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B.C. Provincial Collection
MINUTES OF DECISION, CORRESPONDENCE & SKETCHES
Peter O'Reilly
January 1888 to December 1889
Binder 9 (Box 4)

This binder continues with O'Reilly's work. Interestingly, there are some minor differences between the Minutes of decision found in the provincial and federal collections. Notably, O'Reilly's allotment of Kish-neelt 25 allotted to Metlakatla and Port Simpson [Corr. No. 2332/88] is not included in the federal collection. O'Reilly ultimately rescinded this allotment as he became convinced that the Indians did not have a valid claim to the land. Although the correspondence related to this appears in the provincial collection, there does not appear to be any reference to this land in the federal collection. On the other hand, O'Reilly's allotments of Lower Shawniken 4A and Spatsum 11A for the Cook's Ferry Indians do not appear in the provincial collection with the Cook's Ferry allotments [Corr. No. 3198/89].

There is additional correspondence from F.G. Vernon, CCLW, in which Vernon asserts:

The successive Provincial Governments have always recognized the obligation imposed upon them by the Terms of Union with respect to the allotment of lands for the use of the Indians, and have almost invariably approved of the action of the different Reserve Commissioners appointed to select and set aside for them suitable tracts of land. [Corr. No. 98/89]

It is apparent from O'Reilly's correspondence, however, that there were increasing problems with the provincial government permitting pre-emptions on lands used and occupied by the Indians. Like Sproat before him, O'Reilly requests that the CCLW withhold from pre-emption or purchase areas which remain to be visited by him for reserve allotment. In dealing with the reserves for the Metlakatla and Port Simpson Indians, O'Reilly states:

That the Indians require these places, and have occupied them during the fishing season is beyond question and I submit that since the appointment of the Joint Reserve Commission to define reserves for the Indians, this is the first occasion upon which a simple notice of intention to purchase land without even an attempt at improvement by the intending purchaser has been deemed sufficient to deprive the natives of their just rights. [Corr. No. 420/89]

This point was made again some years later by C.C. Perry of the Nass Agency during the work of McKenna-McBride. O'Reilly went on to say:

I would therefore respectfully request you to give this matter your further consideration and that failing to sanction these plots being reserved, you will not permit steps to be taken to complete the title to any of the lands under consideration until an opportunity has been given to communicate with the Indian Department at Ottawa, to the Hon^{ble} Superintendent General of which I propose to send a copy of your letter. [Corr. No. 420/89]

O'Reilly makes similar claims on behalf of the Gitksan [Corr No. 1091/89] and the Quatsino Indians [Corr. Nos. 2429/89 and 2430/89]. With respect to the latter group, O'Reilly protests the allowance by the province of a pre-emption and purchase when the surveyor indicates the presence of an Indian village on the land in question. A typescript memo signed by Gore is included at this item. In it Gore states, in part:

No protest to these applications was made by the Indian Department on behalf of their wards.

No intimation has been received from the Indian Department that they claimed any part of the lands at or prior to the conveyance.

The Lands and Works Department cannot guard the interests of the Indians until after the Indian Department have clearly defined the exact position of their Reserves. [Corr. No. 2429/89]

What is interesting is that O'Reilly's protests do not appear to be either adequate or considered to be "made by the Indian Department." It is, of course, also interesting that Gore makes no reference to the provisions in the *Land Act* which "guarded the interests of the Indians" by prohibiting the pre-emption or sale of an Indian village. These provisions had been part of a Land Ordinance dating back to the colonial era (1866). In 1888, there was a consolidation of the 1884 *Land Act* and all its amendments. Section 5 of the 1888 Act (*Surveyed and Unsurveyed Lands*) provided that a person could "record any tract of unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands (not being an Indian settlement)

As with other binders, many of the letters referred to do not appear in the collection and, aside from the memo referred to and one other typescript copy of a letter, there is no outgoing correspondence to O'Reilly or the B.C. Indian Superintendent.

Organization of Index

- The identification of the location of the documents is based upon the correspondence number.
- Enclosures are identified with "[encl]".
- In some instances, the term "[add. corr.]" has been used to indicate additional correspondence which was added at a later date under the same correspondence number.
- Page numbers for the correspondence, particularly the Minutes of decision and sketches, have been noted in "[]" below the correspondence number. In many cases, there was no page number in the document, so the page number has been assigned. Page numbers generally commence with the Minute of decision. The covering letter is either separately numbered or not included.

Additional Sources

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

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

People of Note

Mr. Bowron	Government Agent
Henry Cathcart	Superintendent of Lands, B.C.
A.E.B. Davie	Premier, B.C.
Edgar Dewdney	Superintendent General Indian Affairs
W. Laing Meason	Indian Agent, Williams Lake
W.H. Lomas	Indian Agent, Cowichan
Sir. John A. McDonald	Prime Minister & Superintendent General Indian Affairs
H. Moffatt	A/Indian Superintendent, B.C.
I.W. Powell	Indian Superintendent, B.C.
John Robson	Provincial Secretary
Wm. Smythe	Chief Commission of Lands & Works
John Todd	Indian Agent, N.W. Coast Agency
F.G. Vernon	Chief Commission of Lands & Works
Thomas White	Superintendent General Indian Affairs

Indians Identified
Settlers Identified

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Cross-Reference to the Federal Collection

Correspondence No. 2332/88 is found in vl. 20, pp. 33a-33
Correspondence No. 2949/88 is found in vl. 11, pp. 77-83
Correspondence No. 3012/88 is found in vl. 11, pp. 84-110
Correspondence No. 10/89 is found in vl. 11, pp. 57-71
Correspondence No. 97/89 is found in vl. 11, pp. 52-56
Correspondence No. 99/89 is found in vl. 11, pp. 15-24
Correspondence No. 168/89 is found in vl. 11, pp. 25-48
Correspondence No. 3198/89 is found in vl. 13, pp. 671-695

ANNOTATED INDEX BINDER 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR.NO.
01 09 1888	Commonage	Osoyoos, Okanagan, Similkameen ¹	Powell	Letter	58/88
01 24 1888		Osoyoos, Penticton, Westbank, Similkameen Cowichan ²	Powell	Memorandum	No. Num.
01 24 1888		General ³	Powell	Letter [w/encl]	134/88
01 26 1888		Anaham ⁴	Powell	Letter [w/encl]	146/88
11 27 1887		Anaham	Drummond	Letter [copy/ encl]	146/88
12 09 1887		Anaham	Powell	Letter [copy/ encl]	146/88
12 24 1887		Anaham ⁵	Laing Meason	Letter [copy/ encl]	146/88
01 23 1888		Anaham	Powell	Letter [copy/ encl]	146/88

¹ The correspondence number is largely obliterated on the current copy. It has been taken from the old, narrative index. Reference is made to a letter from the CCLW dated December 31, 1887. This letter is not found in the provincial collection. This letter focuses upon the issue of commonages allotted by the JIRC. [See Corr. No. 188/88, this binder]

² The original narrative index suggested that this memorandum was an attachment to the letter dated January 9, 1888. The problem is that the memo is dated January 24, 1888. The context is somewhat difficult to glean, however, it seems that the memo was a response to a letter from the CCLW, which is not included in the provincial collection. The queries would appear to relate to the use of reserve lands by the Indians. Powell points out the uncertainty which exists with respect to the lands because of the province's failure to confirm the work of the Indian Reserve Commissions. It is also perhaps notable that the CCLW would have asserted that the Indians on the Osoyoos reserve had 1100 acres each per family.

³ Referring to his letter dated March 23, 1886, Powell makes application for water for irrigation and other purposes on a reserve by reserve basis for the following groups: Lytton, Nicomen, Cook's Ferry, Oregon Jack Creek, Ashcroft, Bonaparte, Deadman's Creek, Kamloops, Adams Lake, Little Shuswap Lake, Salmon Arm, Upper Similkameen, Lower Nicola, Upper Nicola, Okanagan, Penticton and Osoyoos. Powell quotes from the Minutes of decision which have allotted water to the reserves. [See Binder 8, Corr. No. 644/86]

⁴ Powell provides the CCLW with correspondence related to the allotment of reserves at Anaham. [See Binder 8, Corr. No. 2024/87]

⁵ Laing Meason's letter is very informative as to the Anaham Indians' interaction with O'Reilly when he was allotting reserves in the area. It is also interesting that Laing Meason took up certain issues with the Premier of B.C., A.E.B. Davie, when Davie was in the area and, subsequently, relied upon Davie's word with respect to lands the Indians might have. [See

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02 03 1888	Commonage	Osoyoos, Okanagan, Similkameen	Moffatt ⁶	Letter	188/88
02 27 1888		Toosey/ ⁷ Chilcotin	Moffatt	Letter	399/88
04 12 1888	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola ⁸	Powell	Letter [w/encl]	766/88
04 06 1888	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola ⁹	MacKay	Letter [copy/ encl]	766/88
04 06 1888	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola	MacKay	Sketch [encl]	766/88
04 06 1888	Douglas Lake 3	Upper Nicola	MacKay	Sketch [encl]	766/88
04 17 1888		Laichquiltach [We-way-a-kum] ¹⁰	Powell	Letter	813/88
04 27 1888		Toosey/ ¹¹ Chilcotin	Powell	Letter	894/88
05 29 1888		Laichquiltach [We-way-a-kum] ¹²	Green	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	1327/88
05 07 1888	Campbell River 11	Laichquiltach [We-way-a-kum]	Green	M.O.D.	1327/88 [p. 1]
05 07 1888	Quinsam 12	Laichquiltach [We-wai-a-kai]	Green	M.O.D.	1327/88 [pp. 1-2]

⁶ Moffatt acknowledges receipt of a letter from the CCLW dated January 28, 1888. This letter is not found in the provincial collection. [See Corr. No. 58/88, this binder]

⁷ Advises the CCLW of the allowance of water to the settler named Albin Provis, "thereby depriving the Indians of the Toosey Band of the means of irrigating their land which has been in their possession for nearly 20 years." Moffatt asks what steps are being taken with a view to restoring the Indians' water rights. [See Corr. No. 894/88, this binder; Binder 8, Corr. No. 2037/87]

⁸ Powell encloses a letter from Indian Agent MacKay regarding a proposition to add 9800 acres of land to the reserve of the "Spahomin Band of Indians" to be taken from the commonage set aside by Sproat. Currently, there is no "Spahomin Band of Indians", however, the Spahomin reserve is held by the Upper Nicola Indians. It would appear that the commonage under consideration is the Douglas Lake Commonage. It appears that Spahomin Creek 8 was once part of the Douglas Lake Commonage. [See Binder 4, Corr. No. 269/80, pp. 5, 9-10; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 75]

⁹ MacKay states that "the Spahomin Band of Indians" held a meeting in his presence "at Spahomin on the 27th Feby 1888." This would presumably be at, or in the vicinity of Spahomin 4, allotted by Sproat. The commonage referred to would appear to be the Douglas Lake Commonage. MacKay identifies 21 men who require land. In exchange for the 9800 acres, the Indians are prepared to relinquish their rights to the remainder of the commonage. [See Binder 4, Corr. No. 269/80]

¹⁰ Powell refers to a letter from the CCLW dated April 6, 1888 (not in collection) regarding the dispute at Campbell River between Messrs. Nunn and the Indians. Powell also refers to a "certified copy of an order of the Honourable Executive Council on the subject" and the appointment of Ashdown H. Green "to determine the extent and the boundaries of the Indian Reserve at Campbell River." Neither document is contained in the provincial collection. Powell states he will advise Green to proceed with the matter as early as possible. [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 775/80, pp. 47-48; Binder 8, Corr. No. 2832/86]

¹¹ See Corr. No. 399/88, this binder; Binder 8, Corr. No. 2037/87.

¹² Green submits his Minute of decision at Campbell River. This Minute of decision could not be located in the federal collection. Green notes in the covering letter that he had the "authority to determine the extent, and boundaries of the Indian Reserve at that place, as recommended in the Provincial Order in Council of 6th April" and that he "left Victoria on the 25th Ult^{mo}" [ie. April]. Green states that his "award gave satisfaction to all parties interested, and that the dispute between the Messrs Nunn, and the Indians is now amicably settled." Interestingly, Green signs the letter as "Surveyor to the IRC" [See Binder 8, Corr. No. 2832/86; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 277-91; vl. 18, pp. 57-101]

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05 07 1888	Campbell River 11	Laichquiltach [We-way-a-kum]	Green ¹³	Sketch	1327/88 [p. 3]
05 07 1888	Quinsam 12	Laichquiltach [We-wai-a-kai]	Green	Sketch	1327/88 [p. 3]
06 06 1888	South Saanich 1	Tsartlip/ Saanich	Powell ¹⁴	Letter [w/encl]	1407/88
05 25 1888	South Saanich 1	Tsartlip/ Saanich	Lomas	Letter [copy/ encl]	1407/88
06 12 1888		Kincolith	Powell ¹⁵	Letter [w/encl]	1480/88
05 29 1888		Kincolith ¹⁶	Kincolith Chiefs	Letter [copy/ encl]	1480/88
07 28 1888	Survey	Various ¹⁷	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1922/88
07 27 1888		Masset	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Skidegate	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Kwawkewlth/ Fort Rupert	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Nimkish	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Klahwitsis/ Turnour Island	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Gilford Island	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Mahmahillikullah/ Village Island	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Upper Kootenay ¹⁸	CCLW	Approval	1922/88
07 27 1888		Tanockteuch/ Knights Inlet	CCLW	Approval	1922/88

¹³ Given that Green was the surveyor to the IRC as well as the person setting aside the land, it is presumed that he did the sketch. Regrettably, he entitled the sketch "Laich-kwil-tach (Eu-cla-taw) Indians We-way-a-kay Band" thereby failing to distinguish that Campbell River 11 was held by the We-way-a-kum [ie. Campbell River Indians], while Quinsam 12 was held by the We-way-a-kai [ie. Cape Mudge Indians].

¹⁴ Powell responds to a letter from the CCLW dated May 7, 1888 (not in collection) regarding a road through the South Saanich reserve.

¹⁵ Powell encloses a letter from the Kincolith Indians protesting an application by the HBCo. to purchase certain lands along the Nass. Powell refers to the "late Commission" [sic]. It would appear that this is most likely a reference to the Cornwall-Planta Commission which was in the Nass area in 1887.

¹⁶ Attached to the petition from the Kincolith Chiefs is an extract from the Government Gazette dated May 19, 1888. In this notice three parcels of land are identified. As far as can be determined, there is not an Indian reserve in the areas described under "Lot 1" and "Lot 3", however, Kincolith 14 is very near the area described in "Lot 2". Based upon the description, it is not possible to determine if the land is adjacent to or was ultimately included within the reserve. [See NTS Sheet 103/I]

¹⁷ O'Reilly forwards 16 duplicate field books and 9 tracings of reserves allotted by him, all of which were approved by the CCLW. Neither the field books or the tracings are included in the provincial collection.

¹⁸ Interestingly, O'Reilly states that the "Reserves [sic] for the Kootenay Indians were verbally approved by you on the spot in 1887."

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09 19 1888		Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean ¹⁹	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	2332/88
09 11 1888	Dashken 22	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2332/88 [p. 1]
09 11 1888	Kshaoom 23	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2332/88 [p. 1]
09 11 1888	Dashken 22	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	2332/88 [p. 2]
09 11 1888	Kshaoom 23	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	2332/88 [p. 2]
09 11 1888	Meanlaw 24	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	2332/88 [p. 2]
09 11 1888	Kish Neelt 25 ²⁰	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	2332/88 [p. 2]
09 11 1888	Meanlaw 24	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2332/88 [p. 3]
09 11 1888	Kish Neelt 25 ²¹	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2332/88 [p. 3]
12 06 1888		Westbank/ Okanagan	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D & Sketch	2949/88
10 19 1888	Tsintstikeptum 9	Westbank/ Okanagan	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2949/88 [p. 1]
10 19 1888	Tsintstikeptum 9	Westbank/ Okanagan	Unknown	Sketch	2949/88 [p. 2]
10 19 1888	Tsintstikeptum 10	Westbank/ Okanagan	Unknown	Sketch	2949/88 [p. 2]
10 19 1888	Tsintstikeptum 10	Westbank/ Okanagan	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2949/88 [p. 3]
12 08 1888	Tsintstikeptum 9	Westbank/ Okanagan	CCLW	Approval ²²	2949/88

¹⁹ O'Reilly submits Minutes of decision for four (4) reserves defined by him "for the use of the Tsimpsean Indians." He notes that these "small plots of land were mentioned by the Indians to the Commissioners Messrs Cornwall and Planta last year" [ie. 1887]. There is a notation on the Minutes of decision which states: "Reserves No's [sic] 22, 23 & 24 Approved Reserve No. 25 disallowed - F.G. Vernon CCLW¹⁹" The four allowed reserves were allotted, and are still held in common, by the Metlakatla and Lax Kw'alaams (a.k.a. Port Simpson, Fort Simpson) Indians. [See Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 33a-33]

²⁰ There is a notation on the sketch which states: "Withdrawn see 396/89". This letter can be found later in this binder.

²¹ There is a notation next to this description which states: "Disallowed". Interestingly, this Minute of decision is not included in the federal set. [See Corr. No. 396/89, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 33a-33]

²² On the back of the covering letter, there is the notation: "Approved by the Honb^{le} Chief Comm^r 8/12/88"

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12 08 1888	Tsintstikeptum 10	Westbank/ Okanagan	CCLW	Approval	2949/88
12 06 1888	Okanagan Commonage	Okanagan	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2950/88
12 06 1888	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly ²³	Letter [w/encl]	2950/88
12 05 1888	Okanagan Commonage	Okanagan	O'Reilly ²⁴	Letter [copy/ encl]	2950/88
12 05 1888	Penticton Commonage	Penticton	O'Reilly	Letter [copy/ encl]	2950/88
12 05 1888	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	Letter [copy/ encl]	2950/88
12 13 1888		Sliammon, Homalco Klahoose ²⁵	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88
08 06 1888		Sliammon ²⁶	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 2-5b]
08 06 1888	Sliammon 1	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 2]
08 06 1888	Harwood Island 2	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 2]
08 06 1888	Paukeanum 3	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 3]
08 06 1888	Toquana 4	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 3]
08 06 1888	Tokenatch 5	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 4]
08 06 1888	Kahkaykay 6	Sliammon	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 4]
08 06 1888	Sliammon 1	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5, 5b]

²³ In the covering letter, O'Reilly refers to the "Commonage at Nicola." It is presumed that this is a reference to the Douglas Lake Commonage. O'Reilly states that it will be "impossible" for him to visit this area before "next season" and that he "shall feel obliged if you will take no steps in respect to it" until he has reported on them.

²⁴ O'Reilly refers to various correspondence received by him in relation to the commonages. This correspondence could not be located in either the federal or provincial collections. [See Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 115-117]

²⁵ There is a notation on the covering letter which states: "Approved F.G. Vernon CCLW^{ts} January 16, 1889". Sproat had made allotments in this area in 1880, however, his allotments were not confirmed. The version of the Minutes of decision included in the provincial collection has been taken from a microfilm copy. There are coloured photographs of the sketches in addition to black and white photocopies. The provenance of the microfilm and the photographs is not known. Comparison of the photographs and the photocopies indicates they are not the same. The photographs and the photocopies of the sketches are not to scale. Pagination has been taken from the microfilm copy. [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 775/80, pp. 2-29; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 84-110]

²⁶ O'Reilly provides more detail of his meeting with these Indians in the field minute found in the federal collection. [See Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 84-87, 106-110]

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08 06 1888	Harwood Island 2	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5, 5b]
08 06 1888	Paukeanum 3	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5-5a, 5b]
08 06 1888	Toquana 4	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5a, 5b]
08 06 1888	Tokenatch 5	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5a, 5b]
08 06 1888	Kahkaykay 6	Sliammon	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 5a, 5b]
08 12 1888		Klahoose ²⁷	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 6-12a]
08 12 1888	Klahoose 1	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [pp. 6-7]
08 12 1888	Quaniwsom 2	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 7]
08 12 1888	Salmon Bay 3	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [pp. 7-8]
08 12 1888	Siakin 4	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 8]
08 12 1888	Deep Valley 5	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 8]
08 12 1888	Quequa 6	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 9]
08 12 1888	Tork 7	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 9]
08 12 1888	Squirrel Cove 8	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 10]
08 12 1888	Ahpokum 9	Klahoose	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 10]
08 12 1888	Klahoose 1	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11-11b]
08 12 1888	Quaniwsom 2	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11, 11b]
08 12 1888	Salmon Bay 3	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11-11b]
08 12 1888	Siakin 4	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11a, 11b]
08 12 1888	Deep Valley 5	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11a, 11b]
08 12 1888	Quequa 6	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 11a, 11b]

²⁷ These reserves were originally set aside by Sproat. O'Reilly re-allots and enlarges most of the reserves. O'Reilly provides more detail regarding his meeting with these Indians in the field minute found in the federal collection. [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 775/80, pp. 11-23; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 88-90, 99-105]

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08 12 1888	Tork 7	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 12, 12a]
08 12 1888	Squirrel Cove 8	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 12, 12a]
08 12 1888	Ahpokum 9	Klahoose	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 12, 12a]
08 10 1888		Homalco ²⁸	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 13-16a]
08 10 1888	Homalco 1	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 13]
08 10 1888	Homalco 2	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 13]
08 10 1888	Potato Point 3	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 13]
08 10 1888	Orford Bay 4	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 14]
08 10 1888	Mushkin 5	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 15]
08 10 1888	Aupe 6 ²⁹	Homalco	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	3012/88 [p. 15]
08 10 1888	Homalco 1	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 16, 16b]
08 10 1888	Homalco 2	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [p. 16, 16b]
08 10 1888	Potato Point 3	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 16, 16b]
08 10 1888	Orford Bay 4	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 16-16a, 16b]
08 10 1888	Mushkin 5	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 16-16a, 16b]
08 10 1888	Aupe 6	Homalco	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy, photo]	3012/88 [pp. 16a, 16b]
01 02 1889		Nahkwocto ³⁰	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D & Sketch	10/89
01 15 1889		Nahkwocto	CCLW	Approval	10/89

²⁸ O'Reilly re-allots reserves originally set aside by Sproat. O'Reilly provides a detailed field minute in the federal collection regarding his meeting with these Indians. [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 775/80, pp. 24-29; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 91-98]

²⁹ Spelled "Aup" by O'Reilly.

³⁰ This group amalgamated with the Quawshelah and are currently known as Gwasala-Nakwaxda'xw. A more detailed account of O'Reilly's meeting with these Indians can be found in the field minute in the federal collection. This was O'Reilly's second trip to this area. There is a marginal notation on the covering letter which states: "Approved F.G. Vernon C.C.L.W³¹ January 15, 1889." There is no pagination in the original. Page numbers have been provided for reference. [See Binder 7, Corr. No. 1425/82; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 57-71; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 46-47, 91]

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08 17 1888	Pahas 3	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3012/88 [p. 1]
08 17 1888	Mahpahkum 4	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 1-2]
08 17 1888	Ta-a-ack 5	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 2]
08 17 1888	Saagoombahlah 6	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 2-3]
08 17 1888	Khazisela 7	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 3]
08 17 1888	Dedagaus 8	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 3]
08 17 1888	Kwetahkis 9	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 3-4]
08 17 1888	Owh-wis-too-a-wan 10	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 4]
08 17 1888	Peneece 11	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 4-5]
08 17 1888	Wawwat'l 12	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 5]
08 17 1888	Tsai-kwi-ee 13	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 5-6]
08 17 1888	Ko-kwi-iss 14	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 6]
08 17 1888	Kai-too-kwis 15	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 6-7]
08 17 1888	Waump 16	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [p. 7]
08 17 1888	Pel-looth'l-kai 17	Nahkwockto	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	10/89 [pp. 7-8]
08 17 1888	Pahas 3	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch ³¹	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Mahpahkum 4	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Ta-a-ack 5	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Saagoombahlah 6	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Khazisela 7	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Dedagaus 8	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Kwetahkis 9	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]

³¹ The sketch is initialled: "F.G.V.", that is, Forbes George Vernon, CCLW.

