

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

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Meeting with the Shuswap Band or Tribe of Indians on Canim Lake Indian Reserve, on the 15th day of July, 1914.

GEORGE ARCHIE is sworn by the Chairman to act as Interpreter, and the Chairman addresses the assembled Indians as to the scope and purpose of the Commission.

JOHNNIE HAYNES, one of the Indians, in reply to the Chairman's question as to whether the Chief was present, or if any of the Indians wished to address the Commission, replied that the Chief was ill in bed, and that none of the Indians wished to say anything as the Chief had received a letter from Lawyer Clarke of Toronto telling the Indians not to say anything.

MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: Why don't the Indians wish to say anything?

A. Because the Chief has recieved a letter from Victoria.

Q. Who from?

A. From Tate (He hereupon hands the letter to Mr. Commissioner Macdowall, who reads same to the Commission as follows:

"INDIAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA"

Office of the General Secretary
41 South Turner Street,
Victoria, B.C. June 23rd, 1914.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Clark has gone to England with full instructions to wait upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and urge that the original petition of the British Columbia Indians be submitted to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Mr. Clark considers this step of the utmost importance, inasmuch as the Commission now at work is not dealing with the question of Title, which question covers the rights of the Indians not only to the land, but also to the fish, game, timber, water and other interests, to which the natives laid claim before the coming of the whiteman and which they have never surrendered. We trust and pray that Mr. Clark may be successful as it seems the only hope of getting justice. This action will entail considerable expense with very little money in the treasury to meet it. For two years you have not been asked to subscribe, but now the time has come to urge this matter, and you know it cannot be done without money. I think it would be well to make a general appeal - to the women as well as the men - for some of the best subscribers have been women. Trusting that this matter will receive your immediate attention,

Yours faithfully,
(signed) G.M. Tate
General Secretary."

THE CHAIRMAN: Since this letter was written, an arrangement has been made by which the Dominion Government is perfectly willing that this matter you speak of shall go to the Exchequer Court at Ottawa with an appeal to the Courts in England if the verdict is not satisfactory to the Indians - they have done more than that - they have agreed that a lawyer shall appear for the Indians, and they (the Dominion Government) will pay for that lawyer's services, so that you will not be called upon to pay any money to this man Tate. I state this fairly to you - I am not interested in this matter wither one way or the other. The Commission agree with me that you Indians would be very foolish to pay money to anyone; because the Government at Ottawa has agreed that this question that you mention shall first go to the Exchequer Court at Ottawa, and if the judgment that that Court gives is not satisfactory to the Indians, then it shall go to the Court of Appeal, and the Dominion Government will pay for a lawyer to argue your case for you. I have an order that has been made by the Privy Council at Ottawa in my bag at the 105 Mile House, which I omitted to bring with me, which gives all the information on this particular subject.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Will you now give us the information we ask for?

SEVERAL OF THE ASSEMBLED INDIANS: The Chief is not here, and we cannot say anything - he has a letter telling him not to say anything to you Commissioners.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are not here to do you any harm - on the other hand we are here to help you all we possibly can, and if you will only speak frankly to us and tell us what your troubles and complaints are, you will have them taken down here and will do the very best we can for you.

A. Well, our Chief has a letter and we cannot say anything to you Commissioners.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well then if that is the stand you take, I am afraid there is nothing more we can do here; but I regret very much you have taken that action, and I may tell you that you have been ill-advised.

Just as the meeting was on the point of adjournment, George Archie, one of the Indians, made the following statement under oath:

When I came out of school, I could not live very well in this place because it was filled up; that is this Reserve, I went up the mountain, and I have a place up there where I have been living and working.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Where is that place?

A. Four miles up the Half-Way Ranch.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: Half way between here and the wagon road.

WITNESS: My cabin is up there and I stay there.

Q. What work are you doing?

A. I am fencing, ditching and clearing the land there.

Q. Have you a house there?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you live in that house?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any cattle?

A. No, but I have horses.

Q. How many horses have you got?

A. I have about thirty head of horses.

Q. Have you a wife and family.

A. No, I have no wife. My wife died.

Q. Have you any children?

A. No, but I have a brother living with me with his wife and family.

Q. Does your brother work with you on that land?

A. He works in one place and I work in another.

Q. You both live in the same house?

A. Yes.

Q. Has your brother any cattle?

A. About 17 or 20.

Q. Any horses?

- Q. Has he any horses?
- A. Yes, some horses.
- Q. Have you any farming implements?
- A. Yes, I have a plough, harrow and wagons, and I have lots of smaller tools.
- Q. Has your brother any farming implements?
- A. He just uses mine.
- Q. Have you any land under cultivation?
- A. Yes, we have a little.
- Q. What have you in the ground?
- A. A little potatoes.
- Q. And you have it fenced in?
- A. Yes, I was working on the upper place until the white man came and threw me out of there, and all my fences are up where the white man is.
- Q. And you were living there when the white man came and turned you out?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did this white man get a Title from the Government for this piece of land?
- A. I guess he must have.
- Q. And is this white man living now on the land?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are they living in your house?
- A. No, they built another one.
- Q. How big is your piece of land there?
- A. It must be close upon 360 acres.
- Q. Are the whitemen occupying your brother's piece of land too?
- A. No.
- Q. How is it they are not occupying your brother's piece of land?
- A. My brother's piece is away up the hill, and my place is not so far up.
- Q. Did you ever make any protest about this white man occupying your land?
- A. No.

Q. Why not?

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: I believe they sent a letter some time ago to Dr. McKenna.

THE CHAIRMAN: Had you your house and fence there long before the whitemen there?

A. Yes, long years before.

Q. How long have you been there?

A. Close to fourteen years.

Q. And how long has the whiteman been there?

A. He came there last spring.

Q. What is the name of the whiteman?

A. Henry Buzzle, and one of those Middleton's lives right near him.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: And did he take some of your land?

A. Yes, he took some of my land that was fenced.

Q. Did he knock the fence down?

A. Yes, you can see it as you are driving along the road.

Q. What kind of a fence was it?

A. A Russel (wire) fence.

Q. Did this man Buzzle knock your fences down?

A. Yes, Henry Buzzle knocked the fences down.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Did you ask him why he did it?

A. My father did.

Q. And what did he say?

A. He just said "the fences are nothing to us - the land belongs to the Government". Mr. Bell told my father to fence the land, and to look after it and to plant it, and he told my father that if he did that, he would get the land for him.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. Since I came out of school.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: And this man has knocked down your fence and taken possession of your land?

A. Yes.

Q. The law in regarding to taking up pre-emptions is this:

the man who is going to take up a pre-emption makes an oath to the effect that there is no improvements on the land, and if you had a wire fence there and this man knocked it down he is committing a very serious offence.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Would you like to pre-empt this piece of land?

A. Yes, I would like to get it that way if I could

PROSPER ALLAN makes a statement under oath:

I was filing on a place up here. I was working on it and now I have no place at all.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: Have you a cabin built there?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Where is this place that you are working on?

A. Just about two miles from where my cabin is.

Q. In which direction?

A. Nearer the 105 Mile House across Bridge Creek from the Interpreter's place.

Q. What improvements have you on the land?

A. There is a barn there and a house, and there is a bridge across the Creek where the house is. I have a potato field there, and also some hay.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it fenced?

A. No, it is just ready to fence.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: How long have you been living there?

A. For about five years.

Q. Well, what about it?

A. I have just heard that a whiteman has taken my place.

Q. How long ago did you hear this?

A. Two days ago.

Q. What has the whiteman done?

A. He is building a house there.

Q. Where is he building the house?

A. This side of where my house is.

- Q. How far away from your house is the whiteman putting up his house?
- A. Just about half a mile this side of the house.
- Q. And the land you say is not fenced?
- A. No, it is not fenced, but his house is going up right where I used to get my hay.
- Q. And the whiteman has trespassed on the ground where you are getting your hay?
- A. Yes, he is digging it up.
- Q. And it is not fenced?
- A. No.
- Q. How did the whiteman know that this was your land if it was not fenced?
- A. He could see where my rakes were and also my spades and my stack yards were.
- Q. Did you speak to this whiteman about this matter?
- A. No, I have never seen this whiteman.
- Q. Well, if the whiteman is building a house there, you surely ought to have seen him?
- A. This other man Johnnie Haynes told me that a whiteman was digging up the place.
- Q. Have you any horses or cattle?
- A. I have two horses, but no cattle.
- Q. We will enquire into this matter later. We will be able to find out all about it from Mr. Ogden when we arrive back at Victoria, and we will be able to find out from the Provincial Government whether this man has filed anything. What is the name of the whiteman who has come on your land?
- A. I don't know.

ISIDORE FRANK, an Indian, puts in the following application for land and makes a statement under oath:

"I am always short of hay in winter season, and wish you would help me out a little. I have a meadow up the mountain about eight miles from here which I always cut every year. I will be satisfied to have that piece of land.

Yours truly",

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Where is the land that you want?

A. Up the hill about eight miles south of here.

Q. How long have you cut the hay on this meadow?

A. Quite a while ago.

Q. How many years?

A. Ten years.

Q. How old are you?

A. Twenty one.

Q. And you began cutting the hay there when you were eleven years old?

A. No, my father used to cut it, but is now dead.

Q. What was your father's name?

A. Frank.

Q. And your father cut hay off that meadow for ten years?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL to INDIAN AGENT AGDEN: Do you know this place that he is speaking about?

A. No, I can't say that I do.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL to WITNESS: You let Mr. Ogden know exactly where this place is, and he will report it to us.

Q. Is anyone interfering with you just now?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: When did your father die?

A. Last August.

Q. And are you the only son?

A. I have a little brother.

A. And how many sisters?

A. Four sisters and my mother.

Q. And you are the chief support of the family?

A. Yes.

Q. And when your father was alive you cut hay with him?

A. Yes.

Q. How many cattle have you got?

A. Ten or twelve.

Q. Any horses?

- A. Twenty head.
- Q. Where do you live?
- A. Here.
- Q. Where is your barn?
- A. Over here?
- Q. And you cut the hay and bring it here to winter your cattle?
- A. Yes, sometimes.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Where are your cattle now?
- A. Up there on this meadow.
- Q. Have you any fences around this place where they hay is?
- A. No, we have no fences, but we have stack yards.
- Q. Have you a house there?
- A. No, we live in tents when we are there.

BILLY DECHER, an Indian, makes a statement under oath:

- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: What is it you want?
- INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: He has a house and a stable out here about twenty miles away where he has been living for about thirteen years.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL to witness: In which direction is it?
- A. Twenty miles south from Reserve No. 1.
- Q. And you have a house there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is it on any creek or river?
- A. It is on Decker Creek.
- Q. On which side of the Creek?
- A. On both sides of the creek.
- q. Do you live there or do you live on the Reserve?
- A. I am living here, but I am short and hay and I would like to get this piece of land.
- Q. Have you any cattle?
- A. No.
- Q. What do you use the hay for?
- A. For the horses.

Q. How many have you?

A. 10 head.

Q. Do you have to feed them long during the winter?

A. Yes,

Q. How long?

A. Four or five months.

Q. Can't you get any hay on this Reserve here?

a. I get about two tons off this Reserve for myself.

Q. And about how much do the other Indians get ?

A. They all get a little.

Q. How many tons do you get at this place at Decker Creek?

A. Ten or Twelve tons.

TO INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: Do you know this piece of land?

A. I have never been there. They made an application for it some time ago, and I forwarded a copy of the application to both Ottawa and Victoria. I received an acknowledgement from Ottawa, but I never received an acknowledgement from the Provincial Government.

MR. McNEILL, Proprietor of the 105 Mile House, value the Reserves of this Tribe at \$100,000.00.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Meeting with the Canoe Creek (Shuswap) Band or Tribe of Indians
at Canoe Creek Indian Reserve, on Friday, July 17th, 1914...

THE CHAIRMAN addressed the assembled Indians as to the scope,
and purpose of the Commission and,

SIMON PHILLIPINE was sworn to act as the Interpreter.

CHIEF CAMILLE addressed the Commission as follows:

We are very hard up on this Reserve - we have hardly
enough to support ourselves on - we have not got enough
land or water for our needs - This is all the land they
cultivate on this Reserve, and these are all the people
here who have to live on it.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN TO THE COMMISSIONERS: That hay land that we
passed does not belong to the Indians - It belongs to
the B.C. Cattle Company.

THE CHIEF, continuing: On No. 3 Reserve there is not enough land
to cultivate on account of the shortage of water, also
on account of the timber, mountains and the alkali. I
have very little more to say just at the present time -
I want you to go and examine the Reserves yourselves.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you anything else to say to us, or are there
any other of the Indians who wish to say anything?

THE CHIEF: All the land that is marked on the maps as Reserves
that you passed on the way here, it is worthless to us.
We cannot grow any hay on them; although we grow a little
on No. 2 Reserve, but the rest is worthless to us. All
that is grown for us to live on is grown on this Reserve.
On No. 3 Reserve there is some good land, but we have no
water, and therefore we cannot make any use of it. That
is all I have to say, but I want to let you know that we
are very hard up.

THE CHIEF is hereupon sworn to give evidence.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you know Reserve No. 1 - the
one we are on now?

A. Yes.

Q. How many Indians are there belonging to this Tribe?

A. 123 altogether.

- Q. Do they all live on this Reserve, or do some live on some of the other Reserves?
- A. They all live on this Reserve - It is only when we have some work to do on the other Reserves that we go there to live.
- Q. How much of this Reserve do they cultivate?
- A. I don't know the meaning of an acre.
- Q. Well what proportion, would it be $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{1}{4}$ or what proportion do you think is cultivated?
- A. The lower part is cultivated, but the other part we cannot cultivate because there is no water.
- Q. How about dry farming - The Dominion Government has established an Experimental Farm near the 105 Mile House where they are instructing people how to dry farm - Now where do you get the water that you do use?
- A. We naturally claim the first right to the water.
- Q. And do the Indians get all that there is?
- A. We haven't get even enough water for the land that we cultivate.
- Q. Do they get all that there is?
- A. We cannot possibly have all that water, because the Ranch above uses it all - the B.C. Cattle Company's ranch uses it all, and we simply get what is left.
- Q. What do they grow on this land?
- A. Potatoes, turnips, carrots and very little grain.
- Q. Have they any cattle?
- A. We have a few head of cattle here that we can raise.
- Q. How many cattle have you?
- A. About fifteen head altogether.
- Q. How many horses have they got?
- A. We all have a few head but we cannot say exactly how many we have. We have about fifty head -- that would be cover the whole band.
- Q. Have they good soil here?
- A. The upper portion is rocky. There is a part that is very good land, on the bench, but we have no water for it.

- Q. Now, No. 2 Reserve of 4440 acres? You say you grow a little hay on No. 2 -- now what else do you grow?
- A. You passed through the Reserve and you have seen what there was on it -- we cut a little swamp hay there.
- MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: Do you know that wire fencing on the road coming to this reserve - what kind of land is that and whose land is it?
- A. It belongs to the Indians.
- Q. Who built the fence?
- A. We did it ourselves.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: When you are coming along the road there was a wire fence and a wooden fence just across the road from the wire fence. Is that your land?
- A. Yes; we cut the hay up there.
- Q. Have they cut any hay this year?
- A. No; because it is too early to cut swamp hay.
- Q. (By Mr. Commissioner McKenna): And the wire fence which encloses the land runs up the mountainside does it not?
- A. Yes; that is where we run our stock.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: How much hay do they cut on that reserve?
- A. We cannot cut fifteen tons of hay there.
- Q. Well I notice that the B.C. Cattle Co. cuts a lot of hay just above it?
- A. Part of this reserve is so boggy that the hay that is cut is nearly all bobtail (foxtail) hay. Most of it is worthless.
- Q. Is that the only use they make of No. 2 Reserve?
- A. That is all. The part that is enclosed with the wire fence that is for our stock.
- Q. And does anyone live there?
- A. No one lives up there permanently.
- Q. Does not Crazy Johnnie live there.
- A. Yes, he lives there.
- Q. What is the soil like on that Reserve?
- A. There is some good land there but we cannot get any water for it.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: They have 100 inches of water recorded on Canoe Creek?

A. But that goes through the lower part of the Reserve.

Q. So that you have practically no water at all on that reserve now?

A. No.

COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: And in order to get the water on to that reserve you would have to bring the water up?

A. Yes.

Q. Where the wire fence is, where you say you run your cattle, doesn't it rise up towards the top of the mountain?

A. Yes; it just rises right up.

COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Does the west part run up to the mountain?

A. Yes; it rises up to the top of the mountain.

Q. The control and eastern parts do not go up to the top of the mountain do they?

a. No.

Q. Does the mountain slope right down to the road?

A. Yes; it slopes down to the road.

Q. As we came along through the reserve we found upon the right a wire fence and you say that the mountain slopes down to that road?

A. Yes.

Q. Does the line run on top of the hill?

A. Yes; it runs on to the mountain on the west side and on the southeast side.

Q. Now then we will come to No. 3 Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. What do they use that reserve for?

A. On the best part of that reserve they grow a little wheat and a little oats and hay.

Q. Does anyone live there permanently?

A. Three families live there permanently.

Q. How many houses are there?

A. Four and they live in these four houses.

- Q. Have any of the other Indians tried to cultivate any land on this No. 3 Reserve?
- A. The people who live there try to cultivate it and some go from here and put in a little crop.
- Q. What proportion of that reserve is under crops?
- A. Only a very small portion is under crop.
- Q. Do they run any cattle there?
- A. Yes; some of the cattle that belong to these people are run there.
- Q. Won't that reserve carry a larger number of cattle than 15 head?
- A. How can they raise cattle when we cannot raise enough to feed them on? There is nothing to grow there, to winter them on.
- Q. Is No. 3 Reserve of any use to them at all?
- A. We have to have that reserve to live.
- Q. They are only using a small piece. How can they live off the rest that they are not using.?
- A. They use what timber is there.
- Q. Is there much timber there?
- A. It is mostly all timber.
- Q. Is it pretty good timber?
- A. It is pretty fair timber.
- Q. Would it make good sawlogs?
- A. Some of it would make very good sawlogs.
- Q. About how much is under timber?
- THE INTERPRETER: I don't think it is necessary to ask that question because the witness would not know..
- Q. Would you say there is about half of that reserve covered with timber?
- A. I would say about one-quarter is timbered and the rest is rocks.
- Q. Have they ever asked to be allowed to cut the timber?
- A. No; no one has ever asked.
- Q. If they were allowed to cut the timber could they sell it?
- A. They use the timber for firewood and for building their houses.

- Q. 123 people could not use all that timber; how do they make a living out of it?
- A. They have to use that timber for firewood - they have to keep warm, and they have to use it for their buildings and fences.
- Q. Did they get the timber for making these houses from that Reserve?
- A. What they have here is not hauled from there.
- Q. Where did they get this timber that they built these houses with?
- A. Above this Reserve up here.
- Q. Do they use any water on that Reserve No. 3 that is under cultivation?
- A. When it rains much they irrigate, but part of the time the water is slack and they have no drinking water half of the time.
- Q. Is there any place on that Reserve that they could put a reservoir to hold the water if they had it?
- A. It is level ground and there is no place where they could put a reservoir.
- Q. Where do they get the water to irrigate the land?
- A. They have a ditch about eight miles long and there is a spring there and when it rains the water comes down this ditch. They had an old ditch that was five miles long and they extended it three miles further, and there are two springs where they get the water through the extension.
- Q. And do the springs only produce water when it rains?
- A. When it rains and gets moist, the water comes down the ditch, and when there is no rain there is no water.
- Q. Do they get plenty of water when it rains?
- A. They have enough to cultivate when it rains.
- Q. Suppose they had a bank to hold the water back, would they then not have enough water?
- A. There is no way of making a reservoir there; it is all mountains.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Does anyone else get water out of this ditch besides the Indians?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL Who built this ditch?

A. We built it ourselves.

Q. Do you know No. 4 Reserve?

A. That is some of the land that you passed through while coming up here.

Q. Well I am asking you if you know that reserve?

A. Yes; I know it.

Q. Is there much good land on this reserve No. 4?

A. They cut about one ton of hay; the rest in all sidehills and worthless.

Q. Well according to the map there is about 50 acres of hayland on that reserve and that ought to give you about 50 tons of hay -- that is if it was looked after properly.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Does the creek run through that reserve?

A. Yes; a little creek runs through it, but they can't use the water because it is on the sidehills.

Q. How much flat land is there on that reserve along the creek?

A. We've just got a small piece. The land is worthless outside of what we use and we cut along the creek to get the one ton of hay. I would rather you'd go up and look at it yourselves as it would be more satisfactory.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL: Do you know Fish Lake?

A. Yes.

Q. Does much water come down the creek from that lake?

A. That is where that company (The B.C. Cattle Co.) has their reservoir.

Q. Where do they take it to?

A. To this ranch here.

Q. What water do you get for No. 4? That is where you cut the one ton of hay?

A. They just cut swamp hay on that place; they don't use any water at all there.

- Q. *Is there water available there, on that reserve?*
- A. *All the water they have is on this creek, but the company has it all recorded.*
- Q. *Now do you know No. 5 Reserve on Fish Lake?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *Is it a good reserve?*
- A. *It would be good land if they had water for it.*
- Q. *Do they grow anything on it now?*
- A. *They put in stuff there and keep the fences up.*
- Q. *What do they put in?*
- A. *They grow a little oats which they cut for hay.*
- Q. *Does anyone live there?*
- A. *One family lives there permanently.*
- Q. *Now do you know No. 6 Reserve?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *What do they use this reserve for?*
- A. *They cut swamp hay there.*
- Q. *How much do they cut on this reserve?*
- A. *They cut about six tons of hay on that reserve. All that land would be good if it was not for the timber and rocks.*
- MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *Do they cut hay off the flat land?*
- A. *They cut hay off all the good land that is there.*
- Q. *Does anyone live there?*
- A. *One family lives there.*
- Q. *Have they a house there?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *And they live there all the time?*
- A. *He lives there just when cutting the hay; but he has a cabin there.*
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL: *Do they keep any cattle or horses there?*
- A. *They haul some of the hay down here for winter feed.*
- Q. *Have they any water record there?*
- A. *There is a little lake there that we dammed up ourselves which floods the meadow, but we have no water record there.*
- Q. *The little lake is on the Reserve?*
- A. *Yes.*

Q. Where do they range their horses?

A. When they are here they turn the horses out and they run loose along this creek.

Q. Do the Indians ever work out for the white people?

A. When they can get work they work but half the time they cannot get work.

Q. How do they get their living; they all look healthy?

A. We live on berries in the summertime.

THE CHAIRMAN: Don't they go to the Fraser river?

A. They go down to the river when the salmon are running but this company has a fence now right down there and we can't go there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL: You have the privilege of fishing for 7 miles along the river and you also have the right to fish in Green Lake?

A. In Green Lake, the fish don't bite; they are suckers.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any way of your getting to the Fraser except by crossing this company's ground?

A. That is the only way.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Is there no trail there at all now?

A. The old trail is there but it is fenced off.

Q. There is no public trail at all?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Have they any school here?

A. No.

Q. Where do the children go to school? you have been to school
(This is to the Interpreter).

INTERPRETER: My education has been paid for; I don't live on an Indian reserve.

Q. Do any of the children go to school?

A. Some go to the Industrial School up at Williams Lake.

Q. Do all the children of school age go to school?

A. They could put more children to that school but they claim the priest is too severe with the children.

Q. In what way?

- A. Well, one of the boys who has been to that school will tell you what they used to do with the children there.
- Q. What is his name?
- A. Basil Simon.
- Q. Have you a missionary here Chief?
- A. The priest comes here about once a year.
- Q. Is that your church there outside?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And does it belong to the Indians?
- A. Yes; it is a private church.
- Q. And the missionary only comes here once a year?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Have they a doctor here?
- A. No.
- Q. Is there any hospital where they can send their sick to anywhere near here?
- A. They have no hospital here.
- Q. Does a doctor never visit them?
- A. No.
- Q. Is there any doctor they can go to see thwn they are ill?
- A. They could go to see a doctory when they have money but when they have no money how can they go to see a doctor?
- Q. Would they like to have a doctor visit them occasionally?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Would they like to have a school established here?
- A. I cannot give you a definite answer about the school; I want you square up the question about the lands first.
- Q. Well I might say it will take about two years to straighten up that question and you might as well tell us about the school. The reason why we cannot give you an answer about the land question is because the Commission has to go all over the Province and it will take about that time before we are able to make our report to the Government.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Have you any farming implements here? Such as ploughs, harrows, rakes, etc.

A. I have a plough and when I am through with it, some of the others get it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Has the Department never given you any farming implements?

A. I don't know; I have only been chief a little while.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL: Have you any other occupations, other than working on the reserves and fishing?

A. That is all; they get their living by it. They hire out and work for then farmers when they can get work. Outside of that they live on these reserves and live on what they can cultivate.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Before this trail to the river was cut off did the Indians get a large supply of fish from the river?

A. Before it was cut off they used to go down and dry a lot of salmon for their winter use.

Q. And that formed their chief means of sustenance?

A. Yes.

Q. How long ago is it since that trail to the Fraser river has been cut off?

A. Just this spring.

Q. So they have not been able to get there this spring and they have not been able to put up any salmon for this winter?

A. When they go down to fish they go on horseback and they turn the horses loose and whenever the men who work for the company see the horses they turn them out and we have no place for the horses when we are down there fishing.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you know of any place that is vacant that you could put your horses in?

A. It is fenced all along the river so that we cannot get to it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: What time of the year do they usually go to the river to catch the salmon?

A. Just about this time of the year.

Q. And they cannot get down there this year at all?

A. It is fenced all the way down and we cannot go down at all.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Could they not get to the river by going

five or six miles further down?

A. It is fenced all the way down on both sides.

BASIL SIMON is sworn to give evidence.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: The Chief said here a few minutes ago that you were very badly treated at the School?

A. They treated me badly when I was there. They locked me up in a little room all day and never gave me anything to eat and sometimes for two days.

Q. Had you done anything wrong?

A. I thought that I had always been straight.

Q. Did the priest tell you that this treatment that you receive was a punishment for something you had done?

A. No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Were you locked up very often?

A. Yes; sometimes for two days without anything to eat.

Q. How many times were you locked up?

A. Four times and I was never told for what reason.

Q. How long were you at school?

A. The first time they locked me up for one day and the next time for two days.

Q. But how long were you at the School?

A. Seven years there and I did not have much schooling.

Q. What did you do during the seven years you were there?

A. I was working like a slave.

Q. Doing what?

A. Sawing wood and out on the farm cutting hay.

Q. Who is the principal of the school?

A. Fr. Le Jacques.

Q. Have you anything also to complain of about the School?

A. I never went much to the school except to go out and work and I did not have enough to eat.

Q. Can you read and write?

A. I can read and write a little.

Q. How many boys - how many others - were locked up besides you?

- A. I don't know how many other boys were locked up.
- Q. At the time you were locked up were other boys locked up with you in the same room?
- A. Yes.
- MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: Did you every run away from the School?
- A. No.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You don't know what you did wrong when they locked you up?
- A. No.
- Q. Had you ever done anything wrong?
- A. I don't remember doing anything wrong.
- Q. The night before they locked you up what were you doing?
- A. Out working.
- THE CHAIRMAN: We will inquire into this matter.
- FRANCIS MAKES A STATEMENT UNDER OATH.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWELL: What have you got to say, Francis?
- A. My father had a piece of crown-granted land and when he died it naturally went back to the Government, and I understand there was a will made in my favour from my father. My father was Copper Johnnie.
- Q. And do you know the name of the piece that was crown granted?
- [A.] That is the number of the lot?
- [Q.] No. I have lost the crown grant and the will.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Did you ever see the crown grant?
- A. No.
- Q. Did you ever see the will?
- A. No.
- Q. Well, then, how did you know there was a will made out in your favour?
- A. My father told me about the crown grant and the will.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Have you any brothers or sisters?
- A. One sister.
- Q. Is she married?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What is her name?

A. Susan.

Q. Is your mother alive?

A. No.

Q. Are you married yourself?

A. I am a widower.

Q. Have you any children?

A. Yes; I have one child.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did your father live on this land?

A. He lived there before he died.

Q. And do you live on it now?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any fence on it?

A. It was fenced up; there is a cabin and a stable on it, and part is cultivated. It is land on which I cut wild hay.

Q. Does anyone occupy that particular piece of land now?

A. There is a party wants to buy that land and the party that wants to buy it gets the hay on it.

Q. What is the party's name?

A. Charlie Monier.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has he offered you any money for it?

A. This party told me if at any time I could produce the crown grant he would pay me \$1300 for it.

Q. Does he pay you for the hay he cuts there?

A. I had a stack of hay on it and he gave me some money for the hay.

THE CHAIRMAN: If you have anything like this you ought to go to the Indian Agent and tell, him what your trouble is and it is his duty to write to the proper authorities regarding it.

NOTE: Referred to Agent Ogden for report.

MR. HANNON valued these Reserves at \$12.00 per acre.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Meeting with the Shuswap (Dog Creek) Band or Tribe of Indians on Dog Creek Indian Reserve, on Saturday, July 18th, 1914.

SIMON PHILLIPINE is duly sworn to act as Interpreter, and THE CHAIRMAN addresses the assembled Indians as to the scope and purpose of the Commission.

EDWARD addresses the Commission as follows:

We are satisfied with what we have got, and that is all I have to say.

HE (EDWARD) is hereupon sworn to give evidence.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: You are the representative man of this Tribe?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have power to speak for the Indians here?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do you make of this Reserve?

A. We raise our vegetables, grow hay and grain here.

Q. How much of this Reserve have the Indians in hay?

A. All that is under cultivation you saw when coming along the road.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL to INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: How much would there be - would there be 50 or 100 acres under cultivation?

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: I should say about 15 acres more or less.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL to the WITNESS: What do the Indians do with the rest of the land - what do they use it for?

A. We range our horses on the rest of the Reserve that we don't cultivate.

Q. How many horses have they?

A. They use about eight head of horses to range when they are here.

Q. Have they any cattle?

A. No.

Q. What do they use the horses for?

A. They use them to work the ranch with (Placo's ranch) and they use them for saddle horses.

Q. Do they use them for pack horses?

- A. When they move anywhere they use these horses.
- Q. They don't hire them out?
- A. No.
- Q. How do the Indians make their living?
- A. They hunt, catch salmon and cultivate this land here that is under cultivation; and they get their living from that.
- Q. Do they work out for the neighbours around here?
- A. Whenever they get a job they go to work, and when they can't get work they stay at home.
- Q. Do they get much work?
- A. No, they don't get very much work.
- Q. Now you said that they lived on the salmon - where do they get the salmon?
- A. They go down to the Fraser River.
- Q. Have they caught any fish this year yet?
- A. No, they have not been down to fish yet.
- Q. But they are going, are they?
- A. I cannot tell you for sure, no one has got any yet.
- Q. Did any go last year?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And no one tried to stop them?
- A. No.
- Q. The Indians have the right to fish for several miles on the Fraser River. How many Indians are there in this Band?
- A. Twenty-six.
- Q. And how many houses have they?
- A. Four.
- Q. Are you just referring to this Reserve, or to the whole Band?
- A. Just to this Reserve.
- Q. Do any of the children go to school?
- A. No.
- Q. Would they like to have a school to send their children to?
- A. At which place?
- Q. At Williams Lake?
- A. All the children we have we don't care about sending them

to school because that is all the help we have.

Q. The other people, would they care to send their children to school?

A. No.

Q. Did they ever send any children to school?

A. No.

Q. Does a missionary ever visit the Indians?

A. He comes here occasionally.

Q. How often?

A. About once a year.

Q. Does a Doctor ever come to see the Indians?

A. No.

Q. What do they do when they are sick?

A. They don't do anything. If they don't get well they die.

Q. Why don't they go and see a Doctor?

A. We never can find money enough to go to see a Doctor with, and that is the reason we don't go.

Q. Would they like to have a Doctor appointed by the Government to come and visit them occasionally?

A. Yes, we would like very much to have a Doctor visit us occasionally.

Q. What proportion of this Reserve is level land, and what proportion is hilly?

A. All that is under cultivation is flat, and a little along the road.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the greater proportion of the Reserve mountain or hilly?

A. You passed by and you saw it coming along the road.

Q. Well, we want to hear what you have to say about it?

A. The most level part of this Reserve is the part we cultivate on the right hand side of the road.

Q. Is the part on the left hand side mountainous, or could it be used if you had water?

A. It is rocky, and we could not cultivate it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Have they plenty of water for the part

that is under cultivation?

A. Sometimes we have plenty of water, and sometimes when Mr. Place uses all the water our crops suffer for want of water.

Q. Well you have fifty inches of water on Dog Creek, and that ought to irrigate fifty acres, which is about three times the amount you are using?

A. Every bit of good land is under cultivation now.

Q. Well you ought never to suffer for want of water because you have plenty - that is you have the right to take plenty.

Now Have you a map of the Reserves?

A. I don't know.

Q. Now No. 2 Reserve on Dog Creek - it is about 3 or 4 miles from this Reserve and contains 540 acres - do you know that Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they use that Reserve at all?

A. They cut a little bit of wild hay up there.

Q. What do they use the rest of the reserve for - It is quite a large reserve?

A. They use it for their horses to pasture on.

Q. They pasture them there as well as here?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they make any other use of this Reserve?

A. No.

Q. What is the soil on No. 2 Reserve like?

A. There is some very good land there but we cannot get any water on it because the Creek is lower than the land.

Q. About what proportion of it would be very good land - would it be 1/2, or what would it be?

A. I don't know what proportion would be very good land because the land is good along the Creek and the other land is not good.

Q. How far back from the Creek is it good on each side of the Creek?

A. The Creek runs through about the centre of it.

- Q. *How far on each side of the Creek is the land good?*
- A. *There is some good land on the left hand side going up the Creek, and the balance is a side-hill with scrubby timber on it.*
- Q. *Then it is only good on one side?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *How wide would that strip be?*
- A. *About half as wide as the flat on this Reserve.*
- Q. *(To the Interpreter) How wide is it from the Creek up to the road here on this Reserve?*
- A. *It is not over 125 years.*
- Q. *(To the Witness) Is there any timber on Reserve No. 2?*
- A. *No, it is willow bottom.*
- Q. *Well according to this map, on the right hand side going up the Creek there is timber marked here?*
- A. *There is very little timber on that side of it.*
- Q. *Is there any timber on the other side?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *Are there any houses on that Reserve?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *And no one lives there?*
- A. *No one lives there only when they are cutting the hay.*
- Q. *There is a little Reserve where the graveyard is - I suppose they just use that as a graveyard?*
- A. *I don't know anything about that graveyard.*
- Q. *Do you know No. 4 Reserve on the Fraser River?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *What do they use that Reserve for?*
- A. *They graze their horses there when they are catching salmon.*
- Q. *Do they use this Reserve No. 4 for anything else?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *What is the land like there?*
- A. *The land is very poor - it is very rocky, and if it was good we couldn't get any water to it.*
- Q. *Well according to the map there are two creeks running*

practically right through it and running into the Fraser River. Do you know those Creeks?

A. The only water that is there is from this Creek, Dog Creek - the others are only just small springs.

Q. Have they and saddle horses on No. 4 Reserve - the 8 horses you mentioned first is that all that there is in the Band?

A. Yes, that is for everyone.

Q. Do the Canoe Creek Indians ever come over to this side of the hill?

A. Yes, they often come here.

Q. Do they go fishing when they are down at this Reserve?

A. No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you raise any horses?

A. No.

Q. Then you buy your horses do you?

A. Most of the horses have been caught from these wild horses that are running in the mountains.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Is there any timber on No. 4 Reserve?

A. No.

Q. Where do they get their firewood from?

A. When they are down fishing they use the small brush that grows along the Creek.

Q. What firewood do they use here - where do they get it from on this Reserve No. 1?

A. Across the Creek on the mountain side.

Q. Have you had any letter from Mr. Tate lately?

A. No - there is no Chief here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you sold any horses lately?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: Did they ever have more than eight horses in the Band; say during the last two years?

A. I don't know whether we have sold any horses - I am not the Chief here.

Q. Are you sure there are not more than eight horses here?

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- A. *We run short of water in the lower ditch.*
- Q. *When the water is flowing from your ditch into Mr. Place's place, can't you divert all the water you require as it passes into Mr. Place's ditch?*
- A. *We hate to bother Mr. Place about the water.*
- Q. *And when Mr. Place wants the water the Indians allow him to take the whole flow?*
- A. *Yes, that is it.*
- Q. *Mr. Place has another ditch, has he not?*
- A. *Yes - he has lots.*
- Q. *(To Indian Agent Ogden) Were the Indians paid anything by Mr. Place for connecting his ditch to the ditch of the Indians?*
- A. *I don't know anything about it - that ditch was built a long time ago.*
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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Meeting with the Shuswap Band or Tribe of Indians at Alkali Lake Indian Reserve, on Monday July 10th, 1914.

SIMON PHILLIPINE acts as Interpreter, and the CHAIRMAN addresses the assembled Indians as to the scope and purpose of the Commission.

CHIEF SAMSON addresses the Commission as follows:

I am very glad you have come to see us. I have been expecting and wishing for such people as you to come and visit us long before now. Now that you are here, the Indians are all here, and all they cultivate here is in sight. All we wish for is to be let alone, because we are all very well contented.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is good. We are very glad to hear that.

THE CHIEF: We have not sufficient water for our needs - we have not got sufficient land for farming, and we want more land. That is all I have to say now. There are parcels of Government land such as small little meadows that they cut their hay off, and we would like to retain these small pieces.

THE CHIEF IS HEREUPON SWORN TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You are the Chief of the Shuswap Tribe, Alkali Lake Nation?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the population of the Tribe?

A. 210.

Q. And do they all live here on this Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. What is their chief means of support?

A. They grow a few potatoes on the Reserve - they hunt and catch salmon in the river and fish; but they grow very few potatoes on the Reserve.

Q. How many head of cattle have they?

A. About 100 head for the whole community.

Q. How many head of horses?

A. About 350 head.

- Q. On this Reserve you just raise a few potatoes?
- A. There is a little grain, oats and wheat - You saw it when coming up here.
- Q. Don't you grow any other vegetables besides potatoes?
- A. They have very small gardens of other vegetables. They have no water on this Reserve.
- Q. That water that goes by here do they use that water?
- A. Yes, they use that water. This year we have had plenty of water, but we have had disputes about the water.
- Q. Have you any water record here at all?
- A. According to Judge O'Reilly there is, but we don't know where it is.
- Q. Have the Indians a ditch here of their own?
- A. We have a ditch which has been built ever since the Indians have been here.
- Q. The Indians built that ditch themselves?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Could you grow more if you had more water - that is, do you make use of all the water you have - If you had more water, could you grow more than what you are now growing?
- A. If we had more water we could not put more in because that is all the cultivable land we have.
- Q. Suppose you had more water, could you cultivate more land on this Reserve?
- A. This is all the land we have here, and we cultivate all there is.
- Q. In your opening remarks you complained about sufficient water?
- A. We are always short of water.
- Q. That is some of your crops fail through insufficient water?
- A. Yes.
- Q. But they try to grow all over the cultivable area, do they?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many acres are there in this cultivable flat here?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. What proportion of this Reserve

is composed of flat cultivable land - is it 1/3rd, 1/4th,
or
what proportion?

A. I can form no idea - you can see all there is from here.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: There is about 50 acres cultivated.

Q. to the Witness: Where do your cattle graze?

A. Out here on the range.

Q. On the open range?

A. Yes, on the open range around the mountains.

Q. That is outside the Reserve?

A. They run on the outside ranges here.

Q. And the horses also, I suppose?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they get plenty of hay for winter feeding their
stock?

A. No.

Q. Now No. 2 Reserve, do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do you make of that Reserve - you have 800
acres there?

A. We use it to range some of our stock on.

Q. Do they grow anything there?

A. They have tried to grow stuff there, but there is no
water.

Q. Don't they cut any hay there?

A. No, when it rains they are able to grow a little hay,
but when it is dry they cannot grow anything.

Q. Could water be put on that Reserve?

A. No; they don't know of any place where they can get
water - there is no water to be got.

Q. What do you call that Reserve?

A. We have an Indian name for it - it is called Siskun-
entwa.

Q. Now No. 5 Reserve, do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do they make of that Reserve?

A. They cut swamp hay there.

Q. No water there either is there?

A. We have a dam at the lower end and we flow the water back of it to make the swamp hay grow.

Q. That is Alkali Lake Creek?

A. Yes.

Q. I suppose if they put a large dam there they could get more water for this Reserve to, could they not?

A. If they put water back on that that would kill the wild hay they grow there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Which would they rather have - the wild hay down there or more water on this Reserve?

A. We would rather have the swamp hay. If we had more water here we would be better off, but we would rather have the swamp hay.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Does the whole of the flat there consist of swamp hay?

A. They don't cut only about 1/4 of it. The rest is a kind of a bottom with timber on it. The timber consists of small pines and stuff like that.

Q. What proportion of the REserve is bottom land - is it 1/2, 1/3 or 1/4?

A. I cannot form any idea.

Q. Is it mostly mountain side?

A. There is a small knoll there.

Q. And the rest is flat, is it?

NO ANSWER.

Q. If the timber was cleared off, would the land that would be cleared also grow hay?

A. No, it is very poor ground - it is rocky.

Q. So that they are making use of all the land there that is fit to grow hay on. Is that right?

A. Yes, they are using all the land that is fit for growing.

Q. No No. 4 Reserve, what is the name of that Reserve?

A. Long Johnnie.

- Q. What use do you make of that Reserve?
- A. They grow hay on that and they have ploughed it up, but we cannot grow anything on it.
- Q. Any water on that Reserve?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Plenty of water?
- A. This Creek runs through it.
- Q. Have they a ditch there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the land that they ploughed would not grow anything even when it had water put on it?
- A. They have timothy hay there now. It is too high up, and when they try to grow grain it freezed in the fall. They are liable to have frost there at any time.
- Q. How much hay do you grow on that Reserve?
- A. They cut about 15 tons there - There are five that cut hay there.
- Q. Is that the full amount of hay available on that Reserve?
- A. That is all that is available.
- Q. Do you know the Alexton Reserve of 227 acres - Do you know that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What use do you make of that Reserve?
- A. They just cut hay there.
- Q. Is that Reserve mostly flat?
- A. Some of it is very flat and good land, and some is timbered and rocky.
- Q. About how much is good land?
- A. We don't cut of it - The rest of it is no good.
- Q. Less that of the land is good hay land?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many tons of hay do they cut on that Reserve?
- A. There might be ten tons or more.
- Q. Is this lake on the upper or lower part of the Reserve?
- A. It is on the other side of the Reserve - above the Reserve.
- Q. And do they get the water from that lake to irrigate the hay land?
- A. The water just runs through it and that is the lower end, and

that is the part they cut.

