reply I would state that I do not find that at any time this Department intimated that the timber leases rights to cut the timber on Lot 236, Group 1, Lillooet District would terminate, as you state, when the then existing lease expired. The said lease was a renewal of a former lease and was issued in pursuance of the Statute then in force which provided for the granting of renewals. The original lease was of prior date to the pre-emption of James Smith to which you refer, record No. 1023, and had prior rights. The pre-emption record was issued without knowledge that a conflict existed with the timber lease and as the lease was in existence when the Indian Reserve was established, the rights under the said

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lease take precedence and at no time did the reserves carry the right to the timber.

I cannot find anything on our records to show that any assurance was ever given by this Department that the timber rights would at any time fall into the Indian Reserve, consequently I cannot see that any breach of faith has taken place on the part of the Government of the Province with your Department as suggested by you.

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

Superintendent of Lands

10/7/77



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British Columbia

Ministry of
Attorney General
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British Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

July 19, 1990

Our File: 33480-1/
Mt. Currie

TO: Bill Fry
Ministry of Crown Lands
Land Policy Branch
3rd Floor, 4000 Seymour Place
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

950/07

FROM: B. van Drimmelen
Native Title Project
Legal Services Branch
Ministry of Attorney General
205 - 1012 Douglas Street
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

RE: Pemberton (M.I. Currie) Reserve No. 7

You will recall that I was trying to track down the Minutes of Decision for this reserve, a document which was not in your microfiche collection. You put me onto document 950/07.

With Geoff Fielding's help, we found it in the Archives' microfilms. Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of January 17, 1907 and related correspondence to round out your collection.

Thanks again for the help.

Yours truly,

Ben van Drimmelen

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria. B.C.

February 5th 1907.

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the
24th October last, No 5765/06, I have
the honor to forward herewith, for your
final approval and signature, the
original plotted plan of Cowichan reserve
No 9, the W¹/₂. S 11. R 2. Cowichan
District.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant
A. Rowell
J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria. B.C.

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Feb. 7th 1907

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. No. 585-8, enclosing original plan of Cowichan Indian Reserve No. 9 for signature and approval.

Herewith I return the plan in question which has been duly signed by the Chief Commissioner.

I have amended the Minute of Decision dated 6th April 1906 which was received under cover of your letter of the 8th June 1906, to read 48.66 acres instead of 50 acres, and the same has this day been approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Enc.

Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

A. W. Vowell, Esq.

Indian Reserve Commissioner,
Victoria

B. C.

Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C.

February 8th 1907



Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of yesterday's
date, No 5765/p, with the original plan
of Cowichan Indian Reserve No 9 duly
signed and approved by the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Supt Vowell is absent from
Victoria for a few days; on his return
the usual tracing and copy of the field
book in connection with the survey of
this reserve, will be sent to you without
delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant

Richard H. Green
P.L.S.

The Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria, B.C.

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C.

February 11th 1907.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
a tracing of the plan of Cowichan Reserve
No 9 finally approved by you on the
6th instant, together with a copy of the
field notes relating to the survey of the
same.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. J. Powell

J. R. C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria, B.C.