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08 17 1888	Owh-wis-too-a-wan 10	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Penece 11	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Wawwat'l 12	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Tsai-kwi-ee 13	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Ko-kwi-iss 14	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Kai-too-kwis 15	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Waump 16	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
08 17 1888	Pel-looth'l-kai 17	Nahkwockto	Unknown	Sketch	10/89 [p. 9]
01 10 1889		Upper Similkameen ³²	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	97/89
01 16 1889	Chuchuwayha 2	Upper Similkameen	CCLW	Approval	97/89
10 26 1888	Chuchuwayha 2	Upper Similkameen	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	97/89 [pp. 1-2]
10 26 1888	Chuchuwayha 2 ³³	Upper Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	97/89 [p. 3]
01 11 1889		General	O'Reilly ³⁴	Letter	98/89
01 11 1889		Soda Creek ³⁵	O'Reilly	Letter	98/89
02 11 1889		Soda Creek	CCLW ³⁶	Letter [copy/ typescript]	98/89 [add. corr.]

³² O'Reilly notes that Sproat had set apart a reserve of about 600 acres at this place in 1878, however, "the Indians were dissatisfied as it did not include a number of their cultivated fields, [n]or did it embrace any pasture land of value." O'Reilly goes on to state, "Under the authority conveyed to me by you, in such cases, I have enlarged this reserve, with which the Indians are now perfectly contented." There is marginal notation on the first page of the letter which states: "Approved F.G. Vernon January 16, 1889" [See Binder 5, Corr. No. 655/80, pp. 107-108]

³³ It would appear that the area outlined in red on the sketch represents Sproat's original allotment.

³⁴ O'Reilly discusses the authority of the Indian Reserve Commissioner to allot land.

³⁵ O'Reilly notes his inability to set aside "suitable unappropriated land in the district" for the Soda Creek Indians.

³⁶ Included following O'Reilly's January 11, 1889 (Corr. No. 98/89) are two copies of a typescript copy of F.G. Vernon's reply to O'Reilly. Although dated one month later, it does not appear that this typescript was originally placed elsewhere in the provincial collection. The letter does not have a correspondence number.

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01 10 1889		Similkameen ³⁷	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	99/89
01 10 1889	Terbasket 3	Similkameen	O'Reilly	Letter	99/89
01 10 1889	Similkameen 1	Similkameen	O'Reilly	Letter	99/89
01 10 1889	Lower Similkameen 2	Similkameen	O'Reilly	Letter	99/89
01 16 1889		Similkameen	CCLW	Approval	99/89
10 30 1888	Narcisse's Farm 4	Similkameen	O'Reilly	M.O.D	99/89 [pp. 1-2]
10 30 1888	Joe Nahumpcheen 5	Similkameen	O'Reilly	M.O.D	99/89 [p. 2]
10 30 1888	Similkameen 1 ³⁸	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Lower Similkameen 2	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Terbasket 3	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Narcisse's Farm 4	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Joe Nahumpcheen 5	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Blind Creek 6	Similkameen	Unknown	Sketch	99/89 [p. 3]
10 30 1888	Blind Creek 6	Similkameen	O'Reilly	M.O.D	99/89 [p. 4]
01 21 1889		Nass River ³⁹	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	168/89
02 07 1889		Nass River	CCLW	Approval	168/89

³⁷ O'Reilly identifies the Indians as "Keremeus". Currently they are known as Lower Similkameen. O'Reilly refers to his letter of November 29, 1884 with respect to his allotment of Terbasket 3 and notes that, "to the present time [it] has not been approved." He also refers to Sproat's allotments of 1878 (Similkameen 1 and Lower Similkameen 2) and the subsequent sale of those lands. There is a marginal notation on the first page of the covering letter which states: "Approved F.G. Vernon CCLW^{ks} January 16, 1889." There are additional notations which state: "Ans^d 16/1/89 LO[?] 310 Vol 30 See L.I. [?] 3138/84" This latter reference is the letter to which O'Reilly referred. [See Binder 8, Corr. No. 3138/84; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 15-24; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 55, 96]

³⁸ This reserve, depicted in pink, was allotted by Sproat. The area outlined in red, shown to be held by R.L. Cawston, would appear to be the area originally included by Sproat, but sold by the province to Cawston. There is a note on the sketch which states: "Cancelled - see 3885/93 W.S.G. [i.e. W. S. Gore, CCLW]" O'Reilly ultimately re-allots this reserve. [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 3885/93; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 224-31]

³⁹ O'Reilly identifies these Indians as "Nass River." This set of Minutes of decision includes allotments for four groups: Kincolith, Lakalzap, Gitwinksihlkw and Gitlakdamix. As a result of their treaty and the Act ratifying the treaty in April 2000, these Indians are currently known respectively as the Nisga'a Villages of Gingolx, Laxgalt'sap, Gitwinksihlkw and New Aiyansh. There is no pagination on the original Minutes of decision. Page numbers have been provided for reference. On the covering letter there are some notations: "See O/C 108, 1887 re appointing Commissioner See also Sessional Papers 1887 for report leading up to appointment of Commissioner. Approved see over." [See Binder 7, Corr. No. 506/82; Federal Collection, vl. 11, pp. 25-48; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 77-79, 91]

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01 21 1889		Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	168/89 [pp. 1-9,12 -13]
09 08 1888	Talahaat 16 ⁴⁰	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 1]
09 08 1888	Georgie 17	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 1-2]
09 08 1888	Kullan 18 ⁴¹	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 2]
09 08 1888	Scamakounst 19	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 3]
09 08 1888	Kinnelut 20	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 3]
09 08 1888	Slooks 21	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 4]
09 08 1888	Staqoo 22	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 4]
09 08 1888	Ktsinet 23	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 5]
09 08 1888	Gitzault 24	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 5-6]
09 08 1888	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 6]
09 08 1888	Tackuan 26	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 6-7]
09 08 1888	Kshwan 27	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 7]
09 08 1888	Scowban 28	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 8]
09 08 1888	Kincolith 14A	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 8-9]
09 08 1888		Lakalzap/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	168/89 [pp. 9,13]
09 08 1888	Andegulay 8A ⁴²	Lakalzap/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [p. 9]

⁴⁰ O'Reilly includes the "exclusive right of salmon fishing in the Kin a max river the entire length of the reserve, a distance of about half a mile." There is a marginal notation on this page which states: "Approved F.G. Vernon, CCLW^{ts} Feb 7th 1889." Presumably this applies to all the Minutes of decision in this correspondence no.

⁴¹ Ultimately, the Alaska Boundary Award placed the land upon which this reserve was located within the U.S. [See 1943 Schedule p. 120; CLSRBC 130; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 77]

⁴² This reserve is currently held by the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalt'sap, formerly known as the Lakalzap Indians and prior to that as Greenville. The 8A "extension" is across the river from the Andegulay 8, not adjoining it. N.B. The 1943 Schedule incorrectly cites the date of allotment of this reserve as September 3, 1888. The correct date is September 9, 1888. [See p. 45, this volume; 1943 Schedule, p. 129; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 78, 90, 91, 98]

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09 08 1888		Gitwinksihlkw/ ⁴³ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	168/89 [pp. 9-10,13]
09 08 1888	Zaulzap 29	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 9-10]
09 08 1889		Gitlakdamix/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	168/89 [pp. 10,11,14]
09 08 1889	Kitladamax 1A ⁴⁴	Gitlakdamix/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	168/89 [pp. 10, 14]
09 08 1889	Aiyansh 1 ⁴⁵	Gitlakdamix/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 11]
09 08 1889	Kitladamax 1A	Gitlakdamix/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 11]
09 08 1888	Talahaat 16	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Georgie 17	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Kullan 18	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Scamakounst 19	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Kinmelit 20	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Slooks 21	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Staquo 22	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Ktsinet 23	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Gitzault 24	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Tackuan 26	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Kshwan 27	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 12]
09 08 1888	Scowban 28	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]

⁴³ The Gitwinksihlkw Indians are currently known as the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw and this reserve is part of the Nisga'a Lands. [See Binder 7, Corr. No. 506/82; Binder 13, Corr. No. 9779/03; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 78, 90, 98]

⁴⁴ The Gitlakdamix Indians are currently known as the Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh. The 1943 Schedule incorrectly cites the date of allotment and the date of original survey for this reserve. The date of original survey is 1890. [See Binder 7, Corr. No. 506/82; 1943 Schedule, p. 128; CLSRBC 136; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 78-79, 90, 98]

⁴⁵ This reserve is depicted in red/pink on the sketch. The addition, reserve 1A, is in green. It is currently held by the Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 78]

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09 08 1888	Zaulzap 29	Gitwinksihlkw/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]
09 08 1888	Kincolith 14	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]
09 08 1888	Kincolith 14A	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]
09 08 1888	Andegulay 8	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]
09 08 1888	Andegulay 8A	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	168/89 [p. 13]
11 21 1918	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	Patmore & Fulton	Letter	168/89 [add. corr.]
11 29 1918	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	Cathcart	Letter	168/89 [add. corr.]
12 09 1918	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	Patmore & Fulton	Letter	168/89 [add. corr.]
12 19 1918	Witzimagon 25	Kincolith/ Nass River	Cathcart	Letter	168/89 [add. corr.]
01 24 1889		Various ⁴⁶	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	176/89
06 24 1887		Various	Vernon	Letter [copy/ encl]	176/89
01 24 1889		Westbank/ ⁴⁷ Okanagan	O'Reilly	Letter	178/89
01 24 1889	Okanagan Commonage	Okanagan	O'Reilly	Letter	178/89
01 28 1889		Kitimaat ⁴⁸	O'Reilly	Letter	208/89
02 21 1889		Quatsino ⁴⁹	O'Reilly	Letter	395/89

⁴⁶ O'Reilly refers to the CCLW's letter dated June 24, 1887, and two letters from himself to the CCLW dated May 22, 1887 and June 8, 1887 "in which you with held for further consideration your sanction to the reserves allotted by the late Reserve Commissioner Mr. Sproat for the use of the Adams Lake, Salmon Arm [a.k.a. Neskonlith], Coldwater and Hope Indians." O'Reilly requests that the CCLW "oblige" him by giving the matter his earliest attention. The CCLW's correspondence is enclosed in O'Reilly's letter. The letter dated May 22, 1887 could not be located in the provincial collection, however the letter dated June 8, 1887 does appear to be included. [See Corr. No. 1126/89, this binder; Binder 8, Corr. No. 1332/87]

⁴⁷ O'Reilly advises that the Governor General, by an Order-in-Council dated January 5, 1889, has approved O'Reilly's recommendation that provided the B.C. government will "sanction the establishment of an Indian Reserve on the West side of Okanagan Lake" which was allotted recently, "the Dominion Government will agree to relinquish the interest of the Indians in the common grazing grounds in the Okanagan district."

⁴⁸ O'Reilly requests that no pre-emptions be allowed in the Kitimaat area until he has had the opportunity of defining reserves for the Indians.

⁴⁹ O'Reilly notes that there have been several notices in the Government Gazette of the intention to purchase in the Quatsino area. O'Reilly states he is "credibly informed" that these pre-emptions will include the site of Indian houses and fisheries. O'Reilly requests that no pre-emptions be allowed on the West Coast of Vancouver Island until he has visited the area to define reserves.

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02 21 1889	Kish Neelt 25 ⁵⁰	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	396/89
02 25 1889		Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly ⁵¹	Letter	420/89
02 25 1889		Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	420/89
02 25 1889	Dashken 22	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	420/89
02 25 1889	Kshaoom 23	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	420/89
02 25 1889	Meanlaw 24	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	420/89
02 25 1889	Kish Neelt 25	Metlakatla & Port Simpson/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	Letter	420/89
05 08 1889		Hazelton ⁵²	O'Reilly	Letter	1091/89
05 11 1889	Survey	Various ⁵³	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1126/89
05 07 1889 05 08 1889		Adams Lake	CCLW	Approval	1126/89
05 07 1889 05 08 1889		Neskonlith	CCLW	Approval	1126/89
05 07 1889 05 08 1889		Coldwater	CCLW	Approval	1126/89

⁵⁰ O'Reilly refers to his Minutes of decision submitted September 19, 1888. He advises that he is "satisfied the Indian claim to "Kish neelt (No. 25) cannot be upheld, and I therefore beg to withdraw it from the list of those reserves sent for your approval." He does, however, request that the other three reserves be approved. [See Corr No. 2332/88, pp. 2-3, this binder]

⁵¹ O'Reilly refers to a letter from the CCLW dated February 22, 1889 (not included in provincial collection). O'Reilly replies to the CCLW with respect to the assertion that settlers have a prior claim to lands defined by him for the Tsimpsean as reserves. O'Reilly asserts the Indians requirements for the lands. At one point he states: "... I submit that since the appointment of the Joint Commission to define reserves for the Indians, this is the first occasion upon which a simple notice of intention to purchase land, without even an attempt at improvement by the intending purchaser has been deemed sufficient to deprive the natives of their just rights." O'Reilly also refers to the Cornwall-Planta Commission and questions whether the provincial government has "kept faith" with the Indians.

⁵² O'Reilly refers to an application to pre-empt made by the Reverend Crosby for "320 acres at the junction of the Skeena and Hagwilget rivers." O'Reilly notes that Indian Agent Todd has submitted a letter objecting to the pre-emption. O'Reilly supports Todd and adds that if Crosby's pre-emption is allowed, it will be difficult to define lands for the Indians in the area. He requests that Crosby's pre-emption "remain in abeyance." It is noteworthy that it is Indian Agent Todd who has written the letter and not R.E. Loring, the Indian Agent for the Babine Agency, whose office was located in Hazelton.

⁵³ O'Reilly submits field books and tracings for the Adams Lake, Coldwater, Hope and Salmon Arm (a.k.a. Neskonlith) Indians. He notes the lands were defined by the Joint Reserve Commission and Sproat and "were finally approved" on the 7th and 8th "instant", i.e. 7th and 8th of May. O'Reilly does not, however, identify which were approved on what date, thus, in this case, both dates are given as dates of approval. [See Corr No. 176/89, this binder; Binder 8, Corr. No. 1332/87]

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05 07 1889 05 08 1889		Hope	CCLW	Approval	1126/89
05 13 1889	Survey	Various ⁵⁴	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1127/89
09 23 1889	Clienna 14	Quatsino ⁵⁵	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2429/89
09 23 1889	Clienna 14	Quatsino	Stephens	Sketch	2429/89 [p. 5]
09 23 1889 04 18 1883	Clienna 14	Quatsino	Pamphlet & Booth	Notice [copy/ encl]	2429/89
09 23 1889	Clienna 14	Quatsino	Unknown	Sketch	2429/89 [p. 7]
10 02 1889	Clienna 14	Quatsino ⁵⁶	Gore	Memo [typescript]	2429/89 [add. corr.]
09 23 1889	Grass Point 13	Quatsino ⁵⁷	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2430/89
09 23 1889	Grass Point 13	Quatsino	Unknown	Sketch	2430/89
03 26 1883	Grass Point 13	Quatsino	Thompson	Notice [copy/ encl]	2430/89
10 26 1889	Alert Bay Industrial School	Nimkish ⁵⁸	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2755/89
10 26 1889	Alert Bay Industrial School	Nimkish ⁵⁹	Unknown	Sketch	2755/89
10 26 1889	Alert Bay 1	Nimkish	Unknown	Sketch	2755/89
10 26 1889	Alert Bay 1A	Nimkish	Unknown	Sketch	2755/89

⁵⁴ O'Reilly submits the original plans for signature and final approval for the Bella Bella, Bella Coola, Kokyet, Kemsquit, Mahteelthpe Laichquiltach, Nuwitti and Klahoose Indians.

⁵⁵ O'Reilly puts the alienation of an Indian village at Clienna before the CCLW. Interestingly, he states: "There is no ground for supposing that the application was made in ignorance of this being an Indian settlement, for it will be seen on reference to the notice ... that the Indian village is mentioned in their application, the surveyor also shews [sic] the position of it on his notes." [See Binder 10, Corr. No. 1677/90; Federal Collection, vl. 12 pp. 82-82a, 83, 84-86, 91, 112; 175-180; vl. 14, pp. 232, 237-37a, 239, 240-44; 259-61]

⁵⁶ A typescript memo signed by Gore is included with O'Reilly's letter. The provenance of the memo is not known. In it Gore states that, "No protest to these applications was made by the Indian Department ... The Lands & Works Department cannot guard the interests of the Indians until after the Indian Department have clearly defined the exact position of their reserves." Interestingly, Gore does not appear to find O'Reilly's protest to be one which represents the Indian Department.

⁵⁷ O'Reilly protests the alienation of the Indian settlement at Grass Point, Quatsino Inlet to a settler named John Thompson. Notably, he concludes by stating: "No improvements have been made on this land except by the Indians." [See Corr. No. 2429/89, this binder; Binder 10, Corr. No. 1677/90; Binder 11, Corr. No. 2672/92; Federal Collection, vl. 12 pp. 82-82a, 83, 84-86, 91, 112; 175-180; vl. 14, pp. 232, 237-37a, 239, 240-44; 259-61]

⁵⁸ This correspondence appears to mark the beginning of the acquisition by Indian Affairs of the Industrial School lands. [See Binder 10, Corr. Nos. 279/90, 482/91, 889/91; Federal Collection, vl. 7, pp. 149-49a; vl. 10, pp. 64-66; vl. 18, pp. 163-65; vl. 20, pp. 94-94a.]

⁵⁹ The sketch included in the collection is a photocopy. Based upon O'Reilly's letter, the original sketch was in colour. The land for the school site is on the western section of the island. In order to acquire the land for the school, the lessee, Mr. Spencer, would have to relinquish the land. O'Reilly recommends that Spencer be given notice, so that Indian Affairs "may, without delay, proceed to the erection of the contemplated buildings." An additional notation on the sketch states: "Now known as L. 1957 Rupert 412 Acres" The pre-emption and previously allotted reserves are also depicted on the sketch. [See Binder 10, Corr. No. 889/91]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR.NO.
10 26 1889	Nimpkish 2	Nimpkish	Unknown	Sketch	2755/89
11 12 1889	Douglas Lake Commonage ⁶⁰	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	Letter	2946/89
11 12 1889		Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Spahomin Creek 8 ⁶¹	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2947/89
11 21 1889	Spahomin Creek 8	Upper Nicola	CCLW	Approval	2947/89
10 10 1889	Spahomin Creek 8	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Douglas Lake Commonage	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Douglas Lake 3	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Spahomin Creek 4	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Chapperon Lake 5	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
10 10 1889	Chapperon Creek 6	Upper Nicola	Unknown	Sketch	2947/89
12 06 1889	Tsahaheh 1	Sheshaht ⁶²	Moffatt	Letter [w/encl]	3131/89
12 02 1889	Tsahaheh 1	Sheshaht	Chief, et al	Petition [copy/ encl]	3131/89
12 06 1889		General	Moffatt ⁶³	Letter	3132/89
12 07 1889		Cook's Ferry ⁶⁴	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	3198/89
10 15 1889	Chilthmux 12 ⁶⁵	Cook's Ferry	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3198/89 [p. 1]
10 15 1889	Quiltanton 13 ⁶⁶	Cook's Ferry	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3198/89 [p. 2]

⁶⁰ Based upon a visit to the area, O'Reilly advises that the Douglas Lake Commonage can be cancelled. He notes that the area was used exclusively by the white settlers, that it was "overstocked and eaten out; not an animal belonging to the Indians was visible upon it during my visit, nor has it I believe been used by them to any extent."

⁶¹ O'Reilly set aside this reserve as an "addition" as a result of having cancelled the commonage. He notes that the reserve connects the Douglas Lake and Spahomin Creek reserves. Only the "True Copy" of this allotment is found in the federal collection. [See Binder 12, Corr. No. 1588/95; Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 40a-40]

⁶² This group's name is currently spelled Tseshahht. [See NRCAN Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶³ Moffatt requests a response to a letter dated November 6, 1889 ["6th ultimo"] so that the response can be presented to the SGIA. The letter referred to is not included in either the federal or provincial collections.

⁶⁴ O'Reilly identifies the Indians as the "Pokheitsk Indians (a branch of the Cook's Ferry tribe)." He also notes that the land upon which the reserves are allotted may fall within the Railway Belt, however, he notes that the extent of the Railway Belt "has not been defined." Nevertheless, he requests that the area be kept from either pre-emption or purchase. Interestingly, there are more allotments in the federal collection version than in the provincial collection. All of the reserves allotted by O'Reilly are held by the Cook's Ferry Indians. [See Federal Collection, vl. 13, pp. 671-697; NRCAN Schedule (2005), pp. 43-44]

⁶⁵ This reserve was sold in 1970. [See NRCAN Schedule (2005), p. 44]

⁶⁶ Originally spelled Quillanton. This reserve was sold in 1970. [See Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 87-87a; NRCAN Schedule (2005), p. 44]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR.NO.
10 15 1889	Enquocto 14 ⁶⁷	Cook's Ferry	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3198/89 [p. 3]
10 15 1889	Squetankilhats 15 ⁶⁸	Cook's Ferry	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3198/89 [p. 4]
10 15 1889	Chilthnux 12	Cook's Ferry	Unknown	Sketch	3198/89 [p. 5]
10 15 1889	Quiltanton 13	Cook's Ferry	Unknown	Sketch	3198/89 [p. 5]
10 15 1889	Enquocto 14	Cook's Ferry	Unknown	Sketch	3198/89 [p. 5]
10 15 1889	Squetankilhats 15	Cook's Ferry	Unknown	Sketch	3198/89 [p. 5]
12 07 1889		Cook's Ferry ⁶⁹	Unknown	Note	3198/89 [add. corr.]

⁶⁷ Originally spelled Enquotco. This reserve was sold in 1974. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44]

⁶⁸ This reserve was sold in 1972. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44]

⁶⁹ There is a note at the end of this set of Minutes of decision which states: "The position of Pokheitsk Creek is not shewn [sic] on our plans - I cannot say whether the land proposed to be reserved is in the Railway Belt - I do not think that the lands set apart interfere with any of our preemption [sic] or purchase claims."

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS INDEX
Binder 9 (Box 4)
Minutes of Decision, Correspondence & Sketches
Peter O'Reilly
Janaury 1888 to December 1889

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Gore, W.S., Surveyor General	1407/88
Robson, John, Provincial Secretary	98/89 (add. corr.)
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Moffatt, H., A/Indian Supt. B.C.	146/88; 399/88
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⁷⁰ N.B.: Virtually every letter in this volume is addressed to the CCLW and every sketch is signed by the CCLW. When the CCLW is specifically named in correspondence, he will be separately identified.