Q. Could you put the water on the other portions of the Reserve?

A. It is the same level as the lake, and the rest of the land is alkali bottom and it would not grow anything.

Q. So that you are getting all that the land produces now in the way of hay?

A. Yes, they are using all the good land there is on that Reserve.

Q. Now No. 6 Reserve, do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do you make of that Reserve?

A. In the winter time they range their horses down there.

Q. And their cattle too?

A. No, they don't use it for their cattle.

Q. How many horses run there in the winter?

A. We have taken 100 horses there, and there has not been one speck of grass left there in the spring.

Q. And I suppose there is no way of getting water on to that Reserve except by taking it from the Fraser River?

A. That is the only possible way. We have tried to get water down for that flat. I worked on it for two years; me and my men. Where we were getting the water it was a small lake but it went dry and Mr. Bell told us to let it alone. The lake ran dry when we were building the ditch.

Q. How high is the flat above the river?

A. I cannot form any idea how high it is.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: It must be seven or eight hundred feet.

Q. To the Witness: Now there is No. 7 Reserve, containing 14 acres. It is a graveyard - do you know that Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Has it any particular name?

A. The Indian name is Klckmahan.

Q. Do they use that as a graveyard still?

A. They catch fish there. It is a fishing station on Lac La Nasho.

Q. You also have the privilege of fishing in the Fraser river - do they catch fish there also?

A. Yes, they fish along the Fraser.

- Q. Where do they camp while they are fishing?
- A. Anywhere along the bank on this side of the river.
- Q. Do they go there with horses?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Their horse are allowed to range without interference while they are fishing?
- A. No one interferes with them.
- Q. And they fish off the banks of the river with nets?
- A. Yes, with dip-nets.
- Q. What kind of fish do you catch in Lac la Hache?
- A. They catch the small fish that comes in there to spawn. The Indian Agent knows the name of the fish.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: Trout.

- Q. To the Witness: Now No. 8 Reserve, do you know that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What use do they make of that Reserve?
- A. They cut a little hay up there.
- Q. What proportion of that Reserve is good hay land?
- A. They cut a very small portion of the land there.
- Q. What is the rest comprised of?
- A. Very good land on the side-hill, but there is no water to be got for it.
- Q. Where do they get the water to grow the hay?
- A. There are some springs there that moistens the ground enough so that they can cut hay there.
- Q. And there is no way in which they could get water up on the bench?
- A. No.
- Q. They can get no water on that slope?
- A. No.
- Q. How many tons of hay do they cut on that Reserve?
- A. When the hay is good they can cut about four tons.
- Q. But the average cut is about what?
- A. When the hay is very poor they never cut it.
- Q. Could a reservoir be made there to store the water from these springs and so increase the area of good land?

- A. Yes, if they had a dam there they could put in more.
- Q. How much more?
- A. They could put very little more.
- Q. But they would be sure of a crop every year?
- A. It would grow on good land, but lots of that land is alkali bottom.
- Q. So that even if you had a dam there you would not be able to bring much more land under hay, but you would be sure of a crop every year?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And the water could not be put on this slope unless it were raised?
- A. These springs are away down below the level of the ground, and there is no more available water for that side hill.
- Q. Now No. 9 Reserve, do you know that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What use do the Indians make of that?
- A. They cut hay up there.
- Q. Where do they get the water to irrigate the land?
- A. Springs come along there that kind of irrigates the bottom, and they grow swamp hay there.
- Q. Could the water be damned there and so increase the amount of hay?
- A. No.
- Q. So that there is natural irrigation for the land that would grow hay - is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many tons of hay do you grow there?
- A. They have cut about thirty tons of hay there.
- Q. Is the timber on that Reserve any good?
- A. It is just small black pine on it only fit for rails and firewood.
- Q. Now No. 10 Loon Lake - Do you know that Reserve?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What use do they make of that?
- A. They just cut swamp hay there.

Q. How is that irrigated?

A. There are just natural springs there that irrigates it.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut off of that?

A. They can cut about 10 tons of hay there.

Q. Now No. 11 Samson's Meadow, do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do you make of that?

A. Just cut hay there.

Q. How much hay do you cut there?

A. About 20 tons of hay.

Q. How is the land irrigated there?

A. This creek runs through it, and they dam it, and it floods the meadow.

Q. Is there any more land there fit to grow hay on?

A. No; we are using all the good land there is there.

Q. Did you ever try to grow anything else there?

A. No.

Q. Do you think you could grow anything else there?

A. There is no more good land there that they could grow anything on. They are using all the good land there is there for hay.

Q. Now, No. 12 Reserve. What name do you call that by?

A. The Indian name is Tacksqualt (meaning Red Rocks).

Q. What use do you make of that Reserve?

A. They cut hay there.

Q. How is it irrigated?

A. There is a creek runs through it, and it grows just good swamp hay; it is just natural irrigation.

Q. About how many tons of hay do they cut there?

A. They can cut about 15 tons of hay there.

Q. Could you cut more, If you had improved irrigation?

A. No. They are using all the good land that is there.

Q. What sort of land is the rest?

- A. It is rough rocky ground.
- Q. Now, No. 13 Reserve; do you know that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What name do they give that Reserve?
- A. The English meaning is "Muskrat House".
- Q. What use do they make of that?
- A. We cut hay on it.
- Q. How many tons of hay do they cut there?
- A. About 10 tons.
- Q. How is it irrigated?
- A. This creek runs through it, and they cut on the banks of the creek.
- Q. They could irrigate it, could they not?
- A. They damned it up; and flooded the meadow.
- Q. Could the irrigation be made so as to increase the hay area?
- A. They are using all the good land there is there; the rest is all rocks.
- Q. Is it steep banks?
- A. It is all bottom land, but it is very rocky.
- Q. Now No. 14, "Rover's Meadow" containing 50 acres; do you know that?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What use do you make of that?
- A. They just cut hay there.
- Q. About how many tons of hay do they cut there?
- A. About six tons of hay.
- Q. How is it irrigated there?
- A. Just a small swamp there, and a small creek runs through it which irrigates it naturally.
- Q. Is there any more land there upon which hay could be grown, if it was irrigated?
- A. No; it is just a small little place in the bottom.

Q. And the rest if what?

A. Just boulders and rocks.

Q. Now you said that you cut hay off certain meadows outside of the Reserves, on Government land?

A. Yes.

Q. How many of these places are there?

A. There are lots of places, and we are trying to figure out how many there are.

Q. Well, tell us the name of the first place - do you cut any hay off the Reserves?

A. No.

Q. On all the Reserves that I have mentioned, do any of the Indians live on any of these Reserves apart from living here?

A. They have small buildings on all these places that we use. They don't live there permanently, only when they go down there to work.

Q. What about schools; where do their children go to school?

A. To the school at Williams Lake.

Q. Do all the children of school age go to school?

A. No; they just take so many there; the priest just comes along, and takes so many - He does not take all that are able to go to school.

Q. What do the others do?

A. They go without education.

Q. So there are children here growing up without any education at all?

A. Yes; there are lots here who don't know how to read and write.

Q. And they would desire to have improved conditions made for the proper education of their children?

A. Yes.

Q. They are ready to send their children to school if the facilities for education are provided?

A. Yes.

- Q. And they are anxious to have it so?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Would their children attend a day-school here on this Reserve?
- A. Yes; our children could attend a day-school.
- Q. And you would see that your children attended regularly if you had a day-school here?
- A. Yes.
- Q. About how many children would they have who could attend the school?
- A. I don't know; there is quite a number.
- Q. Do they have any medical attendance here?
- A. No. I asked the 150 Mile House doctor last Winter to come here twice, and he would not come here at all.
- Q. Was the illness serious?
- A. Yes; it was very serious, and a good many died last winter.
- Q. What was the illness?
- A. I don't know the name, but it killed them off.
- Q. Do you know that the doctor was paid to attend the Indians on this Reserve?
- A. I did not know that.
- Q. Well, I understand from the Agent that the doctor was paid a certain amount from the Government every year to attend the Indians on this Reserve when any of them became ill?
- THE CHAIRMAN: Well, when anything of that kind occurs you should complain to the Indian Agent, as it is his duty to look after you when any of you become sick.
- MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: And there is no hospital that you can be taken to when you are ill?
- A. No.
- Q. I understand from the Indian Agent that a week ago he ordered the Doctor at the 150 Mile House to visit this Reserve to attend to a case of sickness. Did he come?
- a. Yes, he came here. He came here and just walked around, and

went down below and camped there, and went off.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: Did he attend to the person who was sick?

A. He attended one. There was no one sick when he came here; all the sick ones were dead. The Doctor is too high-toned to do anything for the people who are sick. They asked the other Indian Agent, Mr. Bell for a doctor, and he told them that if they had money they could have a doctor, and if they did not have money, we could not have a doctor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, we will hear the men who have been cutting hay on Crown land.

J I M M I E D E C K E R is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Can you show me on the map where you have been cutting hay?

A. The land upon which I have been cutting hay comprises 7 or 8 acres, and is traversed by Alkali Lake Creek at a point approximately 5 miles east of the Reserve, known as "Samson's meadow", No. 11.

Q. How many acres do you want there?

A. I would like to get two miles square there.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut there?

A. I have been cutting about 8 tons of hay there.

Q. How long have you been using that?

A. I have been cutting it for seven years.

Q. You only want this land for cutting hay, or do you want it for any other reason?

A. I would like to have it for the hay and pasture.

Q. Can you show Mr. Ogden later on where this piece of land is, so that when he comes to Victoria he will be able to tell us all about it?

A. Yes, I will show him any time.

Q. Have you any buildings on this land?

A. Yes, I have a cabin and a stable on it, and some of.
it is fenced.

Q. Could you increase the amount of hay by irrigating the land?

A. I dam it up and make the hay grow up there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you got any bushes or trees on it, or have
you made any improvements there?

A. I have cleared off about two acres and the brush is all piled
up there yet, and ready to burn.

T O M M I E J O H N S O N is hereupon sworn to give
evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Now, what do you want?

A. I want my meadow.

Q. Where is it?

A. Just the same place as the other man wants, Jimmie Decker's,
about 500 yards away from there.

Q. Up the creek?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you show that to Mr. Ogden, so that when he comes to
Victoria he will know where it is?

A. Yes.

Q. How much land do you want there?

A. One square mile.

Q. About how much hay do you cut there?

A. I cut about 10 tons.

Q. And what do you want the rest of the land for?

A. For pasturage.

Q. When would you use it for pasture - what time of the year
would you use it?

A. In the summer, and in the winter.

Q. What have you to pasture on it?

A. Horses.

Q. How many horses?

A. I have about 20.

Q. Have you any improvements on it?

A. I got a house, and a barn, and a little fenced.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you irrigate the land at all?

A. Yes, I dam the creek, and back the water up and grow the hay.

Q. How long have you been using it?

A. This is the eighth year.

Q. Do you live in the house?

A. Yes; in the Wintertime, and when I cut hay.

Q. Do you raise any vegetables there?

A. No, I could not.

Q. Have you cleared any of the land there?

A. Yes, I cleared about 2 or 3 acres.

Q. And you have been there how long?

A. This is the eighth year.

Q. You have been at the Industrial School?

A. Yes.

Q. And you can read and write?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: When you say you live there in the Winter time, do you mean that you live there continuously throughout the winter?

A. No, I go up and live there for a week and come back. I live there most of the time, and part of the time I live here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you married?

A. No. I have been paying taxes on that piece of land.
(Producing tax receipts).

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Mr. Johnson pays these taxes
for you?

A. Yes.

Q. How do you hold this land?

A. I want to get a pre-emption.

Q. Was this land taken up by yourself, or by your father?

A. By my father, but he died two years ago, and he got that land.

Q. In that case, we may identify it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Did you father, or yourself, ever
make application to be allowed to pre-empt that land?

A. I could not say what the old man did, but I never made
any application.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: What acreage is there in this
piece of land that this receipt covers?

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: A quarter of a mile each way.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Your application was for more than
that?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you simply want to get this piece of land on which you
are paying taxes?

A. I want more.

NAPOLEON BULLEM is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you use land outside of the
Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is it?

A. In Johnson's pasture.

Q. It is not included in the ranch?

A. No, but it is inside.

Q. Did your father occupy this land before you?

A. My father used it before me.

Q. Is it a hay meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. And they cut the hay there every year?

A. Yes, every year.

Q. Did you ever apply to pre-empt this land?

A. I bought a piece of land, and it is outside of this land that I want; it adjoins this. I have a Crown grant for it.

Q. Why did you not buy the whole thing while you were at it?

A. I had no money.

Q. Have you the Crown Grant, or a receipt for taxes with you?

A. I have no tax receipts this year.

Q. But the year before you had?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the number of the lot?

A. I don't know the number.

Q. How much land have you in your Crown Grant?

A. 30 acres.

Q. How many acres is in this piece that you want?

A. Johnson leases me a piece of ground, and I want the whole piece.

Q. How many acres are there in the piece you want?

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Does Mr. Johnson know where your Crown Grant is?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't know the area of this piece you want?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How does it lie towards your Crown Grant?

A. It is on the lefthand corner of my Crown Grant.

Q. How many head of cattle have you got?

A. Two.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Johnson's place surrounds it?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How many horses have you got?

A. About 10 head.

Q. Do you require all the hay that you can cut off your Crown Grant and adjoining land to hinter two head of stock and 10 head of horses?

A. Some years I have plenty, and some years I have not. Some years, when it rains very hard, it is good, and some years it is very poor.

Q. Can the land be irrigated?

A. No.

Q. And I suppose the constant cutting of that hay would tend to wear it out, anyhow?

A. Yes.

Q. It requires a rest for seeding. About how many tons of hay do you cut off that land, that is, inside Mr. Johnson's pasture;

A. When it is a good crop, I cut about eight tons.

Q. Do you sell any hay in a good season?

A. No.

Q. Do you grow anything else except hay?

A. No, none at all.

A U G U S T M A R T I N is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You occupy land outside of the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Whereabouts?

A. Just below Long Johnny's reserve.

Q. Didn't you purchase land there?

A. I purchased some land there.

Q. How many acres did you purchase there?

A. 40 acres.

Q. Do you know the number of the lots?

A. I don't know.

- Q. Have you a receipt for the taxes?
- A. I have some papers, but I have not got them here.
- Q. Did you complete payments for the land you purchased?
- A. I paid \$1 an acre and got a receipt from the Government Agent.
- Q. Did you ever get a Crown Grant?
- A. No.
- Q. Why have you not got your Crown Grant? Did you apply for it?
- A. I have not spoken to the Indian Agent to find out why I have not got the Crown Grant.
- Q. Are you applying for land in addition to that which you have purchased?
- A. I just want the land that is fenced up.
- Q. Have you got more land fenced than you have purchased?
- A. Yes, the fence includes more land.
- Q. How much more land?
- A. About 50 acres more, adjoining the 40 acres I purchased.
- Q. And how does that additional land lie?
- A. It just runs around my purchase.
- Q. What do you use that land for?
- A. I ploughed on a piece of that, and I have Timothy growing on it.
- Q. How much have you got under Timothy?
- A. I got about a quarter of it.
- Q. What do you do with the other part?
- A. I use the rest for pasture.
- Q. How many head of cattle have you?
- A. I have no cattle.
- Q. What do you keep there?
- A. I cut the hay there and pasture the horses there.
- Q. How many horses do you pasture there?
- A. Two head.
- Q. 30 acres of Timothy hay is pretty good for two horses, is it not?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you mean a quarter of the whole area that you have fenced in? Do I understand you to say that you have a quarter of that whole area that is fenced in under Timothy hay?

A. NO ANSWER.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the hay that you cut on the 40 acres, or is it on the rest of it?

A. I cut hay on the piece that I have bought, and I cut hay on the piece that I want.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you sell any hay?

A. I sell a little.

Q. About how many tons do you sell in the year?

A. Not very much; a couple of loads a year.

CHARLIE SPAHAM is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you cut hay on land outside the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. The otherside of Loon Lake.

Q. Did you purchase land there?

A. No.

Q. Did your father occupy the land before you did?

A. No.

Q. You took it up yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. What use do you make of the land?

A. I cut hay there.

Q. How is the land irrigated there, or is it irrigated at all?

A. I use the snow water that floods the land.

Q. Have you a dam?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you grow there, after hay? How many tons of hay do you cut there?

A. About 10 tons.

Q. Have you any idea of the extent of the land?

A. I don't know.

Q. How much land do you desire to get there?

A. I want one mile square.

Q. How much hay land would you have in that one mile square that you have now?

A. It is a good meadow, and there is a lot of brush there that could be cleared.

Q. Is it as big as this flat that we are on now?

A. No.

Q. Is it about half as big as this flat?

A. About the size of where these buildings are.

Q. What does the rest of the land consist of?

A. There is timber on it - fir and black pine.

Q. Is the timber large?

A. No, it is small.

Q. What do you want that land for that is timbered?

A. For pasturage.

Q. Have you a house up there?

A. No.

Q. You camp there when you go to cut hay?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have you a stackyard, or a barn, there?

A. I have a stackyard there.

Q. Any fences?

A. No, just a stackyard.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How many head of cattle have you?

A. 10 head.

Q. Do you keep them up there all the time?

A. Yes.

Q. You range them up there?

A. Yes.

Q. How many horses have you?

A. 35.

Q. And where do they range?

A. They all range up in that direction.

THE CHAIRMAN: What do you do with your horses? Do you sell any at any time?

A. I sell one once in a while, and I use them to work.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: Where do you work?

A. I cut the hay with them.

Q. Do you work outside at all off your meadow?

A. I just use that for my own personal use.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You sell one once in a while?

A. Yes.

Q. But the market is very poor for your kind of horses, is it not?

A. Yes, it is very poor.

Q. They are all light horses?

A. Yes.

OLD DICK is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You occupy land outside of the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Whereabouts?

A. Near Jimmie Decker's.

Q. (To the Indian Agent Ogden): Can you get a description of that piece of land?

MR. OGDEN: Yes.

Q. (To Witness): How much land do you use up there?

- A. I don't know anything about acres.
- Q. How many tons of hay do you cut up there?
- A. About 5 tons.
- Q. How many cattle have you?
- A. I have no cattle.
- Q. How many horses?
- A. Five head of horses.
- Q. Is the land that you desire to secure, is it all hay land?
- A. The centre of it is good land, and the outside is rocks.
- Q. What do you want to use the rocky part for?
- A. The particular piece that I want is the meadow.
- Q. How do you irrigate the meadow?
- A. I never irrigate it; this creek runs through it.
- Q. And there is sufficient natural moisture to raise the 5 tons of hay that you cut - is that right?
- A. I dam it up, and irrigate this piece that I cut the 5 tons of hay off.
- Q. Could you irrigate any more of that meadow?
- A. No; that is all the land there is, that I irrigate.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any fences, or buildings, on it?
- A. It is about half fenced.
- Q. Any buildings on it?
- A. I have a house and a stable on it.
- Q. Do you live in the house?
- A. I go there in the winter times sometimes, and sometimes I live here.
- Q. Have you improved it in any way?
- A. I clear some of it when I have time.

J I M M I E S P A H A N is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you occupy land outside of the

Reserve?

A. I have no land on this Reserve, and I want some land some place, because I have a big family. The land that the other Indian (Old Dick) was speaking about at one time belonged to me; but it was taken away from me.

Q. Why did you not hold on to it?

A. The Indian Agent gave it to the other Indian.

THE CHAIRMAN: How long ago was that?

A. Four year ago.

The Chief here makes an explanation, as follows:

This piece of ground that he is talking about belongs to a son of Old Dick, and he died this year, and I did not know that it was the same parcel of land that he wanted, and I think that the son of Old Dick should have it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: (To Witness) And you have no land on this Reserve?

A. No.

Q. Can't you find some land on any of the Reserves that you own?

A. I would like to have the Chief give me a piece of land on the Reserves.

Q. Did you ever ask the Chief to allot you a piece of land on any Reserve?

A. No.

Q. (To the Chief): Could you not find some land for this man on any of these Reserves?

A. The Chief: No. Just about half the men have land on these Reserves.

Q. Then the men here are very short of land?

THE CHIEF: Yes.

Q. (To Witness): Have you any particular piece of land in view that you would like to get?

A. No; I cannot think of any. The only piece that I thought of was the piece that Old Dick cut hay on.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: I understand from the Chief that all the cultivable land on the Reserves is taken up, and this man has no land in view, and he would like us to get him a piece of land.

Q. (To Witness) What is the size of your family?

A. A wife and six children.

Q. How do you make a living now?

A. I work out for wages.

Q. Have you any cattle?

A. Four head of cattle.

Q. How many horses?

A. 20 head of horses.

Q. Where do you cut the hay for your stock now?

A. I cut hay wherever I can on the Government land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you know of any vacant piece of Government land that you can cut hay on?

A. No, I cut hay here and there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: We will have the Agent look into this matter, and we will do the best we can for you, with the information we can get.

D A V I D D A N is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you occupy any land outside of the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. Alongside of Tom Johnson's meadow.

Q. How much hay do you cut there?

A. I cannot tell very well, but about 6 tons.

Q. Do you grow anything else there?

A. That is all.

Q. How many head of cattle have you?

A. Six head.

Q. Have you a house up there?

A. No.

Q. Any fences, or stackyard?

A. I have a stackyard there.

Q. How long have you been cutting hay there?

A. Seven years.

B I L L Y C H E L C H E L is hereupon sworn to give
evidence :

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you occupy any land outside of
the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. Adjoining Tom Johnson's place.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut there?

A. About five tons.

Q. How many head of cattle have you?

A. No cattle.

Q. How many horses?

A. Over 10 head.

Q. How long have you been cutting hay there?

A. Two years.

Q. Any house there?

A. No.

Q. Any fence?

A. I have a fence.

Q. Have you the whole of the piece of land that you want fenced in?

A. No, I have not the whole of the piece that I want fenced in.

Q. How much more do you want?

A. It is a meadow, and I want the whole meadow.

Q. Why do you raise horses? Can you sell horses now?

A. Sometimes I can sell one, and whenever there is a sale, I sell one.

Q. What do you get for your horses now?

A. Sometimes I can get as much as \$10 for a horse.

Q. What are they - cayuses?

A. Yes.

Q. These men go on asking for additional land, and they get \$10 only occasionally; there is no sense in it at all.

S C O L T, is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you occupy any land outside of the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. It is not far from Tom Johnson's.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut there?

A. Judge Reilly gave me this place. It is not surveyed or anything. Reilly told me he would give me this place.

Q. Is it not recognized as a Reserve?

A. No; it is not on the map.

(Look up Minutes of Decision regarding this).

Q. Do you know the size of this piece of land?

A. About 100 acres.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut there?

A. About 6 tons.

Q. Do you raise anything else there?

A. No.

Q. Where do you get the water to irrigate it?

A. Snow water.

Q. Have you a dam there?

A. No, just small little floods, where it is naturally irrigated by snow water.

Q. Could not more land be cultivated if the water was conserved?

A. No.

Q. So that, you are getting hay on all the land that will grow hay now?

A. Yes.

Q. How many head of cattle have you?

A. One.

Q. How many horses?

A. About 15 head of horses.

Q. Are they cayuses?

A. Yes.

Q. Any buildings on this land?

A. No.

Q. Any fence?

A. No.

Q. Stackyards?

A. I have a stackyard there.

Q. What is the rest of this land good for?

A. For pasture.

L I T T L E D I C K, called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you occupy land outside the Reserve?

A. No, I have no land at all.

Q. You have no land on which to cut hay?

A. I cut hay outside the Reserve.

Q. Where do you cut the hay, off the Reserve?

A. I have no name for it; it is up in the mountain, about one Mile southwest of the last application.

Q. How long have you been cutting hay there?

A. A long time.

Q. How many tons do you cut there in a year?

A. About 10 tons.

Q. How do you irrigate the land?

A. With snow water.

Q. Do you dam it?

A. No.

Q. Just natural irrigation from the snow?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you raise more hay if you damned the water up?

A. If there was a dam there I could raise more hay.

Q. How many cattle have you got?

A. I sold them all; I have none now.

Q. When did you sell them?

A. Quite a while ago.

Q. Have you any horses?

A. I have 3 head of horses.

Q. Have you any buildings on this land?

A. I have an old cabin there.

Q. Any fence?

A. I have an old fence, too.

Q. Did you build the old cabin and the old fence?

A. They were buildt a long time ago by ourselves.

Q. So that, it has been in the occupation of Indians for a long time?

A. Yes.

Q. And by your family?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, I want to say to these Indians who have spoken of the land used by them outside of their Reserves that it would be difficult for us to identify the land they want to get from their descriptions of them. We will have the Indian Agent, Mr. Ogden, take from them as full a description as they can give. Mr. Ogden is coming to Victoria when the Commission gets back from its trip. We are going from here to the Stuart Lake Agency, and

Mr. Ogden will come here before he goes to Victoria, and will interview the different Indians, and will go about the district, for the purpose of identifying the lands, and will make such a description of them as will enable us to get a better idea of them to give the Provincial Government, if we think these Indians should have the parcels asked for. When you come to the Government to apply for land, you would make a much stronger case if you did not have so many cayuses, and these men, and the men who have hay land on the Reserve, should make a special effort to get together some cattle, keeping only enough of these ponies as they absolutely need; sell the rest, and buy cattle with the money adding to what they got from the sale of their cayuses by working for the white people.

Q. (To the Chief):

Are there a good many of the Indians of this band working for the white ranchers?

THE CHIEF: Everyone that gets work, they are out working.

Q. Do they get work readily?

A. No.

Q. That is, there is not sufficient work to give employment to all those who are willing to work?

A. That is the idea.

Q. About what proportion get work?

A. About half the men get work outside.

Q. For how long a period?

A. They often get from two weeks to a month's work when these white men are cutting hay.

Q. Do any of them work as cowboys on the ranches?

A. Yes.

Q. They don't get permanent work?

A. No, just extras, when the branding season is on, and the roundup.

THE CHIEF (to the Commission):

Outside of this Reserve, that is all we have. We want some timber land close to this Reserve.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: What do you want the timber for?

A. I spoke to the Indian Agent about enlarging the Reserve for timber.

Q. But what do you want the timber for?

A. It is not only for the timber, it is also for the pasture. We use the timber for firewood, and we want an additional enlargement of the Reserve.

Q. You need the timber for firewood, and for putting up your fences, I suppose?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you described the land to the Indian Agent?

A. Yes, I spoke to the Agent about it. That is all I have to say.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Meeting with the Chilcotin, or Too-sey Band or Tribe of Indians, on the Too-sey Reserve, On Tuesday, 21st July, 1914:

GEORGE MEYERS sworn to act as Interpreter: and
THE CHAIRMAN addresses the assembled Indians as to the
scope and purpose of the Commission:
CHIEF TOO-SEY addresses the Commission as follows:

I dont know much about these fellows down below,
what they have been doing, but I have been trying to get
my place into shape, but there was not enough people to
get it into shape.

THE CHAIRMAN: Q. What do you mean by the people "down below"?

THE CHIEF: I dont know what you fellows have been saying down
below, and I don't know what to say.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, the Chiefs on the other Reserves have attend-
ded, and they have told us all about their Reserves,
what kind of land it was, whether had enough or not;
how many cattle they had, and what they were doing
for a living, and whether they had any complaints
to make.

THE CHIEF: I have lots of young cattle coming up, and I am
afraid I would not have enough land later on if
settlers keep coming all around me.

The CHIEF is hereupon sworn to give Evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Q. You are the Chief of the Toosey band
of the Chilcotin Nation?

A. Yes.

Q, And how many people in the band - men, women and children?

A. There has been an awful lot of women and children, but this
all that is left.

- Q. *There has been a heavy death-rate recently, then -- is that correct?*
- A. *They have been dying off quite a bit for years, but it seems to have stopped now.*
- Q. *How many people are there in the band at present?*
- A. *I don't know; there is quite a few.*
- Q. *Is this place their place of abode?*
- A. *They lived down oh the creek, but they moved them up here--*
- Q. *I suppose you thought this was healthier, did you?*
- A. *Yes. When my father was the Chief, he lived down there, but when I became Chief, I moved up here.*
- Q. *How many head of cattle have they got?*
- A. *52 head.*
- Q. *Mostly young stock?*
- A. *Yes; all young.*
- Q. *Do they milk any cows?*
- A. *They are nearly all milk cows.*
- Q. *And they drink the milk?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *That is not usual among Indians in this country. Do they sell many cattle?*
- A. *They sell all the steers.*
- Q. *How old are they?*
- A. *They sell them as yearlings.*
- Q. *They don't sell them from three years up?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *What price do you get for yearlings?*
- A. *The last time we sold them for \$50 apiece.*
- Q. *How many did you sell then?*
- A. *We sold seven head the last time.*
- Q. *Have you any horses?*
- A. *Yes; we have lots of horses.*

- Q. About how many?
- A. About 250.
- Q. Are they ponies?
- A. Some are ponies, and some cayuses.
- Q. Have you any stallions?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are they native stallions?
- A. I have a Percheron of my own.
- Q. Has any other Indian got a stallion?
- A. Another one has a half-Percheron.
- Q. You are breeding up your horses, and getting heavier horses as you go along?
- A. Yes.
- Q. About how many heavy horses - that is, good freighting horses, have you?
- A. I have a colt out of this horse, but he is not old enough to work, yet.
- Q. Have they any heavy horses in the band now -- that is, good for freighting and farming?
- A. There are quite a few heavy horses.
- Q. Do they sell many horses?
- A. Some of them sell one head, and some of them two head.
- Q. How much do they get for a pony of the cayuse variety?
- A. Sometimes \$35, and sometimes \$40.
- Q. And they find a fairly good demand for these small horses?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How much do they get for the heavy horses?
- A. Some big horses sell for \$125, and sometimes \$115.
- Q. Where do they cut their hay?
- A. We have meadows of our own up along the creek.
- Q. Is it on this Reserve or the Reserve above Beacher's?
- A. There is another Reserve above Beacher's.

- Q. And that is where you cut your hay?
- A. That is where we cut most of our swamp hay.
- Q. Do you cut some hay on this Reserve here?
- A. Some put up some Timothy hay.
- Q. About how many tons of Timothy hay do they cut on this Reserve?
- A. They cut about 10 tons.
- Q. Have they a ditch here to irrigate the land?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Have they plenty of water?
- A. They have more water than this white man down at the creek has.
- Q. You mean, they have more recorded, do you?
- A. We made a ditch from MacKim Creek into this creek. If that creek runs out, it would go dry.
- Q. You mean, Riske Creek would go dry? The big supply comes from MacKim Creek?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So that, you have plenty of water?
- A. Yes; we have lots of water.
- Q. Do you irrigate all the land that can be irrigated with the water?
- A. We have lots of water.
- Q. Do you irrigate all the land that could be cultivated by irrigation?
- A. Whatever we can work, we have enough water for that,
- Q. Is there more land that could be worked, if you wanted to work it?
- A. We have some more land that could be worked up. I have been telling these fellows to work it, but I can't get them to start.
- Q. About how much land is there down there that could be used, but which is not used?
- A. Quite a bit of land right back here.
- Q. So that, they are using only a small part of it?

- A. Yes, only using a small part.
- Q. Do you use half of it?
- A. No; we use only a small proportion of it.
- Q. About how many acres of land is there that could be cultivated?
- A. I don't know what an acre is. There is quite a good bit of flat land there, though.
- Q. I suppose the rest of the Reserve is too high to get water up to?
- A. I could get water for this here.
- Q. But, apart from that?
- A. No; I could not get water for that; it is high range land.
- Q. Is it fairly good range land?
- A. Yes; very good range land, all of it.
- Q. And you could carry a good many more cattle, then?
- A. Yes, they could carry a little more cattle.
- Q. Has it not been well eaten down - the range land, I mean?
- A. There is no fence to it, and it is pretty well eaten down.
- Q. Is it used as an open range, I suppose?
- A. Yes.
- Q. It is practically an open range, and the neighbors' cattle and other cattle, range over it?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where do the cattle of these Indians range?
- A. Right around the Reserve. If a settler comes around and fences in all the range, there would not be enough range for our cattle.
- Q. In that case, your range would have to be fenced in in order to protect it?
- A. I would like to get a little more range, and the whole fenced in.
- Q. I understand you to say that so long as this remains an open range country you are all right?

- A. *I can get along so long as the land is open.*
- Q. *But when the land becomes fenced, you would not have enough?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *Is there any unoccupied land adjoining the Reserve?*
- A. *I don't know. I think it is Government land.*
- Q. *What side is it on? Have you a map of the Reserve?*
- A. *Yes (producing map).*
- Q. *Which side of the Reserve is the Government land situated?*
- A. *To the north-west of the Reserve. There is one good spring that would make good land, and I am afraid that some white man will come there, and locate there.*
- Q. *How far is it from the north-west corner of the Reserve to the spring?*
- A. *It is right near the corner.*
- Q. *Captain Frank's place is close to the northern boundary of the Reserve to the West, and you want the Reserve extended beyond where Captain Frank is located? Do you want the Reserve boundary extended that way? (After examining map): He wants the width between Lot 113 and the Reserve, approximately 20 chains in width, including a little lake. Is that correct?*
- A. *Yes.*
- Q. *And you want the western boundary extended to take in the spring?*
- A. *Yes; I desire to have the western boundary so as to take in the spring referred to. I think a width of 20 chains would take in the spring.*
- Q. *And you use this spring now?*
- A. *Yes, I have a garden there.*
- Q. *What do you grow in that garden?*
- A. *All kinds of vegetables.*
- Q. *How long have you been gardening there?*
- A. *For 3 years.*
- MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: *And no one has interfered with you?*
- A. *No.*
- Q. *Is it fenced in?*

Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Is that all you want in the way of additional land?

That is all I think we want.

If the Reserve was enlarged as you propose, would you have enough land there for your requirements, no matter what would happen in the way of settlers coming in?

There is quite a piece in the Reserve now, itself, and if I get what I am asking for now, I think it will be enough. I want to know if you will give me some more timber -- that is, for our food.

Have you any wood in the Reserve?

No.

Is there a little timber on the south-east corner?

Yes; a little.

And that is all that there is on the Reserve?

Yes.

So that they are not sufficiently provided for in the way of firewood?

No.

Where is firewood obtainable?

There is some timber on the other side of the stage road. On the main road there is some pretty good fire timber there, which I think is open.

How far is that away from the Reserve?

Abput 2 1/2 miles from here.

Does it adjoin the Reserve?

It is close to the northern boundary. We think there is a post near it.

Would a quarter of a mile take in that timber?

I don't know the line of the Reserve.

Where is the post?

The timber is quite a long way from the post.

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How far away is it from the boundary post?

About 1 1/2 or 1 1/4 miles away from the post, I don't know exactly

There is a bunch of timber. There is a stage road, and the timber lies to the other side of the stage road, and I want it

for firewood and for fencing purposes.

We will ask your Indian Agent, Mr. Ogden, to look into this

matter for you, so that when he comes down to Victoria he will

be able to tell us exactly where this timber is that you require. About how much do you want there?

About 4 square miles.

Is the land good for anything after the timber is taken off?

It may be all right for pasture after the timber is taken off.

Any water on it?

No.

And your object would be to keep it for rails and wood?

Yes.

Then you have this meadow Reserve on the other side of Beecher's.

You said you cut meadow hay on that Reserve. How many tons of

hay do you cut there?

About 80 tons of hay.

That is cut upon irrigated land?

Yes; there is lots of water there.

Have you a ditch there?

No; there is no ditch. There is a creek runs right in the middle of it.

Do you dam the creek and flood the meadow?

Yes.

And you cut hay on the whole of the meadow, I suppose?

Yes.

If you want to get more hay, instead of cutting that white

man's meadow adjoining No. 2 Reserve, coming down to this Re-

serve, and put more water on this place, and instead of growing 10 tons here, you could grow 10 times as much? Now, you

have No. 3 Reserve. That, I presume, is just a fishing station?

Yes.

And you go there every year to fish, when the salmon runs?

Yes; every year.

Does fish form an important part of their Winter food?

Yes; they dry what they can catch on the Chilcotin River.

How much do you put up?

We put up quite a bit for our food for the Winter.

Do the Indians here kill any cattle for their own use?

Yes.

Do you eat a fair supply of meat?

Yes.

*Now, you said you milked several cows here, and that there was
a good supply of milk here?*

Yes.

*And does the band, as a whole, have a fair supply of potatoes,
and vegetables?*

Yes; they all raise vegetables.

Do you sell any?

No; we dont sell any garden stuff much.

Do you hunt and trap here?

*We used to trap and hunt, some time' ago, but not now; they are
getting very scarce.*

And do the Indians hunt for deer?

*Some of the good hunters go out in the Fall, but they get very
little.*

*In the past, I suppose, they got plenty of game, but now you
are depending more on your cattle?*

Yes, we depend on the cattle, and what we raise.

Do the Indians here do any freighting?

We used to, but now it is getting too cheap; we don't do much.

What do you get now for freighting?

Sometimes we get 2 2/2 or 3 cents a pound.

How far would the haul be?

From Ashcroft to here.

*Anyhow, the freighting business is not going to last, and it
is better you should go in for some other kind of business.*

*The building of railways here will destroy the freight business
anyhow, and it is well to get ready for the change, and
provide
by other means the revenue they now get by freighting. You
want more horses, but you will need more cattle. Do any of
the Indians work for the neighboring ranchers?*

*They used to work sometimes, but they are all pretty lazy, so
they dont work.*

Do you mean the men are lazy?

*All these fellows, when I tell them to go out to fix something,
they dont do it, so I call them all lazy.*

*And they could get more work with the ranchers if they wanted
it?*

Yes; there is lots of work that should be done.

On the Reserve?

Yes.

And you could more work outside, too, I suppose?

*Yes. I would like to see them work all around in this Reserve,
and I would rather see them improve the Reserve than go
outside
working for wages.*

Do the children here go to school?

There should have been a school around on some of these Reserves.

*If there was a school here, I would put all the boys in
school.*

*That Mission school is pretty sharp for the Indians. The
boys
over at the Mission work, and they get tired, and then they
hike out home by themselves, and I don't like putting the
child
ren there.*

You men, the children that go there are worked too hard?

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*Yes. The children say they are worked too hard when they go
to that school.*

And your opinion is that the boys are worked too hard?

*If you fellows put up a school at the Anaham, we would send all
the children to school there.*

Do you mean a boarding school?

We don't want them to board there at all.

Is it a day school you want there?

Whatever you wish. If you want to board them, it is all right.

*If you don't want to board them, we will do it ourselves,
be-*

cause we are so anxious to have the children taught.

*But the school where they would be boarded and kept and not
overworked, would be the school you would prefer?*

*I would like to see the boys out to school, and put them right
at it where they would be educated.*

*And not devoting their time to toil. You would not object to
the boys doing such work as would be necessary to train
them?*

*At the school they can teach them any work they like, such
as*

blacksmithing, farming, or cattlemen, or anything like that.

*You don't object to their being taught anything that will be
for their good?*

No.

But you object to having them do hard labor?

Yes.

*What about your medical attendance. Have you a doctor that
visits you occasionally?*

*If any of the people get sick, we send for the doctor, and he
comes. The Indian Agent told us that, and we send for the
doctor every time anyone gets sick.*

And he comes?

Yes.

And are you satisfied with that?

Yes.

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I notice that the British Columbia Government are providing a hospital at Alexis Creek for white people. Would it be of benefit to the Indians of the district about here if there was a ward put in that hospital, or if that hospital had a wing in which there would be accommodation for, say, two or three Indians who might be seriously ill, or who might have met with an accident?

Yes; it would be of benefit to the Indians.

And you would be pleased if that were done?

Yes.

Dr. Wright spoke to me about it, and I think the Commission will recommend it.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

Joint Meeting with the Bands of the Stone, Anaham, Red Stone, and Nemiah, (Or Alexis Creek), on the afternoon of Tuesday, 21st July, 1914:

GEORGE MEYER sworn to act as Interpreter, and

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL addressed the assembled In-

dians as to the scope of the Commission.

CHIEF ANAHAM BOB addresses the Commission as follows:

I was down at the Ottawa Government once before, and I guess this must be the same thing. Ottawa asked me how are the boys on your ranch. I told him that I put the boys out to work; I told them to put in all they could in crops, and

I told them to clear the land on the range; I told them to run the water in certain places around on the range; I told them to fence around the meadow: that is what I told Ottawa, and every year on this ranch there is more families coming up. and all the stock increases every year, and the cattle increases every year, too. That is why I think the land I have now, it is not big enough for us. It is not big enough for us at all. The families are on the increase; that is why I want to get more land, and I want to get more timber land. There are a lot of these fellows on land that don't belong to them, who are building stables, and cabins, and corrals, and stackyards, and if you want to help us, give us a show first, and then a lot of these places, they have been cutting hay on it, and have fenced round it, and they want to get these places very bad. We don't like to lose any of them for the families. I want to get some pasture land, some place off.

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Two white men have been bothering us for water --Archie Macaulay and Alex Graham. Archie told us he would put a fence around the meadow, and put a trail right through the meadow, but Archie told them he was going to cut the fence down. Some white men have been saying that this meadow, half of it, does not belong to the Reserve. These white men, they have been talking about the Indians being an awful lazy lot of fellows, but they have all the lands fenced in, and the boys have been doing the best they could to the place. I don't like to hear this word, that half of the meadow does not belong to the Reserve. I would like to get a school right near them, as it is too far away to the Mission school.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: *Is that the Williams Lake school?*

A. *Yes. It is quite a ways from here. The doctor does not seem to suit us. We would like to get a better doctor. We wish the Commission would help us to get more land. You fellows can give us timber good for the lumber. Why, if you want to give it to us. Why give it to us. That is all I have to say.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: We are very pleased to hear what you have said, and tomorrow morning we would like you to bring your men with, at 9 o'clock, as we want to question you about your different Reserves, as we did down at Too-sey.

CHIEF LOUIS, of the Stone Band, addresses the Commission as follows:

The land is hardly big enough for us. The place I have is not like Anaham. It is a very poor ranch. I fence in all what I have on the Reserve, and I keep my horses in there, and there is no feed in there at all. If I could get some more pasture land, I would like to get it, and the meadow I got before is not like a meadow, there is no grass in it. We just go and cut open swamps to get hay. We cut

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the road to swamp meadows away back, that don't belong to us, and if you are willing to help us, we would like it better.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Now, you think over carefully where the pieces of land are that you want, so that you will be able to let us know tomorrow when you meet us, and tell all the Chiefs to bring the maps of their Reserves with them.

ANAHAM BOB: My father had it, and my father lost it, and these other Chiefs have none.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: All those Chiefs who have no maps of their different Reserves, we will see, when we get back to Victoria, that maps are made, and each Chief will be sent a copy.

CHIEF CHARLIE BOYCE, of the Red Stone Band, addresses the Commission as follows:

I have no meadow. I just have one Reserve, and I am not growing anything on the Reserve. I have it fenced, and I just keep the horses in the fence. I was going to try to put water on it, but it is too far to carry the water. It is 20 miles before I can get water on the land. Now, I was not

going to try to carry it 20 miles; I am going to try to get the water out of Pensink Lake. That is about 5 miles, and I am starting on it this Summer. There is about a quarter of a mile that is very hard work to get it through. If we can bring it past the quarter of amile, then it will be all right to bring it in, even if it takes us quite awhile before it is ditched. We would like to get the Meadow on account of that, so that we can feed our horses; and the boys, they have been cutting hay on the jeadow that don't belong to us, everyone of them. We would also like you to help us to get that meadow. Some of these surveyors came in last Fall and surveyed all these meadows, and we cannot get any hay for the horses at all, and inside all their fences it is pretty well

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eaten out. Maybe, sometimes we would like to do some logging, but there is nothing on this Reserve; it is all open land. We would like you to give this Pensink Lake Reserve water, because I am using fish out of it, too. There was a white man living right near where the creek is running into Pensink Lake. They have been kicking at us fellows when we go there to fish now, but we see there is no one there now. They own the place, but the white man does not stop there now. If we dont get water that is all this flat, that is all we have to pasture. I would like to get some pasture land. We have a fishing place, and white men are kicking against us sometimes when we are fishing. We dont raise anything on our land, only hunting. We live on the hunting in the Fall, but in the middle of December, when the season is closed up, we hardly get anything to eat. We have been told by the Govern ment to fence in the Reserve. Some white men told us the Government says that "you fence this, the road will go around the field; so we put up the fence, and the road was put in there. We put in a gate for these fellows to go through into this land, but we cannot do anything to these fellows to make them shut the gates. They have been cutting the hay, and when they go away some place else, when the hay will be all

gone before they come back again. I want to get this road to go round this place instead of going through. They put the telegraph posts very close to our rancherie. A lot of these little boys playing around them might cut the poles down, and we would like to get the telegraph poles out on the road if we can get it. It is not very long ago there was an awful lot of stuff stolen out of a cabin in the rancherie belonging to the priest - blankets, and stuff like that. If anyone knows who done this, they would let this man off very light. That is why I want this road to go by my place.

CHIEF SEAL CANIM addresses the Commission as follows:

White men are getting away with all our land. That is what I want to talk about, and that is why I come here. There is nothing of our own land to be used for anything. We have been using meadows which all know belong to white men. All the rancheries are on land belonging to white men. We cannot grow anything up there, but we can cut this meadow, and that is all. We should have a big piece of land. The way it is now, it does not belong to us. We have nothing to talk about much, but we would like to get a big piece of land, but we can't get it. We go fishing in some places, and white men have been getting after us for it, and sometimes we cannot get anything to eat, so that when we go out to hunt we get into trouble about that, too. This white man who took our meadow, it was a pretty mean thing. We don't like to see this white man anywhere near us. Sometimes they (the white man) have taken things out of the houses. If there are any calves around there, not branded, why they take it on us. There is no place else to be used, that is, the timber, and I would like to get more range land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you mean that there is no place where you can cut timber?

A. Yes; there is no timber up there that could be used as timber, at all.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Mr. Ogden, your Indian Agent, is here with us, and you had better see him this evening, and try to

find out where these pieces of land are to be found that you want, so that you will be ready to tell us all about them at the meeting tomorrow morning.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

Meeting with the Anaham Band or Tribe of Indians, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, 1914.

GEORGE MEYERS acts as Interpreter: and

CHIEF ANAHAM BOB called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Q. You are the chief of the Anaham Band of the Chilcotin Nation?

A. Yes.

Q. How many are in your band, men, women and children?

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Q. How many head of cattle in the band?

A. About 800

Q. How many head of horses?

A. 2,000.

Q. What sort of horses are they? Pretty good size horses?

A. All kinds of horses; some very good, and some very small.

Q. But a fair proportion, of the horses are heavy horses, are they?

A. We have some very good horses. We work some of the big horses.

Q. Do they do a good deal of freighting?

A. Yes, they haul freight every Summer.

Q. A good deal?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they make considerable out of the freighting?

A. We used to haul freight quite a bit, some years before, but not this summer.

Q. Is the freighting business falling off, or are the prices too low?

A. The freight market has come down; that is why we don't do much freighting this Summer.

Q. It would not pay?

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A. No.

Q. Have you some good stallions among your horses?

A. Yes, we have some very good stallions.

Q. Have you got good bulls?

A. Yes, we have some very good bulls.

Q. Where did you buy your bulls?

A. We changed these bulls over every two years; we swap with the ranchers.

Q. Your herd of cattle is on the increase all the time?

A. Yes.

Q. About how many head do you sell in a year?

A. We sell about 50 some years, and some years about 60.

Q. What age do you sell your steers?

A. Sometimes we sell them when they are 2 years old, and sometimes 3 years old; and sometimes we sell them when they are four years old.

Q. How much a head do you get for 2 year old steers?

A. \$50 apiece.

Q. How much for 2 year olds?

A. \$75.

Q. And for 4 year olds?

A. There is not much difference between a 3 and 4 year old.

Q. Do you milk any cows?

A. Yes.

Q. So that the people here have a plentiful supply of milk?

A. Yes.

Q. And do they make any butter?

A. A little, but not very much.

Q. How mahy tons of hay do they raise on this reserve where we are?

A. About 100 tons of hay.

Q. Do they grow any grain, such as oats, etc.?

A. Yes; we put in quite a bit.

Q. Sufficient to feed all your work horses?

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A. Yes.

Q. Do they sell any oats?

A. Yes.

Q. They grow enough for their own requirements, and they have a surplus to sell?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you get for oats here?

A. 4 cents a lb.

Q. Have you started to do any dry farming here?

A. Yes; we are trying.

Q. When did you start - this year?

A. We haven't got much water for the land, so we are trying dry farming.

Q. About how many acres have you under dry farming this year?

A. About 5 acres.

Q. Under what - oats?

A. Yes.

Q. And how has it succeeded?

A. It is coming out pretty well.

Q. And do you intend to extend your dry farming operations?

A. W,. are going to try a little more from this on.*

Q. Are you going to put in any Fall wheat by dry farming methods?

A. We cannot get any Fall wheat anywhere around. We are not going to put any in this Summer, but we are going to put in some next Summer.

Q. Does your band do much trapping?

A. When the season is open we do quite a lot of trapping.

Q. About how much money would they make in a season from trapping?

A. Sometimes we dont make much; sometimes we make a little on it.

Q. So that, they dont trap very extensively. Do they ever get any black or silver fox?

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A. Yes, we get some sometimes; quite a bit, sometimes.

Q. What do you get for a black fox skin?

A. We get about \$150, and the very best black fox we get \$200.

Q. What do you get for silver foxes?

A. That is what we get; \$150 for silver and \$200 for black.

Q. Do they ever catch them alive?

A. Sometimes we get them alive.

Q. Do you sell them alive then?

A. We only caught one alive.

Q. And you sold that, and how much did you get for it?

A. Only \$30 for it; it was a cross.

Q. Have you gardens here? Do you grow plenty of vegetables?

A. Yes, we raise quite a bit of garden stuff.

Q. You raise plenty of vegetables for your own use?

A. Yes; we raise quite a bit for our own use.

Q. Do you sell any?

A. We sell quite a bit, sometimes.

Q. Do you do any business in berries, and wild fruits?

A. Yes, we pick berries.

Q. And haven't you a particular way of putting them up?

A. Yes; we fix them up, sometimes.

Q. And you sell quite a bit of that prepared fruit to white people?

A. We don't sell much of it.

Q. You use it for your own food in the winter?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you catch any fish?

A. Yes; we catch a lot of fish, for our own use.

Q. Where do you catch the fish?

A. We have three places to catch them, back on the mountains.

Q. What kind of fish are they?

A. Trout and silver trout.

Q. Do you dry the fish for the Winter?

A. Yes; we dry them for the Winter.

Q. Is the population of this band increasing?

A. Yes; it is increasing.

Q. As well as the stock?

A. Yes.

Q. You used to have a sawmill on this Reserve?

A. Yes, we had one once.

Q. Who put the sawmill in - yourselves, or the Government?

A. All the Indians of the band put it in.

Q. And why did they stop operations?

A. The sawmill was a 2nd hand sawmill, and it was too old, and these Indian boys dont know much about running a sawmill, and we would like to try another one; that is why we sold this sawmill.

Q. With a view of getting a better one?

A. Yes, we are going to try to get a new one.

Q. Is there considerable timber on the Reserve to make good saw-logs?

A. It is pretty well all used up, whatever is good for the lumber.

Q. And where will you get the logs for the new sawmill?

A. If we happen to get the timber land from the Government, why we expect to put the sawmill there.

Q. The getting of some timberland would be conditional upon your getting the sawmill? What did you do with the lumber you used to cut with the mil.?

A. Sometimes we used it around the buildings, sometimes we sold it.

Q. Did you sell a good deal of the lumber?

A. No; we haven't sold very much.

Q. Didn't you sell a good deal to the white ranchers for buildings and flumes?

A. We sold the timber all round for buildings and flumes.

Q. And the lumber for this Church here, was cut at this mill?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you a planing machine at the mill?

A. No.

Q. Do most of the Indians live upon this Reserve?

A. Yes; they are all living on this Reserve.

Q. How many families are there, altogether?

A. Each family lives in their own house.

Q. Well, how many houses have you?

A. Sometimes two or three families live in one house.

Q. If you got any timber land, and got a sawmill, the first thing you should do is to build more houses for yourselves. Such progressive people as you are should have one house for each family. Now, what have you in the way of agricultural implements?

A. We have about 20 mowing machines, about 25 plows, and each machine has one rake with it.

Q. And you have harrows?

A. We have about the same number of harrows.

Q. And you have quite a lot of heavy wagons?

A. Yes, quite a few.

Q. About how many?

A. About 30.

Q. In your address yesterday, you said you would like to have a school established here?

A. Yes.

Q. You said that the Williams Lake school was too far away?

A. Yes.

Q. And how many children of school age have the band?

A. Quite a few of them, but all the Chiefs outside of this Reserve wants to have the school around here, so that the children can come here. We all want to get together, and have one school.

Q. So you would like to have a boarding-school established here?

A. If we can get the board with it, we would be very pleased to have it.

Q. Have you any children at the Williams Lake school now?

A. Yes.

Q. About how many?

A. 14. 3 of them died in the school. The treatment of the children at the school is pretty rough, and the children sometimes

run away in consequence. One time, 3 boys :farted off home. On the way they caught a cold, and when they reached home two of them died. They had no clothes on them, and coming through the mountains they caught a cold and died.

Q. When you complain of rough treatment, what is the nature of the treatment?

A. We claim they whip them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Q. Are there any of the young men here who have been to the school?

A. Yes, we have one here.

Q. Does he complain of severe treatment?

A. Yes. He is pretty deaf. You will have to talk pretty hard before he can hear you.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Q: What about medical attendance?

A. The doctor don't seem to keep the medicine in the bottle clean. We have found lots of flies in the medicine we have received from him. The doctor has been drunk too much, and that is the reason we don't want him.

Q. Does he drink on the Reserve?

A. No, not on the Reserve, but over in his home.

Q. Well, I understand the Provincial Government are going to establish a hospital at Alexis Creek. The hospital is to be in charge of Dr. Wright. Now, would you like to have provision made at that hospital for taking in Indian patients?

A. Yes, we would like to have that, if we can get it for the Indians.

Q. What kind of soil is there in this Reserve?

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A. It is very rich soil in some places, and in some places patches of alkali.

Q. So that the Reserve, generally speaking, is comparatively good land?

A. Yes; pretty good.

Q. Now, how about their water supply?

A. There is hardly enough water for the land. Some years it is very dry, and some years we will have water right through the Summer.

Q. Where do they get their water from?

A. There is quite a few little creeks coming in together. That is what we have.

Q. Do these little creek come together in the big fiat?

A. No; there is no flat. They meet through these swamps.

Q. They say they have two inches of water recorded from Big Flat or Anaham Creek?

A. They must have meant at the lake, where we put in a dam every year.

Q. What end of this Reserve is that lake on?

A. On the north.

Q. Do they get any water from the creek at the eastern of the Reserve?

A. We have one small creek coming down on the east side.

Q. You have 100 inches of water recorded there. Do you use that water, too?

A. Yes; we have been using it.

Q. About how many acres have they under cultivation -- such as hay, oats, wheat, and vegetables, etc.?

A. About 400 acres under cultivation.

Q. So that, you are cultivating up to the limit of your water supply?

A. Yes. That is about all that we have water for.

Q. And in order to extend the area of cultivation, you have tried dry farming?

A. Yes. We are trying dry farming outside of that.

Q. Now, what do you do with the rest of the Reserve? Do you use that as a range for your cattle and horses?

A. Yes, we keep our cattle and horses on what we don't use.

Q. Do you sell any horses?

A. Yes, we sell quite a few.

Q. What prices do they get?

A. Sometimes we sell them for \$30, and sometimes for \$50. There are all kinds of prices.

Q. How high do they generally run up to?

A. Up to \$150.

Q. As I said before, the Chief stated that the Reserve was now inadequate because of the increase of population, and the increase of the cattle and horses, and I understand that the men here were short of hay land. Is that correct?

A. Yes. There are so many of them in one bunch that they don't get enough hay amongst them.

Q. What use do they make of Anaham Meadow, No. 2 Reserve?

A. They cut all what they can get on dry places, and what is wet they can't cut it.

Q. Part of it is so swampy they cannot cut the hay on it?

A. Yes. If it happens to be a wet year, there are lots of hay which they cannot cut.

Q. About how many tons of hay do they get in a good year?

A. About 300 tons in a good year.

Q. And in a poor year, about how much do they get?

A. They can't cut 200 tons when it is a wet year.

Q. Do you sell any hay when it is a good year?

A. We haven't got much hay, so we have been buying hay amongst us.

Q. About how much do you buy-- that is altogether, in a year?

A. We buy about 100 tons of hay through the year.

Q. That would be in a bad year, when the hay crop is light?

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A. Every year we buy hay, and in a bad year we buy more.

Q. Now, you applied for a meadow about 20 miles north of this Reserve?

A. Yes.

(Blue Print shown to Witness, who is asked to point out desired location)

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Q: Is the place you want on Anaham Creek?

A. Yes.

Q. And how far is it from this Reserve up to the meadow you want?

A. About 20 miles.

Q. On which side of the creek is it?

A. It is right at the head of Anaham Creek. There is a lake there at the head of the creek.

Q. How large is the meadow? You say you cut about 25 tons of hay there -- is that right?

A. We cut about 60 tons -- that is, altogether, on both sides. There is a creek runs right through it, which cuts it in half.

Q. That would be about 60 acres, as you can cut about one ton to the acre. Are there any houses on this meadow?

A. Yes, we have houses there.

Q. How many houses?

A. We have three cabins there.

Q. Have they any fences there?

A. No; just stackyards and corrals.

Q. How many years have they been using this meadow?

A. They have been using it for about 10 years.

Q. Now, I am told that they made a road from this Reserve to that meadow. Is that correct?

A. Yes; we have been driving wagons right to it.

Q. How long has this road been made?

A. For about 10 years.

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Q. How many miles of road did the Indians make?

A. About 8 miles.

Q. Do they ever go fishing at that point -- I mean, Anaham Meadow?

A. Not right at the meadow, but further on.

Q. Do they get much fish there?

A. Yes; they get quite a few.

Q. What kind of fish?

A. They get suckers there.

Q. Now, there is another application for another meadow about 3 miles west of the first meadow. Is that correct? Do you know that Meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. Have they a road to that meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. Who made the road?

A. The Indians made the road.

Q. How much hay do they cut off this meadow?

A. About 50 tons.

Q. How long have they been cutting hay on that meadow?

A. For about 10 years.

Q. Have they any houses at that meadow?

A. Yes, there is a building there.

Q. And have they any fences, except the fences around the
stack yards?

A. Yes; there is a stackyard, and some feeding-yards.

Q. Do they catch any fish up at that meadow?

A. No, not right at the meadow, but further on.

Q. What kind of fish do they catch?

A. When they come from there they go to the fishing-place as
the last one.

Q. The extent of the meadow would be 50 acres, if they cut 50
tons -- would that be correct?

A. Yes; that is about the size of it.

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Q. Now, a third application is for another meadow. It is about 3
miles southwest of the first meadow asked for. Do you know
that meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it on Anaham Creek?

A. There is a kind of willobrush runs through to the first one.
There is some water runs through it in the Winter, but in the
summer it is dry. There is a kind of a creek runs through that.

Q. And does that creek run into Anaham Creek?

A. Yes.

Q. And how much hay do you cut in that meadow?

A. About 20 or 25 tons.

Q. Does any little creek run through this meadow?

A, Yes; Anaham Creek runs right through it.

Q. Well, that 25 tons of hay would mean about 25 acres; is that
the size of it?

A. Yes, I guess that is right.

Q. Now, you have made an application for about 4 square miles of
pasture land on the east side of Meadow Reserve No. 2.
Do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever used that land?

A. Yes, we have been running our horses on it. We just use it for ranging our horses.

Q. Do any of the white people use it?

A. No, it does not belong to anyone, and white men don't use it.

Q. And does it immediately adjoin the Meadow Reserve?

A. Yes; we would like to have it joined right on.

Q. Now, the Chief says he wants some timber land; about 4 square miles in a northerly direction. Do you know the land that he wants?

A. Yes.

Q. Does it join on to this Reserve?

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A. It is right between No. 1 and No. 2 Reserve.

Q. Is there much timber in that 4 square miles?

A. Yes, quite a bit.

Q. Is it large?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that the timber you want for your mill?

A. Yes, that is what I want for the mill.

Q. How long do you think it will keep the mill running?

A. We can't tell how long it will keep the mill running.

Q. You can't tell how many summers it will keep the mill running?

A. We figure we would only have to wait one year for the sawmill.

Q. But would it keep the mill running for 4 or 5 summers?

A. If the boys kept working at it, the mill would hardly run for 5 years.

Q. What kind of timber grows there?

A. It is all fir.

Q. Mr. Ogden says the trees will be big enough to average 18 inches in diameter at the butt?

A. Yes; that is about right.

Q. Now, the next application: Does the Chief know the meadow that is 22 miles north of No. 1, that Long Johnnie wants?

A. Yes, I know it.

Q. Now, Long Johnnie says he has a house, and a stable, and a corral on the place. Is that right?

A. Yes, that is right.

Q. He says that he cuts about 25 tons of hay on it. Is that true?

A. Yes.

Q. That would mean that it would be about 25 acres in extent. Is that right?

A. Yes, I guess that is about right.

Q. How many years has Long Johnnie been cutting hay there?

A. For about 5 years.

Q. Has anyone ever disturbed him?

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A. Another fellow was with him when he was cutting hay there.

Q. Now, Long Johnnie says he made a wagon road to this place from No. 1 Reserve. Is that true?

A. Yes.

Q. And he says that he built a bridge across the narrow part of the lake to get to the meadow?

A. Yes, that is right.

Q. What creek is it that runs from this lake marked in pencil on the application, that runs to Blackwater?

A. That runs to Blackwater.

Q. Can you show us Blackwater on the map?

A. No, I can't show you the place.

Q. The road runs up the West side of Anaham Creek to the lake, leaving the creek at No. 2 Reserve and going up to the Meadow. Your Indian Agent, Mr. Ogden, will look into these applications, so that we can make sure of them, and he will come to Victoria later on, and will give us all particulars as to where these places are.

Q. Have you any difficulty with Archie Macaulay and Alex Grahame?

A. Yes, they have been damming the water back on us.

Q. Where did they dam the water back?

A. On the No. 2 Reserve.

Q. Is it on one of these meadows that we have just been talking about, between No. 2 Reserve from the meadow they want to get?

A. It is only 3 miles from No. 2 Reserve to Macaulay's meadow.

Alex Grahame has been damming between Archie's and No. 2

Reserve.

Q. Does this dam take the water away from No. 2 Reserve?

A. Yes, it stops the water from No. 2 Reserve. Sometimes the Indians break the dam so that we can get water. We used to break it, but not now.

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Q. Ask if when they are making the hay whether Archie Macaulay and Alex Grahame let the water out of their dams and flood the hay?

A. Yes, that is right.

Q. And is that what you complain about?

A. Yes, that is what I don't like.

Q. Well, we will see the Agent and try to have the matter settled.

Now, I think that is all we have to say, and we will pay attention to everything you have said. Now, there is just one more thing. Mr. Macaulay says that the Indians have closed the road leading to his meadow. Is that correct?

A. There has been a trail through the meadow, but they put the road around the meadow and fenced it up in good shape, and got all the rocks out of it.

Q. The Indians done this?

A. Yes.

Q. And you won't be troubling Mr. Macaulay any more?

A. He did not want to use this trail then, but he wanted to go through the middle of the meadow.

Q. Who did?

A. Archie Macaulay.

Q. We will speak to Mr. Ogden about this, and he will see Mr.

Macaulay and try to make a friendly settlement.

INDIAN AGENT ODGEN: Mr. Macaulay's complaint was that the Indians were fencing the public road.

THE CHAIRMAN: Who built this road that they say you fenced up?

A. It is an open road; no one made the road.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

MEETING with the Stone Band or Tribe of Indians, on
Anaham Indian Reserve, on Wednesday, 22nd July, 1914.

GEORGE MEYERS acts as Interpreter and

CHIEF LOUIS called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: When you spoke to us yesterday, you
said your Reserves were not sufficiently large?

A. Yes.

Q. I will first of all deal with the Reserves that you already
have, and will ask you questions regarding them, and afterwards
I will ask you about the larger pieces of land that you re-
quire. You said yesterday you had maps of the Reserves, but
you were unable to locate them. Have you been able to find
them yet?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Reserve No. 1 on the map?

A. Yes.

Q. What name do you give to that Reserve?

A. The Indian word for it is Kuh-non-in-ween-steen, meaning "Rab-
bit killed with a club".

Q. Do you cultivate much of this Reserve?

A. We have all the flat that can be cultivated under cultivation.

Q. Can you show us on the map where the cultivated ground lies?

A. It is on the southerly portion of the Reserve, fronting on the
river.

Q. How many acres have you under cultivation?

A. Hardly 10 acres, fronting on the river. We have altogether
110 acres under cultivation.

Q. What do you grow there?

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A. *Oats, potatoes, turnips, carrots, onions, timothy, and we raise
a little clover on it.*

Q. What use do you make of those things that you raise?

A. We use it for our own food, and for/feeding our stock.

Q. What do they do with the back part of the Reserve?

A. We have it fenced, and use it for pasture land.

Q. is it all fenced?

A. Pretty well all fenced.

Q. Have you seen the dry farming the Indians are doing on the Anaham Indian Reserve?

A. No, I did not see it.

Q. Well, you ought to go and see it, and see if you cannot cultivate some of your land in that way.

A. Well, we might try it.

Q. How many are there in your tribe?

A. 63 altogether.

Q. How many married people are there?

A. 14 families.

Q. How many houses?

A. 14 houses.

Q. Have they any cattle?

A. We have just got about 10 head of cattle amongst us.

Q. How many horses?

A. 600 head of horses.

Q. What is the character. of the soil generally on this Reserve?

A. It is quite a bit of it in alkali.

Q. I notice you have 100 inches of water from Menton Creek, and I am told you get water from Mr. Tretheway's ditch?

A. Yes, we helped him to build the ditch. Mostly all the Indians on the Reserve helped him to build it.

Q. And do you get plenty of water?

A. Yes, we have enough water for what we have under crop.

Q. If you had more water, could you cultivate more, or is the land good enough?

A. I haven't got any more land but what is under cultivation.

Q. Is there any timber on the Reserve?

A. *We have been using all this timber, so there is not much left now.*

Q. *What do you use it for?*

A. *We have been getting the timber for the church from Tretheway's. And we have been using it for buildings, etc.*

Q. *Did they use any for the ditch?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Have they any wooden flumes?*

A. *No.*

Q. *How do the Indians make their living?*

A. *When the season for hunting is opened, they go out hunting.*

Q. *Do they get much game?*

A. *They do, quite a bit.*

Q. *What kind of game do they get?*

A. *Deer.*

Q. *Do they fish?*

A. *There is a place called Fish Lake, in which they have been fish Lake.*

Q. *What kind of fish do they catch?*

A. *Trout, but the Captain says there is good-sized trout, and the white men sometimes make a kick against us fishing there.*

Q. *And did you tell Mr. Ogden, the Indian Agent, about it?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Whenever you have any difficulty with the white men, you should always go to Mr. Ogden, the Indian Agent, and he will look after your interests.*

You make your living by hunting and fishing, and what you get

off the land, - is that true?

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Now, what do you use your horses for?*

A. *We use them for riding.*

Q. *Do you use them for freighting?*

A. *I had a little freighting myself, but the rest only use them to camp some place.*

Q. *And they have 600 horses?*

A. Yes.

Q. Do you ever sell any of these horses?

A. Yes, we sell them sometimes.

Q. What prices do you get for them?

A. Sometimes we sell them for \$30, and sometimes \$40.

Q. Would they be better off if they had cattle?

A. Yes, it would be better to have cattle, but there is no hay on the Reserve. Horses, why they can rustle out on open land.

Q. How much hay do they cut off this No. 1 Reserve?

A. We cut about 30 tons.

Q. Now, do you know No. 2 Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. What do they use this for?

A. They cut hay on it -- that is wherever it is dry.

Q. How much hay do they cut off that meadow?

A. About 7 or 8 tons.

Q. Why, there are 320 acres, and they get only 7 or 8 tons?

A. In places there are lakes, and in places there is no hay on it; it is dry. There is no creek on it, so we cannot do anything with it.

Q. Is there any fish in the lake?

A. No.

Q. So you say this Reserve gives you only 7 or 8 tons in the year, and that is all used -- is that correct?

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A. Yes.

Q. Have they any houses there?

A. There is no cabin there, but there is a stable there, and a corral.

Q. Where do they get the feed from for all their horses?

A. They are all running around on the range.

Q. Suppose you were given more land, would you try to get more instead of horses?

A. If they can get hay, they will try to get cattle.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: Do you ever have to buy any hay?

A. Sometimes we buy hay, but the white men don't want to sell

any hay to us.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you make much money out of the furs?

A. We don't get very much in furs.

Q. You don't hunt as much as the Anahams?

A. No; there is no trapping much, at all; it is pretty well all killed out on the other side. The land is very poor, poorer than the land of the other Reserve around here.

Q. You mean, your two Reserves?

A. Yes.

Q. Do any of the children of your Reserves go to school?

A. I have tried once to send them to school, but they died on us, and we don't try any more. It is too far to send the children to school.

Q. Where is this school - at Williams Lake?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they die up there?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the matter with them, do you know?

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A. *I have an idea that they worked this boy too much, and that is the cause of it.*

Q. *Now, did you hear what the Chief of the Anaham Band said about having a school put on this Reserve?*

A. *Yes.*

Q, *And would you like to have a school put on this Reserve?*

A. *Yes.*

Q, *And would the men of your band send their children to the school, if it were put here?*

A. *Yes, they would put them all into school if there was a school here.*

Q. *How many children of school age are there in your band?*

A. *There are just about ten of school age.*

Q. *Does a missionary come to see them?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. Does he come often to see the Indians of your band?

A. Yes, he comes pretty often.

Q. Have you a church on your Reserve?

A. We have a church pretty near finished, but not exactly finished.

Q. Does the priest give them much help?

A. The priest told them to go to church.

A. Does a doctor ever come to see you when you are ill?

A. The Captain said the doctor would rather give better treatment to the white man than to the Indians.

Q. Why do you say that?

A. Sometimes you ask him, he won't come, and when any of the white men get sick, he sits right with him, and when the Indian gets sick he won't give him any medicine.

Q. Well, the doctor is paid by the Indian Department, and it is his duty to attend to the Indians, and if at any time he refuses to attend to them, you should complain to the Indian Agent about, and Mr. Ogden will see that he does come; and if he

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doesn't, it is Mr. Ogden's duty to report him.

Now, do you know that the Victoria Government is building a hospital at Alexis Creek -- do you know that that is being done?

A. Well, I heard it now.

Q. We believe the Government is going to build one there. Now, would you like to have one or two rooms added for the Indians, in case any one of them became sick, or met with an accident?

A. Yes; they would be very pleased to have that.

Q. And if the hospital authorities told an Indian to go to the hospital when he was sick, they would go 'quite willingly?

A. Yes, they would go.

Q. Now, with regard to the applications for land: The first application is for a meadow about 15 miles south of Reserve No. 1. Can you identify it?

A. (Indicates on the map),

Q. Now, did you build a road to it?

A. Yes.

Q. Whereabouts did you cut this road that runs from the Reserve to the meadow?

A. (Indicates on map). The Indians made about 15 miles of road to that meadow, from their Reserve.

Q. Can they take wagons over the road?

A. Yes.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut off this meadow?

A. They can take quite a bit of hay off the meadow, but there is a lot of draining to be done. I have not done that because if I put a drain there someone else might come along and claim it, and that is why I have not put a drain on it.

Q. If they were to drain this meadow, how much hay would they be able to cut there?

A. About 50 tons.

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Q. Well, that would be about 50 acres. Is there a lake on it?

A. There is a kind of a spring runs into that lake.

Q. How many years have you been cutting hay there?

A. About 4 years.

Q. Are there any buildings there?

A. There are no buildings there, only a stackyard.

Q. The second application is for a meadow 7 miles south of Reserve No. 1. Now, does this road which they built -- does that road go through this second application?

A. Yes, it is right in Brigham's Creek.

Q. They say you can cut about 40 tons of hay on this meadow; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And I see there are 160 acres in each meadow, both on this and the first application -- is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Does this meadow need any drainage?

A. No; we will have to put in a dam there, to put water on it.

Q. Where will the water come from?

A. Right in the creek -- Brigham Creek.

NOTE: Indian Agent to look after Water Record for this

meadow.

A. There is some white man along that creek who is damming the water and using it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Q: What is the white man's name?

A. It may be McCulloch, or Norman Lee.

INDIAN AGENT: Do they dam it now?

A. Not this year, but the years before they did

NOTE: INDIAN AGENT OGDEN to look into this matter and report when he comes to Victoria.

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MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Q: We dont know whether there will be

enough water to grant a record for you, but if possible we will try to get it.

Now application No. 3 is for pasture land. Is it 3 square miles, or 3 miles square?

A. I want to get 3 square miles.

Q. And it is just southwest of Reserve No. 1. Can you show us on the map where the place you want is?

A. (Indicates desired location)

Q. Three miles square on the west side of Reserve No. 1, continuing the north and south lines westerly so as to take in that amount of land.

Now, you want two miles of timber south-east of Reserve No. 1. Can you show me on the map where it is?

A. (Indicates on map).

2. Is that land covered with timber, there where you have marked?

A. Yes, that is all covered with timber.

2. Now, you apply for 2 miles square at the south of Reserve No. 1, to be embraced by producing the eastern boundary of the Reserve in a southerly direction, and the westerly part of the Reserve in a southerly direction, so as to take in the amount asked for.

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MEETING with the Red Stone Band or Tribe of Indians on
Anaham Creek, on Wednesday, 22 July, 1914.

GEORGE MEYERS acts as Interpreter:

CHIEF CHARLIE BOYCE called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Now, you said yesterday in your

address that you wanted protection for a fishing-place which a
white man had ordered you to leave. Now tell us all about that
matter?

A. There was a white man down there at Pensink Lake, fishing, but
he is not there now, and we want to keep him out of there. My
sister is living with a white man, and he has a boy, and this
father of the boy is holding the fishing-place for the half-
breed boy. White men have been kicking about this fishing-
place, and I am afraid some more white men might get in and kick
for the fishing-place again.

Q. Have you any kick coming about this man who married your sister
and is keeping the place for the boy?

A. There is a creek running into this lake, and that is why we

fish there, and this lake was surveyed sometime ago.

Q. Can you show us on the map?

A. (Indicates on map).

Q. So far as the white man is concerned who is holding the place
for the boy, you have no further kick coming against this man,
have you?

A. When I am fishing there, I have to be in this boy's line.

Q. Does the white man stop you from going inside the line?

A. The boy is very young; he has no sense to hustle around for
himself yet. When he gets old enough, he may rustle around,
and stop us.

- Q. Can you show us the place on the map?
- A. It is right near where the creek goes into the lake. That is where the boy is.
- Q. Now, what do you want?
- A. We are going to run a ditch out of there to get water for my Reserve.
- Q. He wants to run a ditch from Pensink Lake to the Red Stone Indian Reserve, and that would be about 3 miles. He wants to be allowed to make a ditch from Pensink Lake, following the road all the way around to the Red Stone Indian Reserve. The whole distance would not exceed 10 miles.
- Is there a good fall from the lake to the Indian Reserve?
- A. It is an awful lot of fall after you go by'.a quarter of a mile to the lake.
- Q. I understand that all the land you want is the land that you want to make the ditch on?
- A. I would like to have the ditch to it.
- Q. Yes, but you want to have enough land to put your ditch through?
- A. I want to get a water record.
- Q. How many acres of land could ybu irrigate on that Reserve?
- A. We could irrigate about 500 acres.
- NOTE: He wants about 500 inches of water for this Reserve.
- Q. Do you know if anyone else is taking water from that lake for irrigation purposes?
- A. There is no place around but that, so no one else uses any of that water at all. There is a white man living up this creek further, beyond the creek, but he dammed the water up into a meadow.
- Q. Does the water from this creek flow into the lake?
- A. If he'dammed the water back, this creek goes dry.

2. Is there enough water in the lake to go around and irrigate the land?
9. If this creek does not come into the lake, the lake will soon be dry. When that creek goes dry, that lake will go dry.
2. Is there another lake comes out and flows into this lake?
4. If I put this ditch in, I am going to dam this up.
2. When the rain falls in the spring, and this creek is running down, and you build your dam, wont you be able to hold enough water in the lake to irrigate your land?
4. That is a pretty good-sized lake, I would like to have this creek for a fishing-place.
2. Which creek?
4. There is a creek coming in.
2. You say a white man already has that?

NOTE: There is a creek running south-east into Pensink Lake, which is dammed by a white man to irrigate his meadow. There is also a creek running out of Pensink Lake into a small lake, thence easterly into the Chilcotin river.

Now, the Red Stones want to dam the latter of the two creeks, so as to hold the water in the lake, and the overflow from the first creek, and to have the right to make a ditch from this lake, following the road shown on Mr. Fleet Robertson's map around to the Red Stone Indian Reserve, and they wish to have a Record of 500 inches of water from that lake.

- Q. Now, you want 2 1/2 miles square of meadow and pasture land about 10 miles north-west of Reserve No. 1. Can you show us on the map where it is?
(Witness indicates desired location, marked 7 on blue print).

- Q. Now, you aave asked for another piece, 20 miles in the same direction. Can you show us where that is?
(Witness indicates on map).

- Q. Do you want it south of the Chilcotin river, or north of the Chilcotin river?
- A. There is one meadow between that Chilcotin river on the north. and Mt. Palmer on the South. (marked K7 1/2 on the blue print).

NOTE: Mr. Ogden will look carefully into these two applications, and when he comes to Victoria he will have all the information possible.

Witness:]I want to know where Pensink Lake is on the map.

(It is pointed out to him by Mr. Commissioner MacDowall):

NOTE: Mr. Ogden says the blue print is wrong in showing the Red Stone Indian Reserve as being on the right bank of the Chilcotin river. It should be on the left.

- Q. Now, you want some timber lands. Where do you want it?
- A. I want to have it joined right on to the Reserve.
- Q. How much timber do you want?
- A. I would like to get 3 miles square.
- Q. Would you start the line on the eastern end?
- A. Yes.

NOTE: The eastern line to be prolonged so as to take in 3 miles square.

C A P T A I N T O B I E, Called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Q: Now, tell us what you want?

- A. I would like to get that meadow which I have been cutting.
- Q. Can you show us on the map where it is?
- A. It is north-west of Reserve No. 1, at a point marked with a star

and a circle on Agency Map.

- Q. Now, about this meadow; have you been cutting hay there?

A. Yes, we have been cutting hay there. We have been cuttin hay there for about 20 years.

Q. Did your father cut hay there before you did?

A. My father never cut any, but ever since I have been able to do anything I have been cutting hay there.

Q. How old were you when you began cutting hay there?

A. I was about 30 years of age when I started.

Q. How old are you now?

A. I am just about 50 years old. I done know exactly.

Q. Have you any buildings there?

A. I dont have my cabin right on it, but I have one about three-quarters of a mile from where I cut the hay.

Q. How many tons of hay do you cut on that meadow?

A. I cut about 50 tons some years.

Q. Then you wont need more than 50 or 100 acres, will you?

A. I want to get about half a mile one way and one mile another way.

Q. That is, 320 acres, or half a section? Do you just want to get it in that way so as to take in the swamps?

A. If you put the mile in the length, in the right direction, and the half mile, it will take in the whole of the hay.

Q. Now, what did you want to say about the drain?

A. If I happen to get the meadow, there is part of it to be drained, and if that were drained I could get all the hay off it.

Q. How much could you get if it were drained?

A. If I could get it all cut I would be able to get 100 tons.

Q. You made a complaint to us that some hay had been stolen away from the Reserve while the people were absent. I want to know if you know the name of the people who stole the hay?

A. I cant find out, because I never saw anyone doing it.

Q. When was it stolen?

A. Every Winter.

Q. We ought to try to find out who steals the hay, and then tell the Agent, and he will send the police after the man who steals it.

Now, you made a complaint about the telegraph poles being

put through the Reserve. Do you remember making that complaint?

A. We would like to have this line follow the road around the Reserve.

Q. The road runs right through the middle of the Reserve, and the telegraph poles run the same way as the road? The Government always has a right of way for its poles, so no complaint can be made about that matter.

WITNESS: We have been trying to get this road around the Reserve for quite a while, and some person has been saying the Government would give him the Reserve around the road.

Q. The road has to go where the engineers say it has to go. It cannot go up on top of a mountain and then come down again. It has to go the easiest way possible.

Q. Now. Is the soil on this Reserve good?

A. Yes, it is pretty good soil, and this road is where the good soil is.

Q. That also happens to the white man, as well as the Indian. The road must go where the engineers say it has to go.

Q. What do you grow on your Reserve?

A. We have not been raising anything on the Reserve at all. We only raise a few turnips.

Q. Why don't you raise something more than that?

A. We cannot raise anything without water, so we haven't put anything in.

Q. Have you seen the crop on this Reserve where we are now, where they are going in for dry farming?

A. No, I have not seen it.

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Q. Well, it is only 200 yards away, and it is worth your while to go over and see it. There they grow crops without any water, by the dry farming process, and they have a fine crop there -- just as good as they have by water, and you ought to go over and find out how they do it.

How many people are there in your tribe altogether?

A. 75, men, women and children.

Q. How many houses?

A. Eleven.

Q. And how many married men are there in the band?

A. Thirteen.

Q. How many cattle have the band?
 A. 183.
 Q. How many horses?
 A. 430 head of horses.
 Q. Do you cut any hay on this Reserve?
 A. No.
 Q. Do you get the hay for your cattle and horses that you have made application for?
 A. Yes.
 Q. Anywhere else?
 A. We cut hay up there, but we haul some hay down to my place, to feed the stock in the Winter. A lot of the boys have been cutting hay on the small swamps around the Reserve.
 Q. What is their principal means of living?
 A. We have been living on fish from Pensink Lake.
 Q. What kind of fish do they get there?
 A. There are six kinds of fish, but I don't know the names of them all; but there are trout there.
 Q. Any of them big fish?
 A. Yes, from six to 12 inches.
 Q. Do they get many of them -- are there many in the lake?
 A. Yes, quite a few.

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Q. *And no one interferes with them fishing there?*
 A. *A white man is kicking about us fishing there. I told you in the beginning about him.*
 Q. *Who is the white man that has been kicking about it?*
 A. *Trowden.*
 Q. *Is that the man that married your sister?*
 A. *That is the man that went away.*
 Q. *Have they any school there?*
 A. *No.*
 Q. *Do any of the children of your band go to school?*
 A. *No; none have been to any school at all.*
 Q. *Did you head what Chief Anaham said about wanting to have a school established on this Reserve?*

A. Yes.

Q. Would you like to have a school established here, so that you would be able to send your children here to school?

A. Yes, I would like to put our boys into school.

Q. And would you put your girls into school, too?

A.q Yes.

Q. It would have to be a boarding-school, to have them come from such a long distance -- that is, they would have to sleep and eat at the school. You wouldn't mind that, would you?