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Kamloops	134/88
Kemsquit	1127/89
Kincolith	1480/88; 168/89
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Klahwitsis (Turnour Island)	1922/88
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Kwawkewlth (Fort Rupert)	1922/88
Laichquiltach (We-way-a-kum)	813/88; 1327/88; 1127/89
Laichquiltach (We-wai-a-kai)	1327/88; 1127/89
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Adam Gwushkine[?] (Kincolith)	1480/88
Matthew Haldane (Kincolith)	1480/88
George Kinsadak (Kincolith)	1480/88
Luke Nelson (Kincolith)	1480/88
Samuel Weah (Kincolith)	1480/88
Hyupenulth, Chief (Sheshaht)	3131/89
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Sechat [sic] Bob (Police) (Sheshaht)	3131/89
Big Joe (Chief's brother) (Sheshaht)	3131/89
Billy Sullivan (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Mark (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Jim (Capt.) (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Ulaulamkan (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Pete (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Alieus [?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Andrew (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Bouneau [?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Niltahan (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Lolo (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Andre (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Ichahan (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Nleuzaskat (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Domunik (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Alik (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Michele Kulsimina[?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Fred Nkiaskusilah[?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Tsunanilita [?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Johnie Helinhulahan [?] (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Charlie (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
Edward (Upper Nicola, Spahomin)	766/88 (encl.)
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2. 134/88 - Letter of January 24, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing listings of applications for water rights for the following Bands:
 - A. Lytton Indians
 - B. Nicomen Indians
 - C. Cook's Ferry Indians
 - D. Oregon Jack Creek Indians
 - E. Ashcroft Indians
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3. 146/88 Letter of January 26, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing copies of correspondence with Mortimer G. Drummond and W. Laing Meason, Indian Agent, re the Anahim meadow at Chilcotin.
4. 188/88 - Letter of February 3, 1888, from S. Moffatt, Indian Office, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, acknowledging his letter of February 3, 1888, on the subject of commonages and Indian Reserves in the Okanagan District.
5. 399/88 - Letter of February 27, 1888, from S. Moffatt for the Indian Superintendent, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, informing him that a Mr. Albin Provis has recorded 200 inches of water from Riskie Creek which is depriving the Toosey Indian Band of the means of irrigating their land and asking what is to be done to rectify the matter.
6. 766/88 - Letter of April 12, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a copy of a letter of April 6, 1888, from J.D. McKay, Indian Agent, Kamloops, advising that the Spahamin Band of Indians ^{are} asking that a portion of the commonage reserve (9800 acres) be added to their Reserve at Douglas Lake.
7. 813/88 - Letter of April 17, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging receipt of a letter of April 6, 1888, re the land dispute between the Messrs. Nunns and the Indians of Campbell River. Powell advises that Mr. Ashdown H. Green will determine the extent and boundaries of the Reserve at Campbell River.
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8. 894/88 - Letter of April 27, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re the matter of A. Provis recording water from Riskie Creek that is required for irrigation purposes by the Toosey Band of Indians (See item 5).
9. 1327/88 - Letter of May 29, 1888, from Ashdown H. Green, Surveyor, to the Indian Reserve Commissioner, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 11 and 12 of the Laich-Kwil-tach (Euclataw) Indians. Green states the allotting of the Reserves has resolved the dispute between Messrs. Nunns and the Indians (see item 7). - *Campbell River*
10. 1407/88 - Letter of June 6, 1888, from Powell to W.S. Gore, Surveyor General, advising that it would be undesirable to construct a road through the Indian Reserve at South Saanich and enclosing a copy of a letter of May 25, 1888, from W. H. Lomas, Indian Agent, Quamichan, on the subject.
11. 1480/88 - Letter of June 12, 1888, from Powell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a copy of a petition by the Kincolith Tribe to an application by R. Hall to purchase land adjacent to their burial ground on the Nass River.
12. 1922/88 - Letter of July 28, 1888, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing duplicate field books (16) and tracings (9) of the original plotted plans of the Reserves for the following tribes:
- A. Masset
 - B. Skidegate
 - C. Upper Kootenay
 - D. Turnour Island
 - E. Gilford Island
 - F. Fort Rupert
 - G. Nimkeesh
 - H. Knights Inlet
 - I. Village Island
 - J. Kootenay Indians
13. 2332/88 - Letter of September 19, 1888, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 22, 23, 24 and 25 of the Tsimpsean Indians. (No. 25 is noted as disallowed. See item 26.)
14. 2949/88 - Letter of December 6, 1888, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 9 and 10 of the Okanagan Indians.
15. 2950/88 - Letter of December 6, 1888, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a copy of O'Reilly's report to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs on Commonage Reserves in the Okanagan area.
16. 3012/88 - (copy from microfilm) Letter of December 13, 1888, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves for the following tribes:
- A. Sliammon Indians (Reserves 1 to 6)
 - B. Klahoose Indians (Reserves 1 to 9)
 - C. Homalco Indians (Reserves 1 to 6)

17. 10/89 - Letter of January 2, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for the Nah-Kwock-ta Indians (Reserves 3 to 17).
18. 98/89 - Letter of January 11, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that he has been notified by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs that at a Federal Provincial Conference in the autumn of 1877, an understanding was reached "that where land cannot be had in the immediate vicinity of Indian Settlements, the Reserve Commissioner shall be at liberty to select lands for the Indians elsewhere and in as close proximity to their settlement as possible, and that in the event of available lands not being obtainable, the Reserve Commissioner may allot blocks of land elsewhere, with a view to their being afterwards disposed of, and a fund created therefrom, with which to purchase a farm, or farms, for the use of the Indians". He asks if this policy can be applied for land for the Soda Creek Indians. A copy of the Chief Commissioner's reply of February 11, 1889, is attached, wherein it is stated that although an understanding was reached that if land in the immediate vicinity of Indian Settlements was not available other Provincial lands in close proximity would be made available; it was not agreed that land would be made available for sale with the proceeds going to purchase land for the Indians.
19. 97/89 - Letter of January 10, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for a Reserve for the Upper Similkameen Indians (Three Creek or Chu-chu-way-hu Reserve.)
20. 99/89 - Letter of January 10, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 4, 5 and 6 of the Lower Similkameen (Keremeos) Indians.
21. 168/89 - Letter of January 21, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves for the Nass River Indians, Reserves 16 to 28, 14A, 8A, 29 and 1A. There is correspondence of 1918 attached to the file, from Patmore and Fulton, Barristers and Solicitors, Prince Rupert, B. C., about sale of Reserve No. 25 (Wit-zim-a-gon) and who is entitled to the proceeds of the sale.
22. 176/89 - Letter of January 24, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works referring to his letter of June 24, 1887 (copy attached to O'Reilly's letter) and asking for a decision on Reserves allotted by Sproat for the Adams Lake, Salmon Arm, Coldwater and Hope Indians.
23. 178/89 - Letter of January 24, 1889. from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that a Canada Privy Council Order was approved on January 5, 1889, providing that, provided the Government of B.C. will sanction the establishment of an Indian Reserve on the West side of Okanagan Lake, the Dominion Government will agree to relinquish the interest of the Indians in the common grazing ground in the Okanagan District.

24. 208/89 - Letter of January 28, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting that no applications to pre-empt or purchase land in the vicinity of the Indian Village of Kit-cart, Kit-a-mat or Kit-lope be allowed until O'Reilly visits the area during the Spring. O'Reilly advises that these are the only places on the coast of the mainland where Indian Reserves have not been allotted.
25. 395/89 - Letter of February 21, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting that no applications for Crown land on the West Coast of Vancouver Island be allowed until Indian Reserves are allotted.
26. 396/89 - Letter of February 21, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, withdrawing his recommendation for establishment of "Kish-neelt" No. 25 Reserve for the Tsimpsean Indians (see item 13).
27. 420/89 - Letter of February 25, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging his letter of February 22, 1889, about applications to purchase in conflict with Reserves on the Skeena River for the Tsimpsean Indians. O'Reilly objects to the applications and states that the Indians applied for the Reserves prior to the staking of the applications to purchase.
28. 1091/89 - Letter of May 8, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a copy of a letter from C. Todd, Acting Indian Agent North West Coast Agency, objecting to an application by the Rev. Crosby to pre-empt land at the forks of the Skeena and Ac-quil-get Rivers which is the site of a former Indian Village that may be required as a Reserve for the Hazelton Indians. (A pencil note on the reverse of O'Reilly's letter reads, "A pre-emption record (No.184) was issued to Mr. Crosby on 26 January last. The protest comes too late".)
29. 1126/89 - Letter of May 11, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing duplicate field books (7) and tracings (4) of the original plotted plans of Reserves for the Coldwater, Hope, Adams Lake and Salmon Arm Tribes of Indians.
30. 1127/89 - Letter of May 13, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing for his final approval and signature the original plans (8) of Reserves for the Bella Coola, Bella Bella, Kokyet, Kemsquit, Mah-teelth-pe, Laich-kwil-tach, Nah-witti and Klahoose Indians.
31. 2429/89 - Letter of September 23, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising that Messrs. Pamphlet and Booth have purchased land covering an Indian Village named "Clienna" situated on the North Shore of Winter Harbour, Quatsino Sound, and stating that steps should be taken to have Pamphlet and Booth relinquish the site of the Village so that it may be made an Indian Reserve. Pinned to O'Reilly's letter is a memo of 2/10/99 by W. S. Gore stating that the object of advertising an application is to notify any person who may consider he has a prior claim to make the same known and that as the Indian Department did not protest the application on behalf of their wards, the Indians, there was no implication of their interest in the area.

Indication

32. 2430/89 - Letter of September 23, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that the site of an Indian fishing station and gardens at Grass Point, Winter Harbour, Quatsino Inlet had been purchased by a Mr. John Thomson and suggesting that Mr. Thomson should be induced to convey to the Dominion Government the area improved by the Indians so that a Reserve can be established.
33. 2755/89 - Letter of October 26, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that he has been directed by the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs to inform him that it is the intention of Indian Affairs to establish an industrial school for Indians at Alert Bay, Cormorant Island, and requesting that land be made available for that purpose.
(copy from microfilm)
34. 2946/89 - Letter of November 12, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising he (O'Reilly) has visited the commonage Reserve at Nicola and is of the opinion that it is not required by the Indians.
35. 2947/89 - Letter of November 12, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a Minute of Decision for a Reserve of 2760 acres for the Upper Nicola Indians adjoining the Douglas Lake Indian Reserve at Nicola. O'Reilly states this Reserve is necessary in view of the abandonment of the commonage area by the Band.
36. 3131/89 - Letter of December 6, 1889, from S. Moffatt, for the Indian Superintendent, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a copy of a letter of December 2, 1889, from the Sishat Tribe of Indians objecting to construction of a bridge over the Sumas River to their Reserve.
37. 3132/89 - Letter of December 6, 1889, from S. Moffatt, Indian Office, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting a reply to his letter of December 6, 1889.
38. 3198/89 - Letter of December 7, 1889, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Cooks Ferry Indians.
39. 279/90 - Letter of February 1, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that the Dominion Government definitely intends to establish an Industrial School for Indians at Alert Bay and requesting that the required land be set aside for that purpose. Attached to the file is a copy of a letter of November 20, 1889, from F. G. Vernon, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to S. A. Spencer, Alert Bay, advising that his leasehold of 410 acres on the Western end of Cormorant Island will be terminated in two calendar months as the area is required for an Industrial School for the training of Indians. Also attached is a copy of a letter of November 20, 1889, from Vernon to O'Reilly advising he has given the Lessee, Spencer, notice of termination of the lease.
(copy from microfilm)

40. 1495/90 - Letter of February 19, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that a Mr. A. C. Martin has advertized notice of intention to purchase "Birnie Island" at Port Simpson and pointing out that the Island was reserved for the Tsimpsean Indians on September 13, 1882.
41. 1152/90 - Letter of April 26, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves for the following tribes:
- A. Klaskino Indians (Reserves 1 to 3)
 - B. Checkleset Indians (Reserves 1 to 7)
 - C. Kyuquot Indians (Reserves 1 to 16)
 - D. Esperanza Inlet Indians (Reserves 1 to 13)
 - E. Nootka Indians (Reserves 1 to 17)
 - F. Clayoquot Indians (Reserves 1 to 29)
 - G. Ucluelet Indians (Reserves 6 to 9)
42. 1153/90 - Letter of April 25, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a Minute of Decision for Reserve No. 3 of the Pacheena Indians.
43. 1533/90 - Letter of May 26, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing plans of surveys for the following tribes:
- A. Quawshelah
 - B. Owekano
 - C. Sliammon
 - D. Homalco
 - E. Nahkwockto
 - F. Simikameen
 - G. Okanagan
 - H. Osoyoos
 - I. Penticton
44. 1166/90 - Letter of April 28, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves for the following Bands:
- A. Kit-kah-ta (Reserves 1 to 4)
 - B. Kit-i-mat (Reserves 1 to 4)
 - C. Kit-lope (Reserves 1 to 3)
45. 1677/90 - Letter of June 11, 1890, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves No. 1 to 16 for the Quatsino Indians. (Note in the margin of the letter states, "Approved with exception of Nos. 13 and 14 - May 15, 1891 - F.G. Vernon, C.C.L. & W.")
46. 482/91 -
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- Letter of February 2, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting a reply to his letter of February 1, 1890, about land for the establishment of an Indian Industrial School at Alert Bay.
47. 889/91 -
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- Letter of March 5, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a Minute of Decision for a Reserve for the site of the Indian Industrial School at Alert Bay, Cormorant Island. Attached to the Minute is a copy of a letter of March 4, 1891, from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to O'Reilly, advising the lessee of the property required for the Industrial School has been informed that the land has been handed over to the Indian Department.

48. 1610/91 - Letter of May 4, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging his letter of April 28, 1891, advising that surveys of Reserves for the following tribes had been approved:

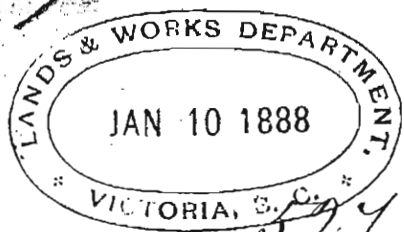
- A. Quamshelah
- B. Owekano
- C. Sliammon
- D. Homalco
- E. Nah-kwockto
- F. Similkameen No. 1
- G. Similkameen No. 3
- H. Okanagan No. 3
- I. Osoyoos

O'Reilly notes that the Chief Commissioner has for the present withheld approval of Reserves at Keremeos and Penticton.

49. 1723/91 - Letter of May 11, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 1, 2 and 3 of the Soda Creek Indians.
50. 2107/91 - Letter of June 4, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising that part of Kinkolith Indian Reserve No. 14 including the Indian burial ground has been Crown Granted to a Mr. J. D. Warren. Copies of documents and maps relating to the purchase are attached. O'Reilly asks for comments on the conflict.
51. 2171/91 - Letter of June 11, 1891, from A.W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, B.C., to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a copy of a letter of June 10, 1891, from P. McTiernan, Indian Agent, New Westminster, advising that part of the Capilano Indian Reserve was sold by the Province to Joseph Bullion (Lot 790) and A.V. Bullion (Lot 764). Vowell states that the Indians are "much exercised" over the matter and asks what is to be done.
52. 2271/91 - Letter of June 12, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, acknowledging receipt of his letter of June 6, 1891, about Mr. Fletcher, the Indian Reserve Surveyor, questioning a Mr. Dunlevy's title to land at Soda Creek. O'Reilly advises that he has since instructed Fletcher to follow his survey instructions and Minutes of Decision.
53. 2747/91 - Letter of July 17, 1891, from A. W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, B.C., to W.L. Gore, Surveyor General, enclosing a copy of a letter from J.W. Mackay, Indian Agent, Kamloops, advising that a Mr. Bullock Webster intends to enter and take possession of land occupied by Indians at Ashnola and suggesting that Webster be asked to defer his entry on the land until Indian Reserves in that area are allotted.
54. 2944/91 - Letter of July 30, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves Nos. 4 to 18 of the Kitlathla Indians.
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55. 3006/91 - Letter of August 4, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising that he is about to visit the Upper Skeena River for the purpose of defining the Indian Reserves in that District. He states that a large number of lots in Hazelton Townsite are occupied by Indians and asks whether that part of the Townsite occupied by Indians can be made an Indian Reserve.
56. 3325/91 - Statement of claim dated August 17, 1891, by W.H. Bullock-Webster of Keremeos re the conflict between his pre-emption record No. 995 and an Indian Settlement.
57. 3490/91 - Letter of September 4, 1891, from A.W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, B. C., to F.G. Vernon, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing copies of five letters from J.W. Mackay, Indian Agent, Lytton, asking for additions to Indian Reserves. The Bands involved are:
- A. Keremeos Indians
 - B. N-Kamp-ap-lix Indians
 - C. Ashnola Indians (2 letters)
 - D. Chu-chu-way-ha Indians
58. 3528/91 - Letter of September 8, 1891, from A.W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, B.C., to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a copy of a letter dated August 25, 1891, from J.F. Allison of Princeton, B.C., to which is attached a copy of a letter of June 17, 1891, from J.W. McKay, Indian Agent, to Walter Dewdney, Esq., advising that the Ashnola Band of Indians wish to purchase plots of land adjacent to the Ashnola Reserve.
59. 3529/91 - Letter of September 8, 1891, from A.W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, B.C., to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing copies of correspondence from Indian Agent McKay about a pre-emption application by a Mr. Bullock-Webster for land in the Similkameen area which conflicts with the Ashnola George Indian Settlement.
60. 3644/91 - Letter of September 14, 1891, from Vowell to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, re the application of the Ashnola Indians to purchase land as an extension to their Reserve (see item 58). Attached are copies of correspondence from J.W. McKay, Indian Agent, on the matter and correspondence relative to the conflict between the Bullock-Webster pre-emption and the Ashnola Indians.
61. 3667/91 - Letter of September 5, 1891, from J. M. Becher, Chilcotin, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works about his pre-emption at Risky Creek that is in conflict with an Indian Reserve.
62. 4243/91 - Letter of October 24, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing survey plans of four Reserves for the Little Shuswap Lake Indians as defined by the Joint Reserve Commission in 1877. O'Reilly mentions that approval for Reserve No. 3, a meadow of 20 acres, was withheld by the former Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works because it was under a pre-emption claim but as he now understands the pre-emption has been cancelled he knows of no reason why the Reserve cannot be approved.

63. 4277/91 - Letter of October 29, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing plans for various Indian Reserves in the New Westminster District allotted by Sproat in 1879 and surveyed in 1881 but never approved by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. Attached to the letter is a list of the Indian Reserves concerned, which involves areas for the following tribes:
- A. Musqueam Indians
 - B. Matsqui Indians
 - C. Lake-a-hah-men Indians
 - D. Chillukweyuk Indians
 - E. Sumass Indians
 - F. Cheam Indians
 - G. Popkum Indians
 - H. Coquitlam Indians
 - I. Tsawwassen Indians
64. 4285/91 - Letter of October 30, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works forwarding duplicate field books (4) and a tracing from the original plan for Reserves for the "Little Suswap Indians".
65. 4724/91 - Letter of November 26, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works asking for a reply to his letter of November 26, 1891, about an encroachment by a pre-emption record in the name of Mr. Warren on an Indian Reserve at Kincolith.
66. 5008/91 - Letter of December 14, 1891, from O'Reilly to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves 1 to 16 of the Nitinat Indians.



British Columbia

S. G. R.

Indian Office
Victoria Jan'y 9th 1888.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st ult., on the subject of the Commonages set aside by the Joint Reserve Commission for in case of any doubt as to the authority of the said Commission to reserve the so called Commonages, that the same were to become Indian reserves and your hesitation to recognize their action in this respect, I have the honor to state, that I had two conferences with the Premier and Chief Commissioner Mr. Smythe who expressed his concurrence to a proposal that in lieu of commonages the Provincial Government would assent -

1st to a reserve being set aside on the West side of Okanagan Lake where no assignments had been made by the Reserve Commission.

2nd

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of Lands & Works

2nd to additional lands for the Similkameen Indians, in lieu of those sold by the Prov^t Gov^t to Messrs. Richter & Cawston (see my letter of 29th June 1886 upon this subject).

3^d Additional lands to be set aside at Osoyoos for those sold to Mr. Haynes.

I think this matter was also the subject of some understanding between the Rt. Hon^{ble} Sir Jno Macdonald and the late Mr. Smythe during the visit of the former gentleman to this Province, but with what result I am not aware.

In any event, I trust the necessity of adjusting the land troubles on the West side of Okanagan Lake - at Osoyoos, and Similkameen may commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Prov^t Gov^t, and I think, in such case, this Department might forego any claim that might otherwise be made to the Commonages reserved by the first Reserve Commission.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours Ob^d Serv^t.
J. H. Powell

Indian Superintendent.

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R.

Memorandum for the Honorable
the Chief Commissioner of Lands
and Works. Jan'y 24th 1888.

1st The Penticton Reserves have not been surveyed and it is quite impossible to say how much they contain.

The Surveyor to the Indian Reserve Commission informs me that they may contain 1000 acres or the quantity you state, though this is improbable.

2nd The same argument applies to the Osooyoos Reserve, and hence the estimate of 1100 acres to each family has really no foundation in fact.

3^d It is possible that the Joint Commission in setting aside a larger tract at the head of Okanagan Lake intended the Indians of the West side to go there. You are however, aware from your own long experience that it is as impossible to ask one band to go and live with another as to suppose that one white family would be acceptable upon the lands or in the domicile of another. On the West side of Okanagan Lake there is a considerable settlement of Indians where old ^{Indian} graves were pointed

pointed out to me shewing that they had inhabited this locality for a very long period.

4th In the case of the reserves at Sunil-Kamseeu Mr. O'Reilly was sent there to complete Mr. Sproat's unfinished work, and it was on his arrival that he was informed that the lands set aside by his predecessor and which he would certainly have confirmed had been sold by the Provincial Government to Messrs. Richter & Hawston. Correct replies could be given by the local Agent to the queries you propose, but it appears to me that the Reserve Commissioner who acts for both Governments should be instructed to proceed to Sunil-Kamseeu Osooyos and the West side of Okanagan Lake and obtain for himself the information proposed in your draft and adjust the matter on the spot.

5th The assertion that Reserves are not utilized throughout the Country is in a measure incorrect. It must be remembered that in the case of the Interior, and also on the Coast great uncertainty has prevailed among Indians and also among whites as to what lands would

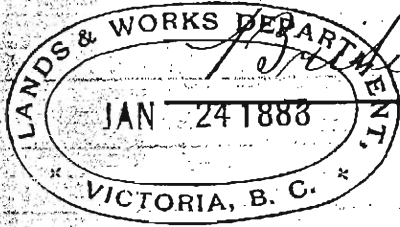
would remain as reserves owing to the fact that the Provincial Government refused to confirm the decisions of previous Reserve Commissions, and to this day many of the reserves in the Interior cannot be properly utilized from the want of water for irrigation purposes the recording of which has not as yet been allowed.

In the case of the Cowichan reserve the following statistics shew that the statement "that this fine reserve is unused by the Indians" cannot be verified.

Acres under cultivation	1774
wheat raised bus	690
Oats " "	2795
Peas " "	325
Potatoes " "	5815
Hay cut tons	521
Ploughs "	89
Harrows "	52
Waggons & Carts "	92
Fanning Mills "	2
Horses "	421
Cows "	466
Sheep "	287
Pigs "	145
Oxen "	144
Young Stock "	576

J. W. Powell

Year Ended June 30th 1884.



British Columbia

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563. R.

Indian Office
Victoria Jan'y 24th 1888.

Sir,

With reference to my letter
of the 23^d March 1886 No. 572. O.
I have the honor to make application
for the quantities of water
(for irrigation and other purposes)
for the various bands of Indians
as detailed in the enclosed
Statement.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,
J. W. Powrie

Indian Superintendent.

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of Lands & Works.