A. If they didn't sleep together it would be all right.

Q. Have you a church in the Reserve?

A. We have a church, but it is not a very good church, but we commenced to build a new one.

Q. How many times in the year does a missionary come to see the Indians?

A. He comes up to this Reserve in the Winter, but we need him down here in the Summer.

Q. Does the doctor ever come to see you when you are ill?

A. We never knew about the doctor. No one ever told us about this doctor.

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Q. Well, the Government is paying a doctor to visit the Indians, and if they require him they can go to Dr. Wright, and if he doesn't come, Mr. Ogden will make him come.

A. Was this doctor paid by the Government before?

A. Yes. Do you do much trapping for furs?

A. The band go trapping quite a bit, but I dont go any trapping at all.

Q. Do you get many: furs?

A. Some years they get quite a bit; some years they dont get very much.

Q. What is the principal fur they get?

A. Fox, fisher, mink and beaver.

Q. What price do they get for the beaver?

A. *I dont know myself how much the boys get for these furs.*

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The highest price they get is \$6 for beaver. They dont get the same price for the fisher. Sometimes they get \$30, and that is the highest. The lowest price is \$8.

Q. *And what price do they get for the fox?*

A. *For the very best fox, \$150.*

Q. *What do they get for the red fox?*

A. *\$6 is the lowest.*

Q. *Have you ever sold any live foxes?*

A. *Yes; some have been selling them.*

Q. *What kind?*

A. *Some cross, some black.*

Q. *What do they get for the black foxes, alive?*

A. *\$300 for the black foxes.*

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MEETING with the Nemiah Valley Band or Tribe of Indians, on
the Anaham Indian Reserve, On Wednesday, 22nd of July, 1914.

GEORGE MEYERS acts as Interpreter:

CHIEF SEAL CANIM, called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Q: *On which of the four Reserves do the whole band live principally?*

A. *The houses are near No. 2, but they are not right on it.*

Q. *What kind of soil is there on No. 1 Reserve?*

A. *It is all in brush, spruce and water from Chilco Lake cover most part of it.*

Q. *It is not used for growing anything?*

A. *No.*

Q. What do they use it for?

A. They get some fish. with the hook right there.

Q. What kind of fish?

A. Speckled lake trout.

Q. They don't use this Reserve for anything else?

A. No.

Q. Do they get any duck shooting there?

A. No.

Q. Now, No. 2 Reserve. It is a little Reserve of 30 acres. What do you do with that Reserve?

A. They use that Reserve for a little every year. They raise a few vegetables there.

Q. Have they any houses there?

A. No; but it is fenced.

Q. Are there any houses on No. 1 Reserve?

A. There is one old cabin there, which has never been used for a long time.

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Q. How many people are there in this band altogether?

A. 67.

Q. How many are married men?

A. 14.

Q. Where do they have their houses?

A. They are building a little way from No. 2 Reserve, but the white man drove them off, so we moved them down to No. 4.

Q. How many houses have they on No. 4?

No answer.

Q. On no. 2, they use that Reserve for gardening purposes?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there pretty good soil there?

A. Fairly good soil, but they don't put in any oats -- just garden stuff.

Q. On No. 3 - does anyone live on that Reserve?

A. We have a little gardening in there, too.

Q. What sort of land is it, generally speaking? There are nearly 600 acres there?

A. It is all brush and cottonwood and rocks. In some parts of it

only a little could be made into a garden, and we have used that.

Q. On which side of the Reserve is the garden?

A. On the north side.

Q. On the south side, is it very rocky?

A. Yes; it is rocky pretty well all over it.

Q. Now, Reserve No. 4 -- how many houses are there on No. 4?

A. Five.

Q. But there are 14 families, are there not? They cannot all live in five houses?

A. They don't all live there.

Q. Where do the rest live?

A. They have a cabin right in the middle of the lake, outside of No. 3.

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Q. Is there an island there?

A. No.

Q. Is the cabin on the north side of the lake?

A. Yes.

Q. How many houses on No. 3?

A. No houses at all.

Q. On No. 2 Reserve, how many houses are there?

A. Three, away from the Reserve.

Q. Why don't they build the houses on the Reserve? Why do they build them away from the Reserve?

A. After they built the houses they found that this land belonged to the Indians.

Q. How many houses have they?

A. Only three.

Q. So there are 9 houses among 14 families?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the soil like in No. 4 Reserve?

A. There is a little meadow in the corner of that Reserve.

Q. Do you cut any hay there on that meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. How much hay do they cut on that meadow?

A. Hardly 10 tons.

Q. What else do they get off that Reserve?

A. That is all; they just get the hay.

Q. Then, No. 1 Reserve is no good, except for fishing -- is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. No. 2 Reserve has soom good land in the 80 acres, but no land for houses? Is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. No. 3 has a small piece of good soil for gardening, but most of it is rocky. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

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Q. No. 4 Reserve gives 10 tons of hay, and that is all. Is that correct:

A. Yes.

Q. You want to get the land near No. 2 Reserve on which your houses are built, and on which there is a meadow?

A. I wish to get from No. 1 Reserve to No. 2 Reserve.

Q. How much land do you want to get?

A. I want 3 miles along the creek, and 2 miles across it.

Q. How much land do you want on each side of the creek?

A. I want a piece which will join No. 1 and No. 2, going on both sides of the creek, and about 2 miles wide. About 8 square miles in all.

Q. Does any white man own any land there? I understand Mr. Robertson owns some land there?

A. Yes; they cut all the meadow between them.

Q. Has any white men got any land near No. 1 or No. 2?

A. Yes; there are two places belonging to white men.

NOTE: Indian Agent Agden to find out what is free.

Q. It would be unfair to you if we were to tell you that we would get you land that white men already own, because we cannot take land away from anyone. If the land is free, we will be glad to get you some more, because the Indians here seem to need more. We will ask Mr. Ogden to look at this land with you, and if no arrangement can be made about that, perhaps you will be able to show Mr. Ogden another piece which possibly we may be able to get for you.

I understand you want some pasture land north of No. 2. Is that right?

A. Yes.

(Marked K 8 on the Agency Map).

Q. Three miles square you want? (No answer).

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Q. Now, you want some timber lands south of No. 2?

A. Yes.

(Marked K 9 on the Agency Map)

Q. They wish about 2 miles square of timber. What do you want the timber for?

A. It is no good for anything, only wood.

Q. And what is the wood good for?

A. For firewood.

Q. Isn't it good enough for building log houses?

A. Yes; it is good enough for that.

Q. Have you any good timber on either No. 2 or No. 3 Reserves?

A. No.

Q. And therefore you think you are entitled to have this timber?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, you want 2 miles square of land for cultivation, east of No. 4. (Marked K 9 on the Agency Map). Is that land good for cultivation?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you get any water on to it to irrigate it?

A. It is very easy to get lots of water on to it.

Q. Where does the water come from?

A. Off the mountain.

Q. Does it come down in streams from the mountain?

A. Yes. There is quite a big mountain south of the piece applied for, and quite a lot of water comes from there.

NOTE: Their application would cover a Water Record
of 300 inches.

Q. Do you know whether any white men are on this piece of land?

A. No.

Q. Does any white man use the water coming down from the mountain?

A. No.

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2. *So, this covers all the land applications, I think. How many cattle have you?*

?1. 45.

Q. *How many horses?*

4. 325.

2. *If we are able to get this land for you, I hope you will get more cattle, and perhaps less horses. If you had more cattle, it would be better for you, because you can always eat the cattle, and you can't eat the horses.*

A. *I want to raise cattle; that is why I want the meadow.*

2. *Now, you asked for protection for the fishery places. What do you mean by that?*

A. *It is quite a ways from the Reserve. We have one fishing-place on the creek adjoining Tsunnia Lake on the Chilco Lake, and directly north of No. 1 Reserve.*

Q. *What land do you want there? Would 10 acres for a fishing-place do you?*

A. *We want a quarter of a mile each way.*

2. *Where from?*

A. *A quarter of a mile on each side of this Tsunnia Lake, and going down the creek a quarter of a mile, embracing both sides of the creek marked K 10 on the Agency Map.*

2. *Does any white man live there?*

A. No.

2. *Now, you asked for the right to hunt for food when hungry?*

A. Yes.

2 *In this district, you can kill a male deer over one year old, out of season -- at any time of the year, for your own use; but it must be for your own use, and not for sale.*

Now, you complained about the stealing of your unbranded calves. Who is it that steals your calves?

A. *There is a white man there.*

Q. *What is his name?*

A. *Tom Robertson.*

Q. *Is it the same man as owns the meadow?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *And he only steals the calves that are not branded?*

A. *Calves that are not branded, and a calf that belongs to a fellow who is away, and he branded it, and then he would not give it to him back.*

Q. *Why don't you brand your calves?*

A. *I was going to brand him later on. He was very small.*

Q. *If any stealing of cattles goes on, there is a very serious penalty for that. A man might be sent for four years to prison for that, and if you find anyone stealing your cattle, and you can prove it, you must report it to Mr. Ogden at once, and Mr. Ogden will take the proper action to protect you. The Commissioners quite recognize from what the Chief has said that their Reserves are very poor, and the Commissioners will help them as much as possible in the way of giving them additional land as long as it is not land belonging to a white man, as they cannot give them land that already belongs to a white man. We will also try to get a water record near this mountain. They hope that they will be able to get this, and that the band will become richer and happier. The Commissioners are much obliged to the Chiefs and his band for coming here to meet them, and wish them every good fortune that heaven can send them.*

Meeting with the Williams Lake Band or Tribe of Indians on
Williams Lake Indian Reserve No. 1, on Thursday, 23rd July,
1914.

LITTLE BOB is sworn as Interpreter: and

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL explains to the assembled
Indians the scope of the Commission:

CHIEF BAPTISTE WILLIAMS addressed the Commission as
follows:

10 or 12 years I have been Chief, and now I want to tell
you what I have heard. I went down to Victoria one time to
see McBride. Some years ago I went also to see Borden in
Ottawa - 3 years ago. I want you to hear what I have been
doing down below. I am glad to see you fellows. I have
nothing to say now. I mean, all my troubles, before I went
down to Victoria, and I laid all my troubles before McBride
and Borden, and you know what troubles I have had.

RMAN: On account of what you have said, and what other
Indians have said to Sir Richard McBride and to Sir Robert
Borden, that is why this Commission has been appointed, and
you need not repeat to us what you said to them, because we
know what it was.

F: I want to have more room on my Reserves. I have lots
of people here, and lots of ground on the hills, but it is
all rocks.

RMAN: Is there anything you want to say to us?

F: That is all.

RMAN: Does any of the other Indians wish to say anything
to us?

SECOND CHIEF PETEL addresses the Commission as follows:

You see how poor the Indians are, and the Indians all

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over B. C. are now poor. When we went down below we gave
McBride and Borden all the information down there; all the
troubles that the Indians have had, and everything like that,

that is why we went down below and laid it before McBride and Borden. All those creeks through the Indian Reserves for irrigation, the Government sells all the rights to the whites, and the Indians have no water, and the victoria Government does not sell the second right. We have the first right to all the creeks, but most of the years the whites take all the water, and the Indian Agent is not here all the time to look after that.

MISSIONER SHAW: You had the Water Commission here a few

days ago, had you not?

Yes. The white people say the Indians dont cultivate the ground, but it is on account of the water; we have no water to cultivate the ground.

MISSIONER MACDOWALL: You should have the first right.

Well, I know, but we cannot get the first right. Now, we have lots of water here, but we can't get at it; the 150 takes all the water. The 2nd right and the 3rd right takes the balance. The Indian Agent is not here all the time, but we don't blame the Indian Agent. We go up to the 150 lots of times, and as soon as we leave they take the water again. It is very expensive for us to go up there once, and I don't think it is right for them to get the 2nd right. If we get water to spare, we let them take some.

MISSIONER SHAW: You have the Water Commission here this week?

Yes.

And you told them all about that?

Yes, but we didn't tell them not to sell any rights.

They wont sell any rights. Mr. Cochrane will arrange and will

see that the Indians have the first right on the creeks.

The Water Commission will allow the Indians all the t'ater for their land?

I was at the 150 Mile House at the time, and I saw the 2nd right.

The Water Commission will measure all the water in the creeks

and they will give the Indians all the water for their land first.

That is what they said first, but immediately after they took all the water. The 2nd rights men take it all.

OMAN: It is the duty of the Indian Agent to look after these rights for you.

And now I say, wherever there is an Indian Reserve and there is a creek, we want the whole of the creek from the head to the foot, and if you dont do that, the white man takes all the water every year; and there are only a few rancheries, -- one here and one at Alkali Lake.

MISSIONER SHAW: Under the Water Act, where there is trouble

of that kind, they will put in a flume, and then that cannot be interfered with. The man that interferes with any of those commits a serious offence; and they will get all the water they require.

The beginning of all the trouble, that is, where the beginning was, they took all the water.

The Government is sending a man all over the country to measure this water. They will put flumes in for the Indians, and after that white men will not interfere with those flumes.

MISSIONER MACDOWALL: And if white men interfere with the measuring-boxes they will be put into prison.

MISSIONER SHAW (To Indian Agent Ogden): For many many years the priests recorded what water was wanted for the Indian Reserves?

Yes.

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They had practically all the water adjacent to the Reserves recorded for the Reserves?

Yes.

MAN: Now, we will call the Chief to be sworn, and will ask him some questions regarding these matters.

CHIEF BAPTISTE WILLIAMS called and sworn:

COMMISSIONER SHAW: Q: You are the Chief of this Williams Lake Tribe of Indians?

Yes.

How long have you been chief?

Probably a little over 20 years.

You know pretty well all the different Reserves belonging to the band, or how many different pieces there are belonging to your band?

I know there are 4 or 5.

Altogether there are 15. Some of them are very small. Some of them are graveyards, but there are 5 larger pieces of land. How many people belong to your band?

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This paper (exhibit K 10) gives the names of the different families; is that right?'

Yes.

What do your people do for a living -- that is, what do they work at?

At the land.

Is there anything else that they do?

No answer.

Do your people fish at any time of the year?

Now it is very seldom they go fishing; they all stay here on the ranch.

Do they go the Fraser River to catch fish for their own food?

Yes.

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They catch a certain amount of fish every year for their own food?

Yes; we get salmon, and fish.

Do you get as many fish now as you dtd say, 20 years ago?

No, we dont catch as many now as we used to.

Why is it? Is it because fish are more scarce now, or because you have more food?

It is because the Fish Commissioner stops us from fishing.

Do you do any freighting?

Yes, we freight a few times, some of the boys.

And in freighting, do they make fairly good wages from the work?

I don't think they make much out of it.

Do the Indians hunt for furs?

No; we don't hunt furs.

Do they do any trapping?

No, not now. Some Commissioners, I guess, stopped it. For 13 years we have not trapped now.

Did any Commissioner, or any Government man or policeman, ever tell you people that you could not go out on the mountains here to trap?

The constable at 150 told us not to go trapping.

The Indians may go out here and trap any other animals in the fur season, and you can also kill deer for your own use during the open season.

Why did you stop trapping 13 years ago?

They made some kind of a law, and the Indians were afraid to trap.

The fact is that you don't trap now at all?

No; no one traps any now.

that, all the Indians sell, or all the money they get, is from farming - what they sell off the land, and a little money from freighting?

Well, we don't sell a great deal off the land, or from freighting;

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we dont get half enough .

You know the Reserve that we are on now?

Yes.

You know how many acres are in this Reserve?

I dont quite know how many acres, because I've been chief only a little while. I guess you can find out.

Well, I know; but I just wanted to find out whether you knew.

Do you know where the lines and the posts are around this Reserve?

No, I dont know; I only know a few posts. All those old people who knew the lines and the posts, they have died.

What is the land like on this Reserve?

Some of it is on the rocky side.

How much of this Reserve is good land -- that is, land that could be ploughed, or cultivated, or that hay will grow on?

I don't know.

Can you mark on this map where the village is that we are at now?

No, I don't know just where we are now; I don't understand that paper.

RPRETER: I had a lawsuit in Kamloops, and the Captain said in court, if we had sufficient water the most we would cultivate would be 400 acres.

LITTLE BOB was hereupon sworn to give evidence:

COMMISSIONER SHAW: Q: You understand this Reserve, do you Yes.

*How much land would you say could be cultivated on this Reserve, if you have plenty of water?
I don't know how big is one acre. All I know is what Father Captain said at Kamloops.*

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What proportion of the land could be plowed or cultivated if it had water?

Not quite half. If I knew how large an acre was I would tell right away.

Could you show us on the map about what part could be cultivated?

There is lots of land on the rocky side. The Water Commissioner went through our land last year but I forget what he told us. All I know is what Father Captain said at Kamloops. He is a white man and knows what an acre is.

What is the land like right around the line?

That is meadow land.

Could you mark on this map how large that meadow land is?

No I cannot show you on the map. I dont think the 400 acres

included the meadow land.

COMMISSIONER SHAW:

How many tons of hay are cut on this reserve in a year?

We have it down on paper.

Do you cut some hay yourself?

Yes.

How many tons do you cut in a year?

15 tons of Timothy and 20 tons of swamp hay.

Could you not tell me how many tons all the Indians cut in a year?

I don't know exactly how many Indians have raised Timothy.

Do you grow any wheat?

Yes.

Do you thrash it?

Yes.

Is it thrashed with a steam thrasher?

No - with a horse power thrasher.

Who owns the thrasher?

The Indians were given it but I don't know who gave it to us.

How many tons of wheat is thrashed in a year?

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I know how much they raised a long time before the 150 and before the ranch at the 153 mile house before they took the ater.

Do you Indians here sell any hay outside of the Reserve to a white man?

They sell a few tons.

Did they sell any last winter?

Yes.

Do you know how much they sold?

Ten tons of swamp hay.

Do they sell any of the Timothy hay?

I know they sold probably 20 tons of timothy.

Do they sell any wheat?

I know of some fellow who has some wheat and who sold a few sacks.

Just one man sells wheat?

Probably another man sold 5 or 6 sacks.

Do they sell any oats?

Yes.

About how many tons of oats or wheat is sold off Indian land that is last year?

One fellow sold a thousand pounds of oats and another fellow sold 20 sacks and I sold 4,000 pounds, and they sold grain with it, but I forget how much.

Do they grow any potatoes on this Reserve?

Yes.

Do they sell any of the potatoes they grow?

They sold quite a lot, not last year, some years ago when there was a mine opened up or a railway.

And last year they didn't sell any, because no one wanted to buy them?

No.

Have they planted any this year?

Yes.

And they will be able to sell them this year to the men work-

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ing on the railway?

Yes.

Do they grow any other vegetables?

Yes, they grow potatoes, turnips and carrots.

All that they want to use for themselves?

Yes.

And do they have some of these other vegetables to sell as well?

Well I think they will have some potatoes to sell.

But you dont know how many?

No.

Is there a fence all around this land?

Three quarters of it is fenced in. That hill over there is not fenced in yet..

What do they do with the land that they don't cut hay or grain or grow vegetables on - what do they do with that land?

Wdll it stand there yet:, We plow all we can and use that

for pasture in the winter time.

Is there any timber on that reserve.

Yes.

Good timber for saw logs?

No, just good for fire wood.

Not very much, up on the hill there is a little bit.

Do you know reserve No. 2?

Yes.

What is the land like on that Reserve?

It is meadow land. That is where we raise our water there and the other day we bought that water. It was never bought for the Indians and the Water Commissioner gave us that water. There is a reservoir there.

There is a lake in the middle of it, is there?

Yes.

Is there hay there?

Yes.

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Did they cut it last year?

No.

Was there hay there that could be cut?

There is lots of water there, and we use the hay for our cattle.

But when you irrigate it, this water runs out, does it not?

It is not fenced.

How many tons of hay do they cut there?

Only about 5 or 6 tons. A part is covered with water and when that water comes down the cattle eat it all up.

If it was fenced in how much hay could you cut there?

We could cut about ten tons I guess.

There is not much that is flat and will grow hay?

Most of it is willow around the lake and one side is meadow where the grass will grow.

Suppose the willows were cut away would there be much land where you could cut hay off?

Yes I guess so, we keep cutting willows all the time. We

cleared 30 acres here last year.

Did you cut hay off that 30 acres?

No, we planted potatoes and everything there.

I suppose in time you will clear that altogether, will you?

We clear that meadow down there after a while.

How many acres in the meadow - could you plant potatoes there?

You cant grow potatoes there.

Well how many tons of hay could you grow on that meadow reserve?

There is water there all the time.

How much water is on it today?

Pretty near up to the shore tops.

You have that piece of land there more as a reservoir for water?

The Indians took it up before and I cannot tell you what they want it for. We want it now for meadow if we could get at it.

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Is any of that Reserve steep mountain side?

Yes, one side of it is hilly.

About what proportion of it is hilly?

All around that lake it is spruce timber and the little corner meadow and the rest is hilly.

Do you know Reserve No. 3?

Yes.

How many acres in that Reserve?

180 acres. There has been a lot said about that land - about the water and the land. The 150 took it away from the Indians when Bell was Indian Agent.

You understand now it is an Indian Reserve and no one can take it away from you?

Yes.

What is the land like on that Reserve?

Only the meadow is good. That is where we get out water.

Do you cut any hay there?

Yes.

How many tons?

Probably 25 tons of hay.

Do they haul the hay down here for their cattle?

Yes.

And from this other Reserve, do they haul the hay down here?

They haven't got hay there for a few years.

Is there any timber on that Reserve?

Yes - lots.

Good for saw logs?

No.

What kind of timber is it?

Something like fire wood timber.

Any spruce on it?

Yes a little bit.

Do you know Reserve No. 4?

Yes.

What do you use that for?

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*A long time ago the old Indians used it for fishing grounds,
before the old Chief took it up.*

Do they cut any hay there?

No. We just use it for fishing.

Do you know Reserve No. 5?

Yes.

There are 56 acres in that Reserve?

Yes.

What do they use that for?

For fishing.

Is there any meadow land there?

No.

What is the land like?

There is a little piece very good.

Do they ever cultivate it?

Yes.

Any one living there?

No.

What do they grow there?

*They never raise anything there, they cant get water. The
creek is about 1/2 mile deep there and we cant get water.*

Now No. 6, do you know that Reserve?

Yes.

What is that used for?

The Old Chief used to fish there all the time a long time ago and they took it up and they just use it for a fishing place.

Now all those other places from 7 to 16 are grave yards? Do you know Reserve No. 16?

Yes.

What do they use that Reserve for?

That is the meadow where they store the water.

Do they cut any hay there?

Yes.

About how many tons.

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A. That is what I said a little while ago - about 25 tons.

Q. Do you know the Reserve at the 156 mile post?

A. Yes, there are two pieces there.

Q. And you said they cut 25 tons of hay up there?

A. Yes.

Q. That is on the two Reserves - No. 2 and No. 15?

A. Yes.

Q. How many head of cattle are owned by this band of Indians?

A. Probably 40 or 50.

Q. Have you any cattle yourself?

A. Only a few.

Q. How many?

A. 8 or 10.

Q. Has the Chief any cattle?

A. Yes - five.

Q. How many men here have cattle?

A. One man over there has three, one man has one, another man has one and another one has four.

Q. How many horses in the whole band?

A. Probably 30 work horses.

Q. Have you any kyuses?

A. We don't use horses up on the mountains. We had some up there

and we lost track of them.

Q. Do any of the Indians sell any of the cattle for beef?

A. I know they sell a few every year.

Q. Do they milk these cows?

A. There are one or two houses that milk one apiece.

Q. Have you any sheep or pigs?

A. We have no sheep but we have some hogs. Two or three men have some hogs.

Q. Any chickens?

A. Yes, lots of chickens.

Q. Do you raise enough hay or grain to feed your cattle well through the winter?

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Well it is short for winter.

Well if it is short why do they sell hay every year?

Some Indians have no horses and every one has a share in the band those that have no cattle sell the hay.

How many tons of hay do you cut on this Reserve?

I think something like 100 tons of swamp hay.

How much timothy hay?

They raised quite a lot this spring but I dont know how many was cut last year I think it was 30 tons of timothy and this year they are raising quite a lot.

And do you have to feed your cattle and horses through the winter?

Yes.

About what time of the winter do you have to feed your cattle?

I lost track of it:

What month do you begin feeding your cattle?

I don't know, I lost track of it.

Where do your cattle and horses run in the summer time?

They run up in the mountains outside the Reserve. Some in the pasture, and some are kept in the stable, such as the milking cows and some of the work horses.

Where do you grow most of your vegetables?

Most of the potatoes we grow along the creek.

Do they need irrigation?

Well probably if we could get enough water it would be good.

You told us that you had 30 acres over here in potatoes.

Not all in potatoes, some is hay, some potatoes, some in gardens,- we cleared 30 acres.

Are all your crops growing on that 30 acres?

The hay is growing there.

How many acres have you besides that 30 acres:

We don't know how big an acre is.

You said you had 30 acres.

Well I just guessed it.

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Q. Have you a school on this Reserve?

A. No, there is a school at the Mission.

Q. Is it on the Indian Reserve?

A. No.

Q. Do your children here go to the school?

A. Yes we have some children that go to that school and some there now.

Q. How many children go from here to that school?

A. Ten going now.

Q. About how many children are there on this Reserve that are old enough to go to school?

A. They counted them this spring and there were 20.

Q. How far away from here is the school?

A. Five miles away.

Q. And the children that go there stop there all the time?

A. Yes, they stay there all the time.

Q. You have no school on this reserve?

A. No, not yet.

Q. Have you asked to have a school here?

A. Well they asked down below.

Q. Where do you mean?

A. They asked John MacDougall at Bonapart. They asked to have a school at the Rancheries.

Q. Would the Indians here in this Reserve like to have a school right on the reserve?

A. Yes they would like to have a school on the rancherie, so that they will know what is going on with the children and we want white men or white women to teach them at the school so they will know their business. At the Mission school it is mostly religion. I was at it myself and I had a little row with them.

Q. If you had a school on this reserve would all the people send their children to that school?

A. Yes, they all would like it and would send their children to school.

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Q. And would you help the teacher to see that they get on with the school?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any doctor on this Reserve?

A. There is a doctor at the 150 but the fellows say he is lazy.

Q. Does he ever come to visit your reserve?

A. I know it myself, when he is called he never comes for two days afterwards. The last couple of weeks he comes down two times one week, but before that I had to send a telegram to the Agent to make him come down.

Q. Does he come to visit some one that is sick when comes twice a week?

A. Yes he comes down to see sick people. Well I know one fellow who was sick for the last two or three weeks and when I sent for the doctor to come down he came down two or three times one week to see that man but before that he never came. I had sent for him when my children were sick and I had to send a wire to the Agent to make him come. My son cut his finger very badly, he nearly bled to death, but he (the doctor) never came. When I saw him he said "do you think I am going to come down", he was in the telegraph office at the time and some of the boys said to him "you had better go down" but he said "I am sick".

Q. What did you do with the boy?

A. Some of the Indians fixed him up.

Q. Did the doctor ever come to see him?

A. No.

Q. What is the doctor's name?

A. Dr. Feare - lots of times he refused to come and see the Indians when they were sick. One time an Indian brought his girl to see the doctor. The Indian rang the bell at the door, and told the doctor that his girl was sick, and the doctor shut his door in his face and when he tried to open the door, it was locked.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. Last year.

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Q. *And the girl is sick yet.*

A. *Yes, the girl is sick yet.*

Q. *Has the doctor ever seen her since she was sick?*

A. No.

Q. *What sickness has she got?*

A. *Paralyzed on one side since the time she was brought up to the doctor. Three or four months after that she got paralyzed.*

Q. *Did you ever ask the doctor to come down and see her?*

A. No.

Q. *Was she paralyzed when her father took her to see the doctor the first time?*

A. *No that was the beginning of her sickness.*

Q. *And she was not paralyzed until 3 or 4 months after that?*

A. Yes.

Q. *Have you a church on this Reserve?*

A. Yes.

Q. *What is it?*

A. *A Catholic Church.*

Q. *And the Priest visits you every week?*

A. *He comes two times in one year.*

Q. *What do you do with the church all the time?*

A. *We use the church every day. In the morning and at night. The Priest comes two times every year and stays one week.*

Q. *You stated at the Mission school they taught nothing there but religion?*

A. That is what I say myself- that is the intention. When we send them there we want them to be taught how to read and write and to eat beef on Friday.

Q. These boys and girls that have been to school, when they come back can they read and write and do business?

A. We have to bring them up again, I know the first school of the Mission white men and white women taught the boys and the girls, that is all we could get to read and write our letters.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. I don't know.

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Q. How long has this boy been to school?

A. For 8 years.

Q. Can he read?

A. I guess he can read. I got a letter from a man telling me he wanted to buy 10 or 15 hogs. I gave this letter to my boy and he said to me this man wants 1500 hogs, so I took it to the Mission school and they read it to me and they said this man wants to buy 10 or 15 hogs.

Q. Did you write an answer to the letter?

a. I got another man to do it.

Q. Did you, ask your boy to write the letter?

A. No I didn't want to get into trouble.

Q. Well perhaps the writing was bad.

A. Some of the girls go to that school and they say it is the best writing, but when they come home they can't write a letter. There was a girl here who has been at Beaver Lake and she works in the kitchen, and she can do more than the best who have been at the Mission school, the lady of the house teaches her at night.

TH.FJ. CHAIRMAN :

Q. Do they treat the children well?

A. I know they were brought up several times for not using the children right.

Q. Who brought them up?

A. John Murphy, and he took them to a Justice of the Peace.

Q. Do they make the children do hard work?

A. Yes they make the children go under the house and make them haul the dirt into wagons.

Q. They have a farm at the school?

A. Yes.

Q. Do the children have to work on the farm?

A. Yes they have to work on the farm - they have lots of stoves there.

Q. Who cuts the wood for all the stoves?

A. The children have to cut the wood.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

MEETING AT SODA CREEK WITH SODA CREEK BAND OR TRIBE OF INDIANS,
ON SODA CREEK INDIAN RESERVE, ON SATURDAY, 25th JULY, 1914.

MRS. PHILLIPS sworn to act as Interpreter:

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL addresses the assembled Indians
as to the scope of the Commission:

CHIEF WILLIAM PEEPS addresses the Commission as follows:

I have some fishing land here, and I will be pleased if
you will not make any change in':it.

The Chief is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA:

Q. You are the Chief of the Soda Creek Band?

A. Yes.

Q. How many people are in your band - men, women, and children?

A. 95.

Q. How many live on this Reserve here?

A. Not very many stays here. They come and go down to Deep
Creek. Some winter in Deep Creek and some winter down here.

Q. Is the band increasing, or decreasing?

A. It is decreasing.

Q. Rapidly?

A. Not very rapidly.

Q. But there are more deaths than births?

A. It is nearly the same; it is about stationary. The death-rate about equals the birth-rate.

Q. How many cattle in the band?

A. Not over 20 head, altogether.

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Q- Do you milk any cows here?

A. We milk four cows at Deep Creek, and one cow here.

Q. How many horses?

A. 7 work horses.

Q. And how many other horses?

A. About 3 saddle horses.

Q. How many horses have you on the range?

A. About 11 colts.

Q. Do they do much freighting here?

A. They don't do any freighting, but they haul a little lumber for the buildings down at Soda Creek.

Q. What do you grow on this Reserve here?

A. We have small gardens and we grow potatoes, carrots, turnips and a few onions.

Q. Do you grow any oats on this Reserve?

A. We don't. grow any oats here; there is not sufficient water to irrigate it.

Q. Do you raise any Timothy hay on this Reserve?

A. We raise about 5 tons of Timothy here.

Q. Any meadow hay here?

A. No.

Q. Do they cultivate the land here that they have water for?

A. We used to plough it before, but they cannot raise anything on it, owing to insufficient water, and they stopped it.

Q. And they are raising all they can now with the water they have?

A. Yes.

Q. Have they had any trouble here about the water?

A. There is a man here by the name of George Rankin, who wants to build a house right where the Indians' ditch comes from. Chief does not want him to build a house and use the water that the Indians have.

Q. Where do the Indians take the water from - how far is it from the Reserve?

A. It is about a mile where the spring is.

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Soda Creek comes from Mud Lake. The Indians can't use any water from Soda Creek.

Q. Well, they have a record from Soda Creek?

A. Well, they can't use it, because it is too low.

Q. Do the Indians dam the springs from where they get their water?

A. No; there is no dam from the spring.

Q. But they build a ditch_ from the spring to the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they make any application to the Water Commission for the right to take that water?

A. No answer.

Q. You get the water from Mud Lake?

A. No; we use a spring.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Is that spring on the Reserve?

A. It is a mile from the houses on the Reserve, from where the spring comes from.

Q. Does the spring make a • little creek?

A. Yes; it forms into a little creek.

Q. How far outside the Reserve is this spring?

A. 300 yards from the line, from where the spring comes from.

Q. Which side?

A. On the north-east corner.

NOTE: Indian Agent to see that an application
is put in for water.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA:

Q. Do you use that water for domestic purposes, such as for
cooking and drinking?

A. Yes.

Q. Any timber on this Reserve?

A. Yes, there is some timber here.

Q. Is it fit for saw logs?

A. No.

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Q. Only fit for firewood, I suppose,

A. Yes.

Q. How far would you have to ditch in order to get water
from Soda Creek to this Reserve?

A. It is two miles from where the ditch comes, if they
want to get the water. They would have to go 2 miles
further in order to bring water from there to this Reserve.

Q. Is there plenty of water in Soda Creek?

A. There is more water there than they can use, because there
is a big lake, and there is a dam there.

Q. Who made the dam?

A. Pete Dunlovy.

Q. And there is plenty of water there for everybody?

A. There is more water there than they can use.

Q. So that, if the Indians had 2 miles of ditching, they
could use the water from Soda Creek?

NOTE: Indian Agent Ogden to make an application
for these Indians:

You are using all the water you are getting from the spring now?

A. Yes; they use it for irrigation purposes, and for cooking.

Q. So that, they are short of water now for growing hay?

A. Yes, they are short of water.

Q. Where do your children go to school here?

A. Down at the Mission.

Q. How many children go to the Mission?

A. Only 2 from this band.

Q. How many children have you of school age here?

A. There are lots of children here who are fit to go to school; but they hate to send their children down there.

Q. Why?

A. The children go down there, they stay 10 years there, and when they come out they know nothing.

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Q. *And that is your objection to the school, because they don't learn enough?*

A. *Yes; they can't find any education from the children who go down there. If a child comes out from school, and if you give them a paper to read, they won't know what it is; they can't translate it into Indian.*

Q. *Do you mean, that the children forget how to talk Indian, or that they don't learn English?*

A. *They don't know how to read and write.*

Q. *Can they write Indian?*

A. *Yes, but they can't translate it into English.*

Q. *What would you like herein regard to Education?*

A. *The Indians want the children to go to school and learn everything, just like a white man.*

Q. *Do you want a day-school on the Reserve here?*

A. *They don't want a day-school here, but they want the Mission school improved.*

Q. *What about medical attendance? Does the doctor visit you here?*

A. *They have the 150 Mile House doctor.*

Q. *Does he give you good attendance?*

A. There is a man who had a girl sick, and he wired for the doctor, and it took him 3 days to come.

Q. Was the girl seriously ill?

A. Yes. She was on the Deep Creek Reserve, 40 miles away.

Q. And did the girl recover?

A. They called for the priest, and he gave her some medicine, and she got better before the doctor came.

Q. Are there any other cases where you sent for the doctor and he did not come?

A. Yes. We have been complaining about that for several years.

Q. Who to? To the Agent?

A. No; the Indians just talked about it; they are not satisfied

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about it.

Q. They never made a complaint to the Agent?

A. No, but they have been talking about it.

SUB-CHIEF CHARLIE, of Deep Creek Indian Reserve,
called and sworn:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA:

Q. You are the sub-chief of this band who live on the Deep Creek Indian Reserve?

A. I am.

Q. How many families live there, _permanently?

A. 7 families.

Q. What do you raise on that Reserve?

A. They raise Timothy hay down there.

Q. How many tons of Timothy do you raise there?

A. 50 tons, soemtimes, when there is a good crop.

Q. Do you sell a good deal of hay there, then?

A. They don't sell much hay, but they use most of it.

Q. How much meadow hay do you cut there?

A. About 3 tons of swamp hay.

Q. Do you raise any oats there?

A. A little oats.

Q. Enough for your horses?

A. Yes, enough for the horses.

Q. Do they grow any wheat?

A. They raise wheat just good enough for chicken-feed, but it generally freezes before it ripens.

Q. Have you many chickens?

A. We have some chickens, but it don't help much. We only have 14.

Q. Do you grow a lot of potatoes?

A. They can't raise potatoes, down there.

Q. Why?

A. They will freeze before they ripen.

Q. So that they depend upon the potatoes they grow here on this

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Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you raise any garden truck down there?

A. We raise a little, but we can't raise onions.

Q. Why?

A. Because it is too cold.

Q. Do you use all the land there that you have water for on that Reserve?

A. They can't get the water on this side of the flat. They made a ditch there, but it all sunk down.

Q. Do you do any dry farming there?

A. We tried it once, but we could not get any good crops out of it; it was all dried up, and frozen.

Q. Any timber on that Reserve?

A. Lots of timber.

Q. Good for saw logs?

A. Yes; they can make saw logs out of it.

Q. A good proportion of the timber would make good saw logs?

A. They can pick out a little for saw logs.

Q. And the rest is only fit for firewood and rails?

A. Yes.

Q. There is more land upon this Reserve that could be cultivated,

if you had more water?

- A. Yes, we could raise wheat if we had sufficient water.
- Q. They could cultivate how much more land than they cultivate now, if they had more water?
- A. They could cultivate enough for their grub, but not anymore.
- Q. Do you fish here?
- A. They are kind of scared to catch fish here. They have a fishing lake 14 miles from here.
- Q. Is it a Reserve?

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- A. *No, but they have been going out there to fish. Their forefathers have been going out there to fish, and they say it is all surveyed now.*
- Q. *And there was never any Reserve made there for you?*
- A. *No, but their forefathers used to go there to fish.*
- Q. *What is the name of the Lake?*
- A. *Tyhee Lake.*
- Q. *What kind of fish do you get there?*
- A. *Trout and suckers.*
- Q. *Where does that lake empty into?*
- A. *It empties into Big Lake.*
- Q. *What direction is it in from here?*
- A. *North-east from here.*
- Q. *Is that the only fishing-ground they have - is that the only place they want to fish?*
- A. *Yes, it is all the fishing-places the Indians had.*
- Q. *Do they ever go fishing in the Fraser River?*
- A. *Well they catch salmon in the Fraser River, and dry them for their winter food.*
- Q. *Do they get a good supply of salmon for their Winter food?*
- A. *Yes, when they have a good run they have enough; but when*

it is a poor run, they don't have enough.

Q. They depend largely, then, upon fish for their food?

A. Yes, they depend upon the fish from the lake, aid the salmon from the Fraser River.

Q. Where do they catch the most fish - from the lake, or the Fraser River?

A. They get most from the river, when there is a good run.

Q. Have white men taken up the land around that lake?

A. It is all surveyed.

Q. But has any white man taken the land up?

A. There is no white man there.

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Q. It is Government land?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you like to have a small Reserve there, so that they could go and camp there when fishing?

A. Yes; they want to use that lake to catch fish.

Q. Do you want the whole lake?

A. We want a little portion, so that we can camp there while fishing.

Q. You would not object to anyone else fishing there, so long as the Indians were secured in a little piece of land there?

A. No, we would not object.

Q. About how much land would you want there, for pasturing your horses, and for a camping-ground?

A. One mile square.

Q. How long do they stay up there when they go fishing?

A. For about one month.

Q. And how many horses would they have there at that time?

A. It depends on how many go fishing there.

Q. Well, I mean on the average, what is the largest number of horses that go there?

A. When there is quite a few people, about 10, and sometimes 6.

Q. What time of the year do they go there to fish?

A. They start in the middle of April until the end of May.

Q. Is that a wooded country, or an open country, around the lake?

A. There is a little open place there where they fish.

Q. And the rest is wooded?

A. Yes.

Q. And the place that is open is the place you would like to get?

A. Yes; they would like that to be included in the land that is given to them.

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Q. When does the ice leave the lake?

A. Some time in May.

Q. Do they fish through the ice?

A. The trout will run until the middle of April. They will catch them in a trap, and when the ice leaves the lake the suckers will run, then they will put a dam in the creek and kill them.

Q. Have the Indians any houses up there?

A. No.

Q. They camp there when they go there?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any mark on the ground that they camp on?

A. Yes, they have a camping-place where they camp there.

NOTE: Indian Agent Ogden to get a description of this land;

WITNESS: If I want to work at a ditch from Soda Creek, I cannot dig a ditch; I want a water-pipe, and I want the Commissioners

to survey the right of way for the pipe.

MR. COMMISSONER MCKENNA:

Q. Yes, Mr. Ogden will take that up with the Department. Does the railway run on this Reserve?

A. Yes; it runs up on the Indian Reserve. They are building a house right in the Indian Reserve, and they have never asked us about it.

Q. They don't have to ask. A railway don't have to ask anyone to go through any person's land, but they have to pay him for the land that is taken. The Indian Agent will look after that and put a value on the land. And suppose the Company did not want to pay as much as the Agent demanded, the matter would go to arbitration just like a white man's land. Are they building on the Reserve now?

A. Yes; they are building houses on the Indian Reserve now.

Q. Well, we will have the matter looked into, and see that the Indians are paid for the land.

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WITNESS: Who is going to look after it?

A. The Indian Agent.

NOTE: Find out if we passed an Interim Report regarding this matter.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: I wired Ottawa about this matter, but I never got any reply.

WITNESS: This man Crossen, that runs the mill, he took this man, and told him he was going to tell the railway men that they were inside of the Indian Reserve, and Crossen said they were on his land; but they were on the Indian Reserve.

NOTE: Indian Agent to look into this matter, and to inform railway companies not to build their camps on any Indian Reserves,

and he had better write; to the different
companies: to this effect.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Has Crossen got any land here?

A. Yes; he is occupying a little piece of 10 acres on the
Reserve by a Special Permit. Crossen claims that the land
that the company's people are camping on is his own land.

Q. Where is the railway camp, on the map?

A. I can't tell you very well. It is adjoining the Indian's line.

Q. Does Crossen own that land?

A. It belonged to old Collins.

Q. It was never a part of the Reserve?

A. Well, Collins has his line there.

Q. Is it a Crown Granted piece of land, Mr. Ogden, do you know?

MR. OGDEN: Yes, I think it is.

Q. It is called on the map Lot 49?

A. Crossen only has 10 acres, and he claims more land, and
on this additional land that he claims he give the rail-
way company permission to put their camps on it.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B. C.

MEETING WITH THE ALEXANDRIA BAND OR TRIBE OF INDIANS, on
Alexandria Reserve, on Saturday, 25th July, 1914.

JOHNNIE TWAN sworn to act as Interpreter:

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW explains to the
assembled Indians the scope and purpose of
the Commission:

CHIEF SAM ALEXANDER addresses the Commission
as follows:

Our Reserve is large enough for all the people who are
here, but we are short of meadow land. We only have a small
portion to each member, and we are always afraid of the whites
coming and taking it away from us. That is the only way we
make our living, by raising a few head of stock. At one
time, when there was no white men in the whole country, we
could make a very easy living, and everything was going on

fine. As, however, the population has got in here, the scarcer the game has got. There is nothing now in the shape of game handy. All our trapping back of these hills is just thick with white trappers, and we have no show whatever; and I have told our boys that our hunting days are past, and that we must go into raising grain, and stock, and farming. We are trying it right now, and the land that we are cultivating we are adding a little more to it yearly. There is a little added to it every year, and I see that it is done. I wrote some time ago to Ottawa for a small piece of timber land, and I got an answer. If you wish to see it I will show it to you. We are afraid to cut timber on other people's land, is the reason I wrote below to get a piece of timber; and now, being as you are here, we will talk this matter over, and I would like to get this piece of timber land. I have been keeping

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this tribe together, but I can't make things work to suit me. I keep telling the old folks to hunt and trap close at hand, and the young people to go away up in the mountains. I have had quite a lot of trouble with the Chilcotin tribe coming over here on our side, hunting and trapping, and they just clean the whole country up, wherever they go, in the shape of fur-bearing animals. I have no trouble whatever with my own tribe. They mind me well; whatever I say for them to do, they are up and at it at once. It is the law that has kept us back in the late years. The Indians will not go against the law in killing the game out of season, but the whites will. Here is the fish. We used to live on fish at one time, but now we dare not touch them. That is all we were raised on, was fish, when we were young. We did not know what the white folks lived on those days. I suppose you have heard of this place before you came here, how it is working here. It is only this piece of timber land that I want to get, for I don't want anyone to get into trouble over this timber, and this timber

I shall have. Who is going to see to this railway passing over our ground here?

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *If the railway takes any of your land, they will have to pay for it, and the Indian Agent will look after this for you, but you should not interfere with the railway contractors, because the railway company has authority given to it by the Government to come on any Indian Reserve; but the Agent will look after it, and will see that full compensation is paid.*

THE CHIEF: *That is all I care about saying until some of the*

other men come over from the other side of the river.

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CHIEF SAM ALEXANDER *is hereupon sworn:*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *You are the Chief of the Alexandria Band of the Carrier Nation?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Is this No. 1 Reserve that we are on now?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *How many people are in your band?*

A. *50 altogether.*

Q. *Do most of your people live on this Reserve?*

A. *There are more living on the other side, across the river.*

Q. *What sort of land have you here?*

A. *You can see the land here for yourself; it is sandy, and not very good.*

Q. *Have you plenty of water to irrigate it?*

A. *I have no water at all.*

Q. *Don t you get water from Four Mile Creek?*

A. *The Four Mile Creek is 4 miles from here. That was given to us. But we have never had the means of getting that water down here.*

Q. *Are there any creeks nearer than that one?*

A. *That is the only one there is around;*

Q. *What do you grow on this Reserve?*

A. *Wheat, oats, potatoes, onions, carrots and turnips.*

Q. Any corn?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you grow any timothy hay?

A. A small piece.

Q. How do you grow that here, if you have no water?

A. There is a small spring at the foot of the hill that we use
for growing timothy.

Q. And do you grow vegetables without any irrigation?

A. Without any water at all.

Q. How did you do it - by dry farming?

A. Yes, by dry farming.

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Q. Could you grow much more on this Reserve if you had more
water from Four Mile Creek?

A. We could grow anything that can be grown anywhere, if we
had water.

Q. Is there much water in that creek, if you had a ditch?

A. There is a big lot of water in it.

Q. Then it could be brought here by a ditch?

A. The Chinamen some years ago, while minin, dug a dyke, and
mined right here on this Reserve.

Q. Well, why can't you use that ditch now?

A. Because they won't allow us to.

Q. Who won't?

A. Some of the white people have recorded the water, and they
claim that they have a right to it for the reason that the
Indians don't use it.

Q. Did the Indians have a record?

A. The white people will not allow us to use it now.

Q. Is there any water in that ditch now?

A. No; not for the last 20 years. The flume was 50 ft. high,
and they tore that away to keep us from using it. If we

had the means we were going to try to get pipe instead of a flume.

Q. What use do you make of the Reserve across the river, No. 3?

A. All our farming is done on the other side.

Q. And it is on the other side they draw the water from the little spring?

A. Yes; on this Reserve we have no water, and we cannot make any use of the land.

Q. Have you plenty of water on the other side?

A. Nothing but the two springs.

Q. Have they the springs damned?

A. No, there is no place to make a dam.

Q. And that is all the water it is possible for you to get, simply what you get out of those two springs?

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A. There is quite a little stream on the upper end of our Reserve on the other side of the river. It is water that we had used before, but the white people have taken it away from us.

Q. So over there you raise your vegetables and grain by dry farming?

A. Yes.

Q. And do they raise enough for their requirements?

A. Yes, we do very well. If it comes a wet season we have good crops, but if it is dry we don't get near as much.

Q. When you have a good crop, do you sell any?

A. Yes, we sell quite a bit when we have a good crop.

Q. But in any year you have enough for yourselves; even in a dry year?

A. We have plenty for ourselves.

Q. How many tons of timothy hay do you raise over there?

A. They can't raise over 4 or 5 tons - that is all the land they can irrigate from the spring.

Q. Do you cut the grain for grain feed?

A. We use it for oats and hay both. We keep some for grain and some for food.

Q. You have a hay ranch No. 2 containing 60 acres - what do you raise there?

A. Timothy and willow brush. It is no earthly good whatever.

There is no water on it, and when it is rain it is a regular mars

Q. How do they grow the hay there?

A. Well, they just sow it around the edges.

Q. How many tons of timothy would you raise in a good year?

A. At one time we were able to cut six tons on it; that is when it was all cut.

Q. How many tons do you cut there now?

A. We don't use it at all now.

Q. Now is it you could cut it years ago and you can't cut it now?

A. I just told you it is all grown up in brush.

Q. Why don't you keep it cleared?

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A. The grass naturally died out.

Q. If you kept it cleared and reseeded it could you not grow anything?

A. If we were to try and cultivate it we might be able to work a piece of it yet.

Q. How many head of cattle does the Band own?

A. About 78 head all told.

Q. And you sell some every year?

A. Yes we sell quite a few.

Q. What do you sell them as - calves, yearlings, two year olds, or three year olds?

A. Sometimes we sell the steers, and sometimes we kill them and use them for our own beef.

Q. Is the herd increasing or decreasing?

A. We have been trying to increase our cattle, but instead of increasing they are decreasing for the reason that it is the only thing we have to live on. The time is now coming when we are not employed like we used to be where we could

go out and earn money. We now have to depend on our stock to make a living. At one time we used to make our living by hunting, but those days now are over, and we now have to depend on our stock.

Q. Have they got good bulls?

A. No, they are only scrubs.

Q. Well you have a pretty good class of cattle notwithstanding the fact that your bulls are scrub bulls?

A. Yes, but we could get along better if we had more cattle.

Q. How many horses have you got?

A. 63.

Q. Are they mostly heavy horses?

A. They are mostly all kyuses, but the Chief has a thoroughbred stallion.

Q. What proportion would be good work horses?

A. My stock is only very young yet.

Q. Do you sell many horses?

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A. Yes, we sell quite a few.

Q. What do you get for your Kyuses?

A. On the average about \$40.

Q. How much do you get for the heavy horses?

A. \$100.00 is the smallest for the big horses.

Q. I suppose you get up as high as \$150.00 do you?

A. Yes.

Q. You said you were afraid of the whites taking meadow land - what did you mean by that statement?

A. Outside of our Indian Reserve each one has a little small meadow to cut hay for each one's stock, and these are the places that I have been referring to.

Q. How long have they been cutting hay on them?

A. Ever since we were put on this Indian Reserve.

Q. How far away from the Reserve are they?

A. From seven to ten miles from the Reserve. Sam's place is 7 miles away and those on the other side of the river they are about ten miles away.

Q. Are these meadows necessary in order to provide sufficient feed for your horses?

A. These little meadows they only just give us hay enough for what stock we have.

Q. If this Reserve was irrigated from Four Mile Creek would you be able to raise enough hay then without the meadows?

A. Sure we could.

Q. If this Reserve here were irrigated you could raise enough hay if irrigated from Four Mile Creek without going to these small meadows seven and ten miles away - Is that right?

A. It would not be enough for us. We could not raise enough to feed our stock.

Q. About how many tons of hay do you cut on these meadows?

A. There are only small patches in which we can pick up 25 or 30 tons - that is altogether.

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Q. At one time they cut six tons of hay on the meadow reserve and now they don't cut any - If they would continue to cut there they could get on without the meadows could they not?

A. The wild horses takes possession of it now.

Q. The wild horses destroy the hay there now do they?

A. It is a very poor quality of hay that does grow there.

Q. If that Reserve were fenced, would they be able to cut more hay there - Would that keep the wild horses off and secure them more hay?

A. It is almost impossible to make a meadow out of it.

Q. How many acres on this Reserve could be put under timothy hay if it were irrigated?

A. The ground is so uneven it would be almost impossible to irrigate a great deal of it.

Q. Well about how many acres do you think - or if you can't estimate the number of acres can you estimate how many tons of hay you could cut if it was irrigated?

A. There would be no trouble in raising 100 tons on this Reserve if it were irrigated.

Q. And you would have plenty of hay then, would you?

A. It would not be near enough for us all - It averages about 25 tons to the family.

Q. How many families are there?

A. About nine families cut on an average of 25 tons each.

Q. You had better give Mr. Ogden a description of this meadow, and he will look after this matter for you.

Has the land been taken up by whitemen, do you know?

A. No.

Q. It is open Government land?

A. Yes.

Q. Where do your stock range?

A. We have our stock on both Reserves.

Q. Have you asked about timber land. Is there no timber on any of these Reserves?

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A. Nothing but small scrub stuff.

Q. What do you want the timber for?

A. We expect to get a sawmill some day and we want the timber.

Q. What do you want the timber for?

A. For now buildings i.e.- If we had a mill of our own; - just think we paid \$2,000. out of our own pockets to build that with.

Q. Do you just want the timber or do you want the land with the timber on it?

A. We only want the timber.

Q. Why can't you get a permit to cut timber?

A. I wrote a letter to Ottawa about it (here produces letter he received from the Department which is read by Mr. Commissioner Macdowall to the Commission).

Q. Do you know of any vacant timber land?

A. There is some adjoining the Reserve on the other side of the river which we would like to get.

NOTE: Mr. Ogden to look into this application.

Q. You said in your address that you dare not catch fish now. What do you mean by that?

A. We were told here to not bother to fish in any of those

lakes, and we dare not put seines in.

Q. Other Indians take fish out of the Fraser river and other lakes?

A. Well we don't do it here because we were told not to.

Q. Do you catch any fish out of the Fraser river?

A. Yes, we catch fish out of the Fraser river only.

Q. And do you get a good supply out of that river for your winter food?

A. Only some of the people get enough; but it is not every year that we get a good run, because they don't often come up this far.

Q. What lakes or streams did you fish in besides the Fraser river?

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A. Back of these mountains it is full of lakes and rivers.

Q. And who stopped you from fishing there?

A. Mr. Champion, the fishery inspector.

Q. How were you catching the fish?

A. With seines or gill nets.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Were they put right across the river?

A. No, in lakes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: But Mr. Champion told you you could not use these gill nets?

A. He forbade them using seine or gill nets unless a lake was fifty miles long.

Q. There is not much hunting left, is there?

A. The game question is past. The white settlers have taken possession of the whole country.

Q. Do the whites get many fur-bearing animals here?

A. They only take the furs and throw the carcasses away.

Q. Of what animals?

A. Beaver, bear and all kinds of such animals as lynx, marten and fox.

Q. Do they take the skins of the deer and throw the carcasses away too?

A. They eat some of the venison.

Q. If your hunters and trappers went far back in the mountains

why could they not get a share?

A. You can go across the Rockies and you will find the white trappers ahead of you.

Q. The ground is practically covered with the whites?

A. They pretend to take up land away back of these mountains but they only go there to hunt.

Q. And do they prevent the Indians from hunting there?

A. Often they will tell us to make tracks; they say it all belongs to them.

Q. You can trap all over vacant Government land just as the white man does. You can trap anywhere you like until you come to a fence. They have no special privileges there at

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all outside of any land he owns himself, and if you are interfered with by white trappers, you should report it to the Government Agents at the 150 Mile House, or to any policeman or game warden.

Where do your children go to school?

A. There is not a family that raises a family except one family.

Q. How many children in that family?

A. Only one child of school age.

Q. What is the matter?

A. Well I'm the chief here and I have been married 44 years and I haven't made anything yet.

Q. What about medical attendance? Does a doctor ever come to visit you here?

A. Yes, we often call for the doctor but his charges are very steep.

Q. Where is the doctor?

A. At Quesnel.

Q. What is his name?

A. Dr. Baker, but the doctor before him was the worst to charge. The one we have now is very reasonable in his charges.

Q. Is the population of the Band decreasing?

A. It is decreasing very fast.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF B.C.

MEETING WITH THE QUESNEL TRIBE OR BAND OF INDIANS ON QUESNEL I.R.
1, ON MONDAY, JULY 27th, 1914.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW addresses the assembled Indians as to the
scope and purpose of the Commission.

JOHNNIE TRUAN acting as Interpreter.

CHIEF CHARLIE addresses the Commission as follows: I am glad you
people have come to see me. I am very glad you folks have come;
it (?) kind of cases me up in my troubles. Once when I was a
small boy they came and I heard that they were going to give us
some land. I am glad that you folks have come to straighten up
our griefs amongst ourselves, and I am sure that my boys will
all thank you for it. As for myself, I am very old and feeble and
not able to work or to get around to do anything. I am hard of
hearing, so therefore I will take one of my boys in my place.

BLACKWATER JOHNNIE speaks for the Quesnel Band, by request of the
Chief: We want another piece of land besides what we have got.
That is what we want to talk about. The poor Indians here have
only one small fish lake (Ten Mile Lake) to fish out of, and it
is (?) taken up by the whites. It is all fenced in and we would like
to get a small place for fishing. We would also like to get a
small piece of the ground for firewood and stuff to camp in,
as it is all fenced in now by the whites. That is all I have
to say about that.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is that now fenced in and owned by the
whites?

A. They are going to fence in the whole lake shortly and that
is the reason why we want to get a title to it.

Q. Do the white men own it now?

A. They have only squatted in places around the lake, but
they are going to fence in the whole business anyhow and
the most of it is surveyed already.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: If the place is fenced all around
it shows that white men must own it and I am afraid we cannot
do anything in the matter.

INDIAN AGENT OGDEN: I was informed yesterday that the whole

lake was taken up by white men.

BLACKWATER JOHNNIE: There is a corner of Morris' pre-emption at the edge of the lake on which there is six or seven acres of vacant government land, and that is what we want.

THE CHAIRMAN: What part of the lake is that?

A. On the left hand side of the outlet.

Q. What side would that be?

A. That would be on the west side of the lake. About our reserve here - about this railway affair - we were not right up to it and I wrote to Mr. Ogden about it. We all wish to be paid for our land there. We are valuing it at \$250 an acre. They are using up an awful lot of timber on our reserve by which we make our living. We have two small reserves in the town of Quesnel, right near the hospital, and we wish to sell them.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: How large are they?

A. In the two there are 32 acres.

Q. How many reserves have you?

A. We have four reserves. These small reserves were on our old maps that we had at first.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Have you the old maps now?

A. No; they were burned.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: These two small reserves don't appear in the Schedule.

A. This is the third map that we have had. The first was burned and the second was burned by the house burning down.

Q. Were those very old maps?

A. Judge O'Reilly when he came here gave us those maps,

Q. And these two you just mentioned, is there just one grave in each place?

A. No. There are over 200 buried there.

NOTE: (By Mr. Commissioner Shaw): Quesnel townsite is owned by the Provincial Government and we can make enquiry in regard to these two pieces you mention when we go to Victoria.

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WITNESS: Those pieces of ground will never do us any good and therefore we want to get something out of them.

Q. If they were sold what would you do with the bodies that are there?

A. There are hardly any bodies there now? They turned most of them up when they were making new streets. The lower one lies right near one of the streets and in making the streets they have ploughed up bones and skulls and everything.

Q. How long ago is it since anyone was buried there.

A. During the year of the smallpox, in '61.

Q. And has anyone been buried there since?

A. No.

THE CHAIRMAN: When were the streets made and ploughed up?

A. Last year.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Were they all buried there at the time of the smallpox?

A. That was the old burying ground for hundreds of years back.

Q. Any marks there to show that there are graves there?

A. No. From Chinatown to the telegraph office and from there right up to the hospital there are bones that can be ploughed up at any time and they have built the town right over them.

Q. But there is nothing on top of the ground to show that there are graves there?

A. No; most of the graves had palings around them but they have all rotten down and been destroyed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well have you anything else to say?

A. I am only speaking for these people here - The Wuesnel Tribe.

Q. Are you familiar with the Tribe and its reserves and its population and what they are doing? Would you give evidence regarding that or shall we call the Chief?

A. There is another thing that I wish to speak about, and that is the way the priest is treating us here. He has made us move three different times, and as we build up he makes us move again, and he is keeping us poor all the time.

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THE CHAIRMAN: The priest has no authority to make you move. The Indian Agent is the one to attend to anything like that.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: How long ago is it that the priest asked you to move?

A. Nine years ago.

Q. From where?

A. From I.R. No. 1 on the Fraser River.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: I believe they moved up here because it

was better for their health.

THE CHIEF: My boys make their living principally by working out for the whites.

BLACKWATER JOHNNIE: The priest keeps moving us like this; we never get ahead. The law is so now that we cannot kill any game and we are right poor now and only live from hand to mouth.

BLACKWATER JOHNNIE is hereupon sworn to give evidence:

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you know what the population of this Tribe is?

A. There is a man who is making up a list which he will have ready in a very short time.

Q. Have you seen this list? Is it correct?

A. The man has not figured it up yet.

Q. Do you know how many houses there are here?

A. Eight.

Q. How many cattle has this Band here?

A. None.

Q. Any horses?

A. One.

Q. Any pigs?

A. None at all.

Q. Chickens?

A. Nothing at all.

Q. What do you raise on this reserve?

A. Only a few of the boys raise a few potatoes and a little hay.

Q. Any other vegetables besides potatoes?

A. A few turnips.

Q. And how much hay do they cut?

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A. About 4 or 5 tons of wild hay and about 4 or 5 tons of oat hay and in some dry seasons we get nothing, for the reason that we have no water to irrigate the land.

Q. What do they do with the hay?

A. We sell it.

Q. Any timber on this reserve?

A. We have the best patch of timber in this neighborhood.

Q. Is it large timber?

A. Part of it is plenty big enough for sawlogs and the balance is fit for good building timber.

Q. And you have firewood I suppose on this reserve?

A. Yes, we get firewood here.

Q. Do you cut any timber to sell?

A. Not very much; we haven't sold 50 logs since we have been on this reserve.

Q. Now you told us that the railway company was cutting timber?

A. Not only right on the right-of-way are they using this timber, but they are using our timber away up on the hill, which is our best timber.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. Well they have no right to do that. Did you ever complain to the Agent about it?

A. I wrote to Mr. Ogden telling him to see to that for us right away so that we would know, and I got no reply from him.

Q. How long ago did you write?

A. Four weeks ago.

Q. Where did you address the letter to?

A. To the 115 Mile House.

Q. The railway company will have to pay for any logs they cut off the reserve and Mr. Ogden will look into that matter for you. Mr. Ogden has been travelling with us for the last couple of weeks, consequently that is the reason you have received no reply to your letter. Mr. Ogden states that he has not yet received it. What do the Indians do for a living here?

A. We mostly work for the whites around, and at odd times, when
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We can kill very little game now as the law won't let us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Not in the close season but you have the right to kill a male deer even in the close season for your own use.

A. The game warden around here is only watching the Indians; the whites are killing them all the year round and he pays no attention to them whatever.

THE CHAIRMAN: The white men have the same right as the Indians

to kill game in the open season, but you have the right in the close season to kill male bucks over one year of age for your own food.

A. I wish you would give us something to refer to about killing male deer out of season for our own use; the game warden will not allow us to do that under any consideration at all.

Q. Who is the game warden?

A. I don't know; they change them all the time. There is only one man that I know, and his name is George.

Q. Did the game warden tell you not to kill game?

A. Yes; he told us often about it.

NOTE: Mr. Bryan Williams to be written to regarding this matter.

A. They won't allow them even to catch fish with seines and that is how we get our living.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: When did they stop you from doing that?

A. In the lakes, wherever there is trout or anything in the lakes they stop us. I even dug a ditch to save all the trout and get them in a lake where there were no fish before, and then the white men would not let me fish in that lake.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is that lake on the reserve?

A. No; it is on the other side of the river.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose someone owns that lake now?

A. No; it is now owned by anyone. This ditch is about half a mile and year after year I have been digging away at it to get to the little lake. There was no fish in it before I dug the ditch and now they drove us away from that lake.

Q. Who drove you away?

A. The whites.

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THE CHAIRMAN: In regard to the killing of deer, we will write to the Chief of the Game Wardens and tell him what your complaints are and will endeavour to get that righted; but no one is allowed to use a seine in a lake - neither the white man nor the Indian. Now you say you hunt - What do you get?

A. Beaver and marten. There are so many people around the woods trapping that we have to hide all the time when we are hunting and trapping, and the white trappers they always inform on us killing game and they are the ringleaders.

Q. How much does the Tribe make out of the furs they get?

A. Sometimes when we have good luck we get \$40. or \$50. worth of furs and at other times we don't get anything.

Q. Is that for the season?

A. Yes.

Q. Do the whole Band only get \$40 or \$50 or do you mean that each one gets that?

A. No each one gets that. We don't all go trapping altogether. One or two go out at a time.

Q. How many would there be trapping when you make \$40 or \$50?

A. On the average we get about \$200 worth of furs at a time, and at other times we don't get anything. If we were allowed to go out and hunt and trap in the right time of the year we could do much better.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: You can go out in the mountains to hunt and trap so long as you don't get on property that belongs to the white man. The white man cannot prevent you going out hunting and trapping.

A. We did not know that before, but we know it now. We were led to believe that we could not go out to hunt and trap whenever we liked.

THE CHAIRMAN: You say it is because of the want of water that you don't raise anything more on this reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And if you had water could you raise a good deal more?

A. Yes, if we had water we could raise anything we wanted.

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Q. *Is there any stream near this reserve that you could get water from?*

A. *No; only the lake here back of us - Dragon Lake. In the old reserve, Dragon Lake creek was reserved for us and the town people paid for the use of it, to the Indians.*

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. *What kind of soil is it on this reserve?*

A. *Very good soil.*

Q. *You have some hay there that you plant and raise, have you?*

A. *Yes, in the wet seasons we have a very good crop, but in*

the dry seasons we have nothing.

Q. Have you ever tried dry farming here?

A. No, we never tried dry farming. We have just got gardens and we just keep adding to them.

Q. You are quite sure you only have one horse here?

A. Yes, that is all we have.

Q. Now do you know No.2 Reserve on the right bank of the Fraser river, opposite No.1?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you do with that?

A. We only have a small piece of ground there and it is all taken up with gardens and houses.

Q. How many houses there?

A. Three.

Q. Is there any stock there at all?

A. No.

Q. Any grass on that reserve?

A. The whole place is taken up with timothy and potatoes this year. There is only a small plot about one acre wide that we have to plant, and the other portion is on a mountainside.

Q. And everything that is cleared there is cleared?

A. Every foot of it that can be worked is worked.

Q. Any water there?

A. There is a spring there.

Q. Any timber on the uplands?

A. No.

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Q. Any wood at all there?

A. Nothing but small poplars.

Q. Now No.3, Dragon Lake, do you know that reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. What do you do with that?

A. I am not well acquainted with that piece.

Q. Are there any building on it or any clearings?

A. We only used it for a camping ground this year.

Q. Is there any water there?

A. It is right at the mouth of the lake and the creek runs right through it.

Q. And you could have irrigation there?

A. Carson has dug this piece down so far that we could not get any water in it at all.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Does the wagon road run through that reserve?

A. Yes, it goes right through the corner.

Q. Do you know where Mr. Booth's place is?

A. Yes (pointing out same on map).

Q. And Mr. Booth has some buildings there, has he not?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. Who dug the ditch?

A. Carson, the old blacksmith in Quesnel. Part of that water was given to the Indians, but Carson still has a record of 160 inches from that creek.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Do you know if the Indians have a record for that water?

A. All the papers, records and maps were burned up in a fire.

Q. Did you ever see the water there that you had a record for?

A. No. They sold this water to Johnson Brothers for irrigation purposes.

Q. You had no right to sell the water. But you never used it for irrigation?

A. No.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. Now No.4, Rich Bar? Do you know that reserve?

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A. Yes.

Q. What do you do with that?

A. We intend to use it for a pasture if we get hold of any stock.

Q. You don't use it now?

A. No; we cleared about 10 acres a good many years ago, but of late years we have done no clearing because we have no stock.

Q. You have a water record for that place?

A. Nothing but the Fraser River. There is not a spring or a thing on it. If the Schedule says there is a record there it must be a mistake. There is a spring there but we cannot get two inches of water there. It dries up right along.

Q. And you cleared about how many acres?

A. About 10 acres.

Q. And has that grown up again?

A. Yes, it is growing up again.

Q. Is it fenced?

A. We had a fence once.

Q. Is there any timber on Rich Bar reserve?

A. Only a small patch in one corner.

Q. What kind of timber is it, is it good for sawlogs?

A. It is scrub and not worth anything.

Q. Will it make firewood?

A. Yes; it is just good for firewood.

Q. What is the soil like?

A. It is pretty sandy, but the land is not bad.

Q. What about your schools? Have you any school here?

A. No.

Q. Do any of your children go to the Mission school?

A. No.

Q. Would you like to have a school here?

A. We would very much like to have a school here. We send our children to the Williams Lake school, we pay their was down and we send the priest money to senf them back and for their meals and their passage, and he only gives them part of it and they are always short when they come home, and the priest

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keeps the balance.

Q. And if there was a school here would you send all your children to that school?

A. Yes, we would be very glad to.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL:

Q. Do you know of any case yourself where that has happened?

A. Yes. There was a daughter of mine went to school a year

ago last summer, and at the holidays I, gave the priest \$11.50 for him to give to this girl. And-he only gave her \$8.00.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. It is possible that he might have given it lo her - that is he might have advanced her boots or clothes to that amount.

A. No; we provide the clothes here, even to the skirts and shoes, for them to come down and to go back with.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. Do you think the girl could have spent the money?

A. The way I find this out, she is only a small girl. Her fare was \$7.50 from the school here, and the priest only gave her 75 cents to pay for her meals all the way up.

Q. Did you ever speak to the priest about it?

A. I told him about it right to his face and he denied it, and said the priest will wrong no one out of a nickel.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Did you ask him what became of the balance of the money?

A. I asked about it more than once and he said it is wrong - a priest will not wrong anyone out of a nickel.

Q. Does any doctor ever come to see you here when you are sick?

A. Yes, often. He always comes when we call for him.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. He is very attentive?

A. Yes, he is very good in that way.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:

Q. Who is the doctor?

A. Dr. Baker.

Q. You have a church here?

A. A kind of a one.

Q. It is a Roman Catholic church?

A. Yes.

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Q. How often does the priest come to see you?

A. Two times a year.

Q. And you have service every Sunday?

A. Not only on Sundays but all through the week-days we have service.

THE CHAIRMAN: The right-of-way for the railways will be valued and the company will have to pay for any land they take from you

on the reserves. Do you get much fish here?

A. We only get a few in the one lake.

Q. Do you get any in the Fraser river?

A. Wherever the salmon run we get quite a few.

Q. Enough for the winter?

A. Some years when the run is good we get enough for the year round. Other years we can't get three a-piece.

Q. Now you said you wanted so me more land, and one was the small piece at the Ten Mile Lake. You described that as at the corner of Morris's pre-emption - Can you give any other description that that?

A. That is the best that I can do.

NOTE: Indian Agent to locate this, and report at Victoria with full description.

Q. And those two saall reserves, you say you are willing to sell those?

A. These little Reserves are occupied now with buildings, and while they have no right to it, we ought to get something for it, because they were reserved for us.

Q. How many people are there in the Band now?

A. 58.

Q. How many families are there?

A. Six.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is this land we see here cleared - Is that all the land you have cleared?

A. Yes, and a piece away up on the upper corner.

Q. How big is that?

A. About two acres.

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Q. Is this fairly all good land in this Block - I mean in Indian Reserve No. 1?

A. There are about 40 acres in this neighbourhood that is really good, and the balance is all clay.

Q. If it is clay it ought to be good for dry farming?

A. When it is dry or dries up you can't take an axe and chop it.

Q. Suppose you had assistance would you feel inclined to cultivate more of this land?

A. We will have to try from this on as the game is getting scarce, and if we can get any means to clear the land, we will do so.

Q. About where does the Railway Company go through the main part of the Reserve?

A. The Railway comes through the two Reserves - Reserve #1 and Richbar.

Q. And if those little reserves in the town were sold, that would help you to improve this Reserve - Is that what your intention is to do with the money?

A. We need tools and that is what we would use the money for.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose you know that any man of 18 years is considered a head of a family?

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Are there more Indians here now than there were five years ago?

A. There are just about twenty less than there were five years ago.

Q. How many people were born last year?

A. Three.

Q. And how many died on this Reserve within the last year?

A. Two.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: How many young men are there say between 14 and 19?

A. Fourteen.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Do you Indians do any mining here?

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Examination of 'Isaac Ogden and the Reserves in his Agency, at

_____ the Board Room, Victoria, on Friday, Nov. 23rd, 1914.

d ssioner McKenna: You are the Agent for the William's Lake Agency?

Yes.

How long have you been Agent?

Five years.

You accompanied the Commission in its visitation of the Agency?

Yes.

The Commission first met the Indians of Capim lake.

These Indians have how many Reserves?

Two Reserves.

No. 1 has 4,400 acres, and No. 2 has 160 acres?

Yes.

Where do these Indians make their chief dwelling place?

At Reserve No. 1.

What is the condition of Reserve No. 1 - What sort of land is it?

It is very good land for agricultural purposes.

How much of it is timber?

Pretty nearly all timber - All timber with the exception of 300 acres.

What is the timber like?

The timber inside of the Reserve is very small - mostly willow.

You would not class it as merchantable timber?

No.

They have about 300 acres cleared?

Yes.

What do they raise?

Mostly timothy hay.

How many families live on that Reserve?

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About twenty families.

There is a population of how many?

Fifty-nine.

How many cattle have they got?

Abokit 50 or 60 head altogether.

Where do they graze the cattle?

Mostly right on the inside; that is on the side-hills of the Reserve.

It is only thinly timbered?

It is kind of pasture land. Some of it is prairie and some of it is in wood.

Is there pasture for more cattle than they have?

Yes, I think they could run a little more cattle.

How many more?

About as much again.

Do they grow any hay there?

No, on account of not having water. They had water on the table land but it ran dry. The creek they had a man surveyed it once. They could get water but they would have to go 15 miles up the creek. I made a recommendation to the Department to help them, but they thought the cost would be too great. The land is clay bottom and it would wash away and I believe it is because of this that they did not go on with the ditch.

Then the land is not adapted to irrigation?

No. The land that could be cultivated is about 200 acres, and that is the maximum that could be cultivated even if they had a ditch.

Besides cattle - have they horses?

Yes, about 100 head.

Where do they run?

Outside the Reserve and they feed them in the winter time.

What sort of horses are they?

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Mostly riding and work horses.

What proportion of work horses?

Two or three Indians have freighting teams, but most of the horses are saddle horses.

Have they any sheep?

No.

Any hogs?

No.

Any poultry?

They all have a few chickens.

About how many children of school age are there there?

Quite a few attending school now - There are about five.

What school do they go to?

William's Lake Industrial School.

Are those five children attending the school now?

Yes.

What about medical attendance?

It is very hard to get the Doctor to go out there from the 150 on account of the distance. They have not been properly attended to. I have called him out once or twice but they always had excuses.

How far is it from the 150?

About 65 miles.

And that is the nearest doctor?

Yes.

Do you think he could render better assistance if he wanted to?

Yes.

Commissioner MacDowall: He goes to Alkali lake too does he not?

Yes, and to Soda Creek, and when the Indians are very sick they go to see him.

Commissioner McKenna: What is the Doctor's name?

Dr. Fear.

What about No. 2?

They never use it at all.

How far is that from No. 1?

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A. About ten miles.

Q. What is it like?

A. It is small cotton-wood and willows. They can't get no water to it.

Q. So then you consider this 160 acres is useless to the Indians?

A. They camp there when going backwards and forwards.

Q. That is all they use it for?

A. Yes. It is only fit for dry farming if cleared.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: 300 acres are under cultivation, 200 acres more might be brought under cultivation - now what is that 200 acres that is cleared like?

A. They used to grow grain there, but since the water has gone dry they have never done anything with it.

Q. And the balance of this land is covered with hay and cotton wood mostly?

A. Yes, and pines.

Q. Could crops be grown there without irrigation?

A. Yes, but I have a hard job to get them to clear any land there.

I have been speaking to them about it but they have done very little.

Q. But the majority of this land, if cleared, would be fit for cultivation without irrigation?

A. It would be fit for hay. Grain would grow too rank there. The and is too rich.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Did they ever try to grow grain there?

A. They never tried. Generally where it is very damp, they cannot grow timothy. It is not the richness, it is the dampness.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Is the Reserve all fenced?

A. Nearly all fenced.

Q. And this is what they use for pasture for their stock?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you think the whole Reserve is needed for these Indians?

A. The whole of No. 1 is with the exception of part of it where the small pine (rest of line missing)

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Q. Do you think the whole of No. 2 Reserve is needed for them?

A. They don't do anything with it. I don't think it is any good to them at all. They don't reap any benefit by it.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Do you know how the population of 59 compares with the population of five years ago?

A. I think they are on the increase.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Has the condition of these Indians improved within the past five years?

A. I think they have.

Q. Quite markedly, is it?

A. Yes.

Q. What is their health like?

A. Their health is fair - I cannot say it is very good.

Q. I suppose it would be better if they had better medical attendance?

A. Well I don't know - I think so.

Q. When did you take your last census?

A. Last March.

Q. According to the Blue-book the population is given as 59 is there any change in that?

A. Yes.

The population has increased two since that.

Q. Then there are 61?

A. Yes.

HE is hereupon sworn :

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Now I find in the Bluebook that there were 35 people of 21 years and upwards? Does it show how many males there were?

A. Yes. 21.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: The girls get married when they are about 16, don't they?

A. Yes.

Q. And the boys?

A. When they are about 18.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: We next visited the Indians at Canoe Creek?

A. Yes.

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Now the Canoe Creek Tribe have how many Reserves?

I have forgotten how many they have.

Well the Schedule shows them as having six Reserves and a graveyard?

That is right.

No. 1 Reserve contains 93 acres - what use do they make of that?

They raise grain and hay.

Is it all cleared?

Yes.

What is the quality of the land?

Good.

How many Indians live there on that Reserve?

They all live there with the exception of one family.

Chairman: I understand you to say it is all cultivated?

Yes.

Well according to the evidence they say here "Only the lower part is cultivated because that is all they have water for".

Commissioner McKenna: Why is it not all cleared?

It is not very good - it is rocky and they never work it, and part is where they have their village.

Do they cultivate all the land that they can cultivate?

Yes.

And the rest is what?

Kind of rocky.

Do they use water there?

Yes, from Canoe Creek.

Have they plenty of water?

They have enough water for the land that is cultivable.

And they are cultivating all that is cultivable?

Yes.

CHAIRMAN: This is what the evidence says: "We cannot possibly have all that water, because the Ranch above uses it all - The B.C. Cattle Company's ranch uses it all, and we simply get what is left".

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They never made any complaints to me. about the B.C. Cattle Company taking all the water. Mr. Hannon is the manager where we stopped for lunch while on that Reserve, and he always lets them have all the water they need.

Commissioner Shaw: Did the Water Commission visit that district last summer?

I think they did but I am not sure.

Commissioner McKenna: No. 2 Reserve has 4,460 acres. What use do the Indians make of that?

That is pasture land.

Is it all open country?

Nearly all. Some of it is covered with alkali.

Is there any growth on it at all?

It is good for pasture. There is a small growth of grass on it, and there are some willow and cottonwood timber on it.

It is alkali grazing land?

Yes.

Is it fit for anything else but grazing?

No.

Do Indians live there?

No.

CHAIRMAN; Johnnie's place is there?

Yes.

Commissioner McKenna: How many families live there?

One family lives there.

CHAIRMAN: The place is all fenced?

Yes.

Don't they cut hay there?

They cut hay on one part of it.

Commissioner McKenna: How big is it?

I don't know, but they cut about seven or eight tons of hay there.

Apirt_from...:that the rest is only fit for grazing?

Yes.

No. 3 has 6,931 acres. What use is made of that?

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Some of the Indians live^there. I am not sure whether they are mostly from Dog Creek or not - they were there before my time, and I have never called them Canoe Creek Indians. I always call them Dog Creek Indians.

How many families are there?

Three or four families.

You don't call them Canoe Creek Indians?

No.

So you don't know whether they are included with the Canoe Creek or Dog Creek Indians?

No.

What sort of land is that?

They raise a little grain and timothy hay there.

About how many acres are there under hay and grain?

Altogether about 40 acres.

What is the rest of the land like?

Small scrubby fir timber.

Not merchantable?

No.

What is the quality of the land that the timber grows on?

Not very good.

What about the water supply?

They have a little stream running through there.

According to the Schedule they have 20 inches of water recorded from a small stream running through the Reserve?

Some years they may get 20 inches.

Are they cultivating all the land that they have water for?

Yes, all.

Do they always have enough water?

Not always.

Have they enough for drinking purposes?

Yes, they have Enough for drinking purposes.

*CHAIRMAN: And the Indians from No. 1 go there sometimes to
plant crops?*

Yes, I think so.

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*Commissioner Macdowall: Is there any way of holding the water
on that Reserve?*

No, I don't think so.

*Commissioner McKenna: Now Spilmouse No. 4 of 400 acres. What
is that like?*

I don't know much about that.

Have you ever seen it?

No.

Do you know what use the Indians make of that?

No, I never heard.

No. 5 Fish Lake, 105 acres - Do you know that?

They go fishing there, but I have been there.

Do they make any other use of it?

I don't know.

Did you ever see it?

No.

Now Toby Lake No. 6. Did you ever see that Reserve?

*No, I never saw it. I don't think they make any use or much
use of that either.*

*What is the total population of the Canoe Creek Tribe - I
may say that it was 132 according to the Report of 1913. Was
there an increase or a decrease when you took your census last
I think there was a decrease of two or three.*

Where do the Indians live principally - On No. 1?

Yes, on No. 1.

Now how many cattle have they?

They have about 75 or 80 head.
Where do they pasture their cattle?
Right on the different Reserves.
Any particular Reserve?
No.
How many horses have they got?
I should judge about 200 horses.
And they run the same way?
Yes.

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How many horses among them?
A few and the rest are saddle horses.
The Indians use the heavy horses for farming and freighting?
Yes.
Have they any sheep?
No.
Any poultry?
Yes, they all have a little poultc^y.
What is the condition of these Indians, are they well off?
They are pretty well to do.
Do they make a fair living?
Yes.
In the five years you have been agent have you noticed any improvements?
Yes, I think they have made quite an improvement.
What about their health?
Dr. Sanson visits them and he also visits the reserve at Clinton. The reserve has no regular doctor, he goes whenever called.
Does he render very good attendance:
Yes, very good attendance.
How many children of school have they about?
About twenty I should judge that are able to attend school.
Where do they attend?
They go to the Industrial school.
lb they all attend?

Not all, they have no room.

About how many children do they take? Do all those twenty children go to school?

Not all, only four or five go.

Why don't the others go?

Because they have no room for them.

If the school was enlarged would they go?

They always send as many as the school will take.

You never heard any complaint made about the school?

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Not at Canoe Creek.

Could any other arrangement be made for the education of these children?

No, I don't think so. They all ought to go to the Industrial School.

Do you think a day school would be feasible?

I don't think so.

Commissioner Shaw: How far are they away from Williams Lake?

Not over sixty miles, a couple of days' travel.

If there are twenty children there why would not a day school be feasible?

I don't know. I don't think they would get along with a day school at all.

Commissioner McKenna: Do they travel about much?

Yes, quite a bit in the summer, hunting and fishing and one thing or another.

Do they get a considerable portion of their living from hunting and fishing?

Yes, they get quite a lot of salmon and deer.

Chairman: What was the place where they said the place was

fenced up and they could not go down to the Fraser River?

There was no foundation for that statement.

Commissioner McKenna: And they can still go down to that river?

Yes.

Is their main living made by hunting and fishing?

Yes, the main source of living is hunting and fishing.

Commissioner Shaw: Now No. 3 contains 6,931 acres and you say there are about forty acres of that cultivated?

Yes, about forty acres.