Lytton Indians

Population.

No 3 Spintlum Flat

50 inches of water from the two small creeks at the Northern end of the reserve is allotted for the use of the Indians.

No 4 Nickel palm

All the water in the stream, the Northwestern boundary of the reserve is allotted to the Indians.

No 5 Se-ah

The whole of the water of Fort Dallas creek is allotted for use on this reserve.

No 6 Nesikep

100 inches of water from the first creek below the reserve on the right bank of Fraser river, is allotted for the use of the Indians.

100 inches of water from Stu creek is also reserved for irrigating purposes.

No 8

5 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Boot ah my stream, or other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 9 Stryne

100 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from any source of water supply which on survey may be found available, particularly from Stryne stream, and its tributaries, and from Ne pu cheen stream.

No 10

20 inches of water for irrigation, and other purposes are assigned from the Ne pu cheen, and Ne-kerkh stream, or from other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 11

50 inches of water, for irrigation and other purposes, are assigned from Yaw aucht, Ne kerkh, Chut-chuah-hoo streams, or from other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 12

One hundred inches of water for irrigation or other purposes are assigned from Ne gult ko stream, or other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 13

No 13

75 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Ne kwi kwit stream, and any other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 14

100 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are to be assigned from Stull-hult-aid stream, and the other stream about half a mile above it, called Kway-ook (or 'jam') and from other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available

No 15 Bootahnie

200 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 16

5 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 17 Klakke-a-mich

5 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned as prior to all other claims from Lytton creek, or any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 18 Klick Kum cheen

10 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned as prior to all other claims from Lytton creek, or any other available sources of water supply which on survey may be found available, and all the water in the two springs between the west boundary of the reserve, and the left bank of Thompson River are also assigned.

No 19 Nocten

5 inches of water for irrigation or other purposes are assigned from above stream, or other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 20 Kitz ow it.

15 inches of water for irrigation or other purposes, are assigned from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available, but the Indians right to water from the springs recorded at this place by Mr. Hunter is to come second to the right of that gentleman.

No 22 Kettlecut

The whole of the water of Red Head or "In-chaw. kaw-wis-kin" creek is assigned to the Indians, to be

Diverted at a point on Reserve No. 15,
into Bootahnie creek, and thence on
to the Kettlecut Reserve.

No 25 Nick eye yah.

200 inches of water from
Nick eye yah creek, and the whole
of the water from Kwill-a-nah
creek is assigned to the use of the
Indians.

No 26 Skway-ay-nope.

The whole of the water of a
small creek on its Southern boundary
is reserved for the use of the Indians.

No 27 Papy um.

The surplus waters of Nick eye
and No-ho-meen creeks is assigned
to the use of the Indians.

Nicomen Indians.

Nay kik outh Reserve

30 inches of water from a stream known as the Nay kik-outh flowing through the Reserve on the left bank of the Lower Nicola River, about $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Spences Bridge.

Skay na neichst Reserve

75 inches of water from a stream called Skay na neichst, which flows from Squiamy easterly into the Lower Nicola River; also from springs within the Reserve on the Nicomen Cooks Ferry trail, about 12 miles from the junction of the Thompson and Nicomen Rivers.

Enhalt's Reserve

50 inches of water from a small lake at Enhalt's Reserve, and from a stream flowing southeasterly to Skeicut

Squiamy Reserve

All the water in the lakes, ponds, springs, swamps, and streams, within or partly within or flowing through the Squiamy Reserve above the "Mudslide" on the left bank of the Thompson river is reserved for the use of the Indians in irrigation, and other purposes.

Skeicut Reserve.

100 inches of water from three lakes about three miles South from Skeicut, and from a stream which flows from these lakes to Skeicut.

Kykinolko Reserve

50 inches of water from the Nicomin River.

Nicomin Reserve.

50 inches of water from a stream which it is proposed to dam, which flows through the reserve.

Shookhost Reserve.

20 inches of water from a small stream called Shookhost which flows into the Thompson River opposite the 67 mile post from Yale.

Unpukpulquatum Reserve.

20 Inches of water from a small stream called Unpukpulquatum, which flows into the Thompson River nearly opposite the 67 mile post from Yale.

Sekpowty Reserve.

20 inches of water from a small stream called Sekpowty, which flows into the Thompson river nearly opposite the 71 mile post from Yale.

Sackum Reserve.

20 inches of water from the stream called Sackum, which flows into the Thompson River close to the 71 mile post from Yale, and from the Enthalts, or other lake in which it heads.

Klah ko wit Reserve

20 inches of water from a stream called Kivalulat which run in an easterly direction nearly up to the west boundary line of the Klah ko wit reserve which is nearly opposite the 72 mile post from Yale.

Sleetsois Reserve

100 inches of water from a stream called Sleetsois which flows into the Thompson river nearly opposite the 74 mile post from Yale.

Putkwa Reserve.

10 inches of water are assigned from the spring or other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

Shu ouch ten Reserve.

20 inches water from Shu ouch-ten stream are assigned for irrigation and other purposes, or from other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

Cooks Ferry Indians.

Population 159.

No. 1 Kunncheen Reserve

30 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No. 2 Skoon koon Reserve

50 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Skoon koon stream, and springs on the land, and other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No. 3 Shawn-i-ken Reserve.

50 inches of water for irrigation, and other purposes are assigned from Shawn-i-ken stream, and from water sources now made use of, or which may be found, on survey, to be available.

No. 4 Reserve.

5 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No. 5 Chuck hei as chin Reserve

75 inches of water for irrigation
and

and other purposes are assigned from Niko-elton stream, also from 2 springs in the mountains, south of the valley and from any sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 6 Niko-elton Reserve.

50 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Niko-elton stream, and other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 7 Kto kto wuch Reserve.

30 inches of water from a stream called Kto kto wuch, which flows southwesterly through the reserve into the Lower Nicola river, about 7 miles above Spences Bridge.

20 inches of water from a stream which runs westerly through a high bench at the Southern end of the Reserve.

No 8^a Reserve

5 inches of water are assigned for irrigation, and other purposes from a spring adjacent to said land, and from other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 9

No 9 Penny noos Reserve.

400 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Penny noos, In caught kalk, Hkeightok streams, and all other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 10 Hokeightok Reserve.

30 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned, prior to all other claims from all sources of water supply which can be used for this land.

No 11 Spaptum Reserve.

45 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned prior to all other claims from all sources of water supply whence water can be brought for use on this land.

Oregon Jack Creek Indians.

No 2 Reserve.

10 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Oregon Jack Creek, and all other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 3 Reserve.

30 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from Oregon Jack creek, and any other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available, or have been used.

No 6 and 7 Reserves.

The surplus water of Nelson or Bernard creek is hereby reserved for the use of the Indians on these allotments.

Ashcroft Indians.

No 1 Reserve.

20 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from the spring near Cheetoom house, back from his present fence, and from all other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

Bonaparte Indians.

Reserves 1 and 2

500 inches of water to be taken from Hat creek is allotted for the use of the Indians.

Old Reserve.

Sufficient water for all Indian purposes from all sources of water supply

Mauvais Rocher Reserve.

50 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from a stream and spring coming from the mountain above the wagon road at this place, and from any other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

Deadmans Creek Indians.

The prior right of these Indians to all water they require, or may require for irrigation and other purposes from Deadman's Creek, and its tributaries, and from such adjacent sources of water supply as may be described by the Indian Reserve Commission on a further examination, is, so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, declared, and confirmed to them.

Kamloops Indians.

The prior right of the Indians as the oldest owners or occupiers of the soil to all the water which they require or may require for irrigation and other purposes from St. Paul's creek, and its sources, and northern tributary is, so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, declared, and confirmed to them.

Adam's Lake Indians.

The right of the Adams Lake Indians to all the water which they require or may require for irrigation and other purposes from the creek forming the western boundary of their Reserve lying adjacent to the Niskahnilth Reserve, and from Niskahnilth Lake is so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, declared, and given to them, subject to the water rights possessed by the Niskahnilth Tribe, and subject to the water requirements of white settlers who have recorded from these sources of supply.

Little Shuswap Lake Indians.

The prior right of these Indians (the Little Shuswap Lake Indians) as the oldest owners and occupiers of the soil, to all the water which they require or may require for irrigation and other purposes from Adams Creek, Scotch Creek, Sems creeks, and also from a lake on the high land at the south west portion of the reserve on West side of Little Shuswap Lake, is, so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, confirmed, and given to them.

Salmon Arm of Shuswap Lake.

The right of the Niskahmiltz, Adams Lake, and Little Shuswap Lake Indians, in common, to all the water which they require, or may require for irrigation and other purposes from Salmon River, and from the two creeks, as shown on sketch, flowing through the reserve into the bay on the eastern side of Salmon Arm, is, as far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter declared, and given to them.

Upper Similkameen Indians.

Population 56

No 1 Princeton Reserve

50 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned from all sources of water supply, which on survey may be found available.

No 2 Three Creeks Reserve

300 inches of water for irrigation and all other purposes are assigned from all sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 3 Yakkl-kay-wa-hick Reserve

No 4 Reserve

200 inches of water for irrigation, and other purposes are assigned from 9 mile creek, and from all sources of water supply on either bank of the Similkameen, which on survey may be found available.

No 5 Lulu Reserve

50 inches of water for irrigation, and other purposes are assigned from all sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 6 Reserve

20 inches of water for necessary purposes are assigned from all sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

Upper Nicola Indians
Chillaneetsa's tribe.

235 inches of water from the Upper Nicola river, that is Nicola River above Nicola Lake.

800 inches of water from Spahomin Creek

200 inches from Murqay creek

10 inches from two springs near the western boundary of the Reserve at foot of Douglas Lake, as shown on plan.

Lower Nicola Indians.

No 1 Coldwater Reserve

100 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes are assigned, prior to all other claims, from the Coldwater river, and particularly from Quin-sah-ten stream, and also from all other sources of water supply which on survey may be found available.

No 2 Kauls Basin Reserve.

100 inches of water for irrigation and other purposes, are assigned from all sources of water supply which, on survey may be found available.

No 3 Reserve.

Sufficient water for the purposes of this reserve is assigned from all sources of water supply which, on survey may be found available.

800 inches from Mamet River

225 inches from Lower Nicola River, that is Nicola River below Nicola Lake.

200 inches from Falley's creek, otherwise called Clappertons Creek.

20 inches from a little mountain stream known as Joey aska's creek flowing towards the Coldwater.

10 inches from Hamiltons or Mc Donalds creek.

10 inches from a little stream flowing from the West into Hamiltons Creek through Logans Reserve.

120 inches from a stream about a mile east from the reserve (near the junction of the Nicola, and Spous Rivers, and east of the latter) running northerly to the Lower Nicola River, also from two small water courses heading from the south of the reserve, also from all water sources within the reserve.

90 inches from all springs or water source within the grass reserve, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east from the Lower Nicola River, and about 25 miles from Spences Bridge, also from the two streams which flow westerly to the Lower Nicola river, thru the Reserve on its right bank, about twenty three miles from Spences Bridge.

125 inches from a stream flowing easterly into the Spous River, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from its junction with the Lower Nicola River.

200 inches from the Nooatch River, and its tributaries.

60 inches from a stream flowing through the Reserve, easterly to the Lower Nicola River.

30 inches from a stream in the mountains back from the left bank of the Lower Nicola River, and west from Montrose's farm on its right bank.

250 inches from the Kapsilqua stream which flows through the reserves southwesterly into the Lower Nicola River, and from a tributary of the Kapsilqua stream immediately east of the Kapsilqua Reserve, and from all springs, and watercourses within the Reserve.

130 inches from the Lower Nicola River

75 inches from Shackum stream, which flows into the Lower Nicola River, nearly opposite the Potato Gardens.

20 inches from a stream flowing into the Lower Nicola River, near the lower end of Mr. John Duball's farm.

20 inches from a watercourse which heads from the west of the Reserve, and passes through the Reserve which is about 11 miles from Spence's Bridge up the Lower Nicola River.

Indians head of Okanagan Lake

The prior right of these Indians as the oldest owners or occupiers of the soil to all the water which they require, or may require for irrigation and other purposes from Meadow Creek, Pack river, Priest Valley river, and Mission river, and other streams flowing or partly flowing through the Okanagan Indian Reserve or Reserves into Okanagan Lake or into Spillumcheen Lake, Swan Lake, Long Lake, and from the two streams flowing respectively into and out of the unnamed Lake in the Northern part of Township 23, is, so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter declared and confirmed to them, but so that no use shall be made of the water of Meadow Creek that shall have the effect of flooding the meadow said to be owned by J Greenhow, and C O'Keefe, and so that in respect of the water flowing through Reserves in Township 20, Sections two and three, and in Township 23, Sections 34 and 35, the water right of the Indians except as connected with the Indian fisheries there, and cultivation of seventy five acres of the land, shall rank in priority next after the water requirements of white settlers who have recorded water at these places, and so that ~~at~~ the small

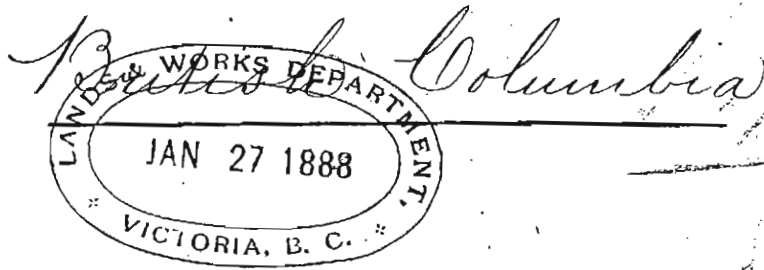
small reserve at the mouth of the
Coldstream which flows past, and not
through the Reserve, the water right of
the Indians shall except as connected
with their fishing, extend only to
agricultural, and residential purposes.

Penticton Indians.

The prior right of these Indians, as the oldest owners or occupiers of the soil to all the water which they require or may require for irrigation or other purposes from the stream at Nicola Prairie, Trout, Snake, and Maron Rivers, or other water courses within or flowing through, or touching their reserves, is so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, declared and confirmed to them.

Psooyos Indians.

The prior right of these Indians as the oldest owners, or occupiers of the soil to all the water which they require or may require for irrigation or other purposes from all the water courses or streams within or flowing through or touching their preserves, is, so far as the Commissioners have authority in the matter, declared and confirmed to them.



603. Q.

Indian Office
Victoria Jan^y 26th 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information copies of my correspondence with Messrs. Meason and Drummond on the subject of the so called Anahem meadow at Chilcotin.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt^e Servant,
J. P. Power
Indian Superintendent.

The Honorable
The Chief Commr^s
of Lands & Works.

Copy

The Ranch
Chilcothe
Nov 27. 87

Sir,

In connection with the
Anaham meadow I wish to bring
the following to your notice.

Capt. Laing Meason sent
word to Anaham through O. J. Stance
that he had "made it right" about
the meadow and that Anaham
should pull up my stakes.

I cannot think that this is
the proper way to deal with those
Indians.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

(S^d)

Your obedient Servant,
Mortimer George Drummond.

D^r Powell

P.S.

The letter is in Stance's possession

Copy
British Columbia

437. R.

Indian Office
Victoria Dec 9th 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Mr. M. G. Drummond and have to request you to inform me if the statement contained therein is correct and that you will be good enough to furnish me with full particulars in regard to this matter.

Mr. O'Reilly states that the Indians were allotted all the meadow land they required, that you approved of the reserve in his presence, and that you informed the Indians how much better off they were (with what had been reserved for them) than other bands in British Columbia.

I presume the statement alleged by Mr. Drummond "that you sent word to Mahim, that you had made it all right about the meadow and to pull up his (Drummond's) stakes" is incorrect

W. Loring Meason Esq.
Indian Agent.

incorrect, as it would certainly be undesirable, without proper authority, to advise Anahim that you had "made it all right" i.e. I presume undertaking to extend the reserve which had been made and declared sufficient by the Reserve Commissioner. To extend Anahim's reserve might be a work of considerable difficulty and perhaps ultimately refused, serious complications might therefore ensue, if any promise made by you to Anahim without the written consent of the Government, could not be carried out.

I might inform you that in the case of the Kootenay Indians, before the reserve was even slightly extended two visits were made by me to the District and finally a third one in company with the Reserve Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was necessitated.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,
J. W. Powell.

Indian Superintendent.

(J. W. Powell)

Copy

Little Dog Creek
Dec 24th 1887.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 437. R. dated Dec 9th 1887 - enclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. M. G. Drummond - and requesting that I should furnish full particulars in regard to the matter; which I beg to comply with by the following statement.

On the 8th of July last I accompanied the Reserve Commissioner to the Big Meadow - known as the "Anahem Meadow" which the Anahem Band of Indians had requested to be given to them. The Chief Anahem and a few Indians accompanied us.

On arriving at the farther end of the Meadow the Reserve Commissioner told Anahem - through the interpreter Frank - that the meadow was larger than they required - but that he would give them a large part of it.

Anahem's answer was "If you do not give us all the Meadow I will not accept of any of it."

Mr. O'Reilly again told Anahem that he could not give all the meadow to them - but would give them a large piece of it - adding, that they might

might choose the best part - which they must of course know.

Anahem made the same answer as before - and the Commissioner told him that he (Mr. O'R.) would then choose for them, and if the part so chosen was not the best - it was their own fault.

Mr. Green then proceeded to run some lines by the compass, and we returned to camp on the Big Flat and went to Mr. Stance's that evening.

Anahem proceeded to his village without shaking hands with the Commissioner or speaking to him. The day before, the Commissioner had laid out the Big Flat Reserve, giving all that the Chiefs asked for, and leaving them quite contented.

It was with that part of the Reserve that I expressed myself contented - as stated by Mr. O'Reilly, but not with respect to the meadow.

When at the meadow I represented my views to the Commissioner

1st That the meadow was certainly large, but that it could only be cut in patches - much of it being under water.

2nd That the Indians had always considered

considered the meadow as theirs - and had set their hearts upon it - and that the whites had never laid any claim to it.

Mr. O'Reilly however considered that a part of the meadow would be amply sufficient for the Tribe - considering the quantity of good land which had been given to them on the Big Flat - adding that "the Provincial Government would never approve of such a large quantity of valuable meadow being given to this one Tribe."

On the 3^d of August when at Soda Creek, on my way to Quesnel, I had information, from what I considered good authority, that there was serious discontent among Anahem's Band regarding land, and that Anahem had sent runners to assemble all his Indians in order to hold a meeting to talk about the matter.

The next day, August 4th I read in the Gov^t Gazette Mr. Drummond's three notices, applying for permission to purchase the rest of the Big Meadow.

I concluded that Anahem's men must have seen Mr. Drummond staking the meadow - or had heard of that gentleman's having applied for it - and that in either case the meeting

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meeting of the Tribe would result in a state of ill feeling towards the whites.

The Hon A. E. B. Davis was expected at Quesnel in a day or two - and I concluded that the matter was so serious that it was my duty to represent the case to him as head of the Government.

This I did in about the same words as I have now stated.

The Hon A. E. B. Davis viewed the matter in this light - viz - that the Chilcotin tribes had given much trouble formerly - that lately they had been contented - and that it would be most unwise to render them again troublesome in order to save the value of a few hundred acres of wild hay which was not in dispute between them and any whites - and which was remote from any white settler.

Mr. Davis then authorised me to send word to Anahem saying "that he (Anahem) could make his mind happy because he should have the meadow" - This message I accordingly sent - And although I did not procure a written order from Mr. Davis - yet I know that that gentleman will testify to the truth of what I say.

With

With regard to the Statement of Mr. Drummond that I had "sent word to Anahem to pull up his (D's) stakes" - I regret much to be obliged to stamp it as false. The exact copy of my letter to Mr. Stance is before me - and the words are -

"Don't say anything about Drummond having applied - unless they know of his having staked it". Meaning that I did not want the Indians to "feel hard" against Drummond - as there was a chance that they might have seen the stakes, without knowing for certain who had placed them.

In conclusion, you, Sir, and the Government of this Country know well what trouble these Chilcatin Tribes have given; and how carefully they have to be handled; and that the ill will of Anahem would be likely to cause him to allow his Indians to follow their lawless actions as formerly.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt^h Servant,

W^m Laing Meason.
Indian Agent.

Col. J. W. Powell
Indian Superintendent
Victoria.

Copy
British Columbia

535. R. Indian Office
Victoria Jan'y 23^d 1888.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th Nov^r stating that "Capt^l Meason sent word to Anaham through O. J. Stance that he had 'made it right' about the meadow and that Anaham should pull up your stakes", I have received a report from Mr. Agent Meason detailing the circumstances in connection with his visit to Chilcotin with the Reserve Commissioner.

Mr. Meason states that he received information in August at Soda Creek that there was serious discontent among the Indians of Anaham's band regarding land and especially in respect of the meadow which they had always considered their own, and that Anaham had summoned all the Indians to a meeting in consequence
That

M. G. Drummond Esq.
Chilcotin.

That as a part of his duty,
he was compelled to represent the
matter to the Hon the Premier who
was then at Quebec and in accordance
with his (the Premier's) request word
was sent to Anaham "that he could
"make his mind happy because he
"should have the meadow."

The statement that he (Mr. Meason)
had sent word to Anaham to pull up
your stakes he characterizes as quite
untrue, and I presume must have
been made under a misapprehension
of the facts.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

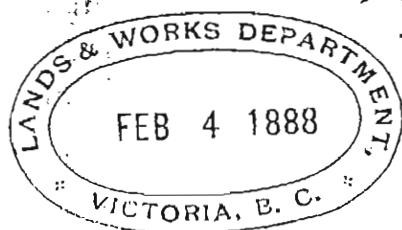
Your Obedt. Servant,

J. W. Powell.

Indian Superintendent.

(Sd.)

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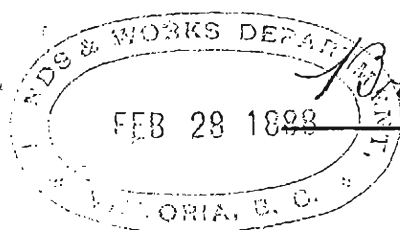
622. R.

Indian Office
Victoria Feb 3^d 1888.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult on the subject of Commonages and Indian Reserves in the Okanagan District, and to inform you, that the same will be laid before the Indian Superintendent on his return to this City.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedt^t Servant,
J. Moffatt.

The Honorable
The Chief Comm^r
of Lands & Works.



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641. R.

Indian Office
Victoria Feb'y 27th 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Albin Provis on the 30th June 1884 recorded 200 inches of water from Riskie Creek thereby depriving the Indians of the Poosay Band of the means of irrigating their land which has been in their possession for nearly twenty years.

Might I request you to instruct me for the information of the Hon the Supt^d General of Indian Affairs whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken with the view of restoring to these Indians their water rights.

I have the honor to be
Sir

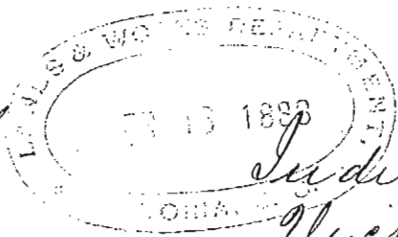
Your Obedt^t Servant,
J. M. Moffatt.

for the Ind Supt^d.

The Honorable
The Chief Commr^r
of Lands & Works.

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forming the subject of papers when
addressed once in communication with

British Columbia



94. S.

Indian Office
Victoria Apr 12th 1888

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your consideration, copy of a letter from Mr. Agent Mackay, containing the application of the Spahamin Band of Indians for an addition to their reserve equal to about 9800 acres to be taken from the land set aside as a Commonage by the late Reserve Commissioner Mr. Sproat - Also stating that in consideration of such a concession they are willing to relinquish all their rights to the remainder of the Commonage.