What use is made of the balance of the 6,900 acres?

They got it fenced in and they keep their stock there.

Then No. 4 you know nothing at all about it, you haven't seen it?

I don't know whether it is fenced or not.

Do they use Toby Lake?

I don't know whether they do or not, I have never seen it.

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They have over 12,500 acres of land there. Do they require all this land?

I could not say, but regarding Toby Lake I know they don't live there.

Commissioner Macdowall: Which is the reserve - you remember

when we were going along there was a reserve on the Fraser River where there was no one living on it and on each side there was a gulch, and I asked you if they could not pump water up from the river?

That is Wycott's Flat. That is one of the Alkali Lake reserves.

They have a total of 12,305 acres. Do they reasonably require it for their use?

I don't think they require all that.

What portion do you think they don't reasonably require?

They don't require Toby Lake - I never visited it because I don't think they use it.

chairman: If you have never been there how can you say they don't use it?

I never heard of them using the reserve.

commissioner McKenna: Did you ever make enquiry as to whether it was used or not?

No, I never did.

commissioner Shaw: Outside of Toby Lake do they require all that land?

I think they require all that, they make use of it.

commissioner McKenna: Now we come to the Dog Creek Tribe.

What is the population of the Dog Creek Tribe?

Twenty.

That is 'according to your last census?

Yes.

Then there is no increase or decrease since your last census?

No.

In the five years that you have been Agent have these Indians increased or decreased?

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They have increased.

About how many families live there?

Three families.

What is the condition of these Indians?

They are a poor and lazy lot.

What about their health?

Their health is good.

Good medical attendance?

Once in a while the doctor gets there from the 150.

Do you consider he gives them adequate medical attention?

I don't think Dr. Fear ever went there since he was appointed.

He was never called there.

How long is it since he was appointed?

He was appointed over a year ago.

How far do the Indians live from where he resides?

A little over fifty miles.

How many children of school age in this Tribe?

Two or three.

Do they go to school?

I don't think any from Dog Creek go to school.

Why?

I could not tell you. I spoke to them about attending school.

Are they averse to sending their children to school?

Yes.

Did they ever send any children to Williams Lake Industrial School?

One or two have been to school before I was appointed, but since I was appointed none have gone to school.

Did they give you any reason for not sending their children to school?

No.

No. 1 reserve contains 357 1/2 acres. What is that reserve like?

They raise grain and timothy hay, but very little of either.

About how much land is under cultivation?

Between ten and fifteen acres.

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Could they cultivate more?

I think they could cultivate a few more acres.

What is the balance of the land like?

Just about the same as the rest it is good for grazing purposes.

Is the part not under cultivation covered with timber?

Yes, and it is very rocky.

What kind of timber is it?

Scrubby fir.

Not merchantable?

Some of it is - 100 acres of that would cut quite a few saw logs.

It is a kind of a valley on the sidehills.

About how much is valley?

I don't think outside thirty acres. They have no Chief there and no one urges them on. He died a couple of years ago and the Department wrote and told me it was not necessary to have a Chief there.

What do you think about it?

I think they should have a chief.

How many Indians live on that Reserve? No. 1?

Very nearly all the Indians live on that Reserve.

Now we come to No. 2 containing 540 acres.

Chairman: Have they water there?

Yes.

Does Mr. Place take the water?

I know he does not take the water. Mr. Place's ditch is full and there is lots of water running down there besides what he uses.

'ommissioner Macdowall: On Page 4 of the evidence they say

"there is some very good land there, but we cannot get any water on it because the creek is lower than the land"?

No answer.

'ommissioner McKenna: Now No. 2, containing 540 acres, what kind of land is that?
It is something like No. 1, not any land fit for cultivation.
None of it fit for cultivation?
That is right.

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Commissioner Shaw: They cut a little bit of wild hay there according to the evidence. Do you know how much hay they cut there?

I don't think they make any use of it.

Commissioner McKenna: Did you ever see that reserve?

No.

Commissioner Shaw: Is it fenced?

No, it is not fenced.

Commissioner McKenna: Now No. 3 reserve containing twenty acres.

Do you know that reserve?

I don't know anything about that reserve.

Do you know what use the Indians make of it?

No.

Now we come to No. 4 containing 454 acres, including a graveyard do you know that reserve?

That is their fishing reserve I think.

Are you sure?

Yes, I am pretty sure.

You said that most of the Indians live on No. 1. Do you know where the rest of them live?

One family lives on one of the other reserves.

Do you know which one?

No.

How many cattle have these Indians?

Very few.

About how many?

I think they have about eighteen head.

Where do they run them?

On the sidehills and outside of the reserve.

On NO. 1?

No, on No. 2 they mostly all run.

How many horses have they all got?

About thirty head of horses.

Where do they run?

They mostly run outside the reserve on the grazing land.

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What sort of horses are they?

All small horses.

They have no work horses at all?

No.

Commissioner Shaw: Are any of these reserves fenced?

No. 1 is fenced, the rest are not.

Chairman: I see according to the evidence that they cut hay on

No. 2 reserve? Is that so?

I don't know.

Commissioner McKenna: Now we come to the Shuswap Indians at

Alkali Lake. What is the population of that Tribe, the Alkali Lake Tribe. According to the census of 1913 there was a population of 201. Did your census of March last show a decrease or an increase?

They decreased a few.

How many?

About three.

During the five years you have been Agent have these Indians decreased or increased?

They have increased.,

What is their condition?

They are pretty well to do Indians.

What is their chief means of livelihood?

Stock raising and farming.

Do they fish?

They fish and hunt a little and a few of them team, and a few work for Mr. Johnson.

They don't work constantly for him do they?

Some of them do.

What is the condition of their health?

It is fair.

Who is the doctor?

Dr. Fear.

That is pretty difficult of access?

I think it is about thirty-five miles.

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Does he render satisfactory attendance to them?

Not very satisfactory attendance.

Do you think their health would be improved if there was improved medical attendance?

Yes, I think so.

How many children of school age have they?

Quite a few.

How many?

I think over twenty.

Do their children go to school?

Quite a few go to the Industrial school.

About how many?

I should judge seven or eight or ten.

What about the others?

They get no education because they would not take them in on account of there being no room at the school.

Would a day school be feasible for these Indians?

I don't think so because it is pretty handy to the Williams Lake Industrial School.

And in your opinion you consider a boarding school better than a day school?

Yes.

Now we come to No. 1 reserve containing 596 1/2 acres. What sort of land is that?

Pretty good land.

How much of it is cleared and under cultivation?

I should judge about 150 acres.

What do they grow there?

Grain and timothy hay, oats, barley, wheat and all sorts of roots.

Do they farm successfully there?

Yes.

Is it good land that is under cultivation?

Pretty fair land.

Have they plenty of water?

They have a lot of trouble over the water. Mr. Johnson and

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Mr. Moore have prior records on that Creek.

And when they take their quota of water the Indians have not got a full supply?

Well, Mr. Johnson gives them all the water they want but they have had trouble with Mr. Moore.

Have they all the water that they have a record for?

They have no record for water there. I was suggesting that they build dams up on the mountain so that they could store the water.

With the water they now depend on could they cultivate all the land they have?

No.

What is the balance of that reserve like, the part that is not cultivated?

It is sidehills and rocks on one side and on the other side it is covered with/ines and scrubby fir.

Any merchantable timber?

I think they could get a few sawlogs but not very many.

Now we come to No. 2, 800 acres, what sort of land is that?

That is some of the land that grows these cottonwood and small pines.

Is anything cleared there?

Some of it - it is good pasture land.

Any of it fit for agriculture?

For dry farming yes.

Commissioner Shaw: Do they cultivate any of that 800 acres?

No.

Chairman: Do you know that the Indians tried to grow produce there but they could not succeed?

Not in my time.

Commissioner McKenna: Now we come to No. 3 reserve, 180 acres.

What is that like?

It is just the same kind of land that is on No. 2.

Is it sidehills?

Not very many sidehills, it is covered with small cottonwood and pine, and it is only fit for dry farming, and is fairly

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good pasture land.

Chairman: Any swamp hay cut there?

I think they do cut some hay there.

Has any dam been built on the reserve?

Not that I know of.

Have you ever been there?

I have passed through there but not where the creek runs.

You have just merely driven on the road past it?

Yes.

Commissioner McKenna: Do you know No. 4 containing 540 acres:

I don't know that at. all. I have never seen it.

No. 5, 227 acres, do you know that reserve?

I don't know that either.

Have you ever seen it?

No.

Now No. 6, containing 1230 acres. Do you know that?

That is a big flat on the left bank of the Fraser and is good land if you could get the water onto it.

Where would you get the water from?

From the Fraser if you could pump it up, but I was told that pumping water up from the Fraser River would be out of the question as it would wear out the machinery.

Commissioner Shaw: Is it too dry for dry farming?

It's pretty dry down there on account of it being so high up.

How high up is it?

Four or five hundred feet.

Commissioner Macdowall: Is it more dry than the experimental farm at 105 Mile House?

Yes.

Do they make any use of that?

They use it for their stock.

Commissioner McKenna: What about No. 7? That is a fishing

reserve is it not?

Yes, they only use that for fishing.

Now we come to No. 8 containing 480 acres, what about that?

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I have passed through.

What sort of land is it?

Cottonwood, pines and little meadows in it.

What kind of timber is it, is it merchantable?

No.

Commissioner Shaw: If it has meadows and cottonwood it ought
to make fairly good land if it was cleared?

Yes.

Commissioner McKenna: Is there any water there?

No.

So that it is a dry farming proposition?

Yes.

fr. Commissioner Shaw: Would the little meadows need irrigation?

No, I don't think they would.

But the other part of the land would only be good for dry farming?

Yes.

Do they cut hay there?

Just a little some years.

fr. Commissioner McKenna: Now No. 9 reserve containing 1400

acres. Do you know that?

I don't know any of the reserves they are all
out in the woods.

Do any of the Indians live on those reserves?

They spend a part of the summer and part of the winter on
them.

Do they hunt there?

Some of them trap and hunt deer.

Where do the Indians principally live?

On No. 1.

What proportion live on No. 1?

Very nearly all.

And the others live on those reserves that you know nothing about?

Yes, they all have houses at Alkali Lake.

Do you consider all this land as necessary for the use of

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The Indians of this Band?

I think some of this land they have no use for, but they ought to have other land that would be more suitable for them.

What land do you think they have no use for?

I can't tell you.

Now we come to the Chilcoten Band or the Toosie Band, on page 122 of the Schedule. How many Indians are there in the Toosie Tribe?

Forty-seven in that band.

Is that according to your March census?

Yes.

Has that Band increased or decreased during the five years you have been Agent?

It just about remains the same, no increase and no decrease.

How many families?

About eight or ten families.

What is the condition of these Indians.

Pretty well to do Indians.

How do they make their living?

They have stock and horses, and they farm.

Do they do any freighting?

One or two of them does a little freighting.

Do they work out for whites?

Some do.

Do they fish?

Yes, they catch salmon on Reserve No. 3 on the banks of the Fraser River.

Do they hunt?

Yes.

Does hunting and fishing enter largely into their means of livelihood?

Yes, that is the main source of livelihood, and stock raising.

What is the condition of their health?

Pretty good.

What about medical attendance?

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They have Dr. Wright.

How far does he have to go?

About forty-five miles.

Does he give regular attendance?

Yes.

And it is satisfactory?

Yes - at least they never complain to me about him.

What number of school children have they?

About five or six.

Do those children go to school?

I don't think there are very many go from there.

Well how many do you think go to school?

I cannot say how many go to school from that reserve.

I suppose any that do go they go to the Williams Lake Industrial School?

Yes.

Do you know No. 1 Reserve?

Yes.

What is it like?

That reserve is pretty well all prairie and open land and hardly any timber on it.

What is the quality of the land?

Pasture land mostly.

Could it raise grain?

Yes, they raise a little grain, they cultivate a little of that.

How much?

About 70 or 80 acres.

And that is the total of their cultivation?

Yes.

What do they grow?

Grain, oats and wheat and a little timothy hay, roots and

mostly potatoes.

What do they use the rest of that reserve for?

For running their stock.

Is it good pasture?

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Yes.

What about No. 2?

They have that for a meadow, they cut hay there.

Natural hay?

No, wild hay.

How much do they cut in a year?

Thirty or forty tons.

What about No. 3 that is a fishing reserve, is it not?

Yes.

Now do they cultivate any land at all on No. 2?

No.

The total cultivation of that place is 70 or 80 acres?

Yes.

Commissioner Shaw: What proportion of that reserve is meadow?

Between 80 and 100 acres.

What is the rest of it?

Pasture land, willow, brush and cottonwood.

And on this No. 1 is there cottonwood and brush?

Very little on that there is a good deal of sidehill.

Chairman: Does a creek run through No. 2?

Yes.

Is there a dam there?

They dam it up in the spring to irrigate their meadow.

Commissioner McKenna: Where do they get the water to irrigate on No. 1?

From what they call Riske Creek. They have a record on Macken Creek but they have no ditch there yet.

And they get their water from Riske Creek now?

Yes.

From a ditch?

Yes.

Have they plenty of water?

Yes, but they could put more under cultivation by taking water from Macken Creek and they are preparing to take water from that creek now.

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What preparation are they making?

They got some tools and they were going to start on it last spring but they didn't.

Has the Department helped them out with tools?

I'm not sure.

Commissioner Carmichael: If the Department were helping them in that way would you not know?

I have implements for quite a number of the reserves but I can't remember whether they have implements for that reserve or not.

1r. Commissioner McKenna: I suppose in order to get the Indians to do this work they should be pushed on quite a bit?

Yes, I speak to the Chief Avery time I go down there about it.

About how many acres more could they cultivate if they had water from Macken Creek?

About 100 acres.

Would that be all?

I think that is about all.

What about the rest?

It is steep and too high.

I suppose it affords some pasture?

Yes, good pasture.

How many cattle have these people?

Forty-six head.

Do they run them on No. 1?

Well, yes they belong to No. 1, but they all run over the open range there.

Is there reserve fenced?

Quite a bit of No. 1 is fenced.

Is there a fence outside of the cultivated area?

No.

How many horses have they got?

They have 240.

What proportion of these would be heavy horses?

About thirty head.

Do these Indians freight?

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Yes, some of them do a little freighting. And on some of the reserves they have some pigs; they have six pigs on that Reserve.

Have they got any sheep?

No.

I suppose they all have some fowls?

About 50 fowl altogether.

Now we come to the Anaham Band of Indians. What is the population of that Tribe?

275.

Is that your March census?

Yes.

Then you have the same as you had in your last census. Has there been a decrease or an increase since your were appointed Agent?

They have increased.

By how many?

About a dozen.

What is the condition of these Indians?

They are pretty well off and good workers and industrious.

What do they mainly depend upon for a living?

Stock raising and farming.

What about fishing?

They fish a little but they hunt quite a lot.

Hunting enters then largely into their means of livelihood?

Yes.

What about their health?

Pretty fair.

What about medical attendance?

Dr. Wright attends them.

Does he give them satisfactory and regular attendance?

He goes there quite often. I had a little complaint made about him but it seems to be without foundation. Every

time I ask him to go anywhere he always goes and appears to give good attendance. He lives only 10 miles from the Reserve.

How many children of school age are there?

About 25.

How many of them go to school?

There are about 10 from there at the Williams Lake School.

hairman: How far are they from the school?

78 miles.

Why don't the balance of these children attend school?

Because there is no room for them.

If there was room for them would they attend?

I think they would.

hairman: Do they want a day school at their own place?

I think that would be the only place where it would be good for a day school. The Stone Reserve and the Redstone -- they are all close together, and I think it would be a good thing if a school were established there.

ommissioner McKenna: Did they ever ask for a day school?

No.

hairman: Did you ever ask for a day school -- did you ever ask them if they wanted a day school?

No.

ommissioner McKenna: Now No. 1 Reserve containing 9285

acres, what is that like? Do you know that Reserve?

Yes.

What is it like?

Pretty good Reserve.

How much of it is cleared and cultivated?

Nearly all cleared land.

What is it -- prairie?

Yes.

How much do they cultivate?

About 300 acres.

How much water have they?

They have a record of 200 inches of water.
Could they cultivate any more land with the water they have?
I should think they could cultivate a little more.
What do they raise on that 300 acres?
Oats, wheat, potatoes and timothy hay.
What is the balance of that Reserve :like?
It is pretty fair for pasture land.
How much more is fit for cultivation with irrigation?
I suppose 300 acres more.
Then what is the balance like -- is it wooded at all?
Yes, there is some of this small willow and poplar spread all over.
But it affords good pasture?
Yes, it is good pasture.
Is there any part of it steep?
No, not on that Reserve.
Is it pretty level?
Yes.
(By the Chairman) Have they any trouble with the water there?
They have enough water during the irrigation season.
Do you know anything about Archie Macaulay and Graham?
The first man packs up the water on his meadow and then in the Spring he lets the water down, and whenever the Indians want to use the water they go up and open the dam.
What about Graham?
I never heard any complaints about Graham until the Commission went around there.
Do you think Macaulay hurts them?
I don't think so. He holds the snow water back, and the

water would all go to waste, and in the Spring, when they want to irrigate, there is no trouble with him. I think it is a good thing for the Indians.
Have they any dry farming?

No they have not tried it, at least they might have tried it, but not to my knowledge.

You don't know anything about the dry farming the Indians have tried on that Reserve?

No.

7ommissioner McKenna: Now No. 2 Reserve, containing 637

acres, do you know that?

Yes.

What is that like?

Nearly all meadow.

Is it a wild meadow?

Yes, and the grass grows there without irrigation.

What is the land like?

It is wet. In fact it is wet all the time. They only cut the hay there in certain times of the year.

What time of the year?

About the latter part of July and August; owing to the wetness a part of that they cannot cut.

How much do they cut?

About half.

About how much hay do they cut off of that?

About 400 tons.

What about the next reserve, of 680 acres?

That is all in a flat.

Any growth on it?

No, hardly any trees on it; it is a prairie.

Do you know that Reserve?

Yes.

How many cattle have they, that is the Anahams?

400 head of cattle.

And where do these cattle run?

They run on their pasture and on the open range.

And their pasture is on No. 1?

Yes.

And they cut their winter food from that Meadow No. 2?

Yes.

How many horses have they?

330 head.

What proportion are heavy horses?

About 50 head of work horses.

Anaham Bob swore they had 2,000 head of horses; do you think that was right?

I don't think he knew what 2,000 was.

Chairman: How can you arrive at that? Is your figure correct?

Well that is what they gave me. They all counted how many they had, and that is the total I got from them.

Commissioner McKenna: Have they any sheep or pigs?

No.

Any poultry?

Yes, they have 75 fowl.

Mr. Commissioner Carmichael: Was any complaint ever made to you about the Williams Lake Industrial School by these Indians?

No, not by the Anahams.

Commissioner McKenna: Now we come to the Stone Band. What is the population of the Stone Tribe?

48.

That is the population that appears in the Bluebook of 1913?

Yes.

And your census of March gives the same number?

There is an increase of two.

Well that must be 50 then?

Yes.

Yes.

Have these Indians increased or decreased during your term of office?

They have increased.

What is their condition?

They are a sort of a hard-up lot of Indians.

What do they mainly depend on for a livelihood?

They hunt and trap mostly, and they have a little land under cultivation.

Do they fish to any extent?

Yes, quite a lot on the Fraser.

Well then they depend mainly on hunting, trapping and fishing?

Yes.

Then their dependence on cattle is small in proportion?

Yes.

How is their health?

Pretty good.

What about medical attendance?

Dr. Wright attends them.

Do you consider his attendance satisfactory?

Yes.

Have you ever had any complaints regarding his attendance?

Not from the Stone Band.

How many children of school age have they?

11.

How many of these attend school?

About four.

Do they go to the Williams Lake School?

Yes.

Why don't the rest of them go?

Because there is no accommodation.

If there was accommodation would they go?

I think they would.

Did they ever make any complaint about the School?

No.

Now we come to Reserve No. 1 containing 3925 acres. Do you know that?

That is the Reserve where they have their village, and they cultivate a little /and there.

How much do they cultivate?

About 80 acres altogether, in grain, timothy hay, potatoes and roots.

What sort of land is that Reserve?

Good land.

What proportion is good land?

I should judge about 150 or 200 acres.

And on that 200 acres they cultivate 80 acres?

Yes.

What is the rest of it like?

Pasture land.

Any growth of trees on it?

Just small timber such as pine, cottonwood and some willow.

How would you describe the pasturage?

It is good pasturage.

Have they plenty of water for the land they cultivate?

They have a record of water on the Menton Creek.

Do they get sufficient water from there to cultivate the 80 acres successfully?

I think they do.

Do they get enough water to warrant them cultivating more than the 80 acres?

I don't think so. The creek is too low.

And the 200 acres too high -- the rest would be a proposition for dry farming?

Yes.

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Now we come to the Meadow Reserve of 320 acres. Do you know that Reserve?

It is kind of a graveyard there and they also use it as a fishing place.

Were you ever there?

No.

You know there is a fishing station and a graveyard there?

Yes.

Do you know what use they make of that Reserve?

I don't know.

Do you know if they cut hay there?

I don't know.

he Chairman: Do they use it for pasture when they do C6wn

there to fish?

Yes.

Commissioner McKenna: How many head of cattle have they?

18 head.

Any sheep?

No.

Any hogs?

No.

Any poultry?

Yes, they have fifty fowl.

How many horses have they?

20 head.

What proportion of those are heavy horses?

About 20.

Where do they run their cattle?

On No. 1 and No. 2.

And their horses?

They have them running around on the pasture land of the reserve, and some run on the open range land.

Chairman: Have they got enough grass for their cattle?

No, they haven't enough hay to raise any more cattle. They

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are applying for a little more land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Could they cut no hay on that Meadow reserve?

A. I don't think they cut very much there. They cut 50 tons of hay altogether -- that is timothy and wild hay together.

Q. Do you suppose that wild hay is cut on No. 2?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you sure there is no hay on No. 2?

A. That 50 tons I was speaking about, they don't cut that on the Reserve at all. That is cut on land outside the reserve.

Q. You have no idea how much they cut on the Meadow Reserve?

A. I don't think they cut over 8 tons.

Q. Now about how many tons of timothy do they get?

A. About 10 or 15 tons.

Q. That would leave about 30 tons that you say they cut out-

side?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have they received their maps of their reserves?

A. They nearly all have maps of the reserves,

Q. Well I see that some of the Indians up there have been complaining that they had no maps of their different reserves?

A. They have not had any new maps lately but they all have had maps furnished them. The last time I was up there the Anaham Chief showed me his map.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: I notice in the evidence that Anaham Bob and some of the other Indians of that group are advocating that a school be placed on that Anaham Reserve very strongly. What is your view of that?

A. I think it would be a very good thing to have a day school there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to the Redstone Reserve. What is the population of the Redstone Band?

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Is that your March census for sure?

That is the last time I took it.

When did you take your census?

The year before -- I did not meet them last year.

And it is the census that was published in the Report of 1913?

Yes.

During the five years you have been Agent have they increased or decreased?

They have increased.

By how many?

About five.

What is their condition?

Pretty well off. That is they hunt and trap there, and they raise a little stock.

Trapping is their main source of livelihood? Is that right?

Yes.

Do they fish to any extent?

No; they don't fish much.

Is the hunting important?

Yes, they do well in the hunting.

To what extent does agriculture enter into their support?

They have no land under cultivation.

So that these Indians depend upon hunting and trapping?

Yes.

Do they do any freighting?

No.

What is their health like?

Good.

What about medical attendance?

Dr. Wright is supposed to go and see them, but they generally go to him whenever they get sick.

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Nothing serious has ever happened to them since he was appointed. They call them the "Stick Indians" because they are always in the woods.

Have they ever complained about the doctor?

No.

How many children of school age have they?

14.

How many go to school?

None of them go from there, because it is too far I think.

Could they not take their children to Williams Lake?

Yes, I suppose they could.

How far is it to Williams Lake from there?

About 125 miles.

What provision could be made, in your judgment, for the education of those children?

By the establishment of a school at Anaham.

How far are they from Anaham?

43 miles.

How could they attend a day school 43 miles away?

Well they could make arrangements to board the children with the other Indians, on the Anaham Reserve.

How about a boarding school at the Anaham Reserve?

I don't think it would be a good idea.

We find a lot of these Indians depend upon hunting and fishing, which means they are roaming about a good deal. So you think it might be desirable to establish a small boarding school at Anaham?

Yes.

Now we come to the reserve itself, which contains 688 acres.

Do you know it?

Yes.

Have you been there?

Yes.

What is it like?

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It is all flat -- no timber on it.

Do they grow anything at all there?

No, they have no water. They tried to make a ditch from the Chilanco river, but they had to go such a distance they finally gave it up. They said the water would not reach down there. I supplied them with implements like shovels and picks. Did the Indians have any expert advice in regard to bringing water to that Reserve?

They had it surveyed.

By whom?

By a man named Lambert.

Was he just an ordinary surveyor?

I think he surveyed it with a triangle and was paid by the Indians.

Would he be an authority on bringing water on to the reserve?

I don't know.

What is your own opinion about bringing water to that reserve?

I think water could be brought there all right.

Did you ever take up the matter with the Department?

Yes, I wrote to them and made a recommendation.

Did you outline a scheme for bringing the water there?

I told them the place was surveyed and they promised to do the _work .

I understand you to say that you supplied them with tools and they started to work according to the survey made by Mr. Lambert, and they failed? And yet you think that water could be brought from there?

Yes, I think so.

Then you must have some plan which you did not pass on to the Indians?

They would have to go 20 miles.

Is it practicable?

Yes, I think so, because it is a good piece of land.

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In making your recommendation to the Department, did you submit an estimate of the cost of bringing water to that reserve?

No, I did not.

All you did was to ask the Department for some tools?

Yes.

And the Indians started to work on this ditch and then gave it up?

Yes, they gave it up.

The failure was that after they started they found it too far to bring it in?

Yes.

When there is an irrigation scheme brought forward, the mere supplying of tools without an estimate is merely a waste of labor and money. What about this lake 8 miles away?

They told me they thought they were going to try and bring water from there.

What is your opinion about that?

I think it could be done.

Whenever an Indian brings an irrigation scheme before the Agent, I think the Agent ought to make a personal investigation and go and see what can be done. As a matter of fact they have a reserve of 637 acres which cannot be used owing to there being no water. How many cattle have they got?

Over 100 head.

Where do they run their cattle?

They run all around that range.

Is that Government land?

Yes.

Where do they cut their hay for feeding their cattle?

Out of these meadows that they have applied for.

How many tons of hay do they put up?

About 75 tons of hay they cut off these outside meadows.

How many horses have they got?

They have 250 horses.

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Q. And they also run on the open range?

A. Yes.

Q. About what proportion of these are heavy horses?

A. They have no very heavy horses. They are nearly all riding horses but they have a few driving horses.

Q. They have no horses among that Band that would be fit for farming?

A. Yes, they have some.

Q. Have they any sheep?

A. No.

Q. Any pigs?

A. No.

Q. Any poultry?

A. 25.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the Reserve fenced?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The whole of it?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is this correct (reading from the evidence): "They could not raise anything on their land and they depended mainly on hunting and fishing?"

A. Yes, that is what they have been doing.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: I understood you to say they were pretty well off?

A. Well, they have horses and cattle; a few have quite a number of cattle. They are only three of four Indians and the rest have none. One man has 50 head and the other Indians have none.

Q. So that the others actually depend entirely on the hunting?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they kill quite a few animals?

A. Yes, but the price of furs is falling very heavily.

Q. That is a matter that I think the Agent should bring to the notice of the Department.

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The time they closed the beaver season it made the Indians hard up. I wrote many letters to the Department and to the Provincial Government, but they never gave me any assistance. The next is the Nemgi4I1 Band. Now what is the population of these Indians?

59.

When did you take that census?

In March last.

So that there is an increase of one?

Yes.

And for the last five years has there been an increase?

I could not say.

What do these Indians mostly depend on for a livelihood?

Trapping.

Do they hunt for food?

Yes, they hunt deer.

Do they fish?

They fish out of Chilco lake.

So that they depend mainly on hunting, trapping and fishing?

Yes.

Do they depend at all on the cultivation of the land?

They have no cultivation at all.

How about their health?

Their health is good.

What about medical attendance?

They have none at all. It is 100 miles from Dr. Wright's.

If they were sick where would they go?

I don't know I am sure. No doctor would undertake to make a trip there.

Do you know No. 1 Reserve containdng 200 acres?

Yes.

What is that like?

It is partly meadow.

About what proportion is meadow?

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I should judge about 100 acres, and the water gets high at the time of the haying season and they can't cut any hay off of it.

What about the other 100 acres?

It is just a little brush and a little pasture, but not very much.

Would it be cultivable land if cleared?

No.

What is the matter with it?

They could not raise anything there even if it was cleared, because it is too cold.

Could they raise hay there?

I think they could.

Have they water there?

Yes, they could get water on there.

What about No. 2 Reserve of 80 acres? Do you know that?

Yes, they have a little garden there. That is all they use.

Do they grow vegetables there?

Yes.

Have they water there?

No water there.

What is the balance of that reserve like?

Just for a pasture.

Is it scrubby land?

Yes.

What about No. 3 Reserve containg 545 acres? It is described as a Fishery Reserve?

That is away down on that lake.

What lake?

Coney lake.

Do you know that reserve?

Yes.

What is it like?

Not very good -- good for pasture. That is all.

Any scrubby timber on it?

Yes and a little is prairieland.

About how much is prairie?

Nearly all prairie. There is a bit of a meadow but it is lumpy.

They don't grow anything there?

No.

Is any of the land cultivable?

No; I don't think so.

No. 4 -- what about that?

Just about the same as No. 3.

How many cattle have these Indians?

20 head altogether.

Where do they pasture these cattle?

Right around the reserve.

Which reserve?

No. 1 and 2.

Where do they cut the hay for them?

They cut a little on the different reserves.

Do they cut hay outside of the Reserves?

No.

Chairman: Do they cut any on No. 4?

There is a meadow there but I don't know if they cut any there or not.

Commissioner McKenna: How many horses have they?

170 head.

What sort of horses are they?

All small horses.

Any sheep?

No.

Hogs?

No.

Poultry?

No.

Commissioner Shaw: Where do they feed these horses?

The horses paw all winter.

Commissioner McKenna: How many school children are there in the Nemaiah Valley Band?

Eight.

Where do they go to school?

They don't go to school.

If there was a boarding school at Anaham would those children attend there?

Yes, I am pretty sure they would.

Now we come to the Williams Lake Band. What is the population of the Williams Lake Band?

155.

That is your last March census?

Yes.

And that shows an increase of four over the last census?

Yes.

In the five years you have been Agent what has been the increase?

About 10 in the five years.

What is the condition of these Indians?

These Indians are pretty industrious and well off, that is they farm quite a bit.

What do they depend upon mostly for a livelihood?

Farming and stockraising.

Do they hunt, trap and fish?

Very little. They freight on the wagon roads as well.

Do they earn considerable?

They did at one time but not very much now.

What is the condition of their health?

Fair.

What about medical attendance?

They have Dr. Fears who is only three miles away.

Does he furnish these Indians with regular and efficient

attendance?

There is quite a good deal of complaint.

What is the nature of the complaint?

They say they can't get the doctor down when they call for him, and the only way they can get him down is to wire down to me, and I have to wire him instructions to go down.

How many children have they got of school age?

21.

How many of these attend the School?

About 8 or 10 attend the Williams Lake School.

Why don't the others attend?

They say they have no accommodation for them.

How far is the School from the Reserve?

About 3 1/2 miles.

If there was accommodation there do you think they would send the balance of the children to School?

Well the Indians asked me about it, but I found out there was no further accommodation for them.

Is there any other way for making provision for sending these children to school?

The only way would be to enlarge the School.

Have these Indians ever made any complaint about sending their children to school?

I have had complaints and I have referred them to the Father, and we arranged a date to have the Indians meet him at the reserve, so I arranged with the Indians, but when I went up to Quesnel, on my way down I called at the Reserve. This was about 10 or 11, and I said I am now going to the Mission. I am going to have lunch down there, and I am going to bring Fr. Booning, he is the Principal of the School. I said I am going to bring him here to thresh this matter out. That is the complaints that were made about the School. But at the time appointed, none of the Indians who had been making corn-

plaints turned up, but one of the Indians told me that he came to the conclusion that Fr. Booning was a good manager and it would be a hard thing to get a man to take his place. We have thrown out the complaints and we don't wish to meet

him at all.

When was this?

About a year ago.

In your judgement now, from your knowledge of the school, do you think there was any ground for complaint?

I think the school is managed very satisfactorily.

Are the children treated well?

As far as I could see, and I am there every month, they are treated as well as they can possibly be.

Are they well fed?

Yes, I generally have lunch there and we have one`table and the children are in the same room, and I notice that they always have plenty to eat.

You drop in at any time do you?

Yes, I don't let them know I am going there at all. Then I visit the dormitories and everything is clean and up to date.

Commissioner Carmichael: How do you explain this continued complaint about the School? Do you think the children when they go home for the holidays do not want to go back to the school?

I think that is where half the kicking comes from.

Commissioner McKenna: Now we come to Reserve No. 1 - do you know that reserve?

Yes.

What is the land like?

The land is very good.

What proportion is good?

I think about 400 acres.

What is the rest of it like?

Sidehills and timber.

Pretty steep sidehills?

Yes, in places they are pretty steep and gravelly.

And not cultivable if cleared?

No.

So that there are 400 or 500 acres of good land; now how much of that do they cultivate?

They cultivate that in grain and they have some in timothy hay, wheat, oats, barley and all kinds of vegetables.

*How many tons of hay can they raise there?
Altogether about 100 tons -- 25 tons of timothy and about 75 tons of wild hay.*

Have they plenty of water?

They have had some trouble about that.

What is the trouble?

There seems to be a prior record of 150 inches on the same creek.

*So that the Indians don't get enough water there, is that so?
They don't get enough. There is another fellow called Casino has dammed up what they call Carpenter Mountain Creek. They had a lawsuit with the Indians before. That was when Mr. Bell was Agent and they still have trouble and they haven't sufficient water. Of course they use 150 Mile Creek.*

But even then they are pretty short of water?

Yes.

Is the timber on the sidehills merchantable?

No.; it is fit only for firewood.

Now we come to No. 2 Reserve . How about that?

They cut a little wild hay there.

What is it like there?

Kind of a little lake around there, and there is a little hay and a little willow brush.

The lake takes up a large portion of the Reserve?

Not very much.

How much?

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About 20 acres.

And they cut hay around the edge of that lake?

Yes, and the rest is covered with willow and pine trees.

Is it useful for anything?

I don't think so.

What about No. 3 Reserve?

They cut some hay there too.

What is that reserve like?

The same kind of land. There is pine, cottonwood and willow on it.

Good pasturage?

Yes, good pasture.

Now No. 4 is a Fishery Reserve containing seven acres. Is it used for anything else?

That is all.

No. 5. What about it?

That is only a fishing station.

Chairman: Does not Chimney Creek run through No. 5?

Yes, that is a Fishery at the mouth of Chimney Creek.

Is it cultivated at all?

No, I never heard of them cultivating any of that land.

Have you ever been there?

Yes, I have been there. Chimney Creek is just used for the fishing.

Commissioner McKenna: No. 6 -- how about that?

I don't think they ever use that. It is a good piece of land right near the road, right where we passed the Borland Ranch.

Is it near where they go fishing?

They go fishing in Williams Lake.

What kind of fish do they get there?

Trout.

No. 7 is a graveyard; No. 8 is a graveyard, No. 9 is a graveyard; so are Nos. 10 to 14. No. 15 - how about that Reserve?

That is another little place where they cut wild hay.

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Q. What is it like?

A. All pine and cottonwood.

Q. Is the pine of any value?

A. No; it is fit only for firewood.

Q. Any lake on that Reserve?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Have they stored any water there?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How many cattle have these Indians?

A. 198.

Q. Where do they run the cattle?

A. All about the reserve -- some near Carpenter Mountain and around near the Reserve, where they have it nearly all fenced

Q. Do they run any cattle outside?

A. Yes; in the summertime they run cattle on the open range.

Q. How many horses have these people got?

A. 135.

Q. What sort of horses are they?

A. Some good work horses.

Q. Any sheep?

A. No.

Q. Hogs?

A. No.

Q. Poultry?

A. 100.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: You heard the Indians throughout these reserves giving their evidence?

A. Yes.

Q. In your opinion were they telling the truth?

A. I thought they were not.

Q. How about Anaham where they said they had 2,000 head of horses?

A. I don't know, but I know they haven't got that many.

Q. Taking the evidence of the Indians throughout your Agency,

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would you consider that evidence could be relied on, taking it as a whole?

A. Mostly all I think, with the exception of the evidence given by the Anahams.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Outside the Anaham Band, all the others are about right?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: How about the Williams Lake?

A. I quite believe they have 135 horses and they all have a lot of cattle. Sometimes they sell off some of their stock, as they did this Spring. Some of these Indians cannot tell the difference between a hundred and a thousand.

Examination adjourned until Saturday, October 24th, 1914:

Upon the resumption of the examination:

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: What is the population of the Soda Creek Band?

A. 95.

Q. When was that census taken?

A. Last March.

Q. According to the census published in the 1913 Report there were 98 in the Band?

A. They have decreased since then.

Q. What was it for the five years you have been Agent?

A. A very small decrease in the five years - five or six I think.

Q. What is the condition of these Indians?

A. They all mostly live at No. 2 Reserve and they are stockraisers and sell timothy hay for a living. A few of them trap and others put in potatoes and vegetables.

Q. Do they hunt very much?

A. No; they don't hunt very much.

Q. Do they do any freighting?

A. They used to do freighting but they have given it up now.

Q. I suppose they had to give it up owing to changes in conditions?

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A. Yes.

Q. What do they principally depend upon for their livelihood?

A. Nothing in particular - all these things generally.

Q. Are they well off?

A. They are pretty well off.

Q. What about their health?

A. Their health has been good.

Q. What about medical attendance?

A. Dr. Feare attends them from the 150.

Q. How far are they from Dr. Feare?

A. 28 miles.

Q. Is the attendance very satisfactory?

A. Not very.

Q. Have you had complaints?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the nature of the complaints?

A. Not visiting when called upon.

Q. Do you have to do there as you have in other places - instruct him after the Indians notify you?

A. I have never had to instruct him to go to Soda Creek because the Indians have never asked me to.

Q. How many children of school age have they?
A. Eleven.
Q. How many go to school?
A. A few.
Q. How many?
A. I think about three.
Q. To the Williams Lake School?
A. Yes.
Q. Why don't the others go?
A. The same complaint - because there is no room for them.
Q. If there was accommodation at the school would they all be sent?
A. Yes.
Q. Any complaints among the Indians about the school?

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A. No, not at Soda Creek.
Q. Is there any other point at which they could attend school?
A. No.
Q. How far would they have to go to the Williams Lake school?
A. 32 miles.
Q. Then increased accommodation at the school is the best way to provide for their better attendance at the school?
A. Yes.
Q. No. 1 Reserve of 1090 acres - do you know that?
A. Yes.
Q. What is it like?
A. Well, it is pretty well timbered.
Q. What proportion of it?
A. Nearly all of it.
Q. Heavily timbered?
A. Yes, pretty fair timber.
Q. What sort?
A. It is principally fir, of course quite a bit is in smaller stuff such as pine, willow and cottonwood.
Q. What proportion would you say is covered with merchantable timber?
A. About half.

Q. What is the soil like?

A. Good.

Q. So that if cleared it would be good farm land?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the acreage under cultivation?

A. I should judge about 50 acres.

Q. What do they grow there?

A. Oats.

Q. Do they grow any wheat there?

A. No. They don't grow wheat there now but they used to.

Q. Does wheat grow successfully there?

A. Yes.

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Q. Do they grow any timothy hay?

A. No none worth speaking about.

Q. Do they grow oats there?

A. They grow about five - between 5000 and 10000 lbs of oats.

Q. Do they grow potatoes?

A. Yes and quite a lot of other vegetables.

Q. How many Indian families live on No. 1?

A. I should judge 6 or 7 families.

Q. Have they plenty of water?

A. They seem to have plenty of water every time I go there.

Every time I go there their ditch is full.

Q. Is there sufficient water to warrant an increase of cultivation?

A. I think they can irrigate a little more.

Q. How much more?

A. About 20 acres more.

Q. Is there any way of getting more water there?

A. They can by damming up that creek that they are getting the water from now.

Q. Which creek?

A. They call it Soda Creek and they call the place where they get the water from Mud Lake.

Q. If it was dammed what area could be cultivated?

A. If it was dammed they could work 150 acres.

Q. And that is all that could be cultivated?

A. Unless they built a ditch from the other creek.

Q. How much could they cultivate by making a ditch from the other creek?

A. About 50 acres more.

Q. What about dry faming there?

A. Yes, but they haven't got much land there.

Q. I am speaking of the land that would be cleared?

A. I think dry farming would do pretty well there.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understood you to say that they hadn't water

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enough for what they were cultivating at the present time?

A. No; I said they had enough water.

Q. Is not Soda Creek very low?

A. Yes it is very low.

Q. Is it not too low to get any water from it for the Reserve?

A. Not what the Indians call Soda Creek.

THE CHAIRMAN (reading from the *Precis of Soda Creek meeting*) said

"On No. 1 Reserve the Indians raised potatoes, onions, carrots and other garden vegetables; no oats or wheat were grown as there was not sufficient water for irrigation... no water from Soda Creek could be used, as that creek was too low to carry water to any part of the Reserve".

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Which creek is called Soda Creek by the white men?

A. Mud Lake creek.

Q. Do the white men give the other spring another name?

A. I have heard it called Poavine Spring.

Q. And that is where they get the water now to cultivate on No. 1?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they get sufficient water from that creek or spring?

A. For what they have under cultivation now they have enough.-

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: And by making a dam you think they could put in another 70 acres under cultivation?

A. Yes, by making a dam. I have always tried to get them to make a ditch from the Mud Lake creek and they always said

it was pretty hard for them to get around those bluffs with the flume.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *You said they grow oats and timothy hay on that Reserve, besides roots?*

A. *Yes, they raise oats every year.*

Q. *And you said the Chief's statement was not correct?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Well according to the Precis he says he raises about 5 tons*

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of timothy hay there. Is that correct?

A. *Yes; that is about right.*

Q. *The Chief was, however, very emphatic about not having sufficient water. And then he refers to George Rankin who want to build a house in or near the Reserve. Do you know anything about that?*

A. *No, I don't think he is trying to build a house there.*

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: *Is the spring on the Reserve or outside, where they get their water from now?*

A. *It is outside.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *The Chief at Soda Creek said they cannot get water?*

A. *I don't think they would have to go more than 3 miles to get sufficient water.*

Q. *Have they any record on this spring they are using now?*

A. *I don't think they have.*

Q. *Have you ever made any application to get them a record on Poavine Creek?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Have you made a note about getting them a record on that Creek?*

A. *Yes, I am making a note of it.*

Q. *Wherever the Indians are using water and the Agent is not sure that they have a record for that water, immediate steps should be taken by him to secure a record for them. Now we come to No. 2 containing 4120 acres; what about that Reserve?*

A. *That is supposed to be very good land.*

Q. Is it heavily timbered?

A. No, it is mostly all meadow and willow and timothy land.

There is willow brush on it.

Q. What proportion is clear meadow?

A. About 300 acres there is about all there is cleared.

Q. And the rest is covered with willow brush?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they cut hay on that meadow?

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A. They cut timothy and they cut wild hay on it.

Q. What is the land like that is covered with brush?

A. Good land if cleared.

Q. Do they grow anything on that reserve besides timothy hay?

A. No.

Q. About how many tons of timothy hay do they cut there?

A. About 75 tons.

Q. And how much wild hay?

A. About 25 tons.

Q. They have 100 inches of water recorded according to the Schedule. Do they use this water?

A. They use it for their timothy. I think they have enough water -- at least they have never complained to me.

Q. Have they enough water to warrant them cultivating any land outside of what they have in use?

A. No, I don't think so.

Q. Is there any other water available there?

A. Not that I know of, and 170 Mile Creek runs dry sometimes.

Q. How many Indians live on this reserve?

A. I think over half of the Band live on that Reserve.

Q. And the rest of them at No. 1?

A. Yes.

Q. How many cattle have these Indians, I mean in the whole Band?

A. They have about 60 head.

Q. Where do they run?

A. On the open range mostly.

Q. If they had no open range land there would they have sufficient range on their own reserve for their stock?

A. I think they would.
Q. How many horses have these people got?
A. 30 head.
Q. What kind of horses are they?
A. Some work horses.
Q. What proportion would be fair farm horses?
A. I think about 20 head would be farm horses.

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Q. Any hogs?
A. No.
Q. Any sheep?
A. No.
Q. Poultry?
A. Yes, about fifty.
THE CHAIRMAN: Do they do any dry farming there?
A. Not that I know of.
Q. Chief Charlie says he tried it once but it was not a success?
A. I think No. 2 would be a good place for dry farming. It is not too dry there. It is the best reserve I know for dry farming,
MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: At that reserve we heard complaints made about the railway companies building on the Reserve. Did you look into that?
A. Yes, they have a valuator appointed from Quesnel, and I have a letter from Ottawa asking me to see into the matter and value the lands myself. The Department I think appointed Mr. Vaughan of Quesnel as valuator of the lands affected. The whole matter is being looked into.
MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Who appointed him?
A. I suppose the Department.
Q. What is the population of the Alexandria Tribe?
A. .45.
Q. The census says 47 in 1913, so that there has been a decrease of two since then, is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there an increase or a decrease for the five years you

have been Agent?

A. I don't think there has been either a decrease or an increase.

Q. What is the condition of these Indians?

A. They are fairly well off and they are hard workers.

Q. What is their main source of living?

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A. Farming, trapping and hunting.

Q. Do they fish?

A. Yes, they fish on the river once in a while.

Q. Does their fishing and hunting form an important source of their living?

A. Yes, the trapping is the most important. But they don't trap now as they used to. The last year or so they have been going into farming more than they did.

Q. So that trapping is no longer an important source of their living?

A. No, not now.

Q. Farming is their main source of dependence now?

A. Yes, and stockraising.

Q. What is their health like?

A. Pretty fair.

Q. What about medical attendance?

A. Dr. Baker from Quesnel attends them.

Q. Is it satisfactory?

A. Yes.

Q. No complaints?

A. No.

Q. How many children of school age have they?

A. 7.

Q. Do these go to school?

A. One or two have been to school.

Q. Don't any go now?

A. No.

Q. Why?

A. They can't get in because there is no accommodation at the

school.

Q. How far are they from Williams Lake school?

A. About 52 miles.

Q. And would they be willing to send their children there if there was accommodation there for them?

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A. I am pretty sure they would.

Q. Could that be the best way to provide education for those children - to increase the accommodation at that school?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Is there-any other way to provide for these children?

A. Not at Alexandria.

Q. Now No. 1, do you know that reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. What is it like?

A. That is where they have a part of their village and their church.

Q. Where is their main village?

A. On No. 3.

Q. What is it like that reserve?

A. It is gravelly and rocky.

Q. How would you describe it from an agricultural standpoint?

A. They may raise a little. There are a kind of two benches 20 or 30 feet high over toward the Cariboo wagon road.

Q. Is there any water there?

A. No, not there. They have a record on Four Mile Creek but

it would be very expensive to bring on water there.

Q. Would those benchlands be suitable for dry farming?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Do they do any farming at all on those benches?

A. No.

Q. Do they farm at all on that reserve?

A. No.

Q. Apart from the benches the rest of the reserve is gravelly and not fit for cultivation?

A. No.

Q. The upper benches are all right for cultivation if water could be got for them, and they cultivate nothing there -

no gardens?

A. No.

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Q. Any timber there?

A. A little small timber.

Q. Only fit for firewood?

A. It is not even good for firewood. It covers the ground.

Q. Now we come to No. 2 - what about that?

A. They only cut a little wild hay there.

Q. How many tons?

A. I don't think they cut over 15 tons.

Q. Is that all it produces?

A. Yes.

Q. Could they cut any more?

A. I don't think so.

Q. What about No. 3?

A. That is the main reserve.

Q. What is it like?
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A. It is pretty good reserve.

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Q. Any timber on it?

A. Yes there is a little cottonwood on it and pine.

Q. Any merchantable timber?

A. No.

Q. How much of the land is cleared and under cultivation?

A. About 100 acres.

Q. What do they raise there?

A. Oats, wheat, potatoes and all kinds of roots.

Q. Plenty of water there?

A. They get water from springs on the reserve.

Q. Are those springs damned up?

A. I don't think they dam up the springs there.

Q. Have they records for these springs?

A. I don't think so.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Going back to No. 2 Reserve is that where they do some planting? They say in the evidence that they grow oats and all kinds of stuff?

A. No, not at that Reserve. He was referring to No. 3.

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MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How far is No. 1 from No. 2 Reserve?

A. Quite a ways.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is that the reserve where the Chinamen did some mining?

A. I never saw any Chinamen doing mining there. They may have done it a long time ago, before I became Agent.

Q. Did you ever see a ditch there where they could do any mining?

A. Yes.

Q. You heard the evidence given at Alexandria?

A. Yes .

Q. And notwithstanding that, you say there is no cultivation on No. 1 at all and that you think he was referring to No. 3?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now you speak out of your knowledge of that reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And in the five years you have been Agent how often have you visited that reserve?

A. Once a year.

Q. Any oftener at any time?

A. Yes, sometimes twice.

Q. And you have gone over that reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have no hesitation in saying that there is no cultivation on that No. 1 Reserve?—

A. No.

Q. Now No. 3 I think you said there was 100 acres cultivated?

A. Yes.

Q. And the water, you say, they get from springs on the reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And they have 12 inches of water records there, from springs is that right?

A. That is where they are doing 'heir dry farming, and they do pretty well.

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Q. And they are successful in their dry farming?

A. Yes.

Q. Could the dry farming be extended on that reserve?

A. They have mostly all that is fit for cultivation under cultivation.

Q. What is the rest like?

A. Pasture land.

Q. Not fit for cultivation?

A. No.

Q. What's the matter with it?

A. The soil is hilly and hard to clear.

Q. Is it rocky?

A. Some of it is gravelley and rocky, with a lot of this scrub fir on it.

Q. Is any portion of that which if cleared would be fit for cultivation by dry farming, in addition to what they have now in use?

A. Some, I think there would be about 30 or 40 acres more.

Q. And the timber is not of any value?

A. No, it is not very good. It seems to be too small to be of any value.

Q. It is not merchantable?

A. No.

Q. Good for firewood?

A. Hardly fit for firewood.

Q. Is the pasture pretty fair?

A. Yes.

Q. How many cattle have these Indians altogether?

A. They have 75 head.

Q. Where do they run?

A. Out on the open range.

Q. If the privilege of the open range ceased, would they have sufficient land to run their cattle on the reserve?

A. No.

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Q. How many cattle could they keep if confined to their own reserves?

A. I should think they would be able to keep half of that.

Q. Do they get plenty of hay on their own reserves?

A. No.

Q. Where do they cut their hay for winter feeding?

A. Away on the meadows on Government lands?

A. How many horses have they got?

A. Sixty-five head.

Q. And they run on the open range also?

A. Yes.

Q. If they were confined to their own reserves, how many could they keep?

A. They could keep about twenty head.

Q. What sort of horses are they'

A. Pretty fair lot of horses and some work horses.

Q. A fair proportion of them are work and farming horses?

A. Yes and they have a good stallion there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: That belongs to the Chief does it not?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Do they cultivate as much land on No. 3 as they did formerly?

A. They cultivate more than they did formerly.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Is No. 2 fenced?

A. No.

Q. If it was fenced would they not get more hay off it?

A. Yes I am pretty sure they would.

Q. Would it not be advantageous to have the reserve fenced so as to keep the horses off?

A. Yes, I think it would.

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Q. You think it would be a good investment if a fence were put up?

A. Yes.

Q. If it was your own land would you fence it?

A. Yes if it was my own I would fence it. When I was first appointed they had no fences at all on the reserves.

Q. Did you ever bring the matter before the Indians?

A. Yes, they fenced in No. 1 Reserve for pasture.

Q. Did they do that themselves?

A. Yes, I got the wire for them and I got them to fence it in.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Is there timber suitable on that reserve to do fencing on No. 2?

A. Yes, the timber is alright for fencing.,

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to Quesnel. How many Indians are in the Quesnel tribe?

A. Forty.

Q. It was thirty-seven according to the Blue Book of 1913 so there has been an increase of three?

A. Yes.

Q. Has there been an increase or decrease since you became Agent?

A. I think there has been a decrease in the five years since I have been Agent.

Q. How many?

A. About three or four.

Q. What is the condition of these Indians?

A. They are very poorly off.

Q. What do they depend upon mainly for a living?

A. Hunting, trapping and fishing.

Q. Almost entirely?

A. Yes.

Q. Is trapping an important item?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it the most important?

A. Yes.

Q. Then they are very likely to be hard up now?

A. Yes.

Q. What about their health?

A. Their health has been good - Dr. Baker attends to them very well and is very attentive.

Q. How many children of school age have they got?

A. Three.

Q. Do they attend school?

A. No.

Q. Why?

A. Because there is no accommodation at that school.

Q. If there was accommodation would they go to school?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any reason to think that they would not?

A. No.

Q. Any complaints about the school?

A. None that I am aware of.

Q. So that the best way to provide for the education of these children would be to enlarge the school?

A. Yes.

Q. Now No. 1 Reserve - do you know that?

A. Yes.

Q. What is it like?

A. They have their old village there but very few live there.

Q. What is the land like?

A. It is on the bank of the Fraser and it is all little hills and undulating.

Q. Any timber on it?

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A. There is cottonwood and alder on it.

Q. Any land fit for cultivation there?

A. I think they could raise more there, that is lower down.

Q. What proportion of the reserve would be fit for cultivation?

A. I don't think there would be very much - about twenty acres.

Q. By what methods?

A. I think dry farming would do pretty well there.

Q. Any water there?

A. No. unless you get it from the Fraser River.

Q. Do they grow anything at all there now?

A. No, they don't grow anything.

Q. Do they run cattle there?

A. No, they have no stock on any of those reserves.

Q. Could you run cattle there?

A. Yes, in the summertime.

Q. How many cattle could be run there?

A. There is good pasture land there for a pretty good sized band.

Q. How big a band?

A. Fifty head I should think. There is good summer pasture there.

Q. What about No. 2 Fishery Reserve?

A. They only use that for a fishing ground.

Q. Any cultivable land there?

A. No.

Q. Is it a rough place?

A. It is kind of a rough, hilly and broken piece of ground.

Q. Now Dragon Lake No. 3 - what is that like?

A. They use that for fishing.

Q. Any other use made of it?

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A. Not that I know of.

Q. Did you ever see it?

A. No I never saw it.

Q. No. 4 Rich Bar. What about that?

A. NO ANSWER.

Q. Now we come to No. 3, about two miles from the town of Quesnel. What about that?

A. That is where we had the meeting. That is where they have a village.

Q. Do you know the reserve at the foot of this lake?

A. I have never been there but I know they used to fish

there.

Q. Is there any fish in the lake now?

A. Not now.

Q. Do they go there sometimes?

A. Yes they go there sometimes to catch a few fish with seines.

Q. Is that reserve of any use to the Indians now?

A. Just for fishing. They go there and catch a few once in a while.

Q. Now we come to Rich Bar. What is that like?

A. They don't use that at all.

Q. What is it like?

A. The land is broken up.

Q. Any timber on it?

A. Yes, there is some cottonwood and some fir on it.

Q. Any merchantable timber on it?

A. Yes, some of it is alright.

Q. What proportion of that would be covered with merchantable timber?

A. About a quarter.

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Q. Is the land suitable for agriculture?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Did they make any use of it during the time you have been Agent?

A. No, never.

Q. Did you ever hear of it being used since you became agent?

A. No.

Q. Did any white people ever cultivate on that reserve?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Do you know anything of white people going there and asking the Indians for the privilege of going on that Reserve?

A. No, I have never heard of it.

Q. Have those Indians any cattle?

A. No.

Q. Any horses?

A. They used to have two or three.

Q. Any hogs?

A. No.

Q. Any poultry?

A. Yes, they have a few chickens.

Q. So that these Indians mainly are trappers and they depend on their livelihood principally by hunting and fishing?

A. Yes.

Q. Where do they get their fish?

A. They used to fish at 10 Mile Lake.

Q. Do they fish there yet?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that a good fishing place?

A. Yes.

Q. And where do they get the rest of their fish from?

A. From the river.

Q. This No. 2 then is there fishing base for the Fraser River?

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A. Yes.

Q. Do they get a large supply of fish there?

A. Yes.

Q. You said that No. 1 would pasture fifty head; how many cattle could these Indians raise on the land they now have?

A. They could not raise very many on account of no hay.

Q. So that the reserves they have on account of the shortage of hay they cannot go in for cattle?

A. No.

Q. Can they do any farming?

A. They can by clearing that part of the reserve they are living on^{on} No. 1.

Q. How much of that could be cleared and cultivated?

A. About ten or twelve acres.

Q. Is that all?

A. I mean that could be easily cleared. They have nearly all the trees chopped down, and they could cultivate that by dry-farming.

Q. Could they cultivate any more if it was cleared?

A. Yes, I should think so. They could cultivate twenty or thirty acres more - it is all damp soil where they are now.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Did they ever have any stock there?

A. They used to have I think about as high as seven or eight cattle there three years ago; I think they had that many.

Q. That is the most they ever had?

A. NO ANSWER.

THE CHAIRMAN: One of the Indians complained that the railway company had cut off a lot of the logs off the reserve and that they wrote you about it. Did you go into that matter at all?

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A. I wrote to the people they were complaining about and never could get any answer from them.

Q. Did you ever see any of the logs that the Indians were complaining about?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever ask them to show them to you?

A. I asked John who pretends to be the Chief, but he never showed me any of the logs.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: In the town of Quesnel the Indians claim that there is an old graveyard there.

A. Yes, right at the Telegraph Office.

Q. It is not recognized as a reserve - it is recognized as a graveyard - and they wanted to sell that land. Do you consider that the Indians have any legitimate claim on that land or if they should be compensated

for it?

A. *I could not say whether they have or not. They say that while they were at a meeting, John, who was supposed to be the Chief, they claim that Dr. McKenna told them that they had thirty-six acres in the town of Quesnel - at least that is what they told me.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *The best thing we can do is to communicate to the Department and see what records they have on the matter.*

A. *The road goes across this piece of land and they have stables on it. Mr. Morrison says that the telegraph offices is on some of it, and someone has a stable back of his house which are also on this piece of land.*

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: *You have no papers or records in your possession regarding this matter?*

A. *No.*

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MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: *I think this is a matter entirely for the Department to deal with.*

(Note: Mr. Gibbons to look into this matter.)

Q. *Now about the priest moving the reserves from one place to another which action the Indians claim kept them poor - was that done during the time you were Agent?*

A. *No. They were moved there before I was appointed Agent; it is about eight or ten years ago since they were moved. I don't know whether the priests did it or not. I think the Doctor moved them on account of their health. I know that the lower village was quarantined for fever years ago and they were moved away.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *Now we come to the applications.*

When you were attending the meetings of the Commission held with the Indians, you heard them make application for additional lands to be reserved for them.

A. Yes.

Q. And under instructions from the Commission you made a tour of your Agency so as to be able to locate these different pieces.

A. Yes, all that I could locate.

Q. And in doing so you conferred with the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. And made every effort to locate the land?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have submitted to the Commission a report of your work?

A. Yes.

Q. And this is the report signed by you that I hold in my hand?

A. Yes.

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Q. And this report contains your recommendations?

A. Yes.

Q. And it covers all the land available?

A. Yes.

Q. And in your judgment the land that you recommend to be given as additional land to these Indians is reasonably required for them?

A. Yes.

(, The Commission adjourned until Monday October 26, 1914.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: In the Red Stone band there was a complaint made by one of the Indians that there was hay stolen every winter. What do you have to say about that complaint?

A. I don't think there was much in it.

Q. Was ever a complaint made to you about it?

A. No.

Q. On what do you base your belief that the complaint is

not well founded?

A. For instance when they find anything of that kind going on they generally write to the constables about it; but in this case no such complaint was ever made. On my visit there after my visit with the Commission, none of them was at home.

Q. I notice in the evidence given by the Stone band a statement to the effect that a man by the name of Lee was damming the creek at Brigham creek, and there is a note here that you were to look into this matter and report to the Commission when you came to Victoria?

A. I made inquiries into that. Mr. Lee has sold to another party and this damming has been discontinued.

Q. In the Anaham Band it was stated there that they had

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gone in for dry farming to a slight extent, and that they were going to put in fall wheat, but that they could not get fall wheat land. Do you ever give any attention to that matter, did you hear that statement made?

A. Yes.

Q. It is good policy to look into a complaint such as that; it would be well if you could make some inquiry into this matter and if they cannot get the seed it might be well to have the Department give them the seed. At Canoe Creek, Francis stated that his father had a piece of Crown granted land and that there was a will made by his father - his father's name was Copper Johnnie. Did you make inquiries into that?

A. I made inquiries in the Land Office at Clinton.

Q. What was the result?

A. I have a reply here from the Government Agent, Mr. Lund, (which he hands in to the Commission).

Q. Well the purport of this is that the Crown Grant in

favor of Copper Johnnie, a aboriginee, was sent to James Murphy - a lawyer at Ashcroft. It would be well to follow this up and see Mr. Murphy so that the heir will come into possession of that land, which he is entitled to. The statement is that this man Norscat, he Grantee, made a will in favor of Francis. This letter will be returned to you and you can go ahead with further inquiries regarding the matter. George Archie of the Shuswap tribe at Canin Lake, said he was thrown out of his house because he said he had a Crown grant. I don't suppose we can do anything about that. How do I understand you to say that the description of reserve No. 7 of the Alkali Lake band fishing reserve is not properly

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described in the schedule?

A. No. 7 is alright - it is right at the head of Lac la Hache.

Q. What about No. 8?

A. That is wrong - No. 8 is about thirty miles away from No. 7.

Q. What does the plan of your Agency show?

A. That is how I got to find out what it was - I sent for the maps of the reserves.

Q. You say it should be described as being near No. 3 and not No. 7?

A. Yes.

Q. Now No. 9 - is the description given in the schedule correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to the applications, I understand from looking over the evidence that when the Indians touched upon the question of additional lands required the Commission referred the matter to you - is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And that would account for me finding in your report lands that are not always referred to by the Indians in their evidence; there appears to be land described in your report not mentioned to us by the Indians.

A. Some of them came in afterwards.

Q. Had you reason to believe that the Indians wish to get these lands other than those mentioned in the evidence?

A. Yes.

Q. Now the Quesnel tribe made two requests for land - one for a piece of land on 10 Mile Lake and the other for a small piece of timber land - is that correct?

A. Yes, that is correct?

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Q. Well now in your report you deal only with the application for land at 10 Mile Lake?

A. Yes.

Q. Why did you not deal with the application for the small piece of timber land?

A. Because I thought they had enough in No. 1 Reserve,

alongside the reserve where we had the meeting.

Q. So that in your judgment they have enough timber land on No. 1?

A. Yes.

Q. As to the application for land at 10 Mile Lake, the witness stated that near Morris' pre-emption there was opened six or seven acres of Government land?

A. I inquired into this matter at the Government office and they stated that all the land was taken up. This land of Donat Belonges was in abeyance.

Q. What do you mean by saying it was in abeyance?

A. They were not doing anything with it at present and after I got home I got a letter from them which I showed you the other day.

Q. This 160 acres that you refer to as Donat Belonges was pre-empted by Donat Belonges?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he die before getting the pre-emption and the title?

A. Yes.

Q. Who owns the land now?

A. It has gone back to the Government. The way I understand it is that the administrator claimed that they want \$350,.00 for his rights; if they pay that \$350.00 they would have to get a Crown grant from the Department.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: How long has Belonges been dead?

A. I think about one and a half years or maybe longer.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Did Belonges make any improvements on the land?

A. I cannot say.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: These Indians want those lands as a fishing station principally?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they get a important contribution to their food supply from fishing in that lake?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you say they get a very important contribution to their food supply?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you consider it essential to them?

A. Yes, I think they should have it.

Q. I gather from the evidence that they have been fishing there right along?

A. Yes.

Q. And if some one else gets this land access to that place will be stopped?

A. Yes.

Q. You did not visit the place yourself?

A. No.

Q. So that you have no idea of the nature of the improvements made by Donal Belonges?

A. No.

Q. And suppose they had this land could they use it for more purposes then merely fishing?

A. It is a good pasture and they could raise things there by dry farming; I have never been there but that is what they tell me; I was not sure whether the Indians could have that land or not but when I saw the Government

he told me that he would let me know.

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Q. Now Chief Alexander asked for additional timber land, and the proposition was to square the timber land by an enlargement of Reserve No. 1 - is that correct?

A. No. 3.

Q. Your first application is Re enlargement of No. 1 - That should have been Reserve No. 3?

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: That is across the river?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: You investigated that application?

A. Yes.

Q. And you visited the Reserve?

A. Yes.

Q. And now you recommend that timber land applied for be reserved for these Indians as described in your report?

A. Yes.

Q. How many acres would that be?

A. They asked for two miles.

Q. And what do you recommend?

A. Two miles square. They have no timber land on their own reserve at all now.

Q. And do you not think that two miles would be excessive for their requirements?

A. No.

Q. What is the timber like there?

A. It is very good. There are good saw-logs and good firewood.

Q. What sort of timber is it?

A. Principally fir.

Q. What proportion of that two miles square would you say would make saw-logs?

A. A little over half.

Q. And the balance would supply firewood?

A. Yes.

Q. And these Indians require wood for firewood, do they?

A. Yes, they have no timber of any kind on their Reserve.

Q. In making the recommendation you take into consideration

the Reserves they have and their absolute necessities?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have no hesitation in making the recommendation?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: You recommend here two miles square.

Do you mean two miles square or two sections?

A. I mean two miles quare.

Q. Well, that is four sections. The reason why I r am asking this question is in my place they ask for so many sections and it makes quite a difference.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is this land fit for agriculture when the timber is removed?

A. No.

Q. It is strictly for a timber limit they want it?

A. Yes.

Q. The Indians say their idea is to bring in a saw-mill there and cut the timber - Would they sell the lumber?

A. They are talking of bringing in a saw-chill there so as to be able to saw the lumber for building their houses. They are not allowed to sell any lumber off the Reserves.

Q. They said they did not want the land - they wanted the timber. Presuming they had no timber and wished to cut logs to build their houses, is there not machinery provided by the Provincial Government to cut these logs?

A. No, I don't think so.

Q. It looks to me to be foolish to get 2,500 acres of land just for the timber.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: If the timber alone was reserved for them - If that was set aside in the nature of a timber limit on which they would be able to cut timber, would that meet their requirements?

A. I think so.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Could you say how much timber per acre is on this land?

A. I could not say.

Q. Don't you mean they want four 1/4 sections of 160 acres each?

A. Yes, that is what I meant to say.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Then your description is incorrect then?

A. Yes.

Q. And all you applied for was 640 acres?

A. Yes.

Q. Then you will have to give us a new description. You say that a little over half of what you describe would provide good saw-logs, and the balance firewood?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Were you on this land?

A. Yes.

Q. And when there you planted your post at the S.W. corner of Section 3?

A. Yes.

Q. Now going which way first?

A. Going West one mile.

Q. Thence North one mile, thence east one mile - is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Then south to the point of commencement?

A. Yes.

Q. That is lying alongside the Reserve - is that right?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: And you think there is sufficient timber to provide logs and sufficient firewood for thier requirements?

A. Yes.

Q. And the whole contains 640 acres more or less?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Now on Reserve No. 1 - that is the Reserve where we held the meeting, about half of that land you told us is on a,,flat near the river - is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And the other half is a bench N.E. of that?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there timber on that bench?

A. No, only small timber; not merchantable.

Q. And there is no merchantable timber on Reserve No. 2?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now Mackay's application. It is about

80 acres taking in three small meadows from which 15 tons

of hay are cut - Is that 15 tons from the three altogether?

A. Yes, from the 3 altogether.

Q. How long have the Indians cut hay on these meadows?

A. They said they were cutting hay there for quite a number
of years.

Q. From your knowledge how long?

A. About twenty years I should think.

Q. And if they were deprived from cutting hay on these
meadows, what would be the result?

A. They would not have enough for their stock.

Q. You found that these lands were vacant, did you?

A. Yes.

Q. And you have no hesitation in recommending that they be
held for the Indians?

A. I have no hesitation.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Is the country where the meadows
are situated surveyed?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: You say that there is a cabin and a stable
on this land. Who built these?

A. The Indians.

Q. Is the land adjoining these meadows vacant or crown granted?

A. They are vacant.

Q. Who built the wagon road into the meadows?

A. The Indians.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: John Sappas application for a

meadow about twelve miles S.W. of Reserve No. 3. This Indian has a cabin, a stable and a corral on the place?

A. Yes.

Q. About how long has he used that meadow?

A. Quite a number of years - About the same as the MacKay's they have a good road there, and it has been used for a good many years.

Q. Who built road?

A. The Indians.

Q. And you consider that this is required by the Indians?

A. I think these meadows all should be granted to them,

Q. What is the area that you would recommend?

A. I should judge he would want about 80 acres.

Q. Now Big Joe's application for 80 acres S.W. of Reserve No. 3, and 3 miles S.W. of Johnnie Sappa's application; and the Indians that use that meadow has a stable and a shed on the land?

A. Yes.

Q. Who built the road?

A. The Indians.

Q. And that meadow has been used about as long as the others you refer to?

A. Yes.

Q. And you consider it necessary to the Indians?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Now we come to Freddie's application - That is for meadow land 7 miles from No. 3?

A. Yes.

Q. And you state from your own knowledge that for the past 9 years he has cut hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. And has his building there?

A. Yes.

Q. And the Indians made a road to there?

A. Yes.

Q. Has he used it for more than 9 years?

A. Yes.

Q. And you swear that this is necessary for the use of the Indians?

A. I do.

Q. Now we come to Loring's application for a meadow land 8 miles N.W. of Reserve No. 3. You say he cuts about 20 tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. How long has he been cutting hay there?

A. For quite a number of years.

Q. And you say they have a cabin and a corrall there?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you consider this land requisite for the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area?

A. They would want about 80 acres.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you think that it takes 80 acres to cut 20 tons of hay?

A. It is not a continuous meadow - it is a series of meadows with brush between.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now Dominic & Son's application for meadow land 7-1/2 miles N.W. of Reserve No. 3. Now what area is in that?

A. I should think about the same - 80 acres.

Q. And he has cut about 20 tons of hay a year there?

A. Yes.

Q. How long has he been there?

A. He says he has been there for about 20 years.

Q. He has a cabin and a stable and a corrall there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he build the road to there?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you consider that this land is necessary for the use of the Indians?

A. Yes.

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Q. This is all he has for his stock?

A. Yes.

Q. If he was deprived of that, he would not be able to keep his stock?

A. No. They feed their cattle with straw, but they don't do very well with straw.

Q. Now we come to Chief Sam's application for a piece of land about 8 miles S.E. of Reserve No. 1 - what is the area of that?

A. He wants about 160 acres there.

Q. He stated that he cuts 25 tons of hay there a year?

A. Yes. I know he has been there for years, although I have

never visited the place, He has a house, stable and a corral there.

Q. You say in your report that he has been there for 26 years?

A. Yes.

Q. That is practically his homestead then?

A. Yes.

Q. And he says he cuts about 25 tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you think that 160 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes, I think so. He has a little stock running around there sometimes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Are these meadows all practically in a string?

A. Yes.

Q. So that a surveyor would have to run a base line so that it will take in the subsequent meadows?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: I understand that all your applications are for hay land?

A. Yes.

Q. And all they want is to be able to cut hay?

A. Yes.

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MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Did you see this place?

A. No. He may not require 160 acres when the place is surveyed off.

Q. What is the land lying between these different meadows like?

A. Mostly covered with pines.

Q. Is it high?

A. No, not very high - I should judge about 100 feet higher than the river.

Q. Has any of these lands around these meadows been taken up by whitemen?

A. No, there is no one near there at all.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to Soda Creek. They make an application for a fishing station at Tyee Lake; the land applied for being 12 miles S.E. of Reserve No. 1. What area of land would you recommend be reserved there for a fishing place?

A. They thought about 160 acres, and I asked them "Only for a fishing place", and they said "Yes", and I said about 10 acres would be required.

Q. And you recommend about ten acres?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they get a considerable supply of fish from there?

A. Yes, they claim that they do - they go there every season.

Q. Well from the evidence I understood it was the only place they had to fish?

A. They catch fish in the Fraser too.

Q. But do they catch most of their fish for food from that lake?

A. They get quite a lot.

Q. And they fish there every year?

A. Yes.

Q. Do they dry and smoke fish there?

A. Yes.

Q. And you consider the ten acres there is reasonably re-

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to Chief Peeps' application. It is for a meadow nine miles S.E. of Reserve No. 1 and 200 yards from the road going in the direction of Tyee lake. This application is for about 40 acres, and you state that the Indians cut about 10 tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. Has he any buildings there?

A. I didn't see any buildings.

Q. Did you ask him?

A. I was there and I didn't see any buildings.

Q. He cuts the hay and hauls it to his place at?

A. Soda Creek.

Q. And do you think that 40 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes, I think it will cover everything that he requires there.

Q. Does he require it?

A. Yes, I think he does.

Q. The second application by the same applicant is for 320 acres of farm land which is known as Pevine Flat. You state that the applicant has been cutting hay on this place for some years?

A. Yes they cut this up-land for timothy without any irrigation.

Q. Do they sow timothy there?

A. Well its growing, but I don't know whether they sow it or not.

Q. How long have they been cutting hay there?

A. For quite a number of years.

Q. Is any of the land taken up in that vicinity?

A. No. That Pevine valley runs in a long stretch, and I thought that 320 acres would be about all that they would require.

Q. How much hay do they cut there now?

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A. Just about ten tons. They could cut a good deal more if they built a ditch. They don't do any irrigating

there at all.

Q. But if the land was secured to them they would irrigate from Pevine Creek, and could cut about how much hay?

A. If it was properly irrigated, I should judge 75 tons.

Q. What proportion of that 320 acres would be the hay land?

A. All, if they could survey it according to the way the alley runs. It is kind of narrow, and if they got the land they are asking for, nearly the whole of it would be good hay land with irrigation.

Q. What is the land outside of that application like?

A. It is pine and cottonwood.

Q. And this 320 acres is the only good spot around there?

A. No - below that is pretty good to.

Q. How far below?

A. Quite a bit below.

Q. And do you consider that 320 acres is reasonably required by the Indians?

A. I think it would be about enough for them.

Q. Is the whole 320 acres reasonably required for the Indians?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: You understand of course that where these applications are made and granted they are not for the individual Indian who makes the application but they are for the whole Band - Do they, I mean the Indians understand that?

A. Yes, they know that.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you know how many cattle Chief Peeps has?

A. No, I can't tell you.

Q. Do you know whether he has any?

A. He has a few.

Q. You stated that if they got water on this land that

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they would be able to cut 75 tons of hay on there?

A. Yes, with irrigation I think they ought to be able to grow 75 tons there.

Q. What would that hay run per acre if they had water on it?

A. Some parts of it would run better than others.

Q. But the average I mean?

A. I think it ought to average about 200 tons out of the 320 acres. Some of it they would not be able to get the water on to, but I think half a ton to the acre would about fill the bill.

Q. I understood you to say that if they had all the land that could be irrigated from Pevine Creek under hay, they could get 75 tons?

A. Probably.

Q. Half a ton per acre that would be 150 acres. That seems to me to be a large area of land for hay land. What proportion of that 320 acres would not grow hay after they get water from Pevine Creek?

A. Probably 100 acres.

Q. How is that land situated that would not grow hay - is it high?

A. It is sort of a valley that runs up steep into the timber.

Q. What is on that?

A. Some is rocky and some pine and a little cottonwood.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Chief Peeps lives on No. 2, does he not?

A. No. He lives on No. 1 Reserve.

Q. In your evidence of Friday or Saturday, if I remember correctly, you said if they could get water from Pevine Creek on to No. 2 they could cultivate more land?

A. Not No. 2, on Deep Creek.

Q. As to the giving of agricultural land on Deep Creek, I think we are all pretty well agreed that there is a lot of land there covered with willow brush, which if cleared could be made into first class land.

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MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Would it not be feasible to clear some of this land and bring a ditch down to this new application?

A. It is very easy to bring a ditch to this place. The

Deep Creek people farm a different part than what
Peep's people farm.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Could not sufficient water be got
for the cultivation of the additional land on Deep
Creek R serve if cleared?

A. Yes I think so by dammthg up Pevine Creek.

Q. Now 'we-come to the Anaham Tribe, which makes an appli-
cation for some timber land north of Reserve No. 1?

A. Yes.

Q. How do you come to mention the area as 4 miles square?

A. The Indians asked for that amount.

Q. And you recommend two miles square?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it your intention to recommend 2 miles square?

A. No, I want to recommend 640 acres.

Q. How would you describe the 640 acres you want to
recommend?

A. It is north of No. 1 Reserve.

Q. Adjoining No. 1 Reserve on the north?

A. I suppose it does adjoin it - it is quite near to #1.

Q. Were you there?

A. Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does it immediately adjoin the Reserve?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: And you recommend 640 acres adjoining
the north end of the reserve No. 1 for timber land?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: What shape would you have it in?

A. Starting at the N.E. corner north one mile, west one
mile thence south one mile to the Reserve line, thence

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east one mile to the point of commencement.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Do you consider that one square mile
of timberland is reasonably required by these Indians?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. What sort of timber is on that?

A. Timber good for lumber; nearly all of it is good for

lumber.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Have they any merchantable timber on any of the other reserves?

A. No, they have hardly any.

Q. Is this timber for their own use or for sale. According to the Precis they say they bought a sawmill and they sold it and they were going to buy another one and cut the lumber for sale?

A. They are not supposed to sell any lumber off the reserves. That would be all they would require for their own uses.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The next application is for additional pasture land, and you don't recommend that?

A. No, I think they have enough pasture for all the stock they have.

Q. And for a reasonable increase in their stock would they have enough?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Now we come to Seymour's application for a meadow about 24 miles N.W. of No. 1 Reserve, and you state that the applicant has a corral on the land - is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you visit the place?

A. No.

Q. And you state they cut 40 tons a year there?

A. Yes. They have been cutting that for the past 5 years.

Q. Do you consider that is a correct statement?

A. Yes.

Q. What area of land would they require there?

A. I should judge not less than 80 acres.

Q. What area did you have in your own mind that you could

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recommend?

A. *About 80 acres.*

Q. *Is it surveyed territory?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Did the Indians build a road there?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *And I suppose they cut their hay on small scattered meadows?*

A. I don't think they are so very scattered around there.

Q. But you think 80 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes, I think about that.

Q. Now the application of Billy and Tommy for meadowland 5 miles S.W. from Seymour's meadow. Did you visit that place?

A. No.

Q. Are you satisfied with the statement that they cut about 20 tons there annually?

A. Yes, I think they cut that much.

Q. Are you satisfied that the Indians have a stable and a corral and that they have made a road to the place?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it in unsurveyed territory?

A. Yes.

Q. About what area do you recommend should be reserved there?

A. Between 60 and 80 acres.

Q. And you consider it is reasonably required by these Indians?

A. Yes, I think so.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Do you mean to say they can only cut 20 tons off that amount of land?

A. I was never there; they may cut a little more.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to Dick's application for meadow land 13 miles N. of Reserve No. 1. You don't recommend t

A. No, I think he has more meadow land now than he can use.

Q. Now Chief Bob's application for meadow land 18 miles N.E. of Reserve No. 1?

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A. He makes that for the Indians, and not for himself.

Q. Did you visit the place?

A. Yes.

Q. And are you satisfied that about 30 tons of hay is cut there a year?

A. Yes.

Q. Any improvements there - any cabins or corrals there?

A. Yes, they have a cabin there.

Q. And a corral?

A. Yes.

Q. What area would you recommend for them?

A. I should think they would want about 80 acres.

Q. And you consider that as reasonably required by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. The next application is for a meadow about 3 miles N. of the land last applied for. Did you visit that Place?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you satisfied they only can cut about 7 tons a year there?

A. That is about all they can cut there and I did not think it was worth taking up.

Q. They are all small and scattered?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recommend it?

A. No.

Q. The Chief also made another application for a meadow about 4 miles N. of the land covered by Chief Bob's application. Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. And are you satisfied they are only able to cut about 30 tons of hay there?

A. They can cut more than 30 tons.

Q. And you think if the land was drained it would produce about 75 tons?

A. Yes, it is a large meadow.

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Q. What is the area of it?

A. I should think over 100 acres there.

Q. Any improvements there?

A. Yes, they have two houses, a corral and two stables and they had some old hay fenced in.

Q. Did they build the wagon road to the place?

A. Yes, and it is a very good road.

Q. How long have they been using that meadow?

A. I should think over ten years - at least I should judge they have been using it for that long.

Q. Do. you consider that is reasonably required by the Indians?

A. *I think they should have that.*

Q. *What area?*

A. *100 acres.*

Q. *Then there is another application which you don't recommend?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Why?*

A. *I thought they had enough meadows without that piece.*

Q. *If they got what you recommended you thought they would have enough?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Now we come to Long Johnnie's application - it is for a meadow 25 miles north of Reserve No. 1. Did you visit that place?*

A. *No, I did not visit that place.*

Q. *How did you find out there was a cabin on the land?*

A. *He told me he had a cabin there - I saw him after I was coming away.*

Q. *Is there a good wagon road to the meadow?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Did he make the road?*

A. *Yes.*

THE CHAIRMAN: *How long has he been there?*

A. *Quite a long while.*

Q. *Were you ever there before?*

A. *No.*

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MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *Long Johnnie, in giving his evidence says he built a bridge across the river. Do you know that?*

A. *That is what he says - I don't know whether he did or not.*

Q. *In your report you say he can cut 60 tons - How much does he state he cuts there?*

A. *He told me he cuts about 60 tons.*

THE CHAIRMAN: *How many cattle has this man got?*

A. *Quite a few - I cannot tell exactly. I should judge he has about 15 or 20 head.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: About what area does that application cover?

A. I think about 100 acres.

Q. When you made your recommendation what area did you have in your mind?

A. About 100 acres.

Q. Do you think that is reasonably required?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. It is stated in your report that he only cuts about 7 tons of hay off that Reserve?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Did Johnnie state to you that he cuts 60 tons of hay off that meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. In his evidence he says he cuts about 25 tons of hay on it?

A. He said the night before the meeting he said they cut 60 tons, and then afterward when I went up to Anaham after the meeting, he stated they cut 60 tons again.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: The Chief said, according to the evidence, he would want about 25 acres. How much does he cut?

A. I don't know whether he can cut that much or not. When I asked him how many tons he could cut, he said 60 tons.

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MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Does he require that amount of land for the 15 or 20 head of cattle?

A. I suppose he will if his cattle increases.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose it is wild hay, is it?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: When you made this recommendation, you had in your mind an area of 100 acres?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you think that 100 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: How do you base the reasonableness of the request for 100 acres?

A. I said before I don't know whether it will take 100 acres or not.

Q. In a good hay swamp how much hay will an acre cut?

A. :From 3/4 of a ton to a ton.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Is the area you have in mind - is it a meadow?

A. It is all meadow.

Q. Now we come to Old Stump's application. That is for a piece of meadow land N.E. of Reserve No. 1, about 28 miles Did you visit that place?

A. No.

Q. Did you say there is a good wagon road there?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that made by the Indians?

A. Yes, by Stump.

Q. Is there a cabin on the ground?

A. Yes, he says he has a cabin there.

Q. Z;hything else?

A. He did not say.

Q. He stated he has been cutting there for 4 years, and has been getting about 30 tons?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recommend the application?

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A. Yes.