I beg to enclose a rough plan of the land requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt Servant,
J. H. Powell

Indian Superintendent.

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of Lands & Works.

Copy

Kamloops B. Co.

6th April 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that at a meeting of the Spahamin Band of Indians held in my presence at Spahamin on the 27th Feby 1888.

The Indians in Council submitted to me for your consideration, the fact that there are at present twenty one men belonging to their band who have no allotments of cultivable land.

They further state that there are only a few small patches of cultivable land unallotted, remaining on the Spahamin Reserve, unless means can be devised for getting a larger supply of water thereon.

In order to meet their present requirements they ask that a portion of the Spahamin Commonage equal to about 9800 acres be added to their Reserve. This section represents some 800 acres more than half the Commonage.

In consideration for the above mentioned concession they are willing to relinquish all their rights

J. W. Powell Esqr M. D.
Indian Superintendent
Victoria. B. Co.

rights to the remainder of the Common-
age as such.

I herewith to enclose
a rough plan of the Spahamin Reserve
and commonage shewing the conces-
sion which the Indians desire.

The land the Indians
ask for, lies high and can only be
adapted for raising grasses and the
hardier kinds of root crops.

I also enclose a list of
the Indians who have no allotments
of cultivable land.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant.
J. W. Mackay
Agent.

(J^d)

List of Indians belonging to the
Spahamin wanting allotments of
cultivable land.

Billy Sullivan

Mark

Jim (Capt.)

Ulaulaukan

Pete

Aliens

Andrew

Bourneau

Miltahau

Lolo

Andre'

Ichahan

Mesuzaskat

Dominik

Alik

Michelle Kusimua

Johnie Helix. hulahan

Fred Whas Kuituh

Isunaulitsa

Charlie

Edward.

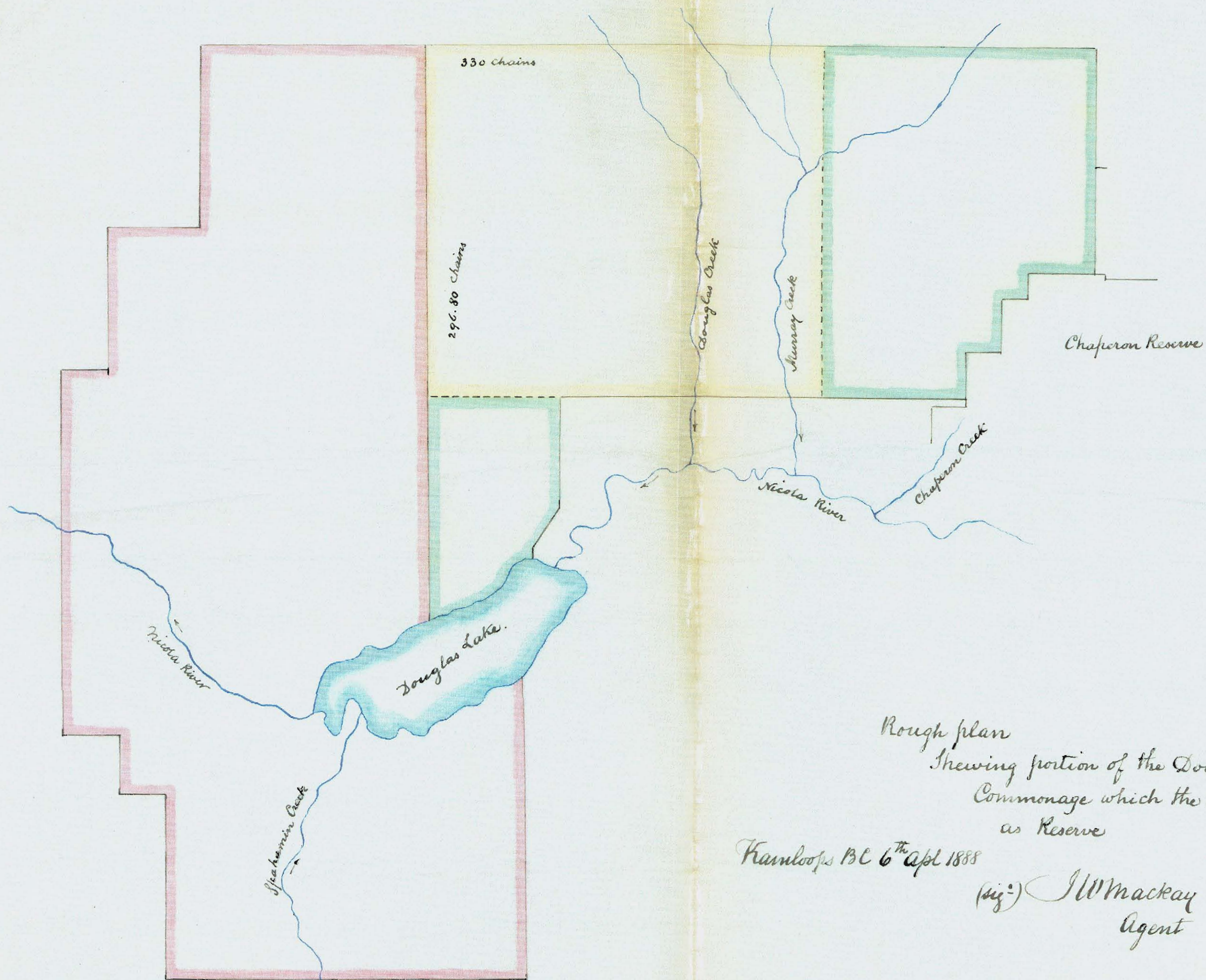
Kamloops B. C.

6th April 1888

W. Mackay

Agent.

(J^d)



Rough plan
 Shewing portion of the Douglas Lake
 Commonage which the Indians wish to retain
 as Reserve

Kamloops BC 6th Apl 1888

(sig:) J W Mackay
 Agent

Spahamin or Douglas Lake Reserve

Portion of Commonage which the Indians wish to retain as Reserve

Portion of Commonage which the Indians are willing to surrender all their rights

appertaining thereto.

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Indian Office
Victoria Apr 14th 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst covering copies of correspondence on the land dispute between Messrs. Nimms and the Indians of Campbell River, also a certified copy of an order of the Honorable Executive Council on the subject.

In reply, I have to inform you that I have been apprised by the Hon the Supt^{dt} General of Indian Affairs that he concurs in the proposed appointment of Mr. Ashdown. St. Green to determine the extent and boundaries of the Indian Reserve at Campbell River as recommended in the order of the Executive Council above referred to.

I will therefore instruct Mr. Green to proceed with the matter as early as possible.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obed^{nt} Servant,

J. W. Power

Indian Supt^{dt}

The Hon^{ble}
The C. Comm^{rs}
of L & Works.

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LANDS & MINES DEPARTMENT
APR 27 1888
VICTORIA, B. C.

183. S.

Indian Office
Victoria April 27th 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th Inst. regarding a record of 200 inches of water granted to Mr. A. Provis from Riski Creek and enclosing a report upon the matter from the Government Agent Mr. Bowron. There is no doubt that neither the Indian Agent or the Indians were aware of Mr. Provis' action - more especially, that he could have the power of depriving them of water, it is considered, was not open to legal record, and was recorded only four days prior to the visit of the Reserve Commissioner.

I beg to submit for your consideration, that it is very important that promises made to Indians especially in outlying districts should be

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of L. Works.

be faithfully carried out, and their claims to water in places where their reserves are utterly useless without irrigation respected.

In a letter to this Department upon this subject Mr. O'Reilly describes the circumstances connected with this matter in the following manner.

"Messrs. Drummond & Beaumont who have recently purchased the farm of Mr. Riskie, together with his right to the water (recorded on the 22nd August 1868), claim 1000 inches which is far in excess of the capacity of the creek.

Probably not more than 200 inches has ever been used at any one time. Shortly after Mr. Riskie took up the land, the Indians settled on the present Village site, built some houses, and commenced to farm on a small scale, using the water from Riskie Creek, having, with the consent of Mr. Riskie, constructed a ditch.

They managed to get on fairly well, and would no doubt, have continued to live in harmony with their neighbors, Messrs. Drummond & Beaumont, were it not that Mr. Albin Provis acquired the right to pre-empt 320 acres of land about 2½ miles above the Indian Village and recorded

on the 30th June 1884 (four days before my visit to that part of the country) 200 inches of water to be taken from Riskie Creek.

It must be borne in mind that the Indians have been in possession of this farm for nearly twenty years and should Mr. Provis be allowed to deprive them of the water, their farming lands will be of little or no use to them.

Unfortunately, there is no provision in the Land Act for the record of water by or for the Indians, and if Mr. Provis persists in using the water to the detriment of the Indians, steps must be taken in a court of law to assert the prior right of the Tribe.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Provis was allowed to make this record. Distinct assurance was made by both the late and present Chief Commissioners of Lands and Works, that no such record should be sanctioned in the Chilcotin country pending the visit of the Reserve Commission.

Mr. O'Reilly further states that he has reported on this matter to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and has asked him to interfere in the interest of

of the Indians as far as the law will permit.

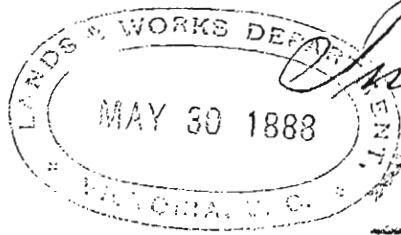
Mr. Bowron's recommendation that "the question as to the rights of Indians living on their Reserves to water, without a Record of the same, is one which should be settled as speedily as possible" is worthy of prompt attention.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

J. N. Powell
Indian Superintendent.

Ack. + send Ack
 Answer Ack referring to the receipt
 of water for Indian tribes.
 as some doubt is expressed that
 matter Indian not receive same of the app.
 of the Prov. is given the water. it would be
 well for the Indian Dept to investigate the matter.



Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria. B.C.

May 29th 1888.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that the Hon^{ble} Supt General of Indian Affairs having sanctioned my appointment to proceed to Campbell River, with authority to determine the extent, and boundaries of the Indian Reserves at that place, as recommended in the Provincial Order in Council of the 6th April, I left Victoria on the 25th ult^{mo} for that purpose.

Enclosed I beg to forward for your approval, a sketch, and Minute of decision of the reserves so defined by me for the use of the "Laich-kwil-tach" tribe.

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

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I am pleased to report that
my award gave satisfaction to all
parties interested, and that the
dispute between the Mefo^{rs} Nunn,
and the Indians is now amicably
settled.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant
Ashburn & Green
Surveyor to H.R.C.

Minutes of Decision.

Laich-kwil-tach (Euclataw) Indians.

No 11

A Reserve of three hundred, and seventy five (375) acres, situated at the mouth of Campbell River, Discovery Passage.

Commencing at the North east corner post of Lot forty nine (49) Saywara District, and running West thirty five chains, one link (35.01); thence North to Campbell River; thence following the right bank of the said river, in a Northerly direction to its mouth; thence Southerly, following the sea shore, to a point due East of the starting point, and thence West to the place of commencement.

No 12

Quinsam, a Reserve of two hundred, and eighty four (284) acres, situated on the right bank of Quinsam River, about a mile from its confluence with Campbell River.

Commencing at the Southwest corner post of Lot forty nine (49) Saywara District

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District, and running West to the
Quinsam River; thence following the
right bank of the said river, in a
Northerly direction, to the Southern
boundary of Lot forty seven (47); thence
East to the Southeast corner post of
the said Lot forty seven (47), and
thence following the Western boundary
of Lot forty nine (49), in an Easterly,
and Southerly direction, to the place
of commencement.

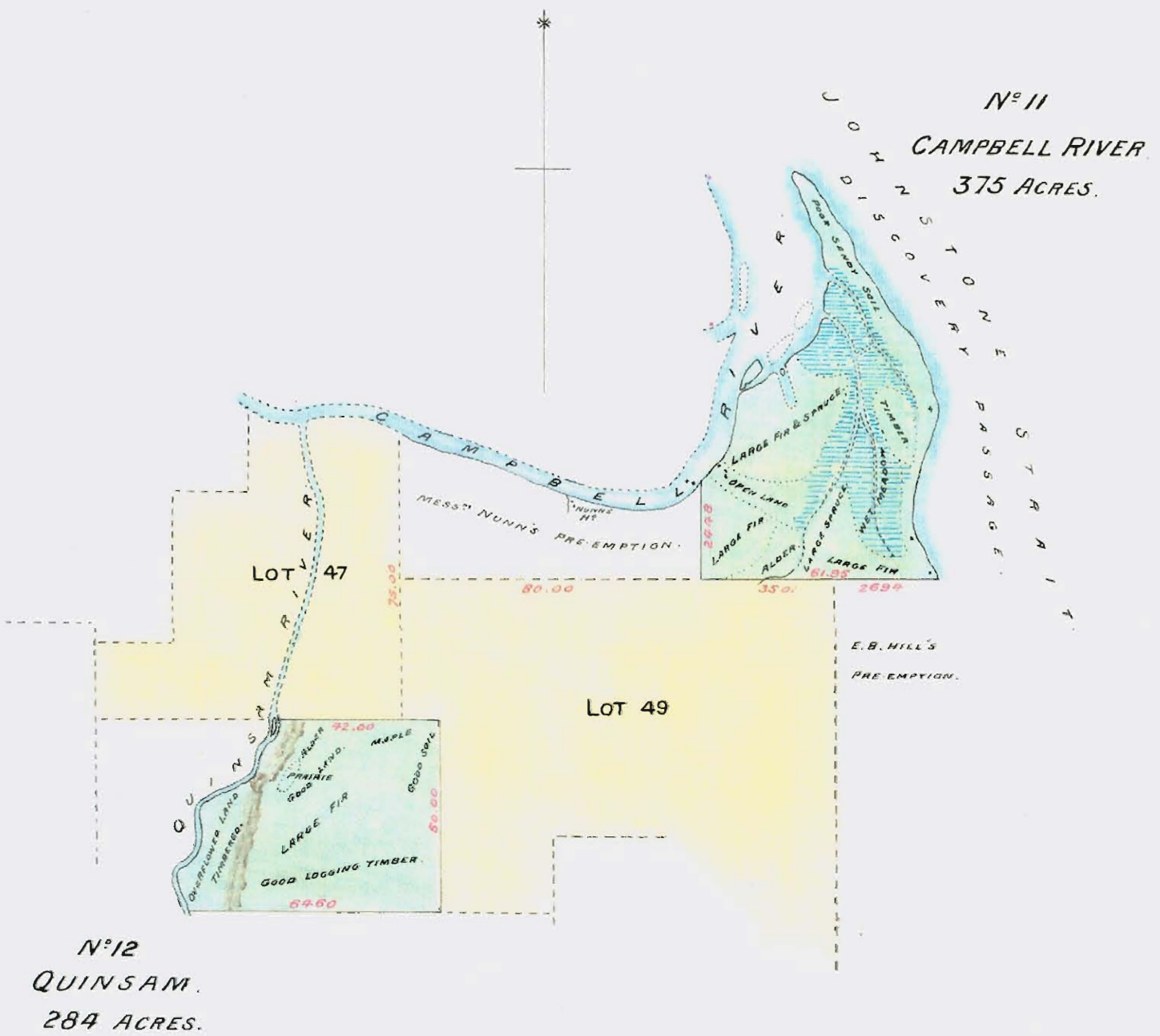
Ashdown & Green
Surveyor to H.B.

Campbell River. B.C.
May 7th 1888.

LAICH-KWIL-TACH (EU-CLA-TAW) INDIANS.

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SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.





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Indian Office
Victoria June 6th 1888.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th ult., requesting to be informed if there would be any objection to running a road through the Indian Reserve at South Saanich, I have to inform you that after careful inquiry I find it would be undesirable to open the proposed road for the reasons stated in Mr. Agent Louie's report a copy of which I beg to enclose.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

J. W. Power

Indian Superintendent.

W. S. Gore Esq.
Surveyor General.

Copy

Quamichan, B. C.
May 25th 1888.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have visited the South Saanich Reserve, and find there are strong objections to a highway being established through the Indian Reserve.

In the first place the proposed road would only lead to the Indian Village — and the Indians already have a road which satisfies them connecting with a gate to the public road already made.

The Indians complain that the only object of this application is that white farmers may turn out their cattle on the Reserve which would be sure to cause trouble.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

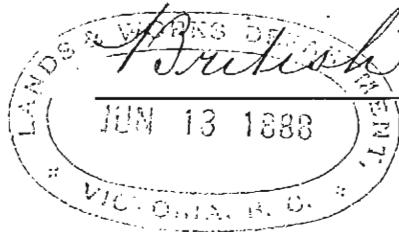
Your Obedt^h Servant,

W. W. Louas,

Indian Agent.

(Jd)

J. W. Powell Esq. M. C.
Indian Supt^g
Victoria.



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380. S.

Indian Office

Victoria June 12th 1888.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a protest from the Kwikwaka'nam Indian Council relative to the application of the Hudson's Bay Co. to purchase certain lands on the Nass River. I presume the communication of the Indians must refer to the application of Mr. R. S. Stall (printed notice from the paper appended hereto).

The late Commissioner promised, that the Reserve Commissioner should revisit the Nass to adjust the reserves of the Kwikwaka'nam people. Whether the land applied for by Mr. Stall includes any lands justly claimed by the Indians, I am not certain, but in any event, I trust that under the present

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of Lands & Works.

present condition of Indian matters
in that part of the Province no
presumptions of purchases of Crown
lands there will be permitted pending
the proposed visit of the Reserve
Commissioner.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours Obedt. Servant,
J. H. Powell

Indian Superintendent.

Copy
Kincolith Mass Mouth
May 29th 1888.

Sir,
We the Council of Kincolith acting for the people of Kincolith having seen the notice put up by the Hudson's Bay Co^y on the land above our burying ground which land we have always considered and claimed as our own do hereby enter and record our earnest protest against any person thus laying claim to it as the Government Commissioners who lately visited us have heard our claim and promise to tell our words to the Government about our lands and we make this protest while waiting for the Government to fulfil their promises.

(Sd^y) George Kinsadok
" Adam Gwoshkine
" Samuel Weah
" Matthew Staldane
" Luke Melson
" Henry Alford.

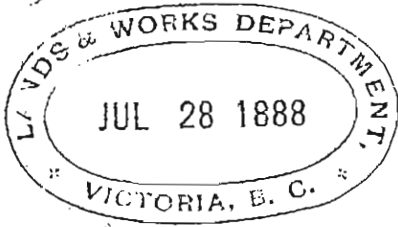
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the undermentioned lands in the Coast District, and described as follows:—

Lot 1.—Containing 160 acres—Commencing at a stake marked A, on the point known as Double Island Point, Naas River; thence south along the shore line 40 chains to stake B; thence west 40 chains to stake C; thence north 40 chains to stake D; thence east along the shore line 40 chains to initial stake.

Lot 2.—Containing 160 acres—Situated about half a mile above Fort Point, Naas River, commencing at post A, at the south-west corner of Croasdale's old Saw Mill Station; thence west along the shore line 40 chains to post B; thence north 40 chains to post C; thence east 40 chains to post D; thence south 40 chains to initial post.

Lot 3.—Containing 160 acres—Situated on the south side of Naas River, commencing at a stake about a quarter of a mile above Leading Point; thence east along the shore line 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to initial stake.

R. H. HALL.
Port Simpson, 19th May, 1888. m731-2m



Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
July 28th 1888

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Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith, duplicate field books (16) and tracings (9) of the original plotted plans of the Reserves allotted by me for the following tribes, and which were finally approved by you on the 27th Instant, viz -

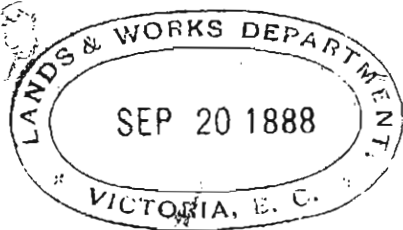
Masset	Fort Rupert
Skidegate	Nimkeesh
Upper Kootenay	Knights Inlet
Turnour Island	Village Island.
Gilford Island	

The Reserves for the Kootenay Indians were verbally approved by you on the spot in 1887.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works

Your obedient servant
P. J. Neill



2332
Indian Reserve Commission

Victoria B.C.

Sept 19th 1888.

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Sir.

I have the honor to enclose
for your information, and approval
Minutes of Decision of four (4)
reserves defined by me for the
use of the Tsimpsaan Indians.

These small plots of land
were mentioned by the Indians
to the Commissioners, Messrs.
Cornwall and Planta, last year.
They are situated on the Tsimpsaan
river, and are valueless for any
other purposes than fishing stations.

Two of the reserves above
referred to appeared to have
been recently surveyed. I found
on the ground at Tash-ken a

The Hon^{ble} post
The Chief Commis^r
of Lands and Works

post with the initials G.H., and
at "Kish neelt" a post marked

TB & C^d — BS. SNE

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

P. J. Mully

J.R.C.

Minutes of Decision Tsimpsocan Indians.

No 22.

Dash Ken, a reserve of Seven (7) acres, situated on the North east shore of Smiths Island, and on the left bank of North Passage, Skeena river

Commencing at a Spruce marked Indian Reserve, and running South ten (10) chains; thence East ten (10) chains; thence North to the Skeena river, and thence following the left bank of the said river in a Northwesterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 23

Kshoom, a reserve of five (5) acres situated on the Northwest shore of De Horsey Island, and on the left bank of North Passage Skeena river.

Commencing at a Spruce, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains, thence North to the Skeena river, and thence following the bank of the said river in a Southwesterly direction to the place of commencement.

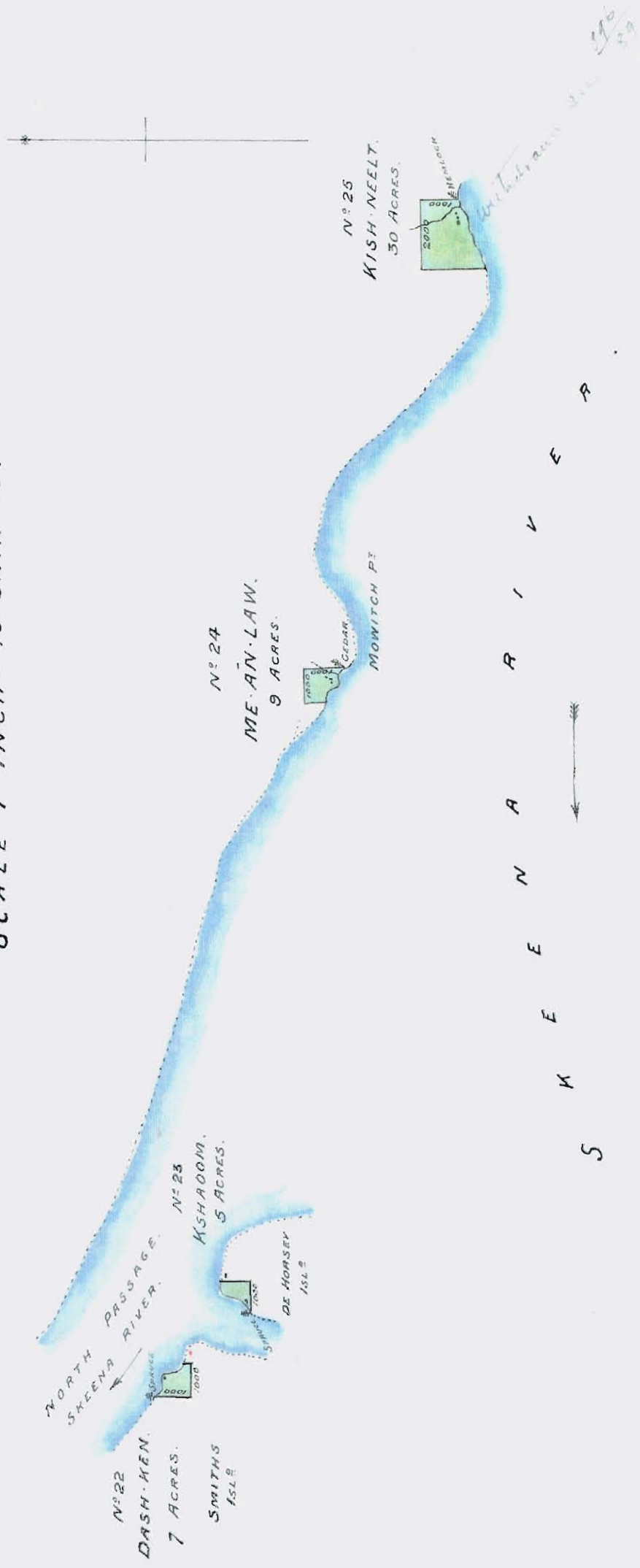
Reserve No. 22, 23 & 24 Approved
" " " " disallowed -

F. G. Verreux
C. C. L. J. J. J.

TSIMPSEAN INDIANS.