Q. What area do you recommend there?

A. About 40 acres.

Q. Is that a continuous meadow?

A. I don't know - he says it is.

Q. Do you consider that reasonably required for the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to Chief Bob's application. He asks for a few acres around a spring around the N.E. side of Reserve No. 2. Now in your report you state that you visited the place?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend that about two acres be reserved at that point?

A. Yes.

Q. And the purpose of that reservation is for what?

A. To water his stock in the winter?

A. And if they were cut off from that they would have
no winter water for their stock?

A. No.

Q. What about access to that reservation of two acres.

Suppose that 2 acres were to be enclosed by crown
granted land, how would the Indians be able to get to it?

A. They could not get to it. If anyone fenced that up
they would be unable to get to it.

Q. It is now an unsurveyed country. Suppose that land
is taken up around that 2 acres. How would the Indians
get to the 2 acres with their cattle?

A. It is just alongside of the land, and they kind of
want it to be attached to the Reserve. As it is now
it is only about 300 yards away from the Reserve.

Q. Then the application would include the spring and
adjoin Reserve No. 2?

A. Yes.

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MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is any of this land likely to be taken:
up in the future?

A. It may.

Q. Is it the only available water near there?

A. For water in the winter time it is.

Q. And if a man took up that land he would have no access
to that water at all?

A. I don't know. He would have to dig a well.

Q. Would it not be better to apply for a record on that
spring for farming purposes and pipe the water to where
he wants it?

A. I think if they got that water they would not mind any-
one else watering their stock there.

Q. But if a man took up a pre-emption, would not the Indians
fence that water and so keep the Whiteman away?

A. I think the situation would be met by getting a water

record on that Reserve.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Anaham Meadow No. 2, that is 635 acres. I see in the evidence on page 9 at the bottom of page 9, that the Indians say they cut 300 tons of hay in a good year, and 200 tons in a wet year. Is that correct?

A. I think that is about correct.

Q. They say "there is lots of hay which we cannot cut on account of the water." When I was passing along and I came to Martin's, they told me there that if the Indians want to work and cleared out that creek they would be able to cut double that amount?

A. By clearing the creek won't do it; but if they could drain the meadow they might be able to cut a little more; They say it is too hard to drain - It is too flat.

Q. There is a fall to the creek is there not?

A. Yes.

Q. How high is the meadow above the Creek?

A. I should think it would be pretty hard to drain it.

Q. How high is that part of the meadow above the Creek?

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A. About two feet.

Q. How far is it away from the 'Creek?

A. I should judge half a mile.

Q. Well that would be an easy thing to drain. If they had an open trench, I should think they would be able to drain that without very much trouble. If they can cut 300 tons of hay there, that would be an enourmous amount for their cattle.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: By draining that land, would that double the crop of hay on the meadow?

A. I could not say, very nearly I should think.

Q. Supposing they cut 200 tons of hay on that meadow that would be more than they could get on all these applications.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Have you fenced that country at all yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. Suppose you owned that yourself, and you wanted to get the best returns possible from it. How many tons of hay do you think you would be able to cut on there after draining it?

A. By draining it I don't think you would be able to have more than 350 tons.

Q. What is the cause of this creek being obstructed?

A. Little rocks and stones coming through it all the time.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Are they natural obstructions?

A. Yes, I don't know whether it is 2 feet above the creek. May be in places it is not that.

Q. How much hay do you think they can cut if the field were drained?

A. Between 350 or 400 tons.

Q. And would that meet their hay requirements?

A. I don't think so.

Q. And they now cut 300 tons in a dry year?

A. Yes.

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Q. And about 200 tons in a wet year?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: On these applications that you have recommended for this Band, you estimate that on all these applications some several hundred acres they could cut 210 tons of hay. Do you believe with proper management of that meadow reserve with proper drainage and with a reasonable amount of work they could increase the output of that meadow by 150 or 200 tons?

A. I could not say. It would improve it quite a bit but I could not say how much.

NOTE: Mr. Green to go up there and make a report on that meadow.

Q. If they can grow more hay on that Reserve by doing a little more work, I think it is useless to give them more land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: How late in the year can Mr. Green get up there to look over the ground - Can he get up

this fall?

A. I don't think so.

Q. About what time is the best?

A. About the latter part of April or the beginning of May.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to the applications made

*by the Stone Band. There is an application made by Chief
Loui Quilt for meadow land about 15 miles south of
Reserve No.1; and you say there is a wagon road built there?*

A. Yes.

Q. Built by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you visit the place?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you find on the place?

A. I just found a stack-yard.

Q. No houses or anything?

A. No.

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Q. How many tons of hay does he cut there every year?

A. Just about 40 tons.

Q. What area does he cut over?

A. I should judge 60 acres.

Q. Is it all meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend the application?

A. Yes.

*Q. And you consider that the Reserve of 60 acres is
reasonably required for these Indians?*

A. Yes.

*Q. Now the application of Capt. Jim for meadow land 7
miles south of Reserve No. 1 - Did you visit that place?*

A. Yes.

Q. How much hay does he cut there?

A. About 20 tons of hay.

Q. What has he got on the land?

A. He has stack-yards.

Q. Is there a road built there?

A. Yes.

Q. By the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. What area does he cut over?

A. There are two meadows apart.

Q. How far apart are they?

A. About 200 yards.

Q. So that when you recommend 80 acres, you make a recommendation to take in both of these meadows?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you think that reservation is reasonably required for the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. Now the second application of Chief Quilt's is for 2 square miles of timber land. Does that adjoin the Reserve?

A. Yes.

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Q. And did you intend to ask for that amount?

A. No, I meant to ask for 640 acres.

Q. And do you consider that that is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. What sort of timber is there?

A. Fit for lumber and firewood.

Q. About what proportion is fit for lumber?

A. About 1/2.

Q. How are they off for lumber on the Reserve they now have?

A. They have none at all.

Q. So that if they wanted to build houses now, they would have to go off the Reserves for the lumber?

A. Yes.

Q. And you think that is reasonably required for the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have they been cutting on these meadows?

A. Quite a few years. I don't know how many years.

Q. Now the applications made by the Risks Creek Band.

They make an application for pasture and timber land?

A. Yes.

Q. And the land is situated 3 miles west of No. 1, on the west side of Becher Lake?

A. Yes.

Q. I understand when you saw these Indians, they substituted the land described by you for the land they described in the application to the Commission?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area there?

A. I think together with the pasture land they should have about 640 acres.

Q. How much would be timber land?

A. I should judge nearly half.

Q. What sort of timber?

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A. Fir timber - pretty fair for lumber.

Q. And do you consider that 640 acres is reasonably required to give them additional pasture and provide timber for them?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Is that near Capt. Frank's place?

A. He belongs to that Reserve.

Q. Does this piece of land take in the spring they were asking for?

A. This would take in that spring they were asking for.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: He also refers in the evidence to a little lake - does that include that lake?

A. I don't know whether this application would take in that lake or not.

Q. From the evidence here it would appear that the Indian applied for a piece of land close to the northern boundary of the Reserve adjoining a small lake and a spring; and the evidence says that they wanted a width between Lot 113 and the Reserve of approximately twenty chains. That application seems to have been distinct from the application they made for the timber land?

A. Yes it was.

Q. Did you take that into consideration when you were making your application?

A. No.

Q. So that you are now merely making application merely for the timber land?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you inadvertently overlook that application between Lot 113 and the Reserve: approximately 20 chains?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know that place?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you think they should have that?

A. Yes.

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Q. Now we come to Alkali lake. The first application is for a place described as Alex Kaleste's according to your report?

A. He has made application for a pre-emption and it was not granted - He made it before my time.

Q. And now they want that land reserved?

A. Yes.

Q. What is on this land?

A. He has his house, stable, fence and corral, and he lives there altogether.

Q. How long have they lived there?

A. As long as I can remember - thirty years anyhow.

Q. Do you consider that reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area?

A. I should think about 160 acres.

Q. Now we will take Bob Johnson's application - Did you visit that place?

A. I didn't this trip, but I have been there before.

Q. And there are no improvements there?

A. No.

Q. Do they cut hay there?

A. There is a little meadow there and he cuts hay there.

Q. How many tons in a year?

A. I think about ten tons.

Q. What is the area of the meadow?

A. About 20 acres.

Q. And you recommend that the 20 acres be reserved there?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you say that is reasonably required by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. They are short of hay land are they?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Jim Decker's application - Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

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Q. What is there - any houses or buildings?

A. No.

Q. Has he got anything at all there?

A. He has got corrals.

Q. About how many tons does he cut there?

A. 20 tons a year.

Q. How long has he been cutting hay there?

A. For 10 or 15 years.

Q. What is the area?

A. I should judge about 40 acres.

Q. Do you consider that reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Tommie Johnson's application - Did you visit that?

A. Yes.

Q. What is on that land?

A. House, stables and corrals.

Q. Does he live there?

A. Not all the time.

Q. Would you call that his residence?

A. No - only when he is making hay.

Q. Does he take his stock there for winter feeding?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area?

A. I should think he would want about 40 acres.

Q. And you consider that 40 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now the next application is the application of August
which is for a meadow 5 miles east of No. 1 Reserve for

which he says he has a Crown Grant.

A. Yes, Mr. Johnson holds the Crown Grant.

Q. For what area is the Crown Grant?

A. 40 acres.

Q. Is that 40 acres fenced in?

A. I don't know.

Q. Have you been there?

A. I did not visit that place.

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Q. Has he got his house there and stables?

A. I think he has a house there which he built himself in order to get his Crown Grant.

Q. Is it for this 40 acres that he is now asked to pay \$5.

A. Yes, for the same 40 acres.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is the Crown Grant made out in the name of August?

A. Yes.

Q. And he holds a Crown Grant?

A. Yes.

Q. I think the Government now asks \$5. an acre; it is evident that he purchased it for \$1.00 an acre and now the price is \$5.00 per acre. In the evidence it is stated that he has not got a Crown Grant.

A. Well Mr. Johnson showed me the paper where he paid the \$40 - \$1.00 per acre, I saw the receipt.

Q. Did Mr. Johnson say there was a Crown Grant issued?

A. I don't remember.

Q. He also says he wants 80 acres, and your recommendation is that he be now confirmed in the 40 acres he now has and that he don't get additional 80 acres?

A. Yes, 40 acres is, I think, enough for his requirements.

Q. Now we come to Charlie Spahan's application for meadow land about ten miles north of No. 1, did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. And there is no buildings or improvements on it?

A. No.

Q. No corrals?

A. He has just got the fencing for his stacks.

Q. And a wagon road?

A. Yes.

Q. Made by the Indians?
A. Yes.
Q. He cuts about how many tons?
A. About ten tons.

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Q. What is the area?
A. I don't expect less than 40 acres would do.
Q. Is it a continuous meadow?
A. No it is little pieces here and there.
Q. And you consider that this hay land is reasonably required?
A. Yes.
Q. Now we come to the application of old Dicks, for three miles east of U.S. meadow, did you visit that place?
A. Yes.
Q. And you found a house, stack yards and fencing there?
A. Yes.
Q. Do the people live there most of the time?
A. This Michel used to live there before he died.
Q. Does anyone live there now?
A. I don't know.
Q. But hay is still cut on that land for the cattle?
A. Yes.
Q. Are the cattle taken up for winter feeding?
A. Yes.
Q. Are there sons in the family?
A. He has a young son and his mother claims the meadow and she looks after the cattle.
Q. And continues to use the land?
A. Yes.
Q. And you recommend that as reasonably required?
A. Yes.
Q. Now the application of Jimmy Spahan's for meadow land about six miles southeast of Reserve No. 1, did you visit that place?
A. No.
Q. But you were told there was a house and stable there?
A. The Chief told me. I asked him to find out if there was

any land that Jimmy Spahan could get. He had some trouble with pick and he thought he should have this meadow. The Chief told me - that this place was the only place that could

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be given him.

Q. You state he cuts hay every year there?

A. I could not say, he has a brother who has been cutting hay there.

Q. And they still cut hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. And you say they cut about seven tons there?

A. Yes, that is what they say.

Q. What is the area of the land?

A. I should judge about 40 acres.

Q. On what do you base your judgment?

A. They have their houses and they live there most of the time, all the family lives there part of the time.

Q. And you consider that 40 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: I understand that Jimmie Spahan has no place on the reserve of his own, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. You made some elaborate statements that there was no land for this man and the Chief said that this was the only land that he could have?

A. That is right, he has no land on the reserve:

Q. And this is necessary for his livelihood?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to David Dan's application. Were you there?

A. Yes.

Q. There is a good road there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the Indians make it?

A. Yes.

Q. And the Indian, David Dan, has a house there and a stable?

A. He has a house and stack yard and corral there.

Q. You say he cuts about 8 tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it a continuous meadow there?

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A. Yes.

Q. Is it capable of producing more hay than that?

A. Yes, I think some years he could cut about twelve or fifteen tons..

Q. What is the area?

A. I don't think it is over 30 acres.

Q. And you think that is required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to Scolt's application, did you go there?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you find on the ground?

A. Just a stack yard.

Q. And you were informed that six tons of hay were cut there?

A. Yes, and he wants some pasture land.

Q. Does he live there?

A. No.

Q. How much land does he occupy on the reserve?

A. Enough for a little grain and potatoes.

Q. But he has not enough land for hay or pasture on the reserve?

A. No..

Q. And you recommend that he be given 100 acres?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you think that is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you think this man Scott would make good use of the land?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the land like?

A. Good open land.

Q. Anything on it?

A. Cottonwood and willows and some pasture among the trees.

Q. What is the area of the meadow he cuts the hay on?

A. Only about ten acres.

Q. And you consider that as reasonably required?

A. Yes.

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MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: How many cattle has this man got?

A. He has some cattle and horses, but I don't know how many, he must have quite a few head. I cannot tell how many he has.

Q. You said that the Anaham Tribe had about 400 head of cattle?

A. Yes.

Q. I suppose he would have about 8 or 10 head, would he?

A. Yes, he would not have any more than that.

Q. Do you recall that he claimed that Judge O'Reilly had confirmed him in that place?

A. No, I never heard of that.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Does this man pasture his cattle with the rest of the Band?

A. They all run at large.

Q. How is it they don't ask for pasture and this man does?

A. He intends to make a start on a place there and was going to see if he could not get a homestead.

Q. Is the Band on the whole fairly well supplied with pasture?

A. Not very well; but fairly well.

Q. Now the Alkali Lake Band - are they short of pasture?

A. They didn't say they were short.

Q. Does their pasture land balance up fairly well with their hay land, provided they cut all these meadow lands?

A. Yes, fairly well.

Q. Is there any necessity for his getting this 100 acres?

A. I thought he would require it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How many head of cattle are there in the Alkali lake Band?

A. About one hundred head.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: And they have seven or eight thousand acres of land besides what they are asking for..in these new applications - Do they need any more pasturage?

A. A good deal of that land is pretty rocky and steep with high side-hills.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: In the evidence, the Chief

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stated that half the men had no land on the Reserve - Is that correct?

A. Yes, the Chief means good land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How are they off for pasture land?

A. They are fairly well off.

Q. Now do you consider that this request for additional pasture land is a reasonable one?

A. Yes.

Q. Why?

A. I thought they could raise more stock if they had a little more pasture land.

Q. Would they not have to increase their stock largely to avail themselves of the pasture land they have now?

A. Not very much.

Q. How many head of stock would the pasture land of the Alkali Lake Band Reserves adequately provide for now?

A. Not much more than they have now.

Q. Well they have 100 now - they have 100 now?

A. About 50 head more.

Q. It is pretty poor pasture land?

A. Yes.

Q. What would you consider from your knowledge of that country one head of stock would require - How many acres on the average that is for the summer's run?

A. I cannot hardly say; but I think about 50 acres to one head.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: If the Indians increase their band of cattle after they get these meadows they are asking for, will they have to stop the increase on account of pasture or shortage of winter feed?

A. They will be short of hay if they have to feed like they have to do. On the wagon road they would not have enough.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: These Indians have 350 horses. Now

supposing they reduced the horses by 300. How many cattle could they put on to replace the horses?

A. Pretty nearly half of that number - 175.

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The meeting here adjourned until Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 1914,

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: The next application we will come to is in the Alkali Lake Band, called Little Dick's for a meadow 5 miles S.W. of the U.S. Meadow - Did you visit the place

A. Yes.

Q. And you found they cut about ten tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. And they have a house and stack-yard there?

A. Yes.

Q. Does Dick's family live there all the year round?

A. He lives there part of the year, and winters his cattle there.

Q. What is the area?

A. I should think about 20 acres.

Q. Is it a continuous meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you consider this application is reasonably required by him?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend it?

A. Yes.

Q. The next application is Loui Kalleste's for meadow land about half a mile south of David Dan's meadow. Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. And how long has this man been cutting hay there?

A. For several years.

Q. You say here "about 8 years"?

A. Well that is about right.

Q. And he is able to cut about ten tons there?

A. Yes.

Q. And he has a house, stable, shed and stackyard there?

A. Yes.

Q. Does he winter his cattle there?

A. Yes.

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Q. What is the area?

A. About 20 acres.

Q. And you consider that that 20 acres is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now the application of Billy Chelchel. This is for a meadow containing between 15 and 20 acres adjoining that of Tommie Johnson's - Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you find there?

A. A corral, stackyard and a good road made by the Indians.

Q. Was the road made by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. And he cuts about 7 tons there?

A. Yes.

Q. Does he winter his cattle there?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area of that?

A. I should judge about 15 or 20 acres.

Q. Is it a continuous meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you consider that it is reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to Antoine Spaham's application for meadow land about 20 miles N.E. of the U.S. Meadow - Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. And you found stackyards and a good road?

A. Yes.

Q. Was the road built by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. And he is able to cut about ten tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area?

A. About 15 or 20 acres.

Q. And you recommend it?

A. Yes.

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Q. Now we come to the Williams Lake applications. Tommy Bates made an application for 15 or 20 acres, and you say he cuts about ten tons of hay there - is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you visit the place?

A. Yes.

Q. And you think this is reasonably necessary?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend it?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Soda Creek Joe's application - you state that he has a meadow which he has been cutting for ten years, and that a white man by the name of E.W. Resser(has been trying to get it?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you visit the place?

A. No. I thought the man was applying for the place, and I didn't think it was worthwhile visiting it.

Q. Did you know that there was a house on the place?

A. I think he has a house there. I have a letter from Resser which I have at my home.

Q. You say that you received a letter, did you receive it yourself?

A. No, he wrote-to this Indian that is cutting hay on the place that he, Resser, had pre-empted the place and did not want the Indian there.

Q. In what way has he applied for a pre-emption?

A. He has built a house.

Q. Do you know whether Soda Creek Joe has a house on the place?

A. No.

Q. Did you ask him?

A. No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it fenced?

A. Soda Creek Joe had claimed this meadow and a relative, Baptiste, had been cutting hay there. He came up and said to me as I was leaving that this man was trying to take the place away. Sod

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Creek Joe has a house there and winters his cattle there and spends the winters there.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: I think it would be well to investigate this matter Mr. Ogden and make a report to the Commission.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL:- Where is the land office for that district?

A. At Barkerville.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Is there not a land office at Quesnel?

A. Yes. It is just a letter he has received from Resser telling him not to cut any more hay on the meadow because he has pre-empted it.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA:- Now Canim Lake application. The first is Isadore Frank's. Did you visit that place?

A. Yes.

Q. And there is a good wagon road there with a bridge?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the Indians nuke the road on the bridge?

A. Yes.

Q. What is on the land?

A. A stack yard.

Q. So that he hauls his hay from there to his place on the reserve for feed?

A. Yes.

Q. You say he cuts about fifteen tons a year there?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the area he cuts over?

A. He would require about 30 acres there any how.

Q. And this man you state is a good steady young man and has three small children?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend the application?

A. Yes.

Q. Now we come to the application of Christopher's for meadow land where he has been cutting hay for years? Did you visit this place?

A. Yes.

O. And there is a worn road to it?

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A. Yes.

Q. Made by the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. What is on the land? Any buildings?

A. No. There was a house on the land which a man by the name of Minty had erected; also an old stack yard, but no stable that I could see.

Q. Were these all made by Minty?

A. Yes.

Q. You say that Captain Watson told the Indians that he had bought this land and that the Indians could not cut any more hay on it?

A. Yes, that is what they told me that he came along and bought the land.

Q. When did this take place?

A. About seven or eight years ago.

Q. Has Captain Watson appeared since?

A. No.

Q. And you state his pre-emption was cancelled?

A. I presume that there was a pre-emption and it was cancelled.

Q. Is it in a surveyed part of the country?

A. No.

Q. And do you know that Minty claims it?

A. Yes.

Q. The Indians didn't say that Minty pre-empted it, did they?

A. No, they just said he owned it and I took it that he had preempted it.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW:- The Indians think that Minty does not require it?

A. Yes, but I think that is because he did not cut hay on it for one year.

Q. Only one year?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the Indians tell you that Minty had been cutting hay there from the time he built his house?

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A. They did not say, all that they told me was that he hadn't cut hay there for one year and the general belief was that he had abandoned the preemption.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA:- Do the Indians occupy Minty's house?

A. No.

Q. When did the Indians last cut hay there?

). Before Captain Watson, I suppose, he did not tell me.

Q. You say that the Indians cut about 30 tons of hay there?

A. Yes.

Q. When did the Indians last cut hay there?

A. I suppose eight or ten years ago.

Q. If the Indians gave up cutting hay there eight or ten years ago that would weaken the case considerably, would it not?

A. I suppose it would. All they told me was "we used to be able to cut hay there and Captain Watson came along and took the meadow".

Q. Now you recommend that if Minty has abandoned the place that it be secured to the Indians?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you consider that the Indians reasonably require this meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. How many acres?

A. I should judge about 40 acres anyhow.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: When did Minty last occupy his house?

A. I think about two years ago.

Q. Is Minty still in the country?

A. He is a blacksmith and goes up and down the Cariboo road.

Q. Do you suppose he had been working for the P.G.E. railway?

A. No I don't think he ever worked for the P.G.E.

Q. I suppose it would be easy to find Minty, and if ever you do run across him you might see him and make a report to us on the matter?

A. Yes, I will do that as soon as I possibly can.

Q. This man Christopher never made any application to the Comm-[2'

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Q. Just before getting to the 105, they have an irrigation ditch there have they not?

A. They have not, they used to have and they got some water on top of that high table land, but that is all dried up.

Q. Could they not arrange to get water on that land again by going fifteen miles up the 105 Mile House Creek?

A. A survey was made with a triangle and it was reported to the Department, and the Department thought that it would not be advisable to go on with the ditch.

Q. How far would they have to bring the water?

A. About fifteen miles.

Q. And is the soil suitable for making a ditch there?

A. It is kind of a clay that washes away. They used to raise grain there when they had lots of water.

Q. How large is that flat on the reserve? How much could be worked?

A. I should judge between 150 and 200 acres.

Q. If they could irrigate 200 acres it would be worth while to put in a pipe or flume; could they get plenty of water then?

A. Yes, there is quite a stream coming down Bridge Creek.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: How much hay could they raise there if irrigated?

A. They could raise part in timothy and part in grain.

Q. How many tons of timothy?

A. About fifty tons besides the grain.

Q. Supposing you irrigate it and took one acre, would it produce two tons per acre?

A. It would produce one and a half tons. They could not raise timothy all over the place.

Q. What proportion of the land is fit for timothy hay?

A. About fifty acres.

Q. And the other hundred acres would grow grain?

A. Yes.

Q. And if that grain were cut for grain hay would it not produce as much?

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A. Yes, I guess it would.

Q. Is there any alkali land there?

A. Yes, it is mixed up with alkali.

Q. You must have awful good land in that country to raise one and a half tons to the acre?

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: How far is that from the Australian Ranch?

A. About 125 miles.

Q. Coming back to this house that Minty built on this application, do you know how long ago that house was built?

A. It looked kind of a new house and it did not look as though it had been long since it was built. Not over two years anyhow.

Q. Do you know whether Minty ever lived there?

A. I could not say.

Q. Was there any other improvements that Minty made?

A. I did not notice any other improvements.

Q. What kind of a house is it he built?

A. A little log house made of very small timber.

Q. Of very little value, I suppose?

A. I should judge it would cost about \$50 or \$60.
MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: Now we come to the application of
Prosper Allen? Did you visit the place?

A. Yes.
Q. How far is that from the nearest reserve?

A. Canim Lake Reserve No.1 is the nearest.
Q. How far would that be away?

A. About twelve miles.
Q. And there is a good wagon road to the place?

A. Yes.
Q. Built by this man himself?

A. Yes.
Q. You say near his house. Is his house on the area of land
applied for?

A. Yes, he has two places there.

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Q. What area does this application cover?
A. The first one covers 15 acres.
Q. And the second?
A. The second one would cover about 30 acres.
Q. What is the difference between the first and second piece?
A. Three miles.
Q. And on this first piece he has his house?
A. Yes, and a stable.
Q. And a stack yard?
A. Yes.
Q. And corralls, I suppose?
A. Yes.
Q. How long has he lived there?
A. Quite a long time.
Q. About how long would you say?
A. About fifteen years.
Q. Does he raise anything on this fifteen acres above his house?

A. *Just a little garden and a little hay which he cuts there,
and he raises potatoes and other vegetables.*

Q. *Does he grow grain?*

A. No.

Q. *Why?*

A. *It is kind of brushy there.*

Q. *If it was cleared would it raise grain?*

A. *Yes, I suppose he could.*

Q. *Has he got water there?*

A. No.

Q. *He grows without irrigation?*

A. Yes.

Q. *If it was cleared could he grow there by dry farming?*

A. *I think so.*

Q. *Is it fenced?*

A. No.

Q. *Just the garden is fenced in, I suppose?*

A. Yes.

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Q. *Now his next application, is for 30 acres. What is that?
Is that a meadow?*

A. Yes.

Q. *Is it a continuous meadow?*

A. Yes.

Q. *How long has he cut hay there?*

A. *For about fifteen years.*

Q. *And he cuts about 20 tons a year?*

A. Yes.

Q. *How many cattle has he?*

A. *I could not say, all the cattle are counted in the Canim
Lake Reserve.*

Q. *And you consider that this land is reasonably required?*

A. Yes.

Q. And the man is a good progressive Indian?

A. Yes, and he has a large family.

Q. He has no buildings on the reserve?

A. No.

Q. Would there be room for his getting adequate room on the Reserve?

A. No.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: The witness stated while giving his evidence that he had been bothered by a white man?

A. I don't think it would touch any of his land if it were surveyed. I don't think the white man would be on his land.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: And you don't think the white man's buildings would be near him?

A. No.

Q. Now, we come to the application of Jimmy Dixon's, for a preemption of 160 acres?

A. I got his letter and the Department referred me to the Commission.

Q. Which Department?

A. The Department of Lands here. (Which he hands into the Commission).

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MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: (reading from the letter put in by the witness): The application is dated from the 29th June, 1914, and also a letter from the Government Agent at Clinton respecting the said application.

Q. Is this man now occupying this land?

A. Yes.

Q. How long has he been there?

A. He was born there. His parents have been living there for years and years, and he was born there.

Q. And it has been recorded, I suppose, as the homestead of the family?

A. Yes.

Q. *There are two houses there?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *And a stable and chicken houses there?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Is the house pretty good?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Pretty good out buildings?*

a. *Yes.*

Q. *Progressive Indians?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Good Indians?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *What is the land like?*

A. *Good land for pasture, and he has a garden there.*

Q. *And I suppose there is some land on which he could raise timothy hay?*

A. *It is pretty hard to clear.*

Q. *Is it all fenced?*

A. *Not all, some of it is fenced.*

Q. *And you recommend the application for a preemption record?*

A. *Yes.*

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: *If that preemption was granted to these Indians it would not be part of an Indian reserve, it would*

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be Government land and as such subject to taxation?

A. *Yes, certainly.*

Q. *What in your idea would be best?*

A. *It would be for a reserve more, I think.*

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: *There are two applications, one by George Archie and Billy Decker. Have you anything to report on these?*

A. *I made applications for them some years ago.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *Are these applications already in before the Department of Lands?*

A. *Yes, I put them in years ago.*

MR. GIBBONS: *There is no mention of them in the schedule of*

lands applied for.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: I find in the evidence given by George Archie this statement: "When I came out of school I could not live very well in this place (referring to the reserve) because it was filled up. I went up the mountain and I have a place up there where I have been living and working. The place is described as four miles up the Halfway Ranch, half way between the Reserve where we held the meeting and the reserve. The wife had died and he had a brother living with him as well as his wife's family, and his brother had 17 or 20 head of horses". Decker said he had a plow, harrow and a wagon there. Then he says he was working on the upper place until a white man came and throw him out of there, and now this white man is there. Did you make any enquiry as to that?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the result of the enquiry?

A. He wants that half way house 8 miles west of Canim Lake Reserve No. 1. He has a house fencing and a corrall there.

Q. Is that the place where he was thrown out of?

A. A white man has taken part of that land but not the whole of it.

Q. He says his fence runs down to this man Bissell's. They cut about 7 tons of wild hay, but it mixed with peavine stuff.

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Q. *What judgment did you form on your enquiry? What conclusion did you come to?*

A. *I recommend that they have the land.*

Q. *How much land?*

A. *What they are asking for as a pre-emption - 160 acres there.*

Q. *What would you recommend?*

A. *I would recommend that they should get about 80 acres, in such a way as not to interfere with what the white man has taken up.*

Q. *Has the white man a pre-emption record there?*

A. *I am sure he has.*

Q. *And you feel sure that that preemption does not cover the*

80 acres that you would recommend?

A. I would not be sure about that, but I am pretty sure.

Q. And you would recommend eighty acres?

A. Yes.

Q. Now how about the other application, the second application?

A. I would recommend thirty acres there.

Q. You think the two pieces are reasonably required?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Billy Decker made a statement under oath regarding land which he occupied on which he had a house and a stable and that land is stated to be about 20 miles from the reserve?

A. I reported that to the Department.

Q. And you are satisfied that the statements he has made in regard to the improvements are correct?

A. Yes.

Q. What area of land do you think he should have?

A. He applied for 160 acres.

Q. And you recommend that?

A. Yes.

Q. Is he a good man?

A. He has a son married to the family who lives with him.

Q. Has he himself any children besides the married son?

A. No.

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Q. And they are pretty good farmers?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend that that should be reserved?

A. Yes.

Q. Are there any other applications the same as Decker's that you have not referred to?

A. No.

Q. Are there any others that you reported to the Department, and because you reported to the Department you did not bring up here?

A. No.

Q. Now we come to the Redstone applications. Do you know of any applications for additional lands on behalf of the Redstone

or Alexis Creek Indians?

A. Yes, they applied for some timber land and meadow land.

Q. What about the application for timber land?

A. I saw that when I went to the reserve to prepare this report.

Q. Why didn't you include this in your report.

A. I did not have the meadow application so I did not say anything.

Q. Why did you not include the meadow?

A. Because there were no Indians when I went there.

Q. Did you visit the place where they applied for the timber?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is that?

A. On the northwest side of the reserve.

Q. Adjoining it?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you consider that they require this timber land?

A. Yes.

Q. Have they any timberland on the reserves?

A. No, none at all.

Q. Are you prepared to make any recommendations as to the area of timber land?

A. I think they should have 640 acres.

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Q. Is it fairly good timber land?

a. Yes.

Q. What proportion would produce sawlogs?

A. A good part of it.

Q. And the rest would be?

A. Firewood.

Q. And some fit for rails and fencing?

A. Yes.

Q. And you think that 640 acres adjoining the Reserve is required?

A. Yes.

Q. And you recommend it?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the land like after the timber is taken off?

A. *Mostly rocky land.*

Q. *No good for agriculture?*

A. *No.*

Q. *You say they also applied for a meadow - did you visit the meadow?*

A. *No.*

Q. *Do you know where it is?*

A. *I think they told me when we were there that it was 25 miles northwest of the Reserve.*

Q. *Have they only got one Reserve?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *How are they off for hay land on the Reserve?*

A. *They have none at all.*

Q. *And the hay they get they cut off this meadow they are applying for?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Are they small scattered meadows?*

A. *Some of them are pretty big.*

Q. *How much did they apply for?*

A. *I think they applied for two or three - I am not sure. I*

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think Capt. Tobie applied for one of them.

Q. *You say they have no hay land on the Reserve at all?*

A. *No. What they have they use it for pasture.*

Q. *Have they any gardens on the Reserve?*

A. *I didn't see any.*

Q. *Do they grow potatoes?* •

A. *No.*

Q. *They are poorly off are they?*

A. *They are hunters and trappers.*

Q. *They depend mainly on trapping and stock raising; and the fall in the price of the fur will affect them considerably?*

A. *Yes, they will have to go in for more stock raising and farming.*

Q. *Tobie says he would like to get a meadow on which he has been cutting hay - it is N.W. of Reserve No. 1 marked with*

a "star" on the Agency map. Do you see it marked on the map?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: You have a note that that map is incorrect?

A. Yes, that map is incorrect.

MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: About how far do you think that is from the Reserve - the meadow I mean?

A. I think they told me 25 miles.

Q. This man states that he has been cutting hay there for 20 years, and that ever since he was able to do anything he was cutting hay there. He states he has a cabin about 3/4 of a mile from where he cuts the hay, and he states he cuts about 50 tons a year, and he states he wants 1/2 mile one way and one mile the other way - that would be 520 acres. Have you many any enquiry in regard to that?

A. Only when they were there.

Q. Was that included in any applications you made to the Department of Indian Affairs?

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A. No.

Q. Have you formed any opinion in regard to this application?

A. Yes.

Q. What is it?

A. I think they have been cutting hay there, and they should get some part of that meadow anyhow.

Q. He says he would like to cut 100 tons of hay there. Is this man a progressive farmer?

A. They all give him a good name. I have met him about 3 times and I always found him to be a good Indian and a good worker.

Q. And in your opinion you think he ought to have some more land?

A. Yes.

Q. About how much land?

A. About 80 acres anyhow.

Q. Would that be sufficient?

A. Yes.

Q. He says he has a house three miles from there?

A. That is the house on the meadow. He also has a house on the Reserve.

Q. So that your recommendation after consideration is 80 acres?

A. Yes.

Q. That is to take in the meadow?

A. Yes.

Q. I suppose his house is only a shack?

A. Yes, only a shack.

Q. Is there any water on the Reserve?

A. No.

Q. Is there any way of getting water on the Reserve?

A. They are going to try to bring water from a lake back there.

Q. Have you ever looked into the matter?

A. I did when they applied to me for tools.

Q. Have they a record there?

A. I don't think so. They have a record on the river - It is a big river and they intended to make a ditch from this river.

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Q. When an Indian shows any desire to get water from any spring or lake - that is if he is short of water - the first thing you should do is to procure a water record for him. Is it possible they are going to get water from?

A. Yes.

Q. Have they a record there?

A. I don't know whether they have or not.

Q. Well you ought to find out if they have a record there or not, and if they haven't got a record you should get one for them.

MR. COMMISSIONER CARMICHAEL: What do you think about that application for a fishing station?

A. I think they need a fishing station. I have never been over that place, but I am sure they catch a lot of fish there.

Q. Do you know if they have been fishing there for many years?

A. When the hunting season is over they go there and catch fish

there.

Q. *Do they dry the fish there?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *Do you recommend that they get a fishing station there?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *How much do you recommend?*

A. *About 20 acres.*

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: *Do they want 20 acres do you think?*

A. *I think so because they stop there quite a while with their horses, and I think they will require that much.*

Q. *What is the name of the Creek?*

A. *It is a creek coming out of Pensing lake.*

Q. *They say "a whiteman is kicking about us fishing there", and you think that in order to secure that fishery to them it should be reserved?*

A. *Yes, I think so.*

Q. *Do you know of any other applications for these Indians?*

A. *No.*

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Q, *Now we come to the Nemiah applications. It would appear that these Indians are poorly off for land?*

A. *Yes, the land that they have is not very good at all.*

Q. *And it appears that these Indians have houses on the land near No. 2 Reserve?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *You have been there?*

A. *Yes - not this time, but I have been there before.*

q. *Does the land upon which the houses are adjoin the Reserve?*

A. *No. Where they built their houses is supposed to be on Mr. Robertson's land.*

Q. *Did you ever make an investigation so that you would be clear on that point?*

A. *I saw where the houses are, and it seems to me that the houses are on his land. I have a map here which shows Mr. Robertson's land (which he hands in to the Commission).*

Q. *On this map, which you have just handed in, I find a piece of land enclosed in red lines and marked 385, and that is,*

you state, the land owned by Mr. Robertson?

A. Yes.

Q. How far is that to the S.E. of Reserve No. 2?

A. Not over half a mile.

Q. How many acres is in that block of Mr. Robertson's?

A. I thought it was 320 acres.

Q. (reading to the Commission) I have a letter dated 31st, August 1914, signed by the Government Agent at Vancouver, and that letter acknowledges one addresses to him by Mr. Ogden, in which it states that James P. Robertson Crown Granted Lot No. 134, and he pre-empted Lot No. 385 on the 21st November 1912. Now are the Indians' houses on Mr. Robertson's land ?

A. They built their houses there alongside of Reserve No. 2, and when Robertson took up this land he included the Indian village.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: Has he a title to that land?

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A. He is living on it; I don't know whether he has a title to it or not.

Q. I take it from the map that this Lot No. 385 contains 160 acres?

A. He took that up in 1912; he could not pre-empt over 160 acres

Q. Do the Indians still use those houses?

A. Yes; they are living in them and were living in them when I was there. He does not interfere with them living there in any way.

Q. Is there a village there?

A. Yes; and it is the only village that they have.

Q. Do they live on Reserve No. 2?

A. No. That reserve is only 80 acres and they don't live there.

They are about 200 yards away from Mr. Robertson's house.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Who surveyed that Reserve?

A. I believe Mr. Green did.

(NOTE: Ascertain if a C,G has been issued and if it has not request the Lands Department to exempt therefrom the land whereon the Indian houses stand).

MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: The Indians say they wish to get from No. 1

Reserve to No. 2. They want all the land between the two.

What is the land like on Klokum river?

A. *It is short, small brush.*

Q. *Any good if cleared?*

A. *Yes, I think it would be pretty fair.*

Q. *For what?*

A. *It could be irrigated and hay grown there; I don't know how grain would grow there.*

Q. *The land on the northwest of the river appears to be vacant by this map?*

A. *I don't remember.*

Q. *There is a corner along from Reserve No. 2 which appears to be vacant by this map?*

A. *Yes. The piece of what I call the S.E. of I.R. No. 2 where there is a point in the river, between 1817 and 385, there is a piece of land which is good for pasture.*

Q. *How much land?*

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A. *About 320 acres marked with an "X" on the blueprint.*

Q. *What about the land on the other side where it is covered with brush? Do you recommend anything there?*

A. *I don't think anything there would do them any good.*

Q. *What side is it one?*

A. *On the N.W. side. I don't think it is up to much.*

Q. *Now they ask for pasture land N. of No. 2 marked "KBZ" on the map. That does not include the strip of land that would be no good for them, but a quarter of a mile from the river. How many acres in that? That would be the N.E. corner of No. 1 to the S.W. corner of No. 2 - is that right?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *The better land is north?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. *And how much land would you recommend that would be N.E. of that line?*

A. *About 320 acres for pasture land.*

Q. *Now they made an application for timber land marked "K9" on the Agency map. That is a strip of land adjoining No. 4 Reserve on the E. side. Do you know that country?*

A. *Yes.*

Q. How much timberland could they get there near No. 2 and close to the first application?

A. Just about enough timber for firewood, buildings and fencing

Q. Well, how much would you recommend there?

A. I think they should not require over 320 acres.

Q. Now the application marked "K92" on the Agency map, where they call it "land for cultivation". They say that it is very easy to get water on it; that it comes down the mountain and the application would cover a water record of 300 inches. How much land would you give them there?

A. 640 acres which would adjoin the reserve.

Q. Do you know that country at all?

A. Yes.

In saying 640 acres, I am stating about what would be the average of the land that would be fit for cultivation without irrigation.

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Q. Now Chilaco lake, Tssussie, they ask for 10 acres there for a fishing station - what about that?

A. Yes, I would recommend that. They were fishing there when I was there.

Q. Now I find on the schedule of lands applied for 198 acres as described on the E. shore of Chilaco lake. It is marked "K10" and is wanted for a fishing station. Do you know anything about that?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you think that 10 acres will secure them in their fishing rights there and that it should be located on the creek there

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: A mistake has been made in making this application for a station on the lake; it was wanted on Tsunni ah lake.

MR. COMMISSIONER MCKENNA: In connection with "K9?", there is a water record to be looked after; will you attend to that?

A. Yes.

Q. You should put in an application for that?

A. Yes; I will do so.

Q. I also find Klokum creek, where is that on the map?

a. (Indicating on map).

Q. And do you think that all the applications for land in your Agency now have been covered?

A. Yes; I think so.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: In your opinion is your Agency larger than one man can reasonably look after? That is doing justice to yourself and to the Indians?

A. Yes; I think it is.

Q. Do you think it would be to the advantage of the Indians if the Agency were divided and part of it reduced?

A. Yes; I think it would be if some of it was reduced.

MR. COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Would a farming instructor be able to do good work in your Agency?

A. Yes; I think so.

Q. Suppose you had a farm instructor in your Agency, would one

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Agent then be able to look after the whole Agency?

A. Yes; I think so.

Q. How do you travel around your Agency?

A. With a horse and buggy.

Q. Is the horse provided by the Indian Department?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it a good sound horse?

A. It is about 18 or 20 years old.

Q. If you had a motor car would you be able to get around quicker?

A. Yes.

MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: With an auto you think you could more efficiently perform your duties?

A. Yes. It would give me more time at the office and more time to the Indians.

MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: The Agency is one that an auto could be used in to a good advantage? That is most of the reserves could be visited with a machine?

A. Yes, nearly all. I was going to suggest that if the Dog Creek and Canoe Creek bands were taken out of the Williams Lake and put with the Lytton Agency it would make things more workable, because the Lytton Agency has been cut down to about

*half of what it was before, and it would be much easier for me
in getting around.*