SKEENA RIVER.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



Timpsean Indians (cont^d)

No 24

Me an law, a reserve of Nine (9) acres situated at Mowitch Point, on the right bank of the Skeena river.

Commencing at a Cedar marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West ten (10) chains; thence South to the Skeena river, and thence following the bank of the said river in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

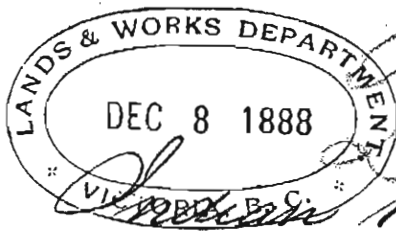
No 25

Kish neelt, a reserve of Thirty (30) acres, situated on the right bank of Skeena river, about three miles above Reserve No 24.

Commencing at a Hemlock, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West twenty (20) chains; thence South to the Skeena river, and thence following the bank of the said river in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

Skeena. B.C.
Sept 11th 1888

R. D. Kelly
20th



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Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
December 6th 1888

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, sketches, and Minutes of decision of two plots of land reserved by me for the use of the Okanagan Indians, resident on the west bank of Okanagan Lake, opposite the Mission, containing 1920, and 830 acres respectively.

This branch of the Okanagan tribe number 34; they are possessed of 82 horses, and 30 cattle; they have fenced 300 acres, of which about 50 are under cultivation.

The lands above referred to, do not interfere with the claims of any white settler.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commis^r
Lands & Works

Your obedient Servant.

D. J. Neilly
J.R.C.

Approved by
the Health Dist.
Comm. 8/12/88

Minutes of Decision.

Okanagan Indians

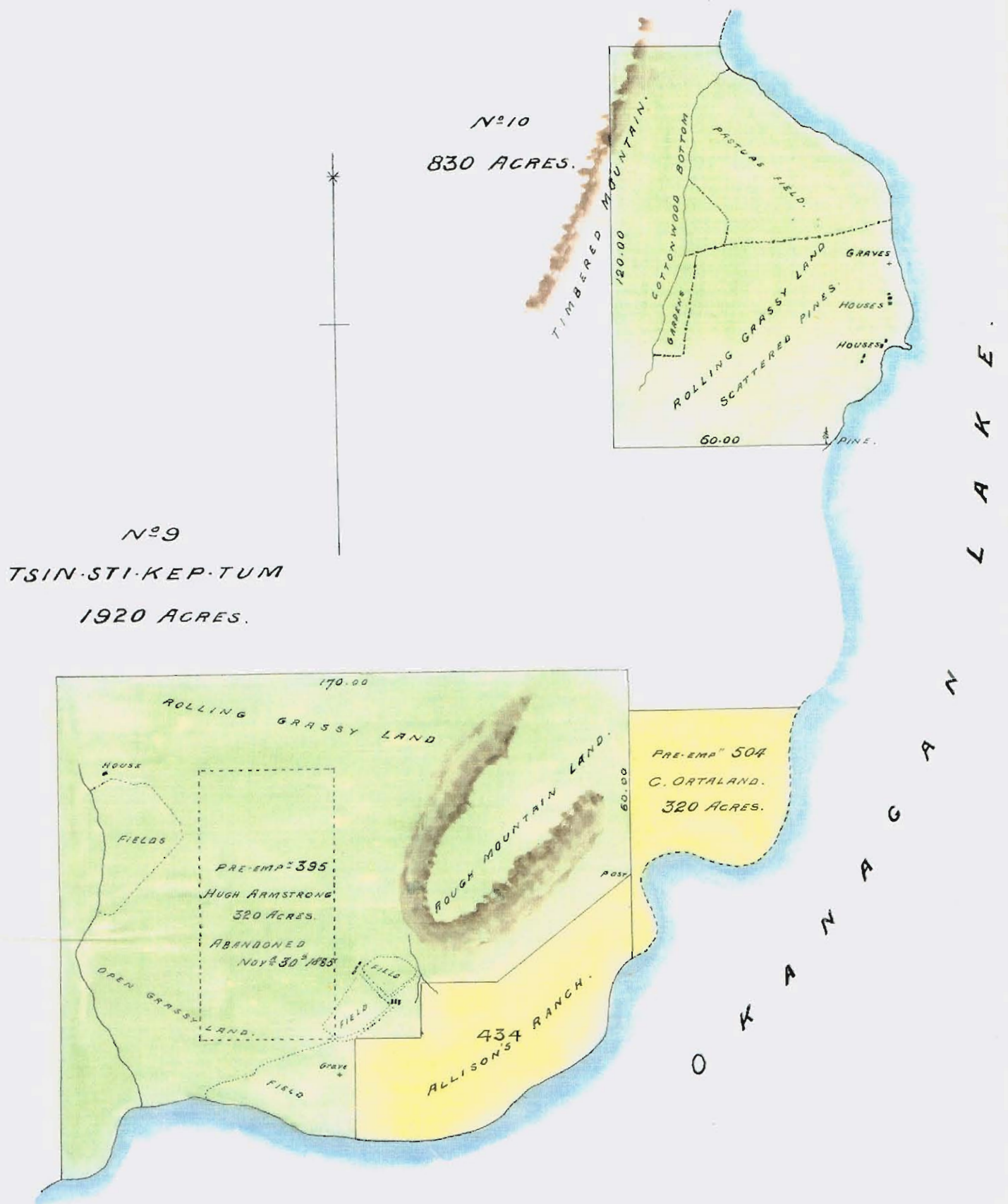
No 9 Tsim-sti-kep-tum, a reserve of One thousand, nine hundred, and twenty (1920) acres, situated on the West shore of Okanagan Lake, nearly opposite the Mission.

Commencing at the North-east corner of Lot 434 Poyooos district, and running North sixty (60) chains, thence West one hundred, and seven (170) chains, thence South to Okanagan Lake; thence following the shore of the said Lake in an easterly direction to the Southwest corner of the said Lot 434. and thence along the Western, and Northern boundaries of the said lot to the place of commencement.

Twenty five (25) inches of water from a creek flowing into Okanagan Lake near the Western boundary of the reserve is assigned to the use of the Indians.

OKANAGAN INDIANS.

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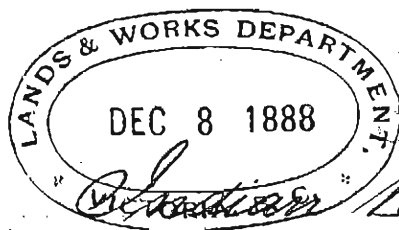
No 10. A Reserve of Eight hundred, and thirty (830) acres, situated on the Western shore of Okanagan Lake, about four miles North of Reserve No 9.

Commencing at a Pine tree marked Indian Reserve, and running West sixty (60) chains; thence North one hundred, and twenty (120) chains; thence East to the Okanagan lake, and thence following the shore of the said lake in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

Twenty five (25) inches of water from the creek flowing into Okanagan Lake near the Northern boundary of the reserve, is allotted to the use of the Indians.

D. J. Neilly
J.R.C.

Okanagan B.C.
October 19th 1888



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Reserve Commission
Victoria. B.C.
December 6th 1888.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, as requested by you, a copy of my report to the Hon^{ble} Supt General of Indian Affairs, with reference to the Commonages at Okanagan.

In regard to the Commonage at Nicola, you will observe that it has not yet been visited by me, and as it will be impossible for me to do so before next season, I shall feel obliged if you will take no steps in respect to it until I shall have had an opportunity of reporting thereon.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant.

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commiss^r
Lands & Works

R. D. Mully
J.R.C.

Copy

Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
December 5th 1888.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 19th October informing me that the Provincial Government of British Columbia complain that the Commonages set apart for the Okanagan, and Nicola Indians in 1877-78 are excessive; that the Reserve Commissioners had no authority to declare Commonages; that white settlers have located on them; that they should be thrown open to sale, and settlement, and directing me to report thereon to you.

Also your letter of the 12th Ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Order

The Hon^{ble}
The Supt General
of Indian Affairs

Order in Council of the 27th October,
on a communication in regard to
the same matter, addressed by His
Honor the Lieut. Governor, on the
1st September last to the Hon^{ble}.
Secretary of State, and also copy
of the said communication.

Your telegram was delivered
to me at Okanagan, and I lost
no time in collecting, on the spot,
what information I could in
reference to the two Commonages
situated, one at the North, and
the other at the South end of
the lake in that valley.

At the head, or North end, of
the lake, the official census of
1887 give the population at 180;
here the reserves as surveyed embrace
26,040 acres, with a Commonage
of 24,742, while the Indian cattle
and horses amount to about 250,
and 400 respectively.

At the foot of the lake
Penticton

Penticton. the census of the same year gives the population as 127 with reserve unsurveyed, but estimated at 30.360 acres, and a commonage of 20.000, their cattle numbering about 400, and horses 1.000.

To the above reserves must be added allotments of 55, and 457 acres, situated at, and near the Mission, together with those recently assigned by me on the West side of Okanagan Lake, amounting to 2.750 acres, making a total under reserve for these Indians of 59.662 acres, embracing some of the finest agricultural, and pastoral land in the Province.

These respective reserves are in my opinion amply sufficient for the requirements of the Indians, without any commonages.

The grass ranges both on, and off the reserves are greatly eaten out, principally by bands of wild horses belonging

belonging to the Indians, which greatly injure the pasturage of the Country, and from which the tribe derives little, or no benefit; and the sooner they are got rid of the better it would be both for the Indians, and for the settlers in the entire valley.

I may state that portions of the lower, or Southern Commonage have already been taken up, and improved by settlers, ten preemption claims having been recorded in the district Land Office.

I was unable to visit the Commonage at Nicola, and owing to the lateness of the season it will not be in my power to do so before spring. I have explained this to the Hon^{ble} Chief Commiss^r of Lands & Works, who has promised that he will not take any steps towards the cancellation of this Commonage until I have visited the

the land in question.

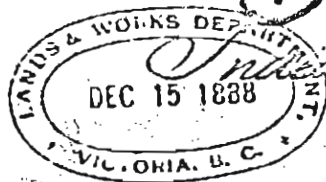
In regard to that portion of your letter in which you refer to the approval of the Visiting Supt at Victoria being obtained, I may mention that that gentleman is at present absent on sick leave, but I am aware from frequent conversations with him on this subject, that he was prepared to recommend the relinquishment of these commonages on condition that the Provincial Government would sanction the establishment of a reserve on the West bank of Okanagan Lake. This has been conceded, I have on my recent visit allotted a sufficient quantity of land to the use of these Indians which will, I doubt not, be approved by the Hon^{ble} W. Vernon when the necessary plans, and Minutes of decision are submitted to him.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

sig^d W. O. Reilly
JRE

Approved J. G. Vernon
 January 16th 1889
 C. E. T. W. M.



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Indian Reserve Commission.
 Victoria B.C.
 December 13th 1888.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, Sketches, and Minutes of decision of the Lands reserved by me for the use of the Niammon, Klakoose, and Nomalco tribes of Indians, resident on the West coast of the Mainland.

These reserves are with few exceptions merely fishing stations, and do not interfere with the claims of any settler.

I append herewith a tabular statement shewing the Population, acreage, and stock owned by these respective bands.

	Pop.	Little	Thrup	^{1/2} of reserve	Acreage.
Niammon.	317	80	10	6	4721
Klakoose.	122	-	-	9	3443
Nomalco.	74	-	-	6	1847

The Hon^{ble}
 Chief Commissioner
 Lands & Works

I have the honor to be, Sir
 Your obedient Servant.
 J. G. Vernon
 J. G. V.

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Minutes of Decision.
Niammon Indians.

No. 1 Niammon, a reserve of one thousand, nine hundred, and thirty (1930) acres, situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Harwood Island.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 450, Group 1, Coast district, and running N 30 E (magⁿ) ninety (90) chains to the Northern corner of the said lot, thence North eighty (80) chains, thence West two hundred, and ten (210) chains, thence North thirty (30) chains, thence West thirty (30) chains, thence South to the seacoast and thence following the shore in a Southeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

No. 2 Harwood Island situated about three miles North of Teasda Island, and containing about two thousand, and seventy five (2075) acres, is also assigned to the use of the Indians.

No 3

3 Siammon Indians (cont^d)

No 3 Pauk-e-a-num, a reserve of two hundred (200) acres, situated in Smelt Bay, on the Western shore of Cortes Island.

Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running East forty (40) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence West to the seashore, and thence following the coast in a Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 4 To-kwa-na, a reserve of four hundred, and thirty (430) acres, situated at the head of Theodosia Arm. Malaspina Inlet.

Commencing at the southwest corner of lot 525 Coast District and running East forty (40) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence to the seacoast to a point hereafter called A. — Returning to the aforesaid southwest corner of lot 525, and running West seventy (70) chains; thence South to the seacoast and thence following the shore in an easterly direction to the beforementioned point A.

Siammon Indians (cont.)

No 5. To-ke-natch. a reserve of fifty (50) acres, situated at Toke Anchorage, Okeover Arm, Malaspina Inlet.

Commencing at the most Northern Northwest corner post of Lot 500 Coast district, and running North eight (8) chains, thence West to the seashore to a point called A.

Returning to the aforesaid Northwest corner post of Lot 500, and running South twelve (12) chains, thence West thirty (30) chains, thence North to the seashore, and thence following the coast in an Easterly direction to the beforementioned point A.

No 6. Tahke-ay-kay. a reserve of thirty six (36) acres, situated on Sifford Peninsula, on the Northern shore of Malaspina Inlet.

Commencing at a Pill marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains, thence West twenty (20) chains, thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

August 6th 1888.

J. V. M. Kelly
J. V. M.

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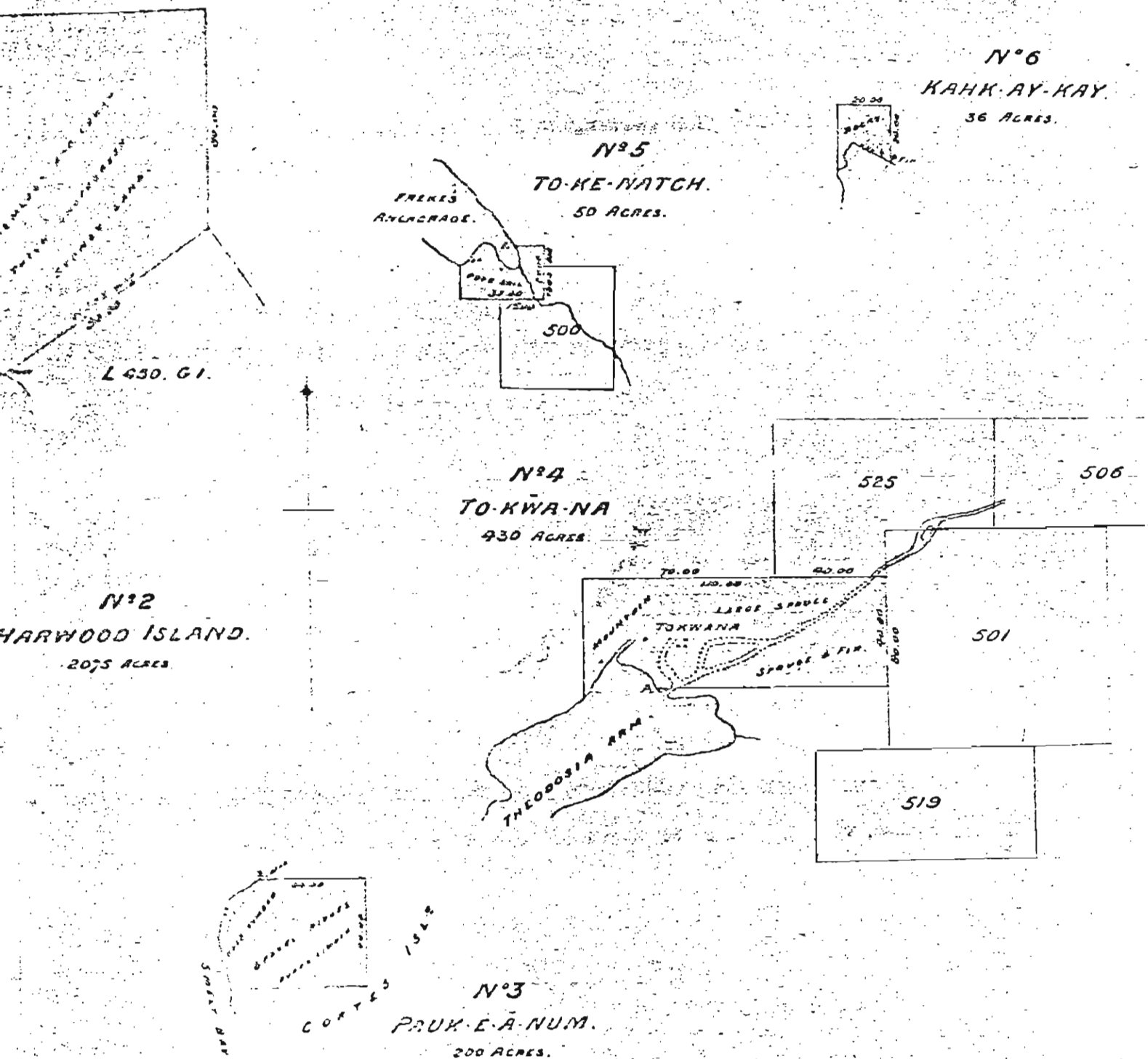
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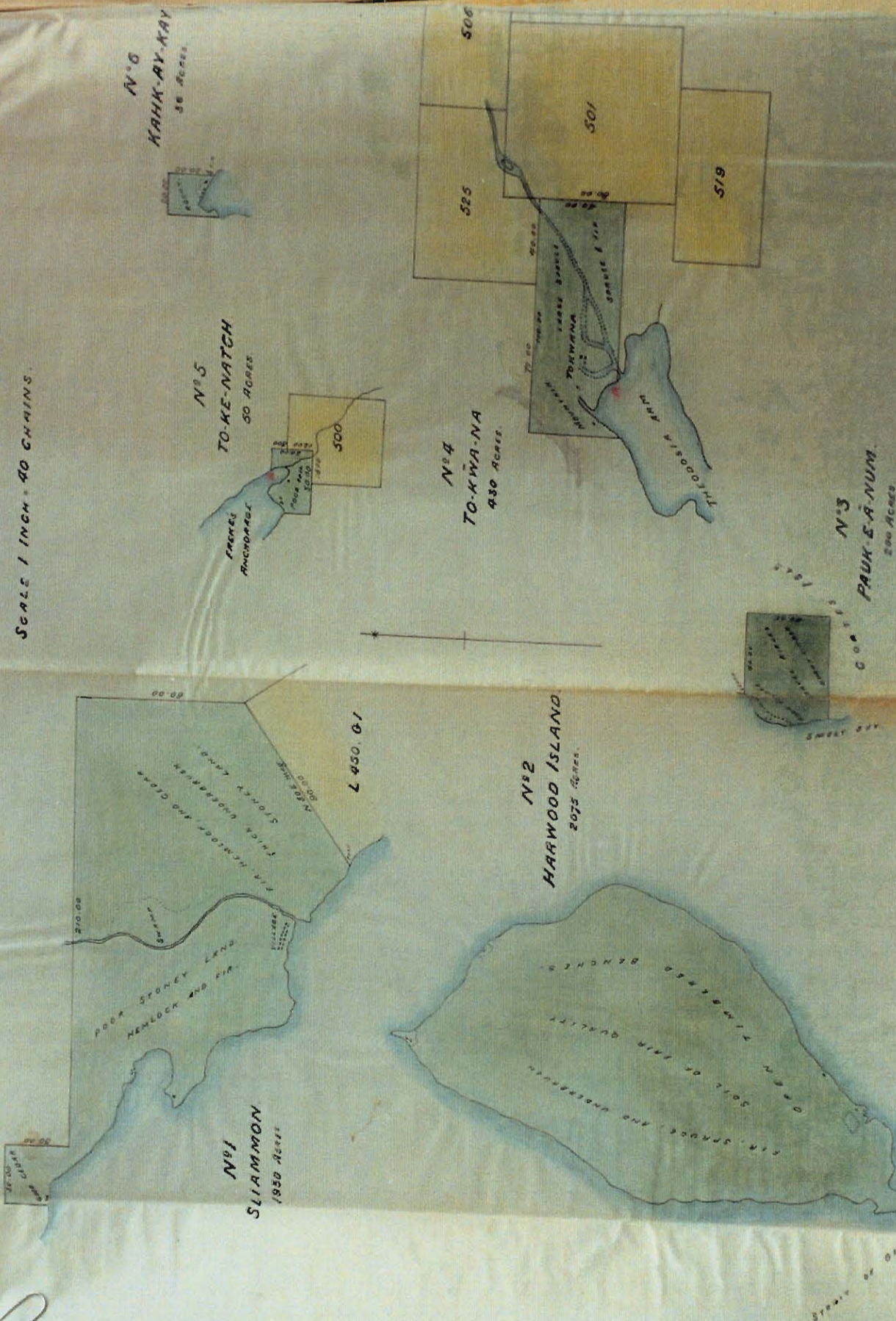
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Minutes of Division.
Klahoose Indians.

No 1 Klahoose, a reserve of two thousand, three hundred, and ninety five (2395) acres, situated at the head of Toba Inlet.

Commencing at a post marked Indian Reserve, on the left bank of Klahoose river, near its mouth, and running East thirty (30) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains, thence East twenty (20) chains, thence North fifty (50) chains, thence East twenty (20) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains, thence East twenty (20) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains, thence East eighty (80) chains, thence North seventy (70) chains, thence West twenty (20) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains, thence West twenty (20) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains, thence West sixty (60) chains, thence South thirty (30) chains, thence West forty (40) chains, thence South ten (10) chains, thence West twenty (20) chains, thence South twenty (20) chains, thence West thirty (30) chains, thence South forty (40) chains, thence West twenty (20) chains

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Klahoose Indians. (cont^d)

chains, thence South thirty (30) chains, thence West thirty (30) chains, thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 2. A Burial ground of one, and a half (1½) acre, situated on the Western shore of Toba Inlet, about a mile Southwest of Reserve No 1.

Commencing at a Balsam, marked Indian Reserve, and running West three (3) chains, thence South to the seacoast, and thence in a Northeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 3. A Reserve of two hundred (200) acres, situated at the head of Salmon Bay, Toba Inlet.

Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running North forty (40) chains, thence West forty (40) chains, thence South to the seacoast and

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Klahoose Indians (cont.)

and thence following the shore in an Easterly direction to the point of commencement.

No 4. Si-a-ken, a reserve of eight (8) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Braddonston Channel, near Lean Point.

Commencing at a Fir, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains, thence South ten (10) chains, thence West to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 5. Deep Valley, a reserve of seventy (70) acres, situated at Deep Valley, Ramway Arm.

Commencing at a Fir, marked Indian Reserve, and running East thirty (30) chains, thence North thirty (30) chains, thence West to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

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Klahoose Indians (cont)

No 6. Que-gua, a reserve of six (6) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Lewis Channel, and West of Nipple Summit.

Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Northwesterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 7. Toke, a reserve of six hundred and fifty (650) acres, situated on the Western shore of Squirrel Cove, Cortes Island, opposite to Boulder Point.

Commencing at a point on the seacoast, on the Northern boundary of the Moodyville Saw Mill Company's application to purchase, and running West one hundred (100) chains; thence North ninety (90) chains; thence East to the seashore, and thence following the coast in a Southeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

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Klahoose Indians (cont^d)

No 8 A Reserve of forty three (43) acres,
situated on the Northern shore of
Squirrel Cove, Cortes Island.

Commencing at a Willow marked
Indian Reserve, and running North
twenty (20) chains; thence East to the
seacoast, and thence following the
shore in a southerly, and westerly direction
to the place of commencement.

No 9 Ah-po-cum, a reserve of seventy
(70) acres, situated at the head of
Forbes Bay, Komprag Channel.

Commencing at a Cedar, marked
Indian Reserve, and running East
twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty
(30) chains; thence West to the seacoast,
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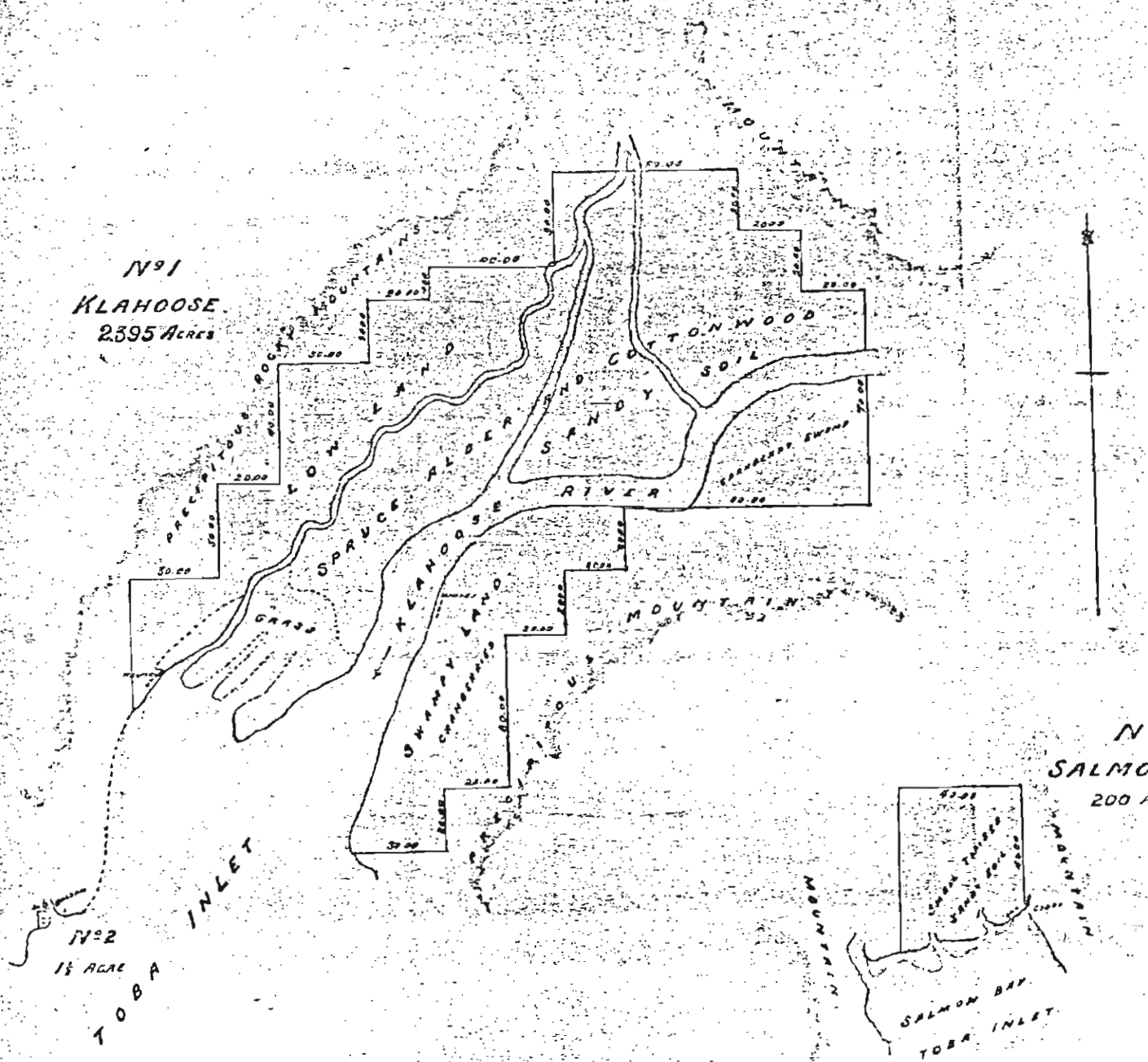
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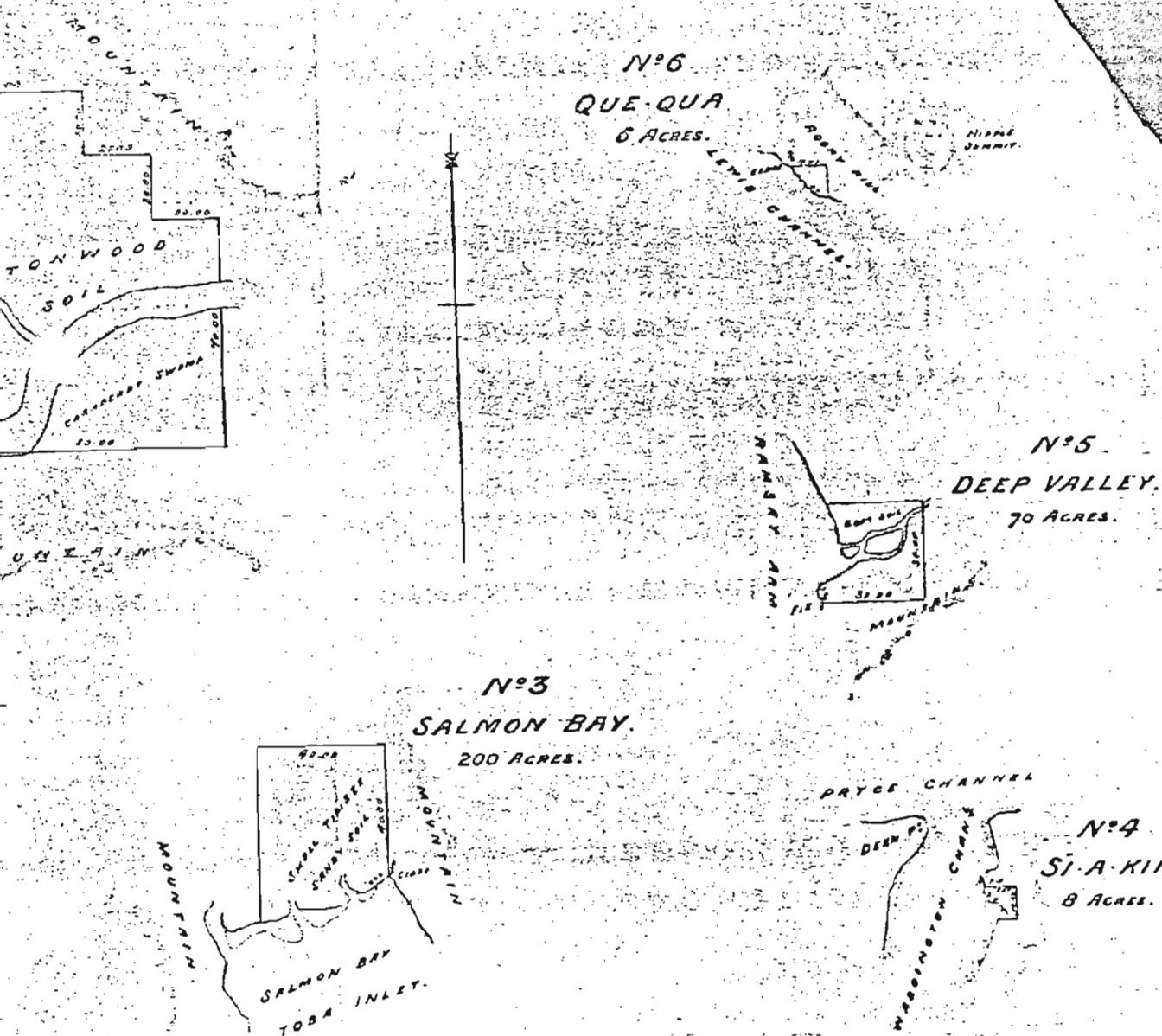
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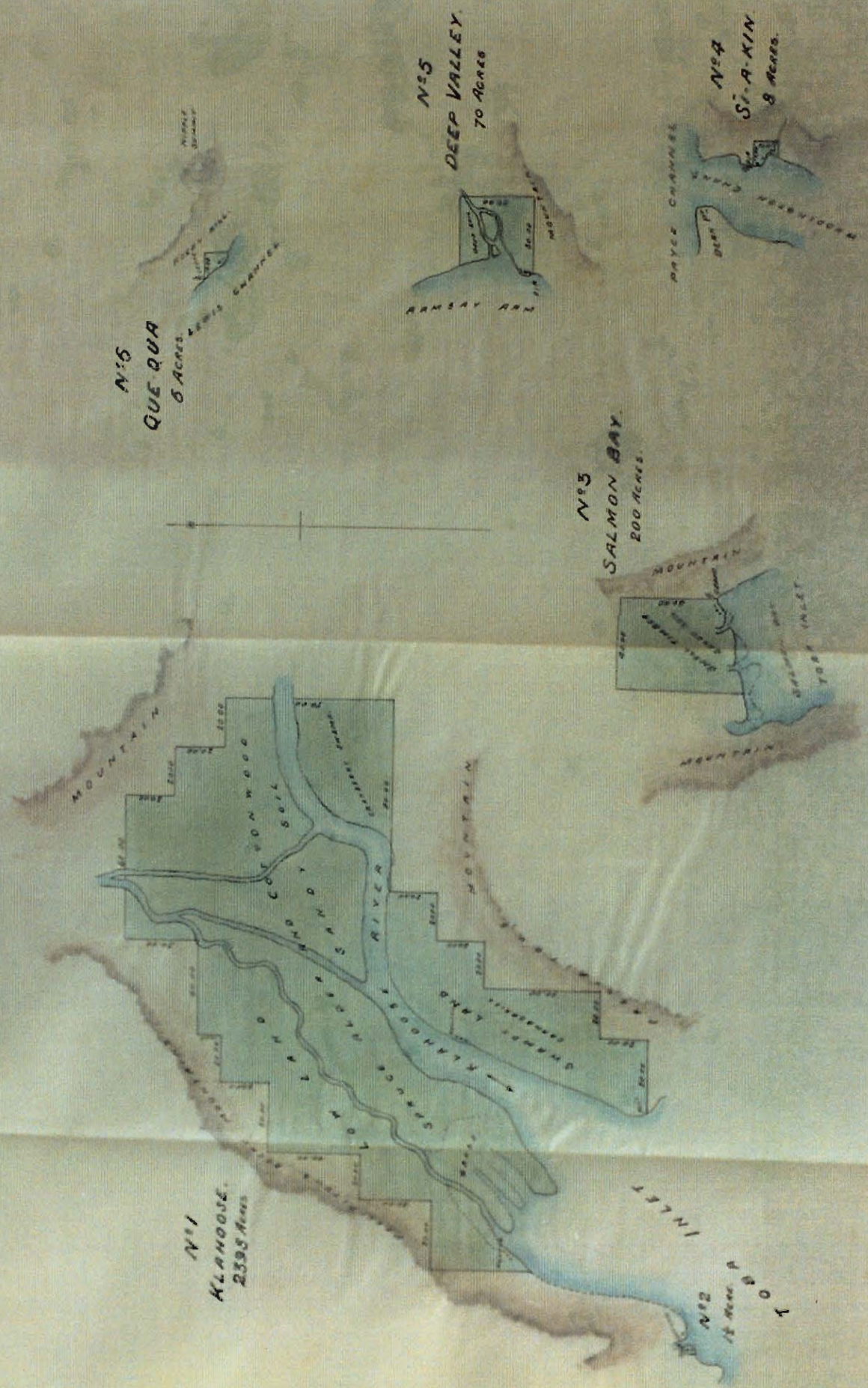
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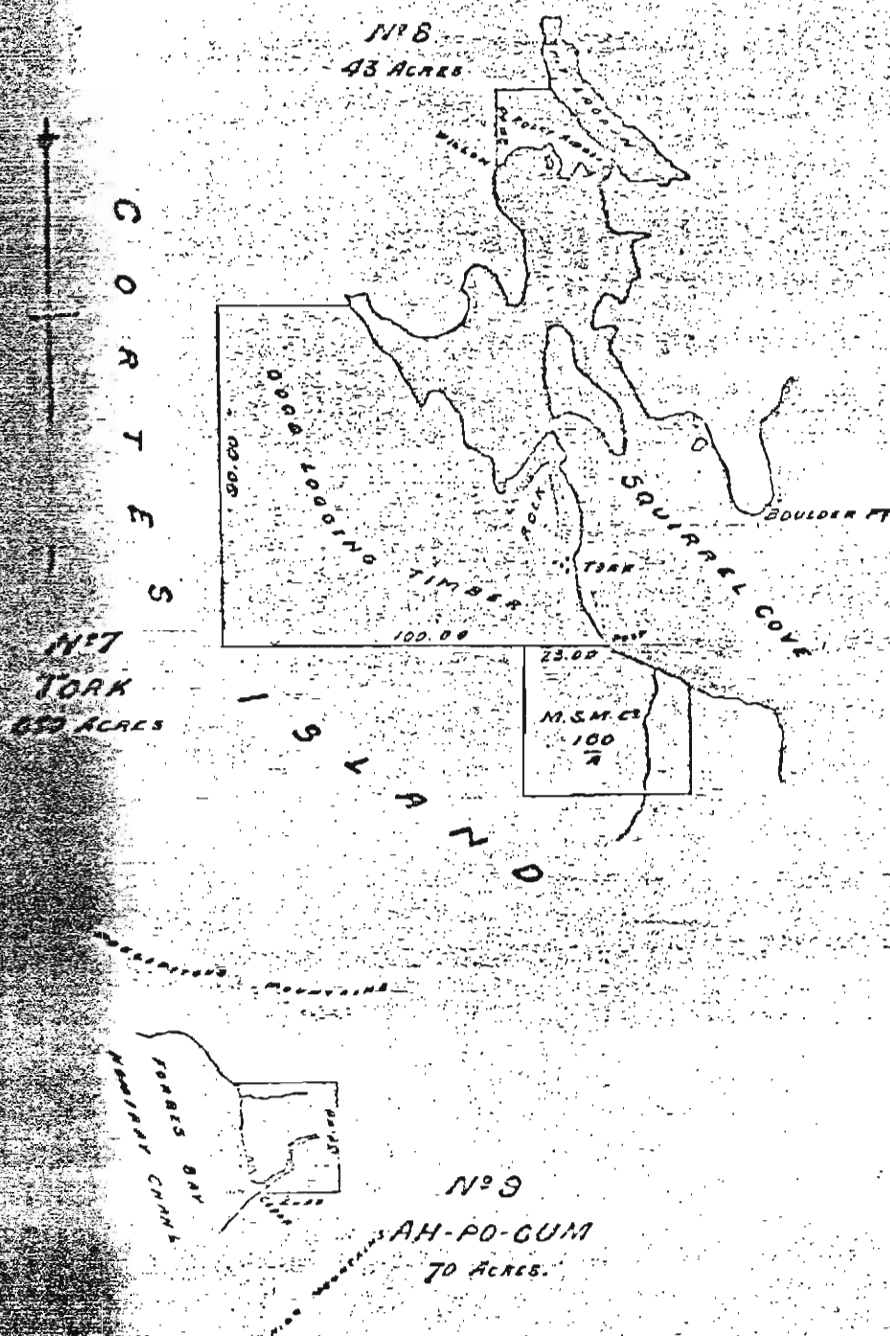
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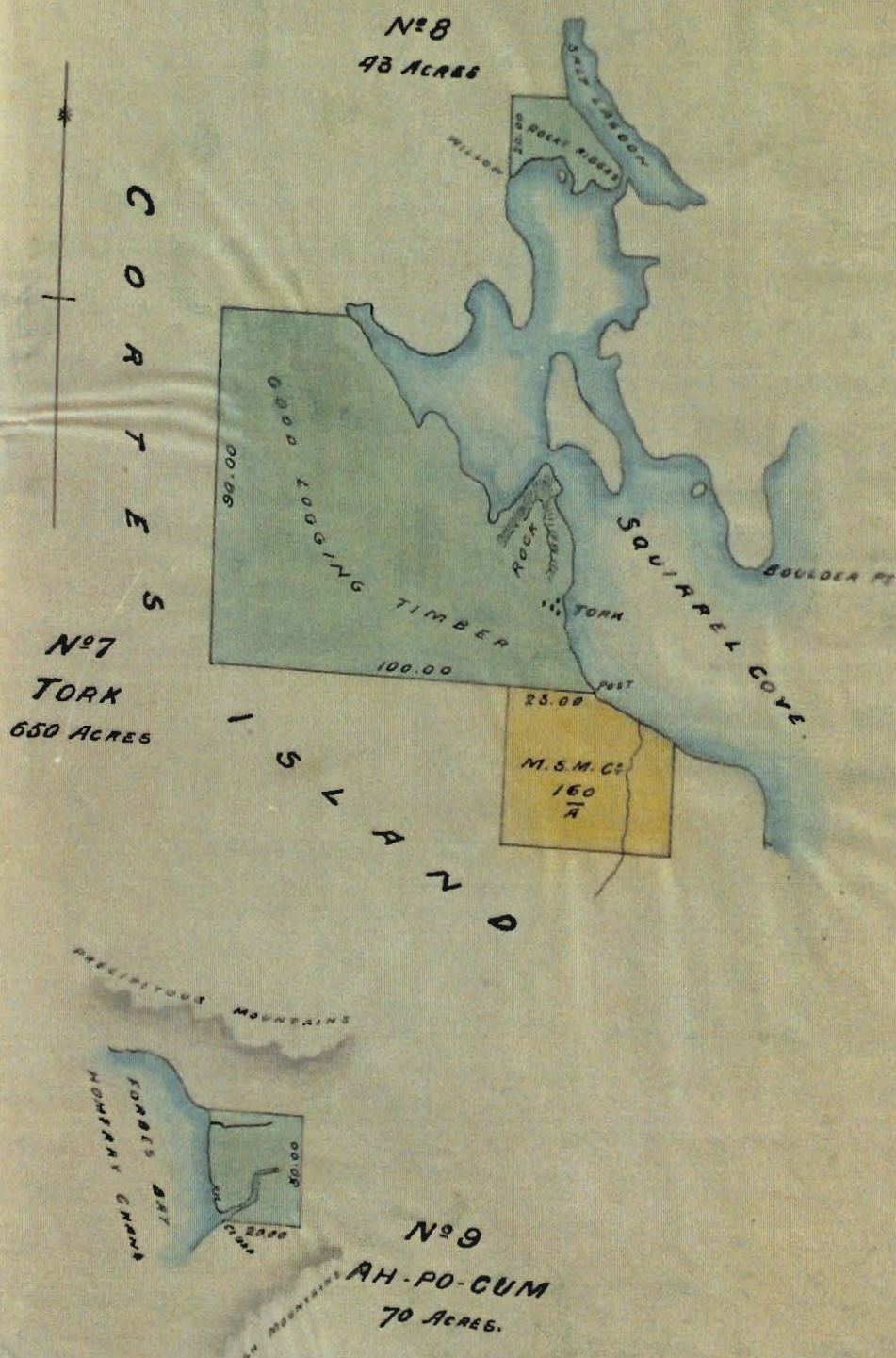
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KLAHOOSE INDIANS.

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Minutes of Decision.

Homalco Indians.

No. 1. Homalco, a reserve of eleven hundred (1100) acres, situated on the right bank of the Homalco river, near its mouth.

Commencing at a post on the right bank of the Homalco river, marked Indian Reserve, and running West fifty (50) chains; thence North to the said river, and thence downstream to the point of commencement.

No. 2. A Reserve of thirty two (32) acres, situated on the left bank of the Homalco river, opposite to Reserve No. 1.

Commencing at a Spruce, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence West to the Homalco river, and thence downstream to the place of commencement.

No. 3 A spruce point containing about half $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre, situated at Potato Point, at the head of Bute Inlet.

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Homalco Indians cont^d

No 4 Orford Bay a reserve of six hundred and eighty (680) acres, situated at the head of Orford Bay, Bute Inlet.

Commencing at a post, marked Indian Reserve, and running East fifty (50) chains; thence North ten (10) chains; Thence East forty (40) chains; thence North ten (10) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence North twenty (20) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South to the seacast and thence following the shore in a southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 5

Homalee Indians (contd)

No 5 Mush kin, a reserve of ten (10) acres, situated on the West Shore of Brite Inlet, about one mile South of Stuart Island.

Commencing at an Alder tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running West ten (10) chains; thence South ten chains; thence East to the seacoast and thence following the shore in a Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 6 Aup, a reserve of twenty five (25) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Brite Inlet, near Bartlett Island.

Commencing at a Fir, marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains, thence West to the seashore, and thence following the coast in a Northerly direction to the point of commencement.

August 10th 1888.

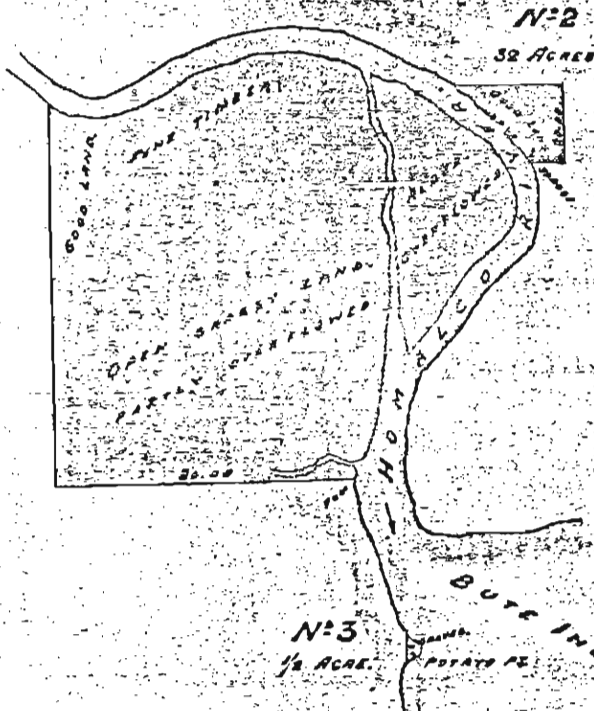
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HOMALCO INDIANS.

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N^o 1
HOMALCO
1100 ACRES.



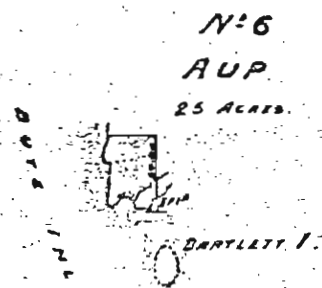
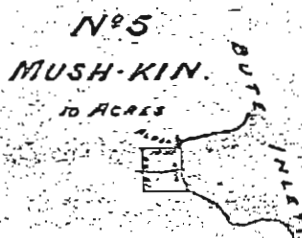
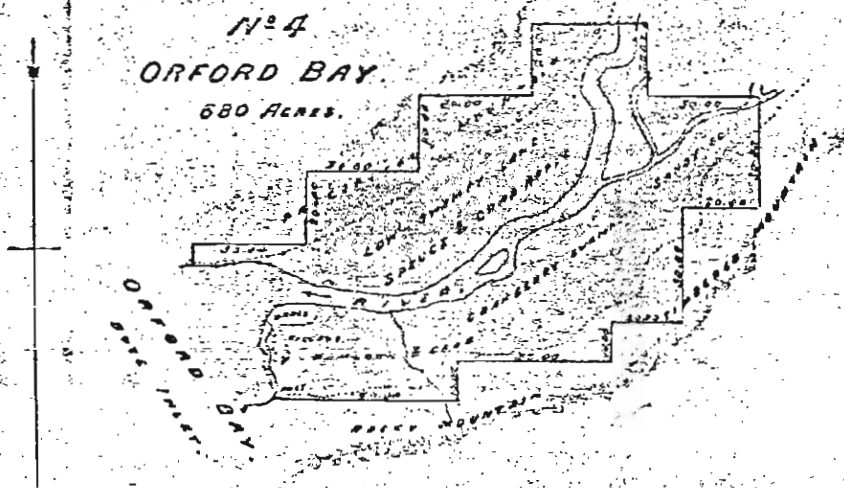
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10 ACRES

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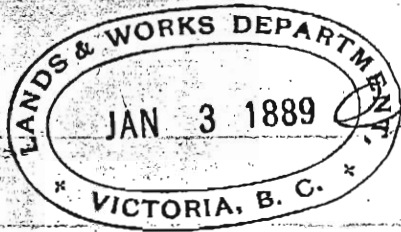
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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.
January 2nd 1889

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
for your information, and approval,
Minutes of Decision, and sketches of
the lands allotted by me, during the
past season, for the use of the
Nah-Kwock-to Indians, resident
at, and near Seymour Inlet, Queen
Charlotte Sound.

This tribe number 117, and
derive their subsistence almost wholly
from their fisheries, and hunting grounds.

The reserves embrace some 711
acres, of which not more than 150 can
be cultivated; the remainder is, for
the most part, barren, and worthless
except for fishing stations.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant.

D. O'Reilly
J. H. C.

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commis^r
Lands & Works

Approved
F. G. J. O'Connell
C. E. L. M. J. J.
January 15th 1889

Minutes of Decision

Nah-kwock to Indians.

N^o 3 Pah-as, a reserve of One hundred and four (104) acres, situated on the Northern shore of Blunden Harbor, Queen Charlotte Sound.

Commencing at a Hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, about twenty chains West of the village, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence East fifty (50) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Westerly direction to the place of commencement.

Bynes Island, situated about fifteen (15) chains Southwest of the village of Pah-as is included in this reservation.

N^o 4 Mah-pah-kur, a reserve of fifteen (15) acres, situated at the Northern extremity of Deserters Island, Queen Charlotte Sound.

Commencing

Nah-kwock-to Indians (cont^d)

Commencing at a Hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North to the seashore, thence in a North-westerly, and Southeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

N^o 5 Ta-a-ack, an Island of the Storm Group, Queen Charlotte Sound, upon which stands the Indian Village, contains about twenty (20) acres.

N^o 6 Saa-goom-bah-lah, a reserve of fifteen (15) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Schooner Passage, Seymour Inlet, half a mile South of the Nah-kwock-to Rapids.

Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running North to the seashore, thence in a South-westerly, and Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

A small Island lying about five

Nah-kwock-to Indians (cont^d)

five (5) chains South, is included in this reservation.

No. 7 An Island of about one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of an acre situated in the centre of the Nah-kwock-to rapids, Seymour Inlet, is reserved for the use of the Indians.

No. 8 A grave on the Northern shore of Seymour Inlet, about half a mile North of the Nah-kwock-to rapids, is reserved.

No. 9 Kwe-tah-kis, a reserve of twelve (12) acres, situated near the head of Ne-nahl-mai Lagoon, Seymour Inlet. Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West ten (10) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in an Easterly

Nah kwock to Indians. (cont^d)

Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 10 Puk-wis-too-a-wan, a reserve of Seventeen (17) acres, situated at the mouth of Frederick Sound, Seymour Inlet, on its Southern shore.

Commencing at a Hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running South ten (10) chains; thence East ten (10) chains; thence North to the seashore, and thence following the coast in a Westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 11 Ten ēce, a reserve of eleven (11) acres, situated immediately at the head of Wujwan Bay, Seymour Inlet.

Commencing at an Alder tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence East ten (10) chains; thence South to the
seashore.

Nah-kwock-to Indians (cont^d)

seacoast, and thence following the shore in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 12. Waw-wat'l, a reserve of one hundred, and sixty (160) acres, situated on the right bank of the river which flows into the head of Seymour Inlet, and about one, and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) mile from its mouth.

Commencing at an Alder tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running West forty (40) chains; thence North forty (40) chains; thence East to the river, and thence down the right bank of the said river to the place of commencement.

No 13. Tsai-kwi-e, a reserve of eleven (11) acres, situated on the Northern shore of Village Bay, Mereworth Sound.

Commencing

Nah-kwock-to Indians (cont^d)

Commencing at a Hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 14. To-kwi-iss, a reserve of eighteen (18) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Alison Sound, near its mouth

Commencing at a Hemlock, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains; thence North ten (10) chains; thence West to the seacoast and thence following the coast in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 15 Kai-too-kwis, a reserve of fifty five (55) acres, situated on the Northern shore of Alison Sound, about three miles North of Reserve No 14.

Commencing

Nah-kwock-to Indians (cont)

Commencing at a Spruce, marked Indian Reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence West thirty (30) chains; thence South to the seashore, and thence following the coast in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

No 16 Swamp, a reserve of one hundred and fifteen (115) acres, situated immediately at the head of Alison Sound.

Commencing at a Hemlock, marked Indian Reserve, and running North forty (40) chains; thence East thirty (30) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 17. Pel-looth'-l-kai, a reserve of eight (8) acres, situated at the head of Belize

Nah-Kwock-to Indians (contd)

Belize Inlet

Commencing at a Cedar, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West to the seashore, and thence following the coast in a Southeasterly direction to the place of commencement.

P. D. O'Quilly
J. E.

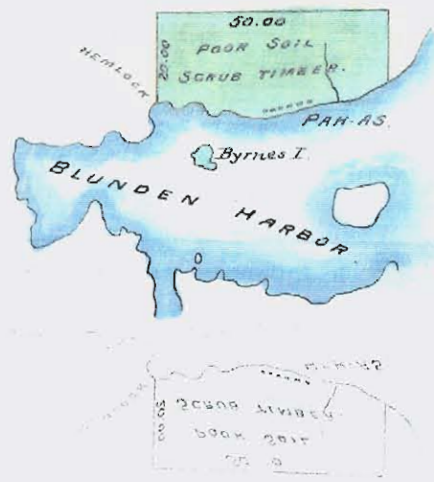
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August 17th 1888 }

NAH-KWOCK-TO INDIANS.

SEYMOUR INLET.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

N^o 3
PAH-AS
104 ACRES.



N^o 4
MAH-PAH-KUM.
15 ACRES.



N^o 6
SAA-GOOM-BAH-LAH.
15 ACRES.



N^o 9
KWE-TAH-KIS.
12 ACRES.



N^o 11
PEN-EECE.
11 ACRES.



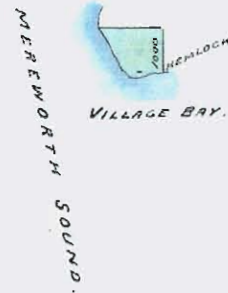
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OWH-WIS-TOO-A-WAN.
17 ACRES.



N^o 14
KO-KWI-ISS.
18 ACRES.



N^o 13
TSAI-KWI-E.
11 ACRES.



N^o 12
WAW-WATL.
160 ACRES.



N^o 17
PEL-LOOHL-KAI.
8 ACRES.



N^o 16
WAUMP
115 ACRES.



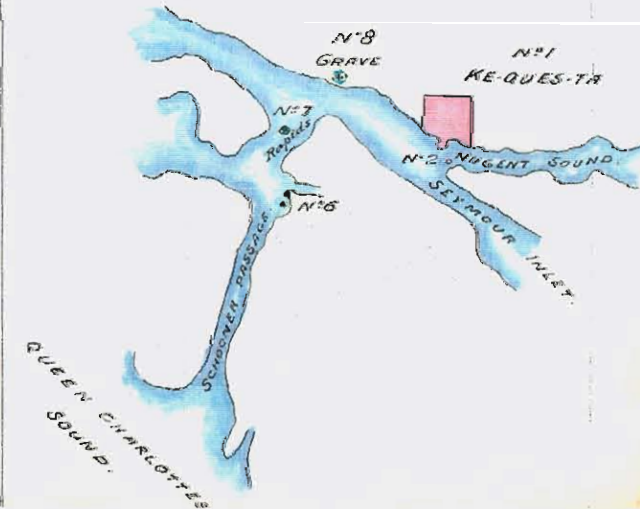
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55 ACRES.

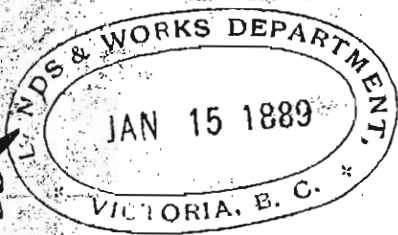


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SCALE 1 INCH = 2 MILES.

N^o 5
TA-A-ACK.
STORM ISLANDS.
QUEEN CHARLOTTE
SOUND.





Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
January 10th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, a Minute of Decision, and sketch of a Reserve of 4130 acres defined by me, in October last, for a branch of the Similkameen Indians, residing at "Three Creeks" ("Chu chu way ha") situated on the Similkameen river, about half way between Princeton, and Keremeus.

A reserve of about 600 acres was set apart for the Indians at this place by the late Indian Reserve Commissioner, Mr. Sproat, in 1878, with which the Indians were dissatisfied as it did not include a ~~great~~ number of their cultivated fields, or did it embrace any pasture land of value.

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

Under

Approved F. G. Vernon
C. C. & W. M.
January 16th 1889

Under the authority conveyed to me
by you, in such cases, I have enlarged
this reserve, with which the Indians
are now perfectly contented.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant.

R. O'Neill
J. O. C.

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Minutes of Decision.

Upper Similkameen Indians.

Three Creeks, or 'Chu-chu-way-ha',
a reserve of four thousand one hundred
and thirty (4130) acres, situated on
the banks of the Similkameen river
about half way between Keremeus,
and Princeton.

Commencing at a Fir tree, marked
Indian Reserve, on the left bank of
the Similkameen river, about two,
and a half miles above the Indian
village, and running North one
hundred, and sixty (160) chains;
thence East eighty (80) chains; thence
South two hundred (200) chains; thence
East thirty (30) chains; thence South
thirty (30) chains; thence East one hundred
(100) chains; thence South one hundred,
and forty (140) chains; thence East
forty (40) chains; thence South eighty
(80) chains; thence West fifty (50)
chains; thence North fifty (50) chains;
thence

Upper Similkameen Indians (cont^d)

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Water. One hundred (100) inches of the water of 20 mile Creek, and fifty (50) inches each from the two creeks South of the Village are assigned to the use of the Indians.

R. D. O'Reilly
J.R.C.

Similkameen, B.C.
October 26th 1888 }

SIMILKAMEEN INDIANS.

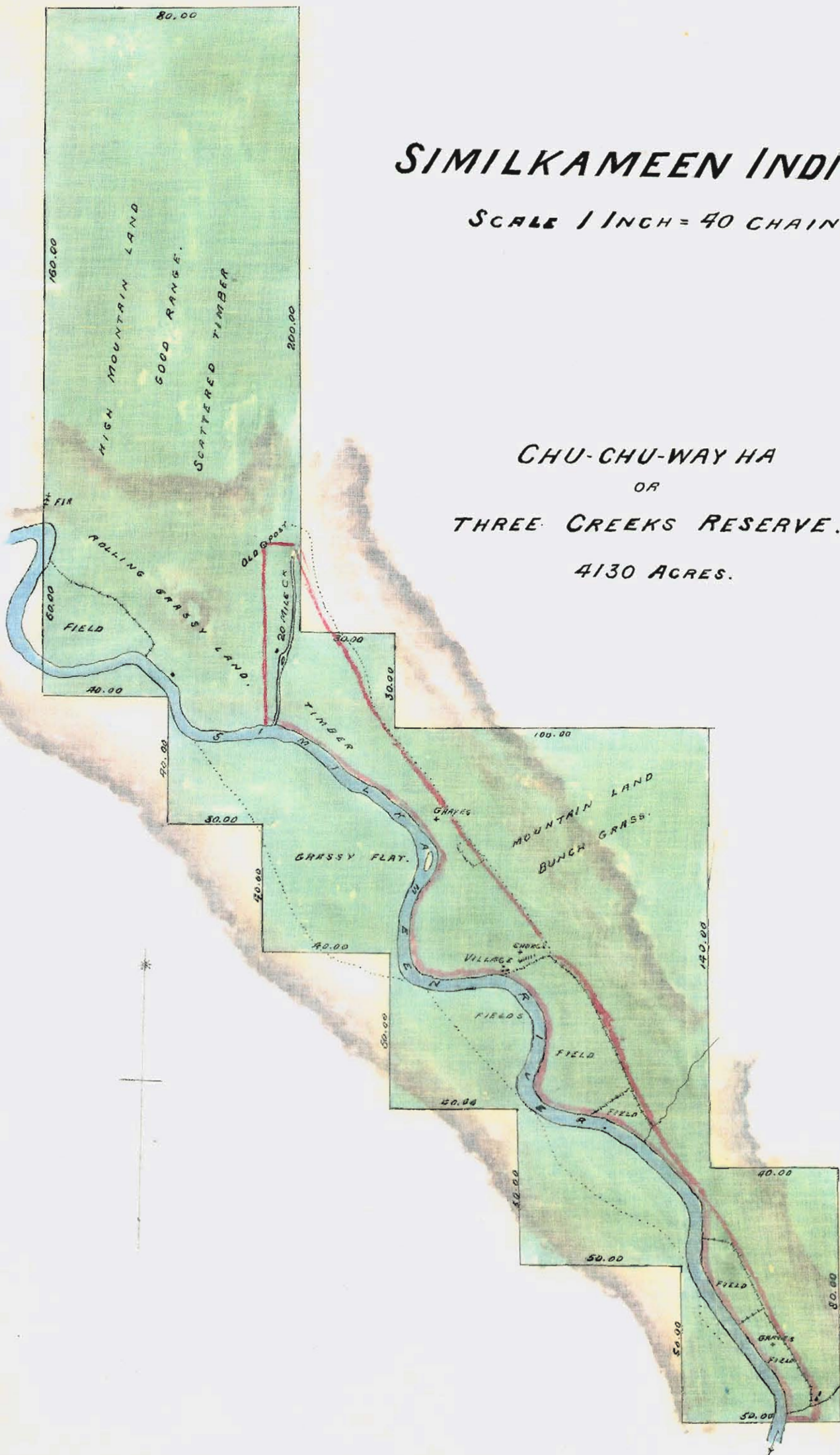
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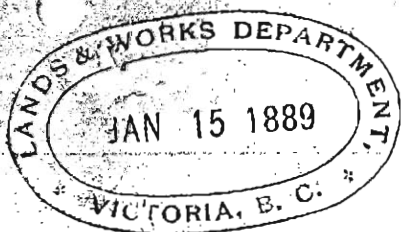
CHU-CHU-WAY HA

OR

THREE CREEKS RESERVE.

4130 ACRES.





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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria. B.C.
January 11th 1889.

11/2/89
Sir.

I am advised by the Hon^{ble} Supt General of Indian Affairs, that on the occasion of the conference had in the autumn of 1877 by the late Supt General, the Hon^{ble} Tho. White, with the Hon^{ble} John Robson, the delegate to the Dominion Government from the Government of British Columbia, an understanding was arrived at, that where land cannot be had in the immediate vicinity of Indian settlements, the Reserve Commissioner shall be at liberty to select lands for the Indians elsewhere, and in as close proximity to their settlement as possible, and that in the event of suitable lands not being obtainable, The Hon^{ble} the Chief Commis-
of Lands & Works }

the Reserve Commissioner may allot blocks of land elsewhere, with a view to their being afterwards disposed of, and a fund created therefrom, with which to purchase a farm, or farms, for the use of the Indians.

In the matter of the Soda Creek Indians, now under consideration, I have the honor to request, that you will advise me, if I am at liberty to allot land for the benefit of this tribe, on the conditions above named. I have on two occasions endeavored to procure the necessary reserves for these Indians, but was unable to do so, from the fact of there being no suitable unappropriated land in the district, consequently any selection of land, must be made with a view to its being disposed of for the purpose of purchasing a farm near their settlement.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient Servant.
P. O'Neill
J. O. C.

Copy

Victoria B. C.

February 11th 1889

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th Ultimo, having reference to the conference held in the Autumn of 1887 by the late Superintendent General, The Honourable Thos White with the Honourable Jno Robson, Provincial Secretary, at which amongst other matters an understanding was arrived at as follows:-

"In relation to Indian Reserves our understanding is that where land cannot be had in the immediate vicinity of Indian Settlements in cases where it is desired to make reserves, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs will be permitted to select lands suitable for such a purpose elsewhere, and in as close proximity to the Indian Settlements as possible."

You will observe that there is no authority for the statement made in your letter, "that in event of suitable lands not being obtainable the Reserve Commissioner may allot blocks of land elsewhere with a view to their being afterwards disposed of and a fund created therefrom with which to purchase a farm or farms for the use of the Indians." Such an arrangement even

The Honourable

P.O'Reilly

Indian Reserve Commissioner

Victoria

B. C.

if it had been agreed upon, would have been most difficult to carry out.

Admitting that the Province is bound to provide sufficient lands for the requirements of the Native Tribes, it cannot be reasonably contended that it is bound to furnish Indian Tribes with improved farms.

The successive Provincial Governments have always recognized the obligation imposed upon them by the Terms of Union with respect to the allotment of lands for the use of the Indians, and have almost invariably approved of the action of the different Reserve Commissioners appointed to select and set aside for them suitable tracts of land.

It is to be regretted that although in some cases, the Indians have considerably improved their reservations, in many places the lands set aside for them remains unused and unimproved.

The Indians are the Wards of the Dominion Government, contributing nothing to the Provincial Exchequer, but largely to that of the Dominion.

It is the duty of the Dominion Government to assume all responsibility with respect to the improvement of the Natives, either by way of Schools, by assistance and encouragement to work their lands or by the purchase for them of the improvements on lands selected for them.

In the case of the Soda Creek Indians, I am credibly informed that tracts of land do exist in the neighborhood suitable for Indian Reserve purposes if some expenditure was incurred in order to bring water for irrigation purposes to the land. Such expenditure should be undertaken by the Dominion Government.

Should the Dominion Government prefer to purchase an improved farm for these Indians, the most that the Provincial Government could undertake to do would be to refund to the Dominion Government the amount they had received from the sale of the land, but any arrangement of this kind should only apply in the case of ordinary country lands.

Any value the property may have acquired over this amount would naturally arise from the buildings erected, cultivation, ditching &c, and from which the Dominion Government and their wards would reap the sole benefit.

Should the latter proposition meet with the approval of the Superintendent General, the Honourable Mr Dewdney. I shall be prepared to recommend its adoption to the Provincial Executive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Sd) F. G. Vernon

Chief Commissioner of L. & W.

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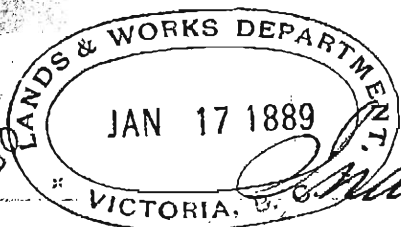
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Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Sd) F. G. Vernon

Chief Commissioner of L. & W.



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 Indian Reserve Commission
 Victoria, B.C.
 January 10th 1889.

Approved F. G. Vernon
 C. C. L. W. M.
 January 16th 1889

Ans. 16/1/89
 S.O. 310 K.E. 30
 Sec. L. J. 3138
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Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, Minutes of decision of three plots of land (numbered 4, 5 and 6 respectively, on the sketch annexed) containing about 3200 acres, recently allotted by me for the use of the Keremeus Indians.

I beg to draw your attention to my letter of the 29th November 1884, enclosing a Minute of decision, and sketch of ~~the~~ reserve (No 3) for these Indians, embracing an area of 1920 acres, which to the present time has not been approved.

I have further to ask your approval of Reserves No 1, and 2, containing 381, and 320 acres

The North respectively.

The Chief Commis:
 of Lands & Works

respectively. These allotments were defined by the late Reserve Commissioner, Mr. Sproat in 1878.

No. 1. as defined by that gentleman contained 1346 acres, 555 acres of which were subsequently sold in 1883 to Mr. Richter, and 410 acres in 1884 sold to Mr. R. L. Causton leaving but 381 acres of the original reserve for the use of the Indians.

This land is of little value except for the supply of timber it affords, being for the most part sand, and gravel, subject to overflow.

Mr. Causton, the present owner of that portion of which the Indians were deprived, offers no objection to their crossing his property for the purpose of obtaining fuel &c, but this privilege may be at any time denied them, and I think that in justice to the Indians, a right of way should be established on a convenient line across Section 10, to
give

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give them access from their village
on Reserve No 6 to their timber lands
on Reserve No 1.

Full particulars with regard
to the necessities of this tribe have
already been supplied in my letter
of December 10th 1884.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant.

P. O'Neill
P.O.

Minutes of Decision
Lower Similkameen Indians

No 4. A Reserve of one thousand, eight hundred, and forty (1840) acres, situated on the right bank of the Similkameen river, two hundred, and thirty (230) acres being in Section four (4) Township fifty two (52), and one thousand, six hundred, and ten (1610) acres lying immediately South thereof, and West of Lots 171, and 172 Osoyoos District, and of Reserves No 2, and 3.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Reserve No 2, and running South one hundred (100) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence North two hundred, and forty (240) chains; thence East to the Similkameen river; thence down the right bank of the said river to the Northern boundary of Reserve No 2, and thence West to the place of commencement.

Water

Similkameen Indians.

Water. 10 inches of the water of a small creek, flowing from the West through the centre of this reserve, is assigned to the use of the Indians.

No 5 A Reserve of nine hundred, and sixty (960) acres, situated about eight miles North of the International Boundary, and South of, and adjoining Reserve No 3.

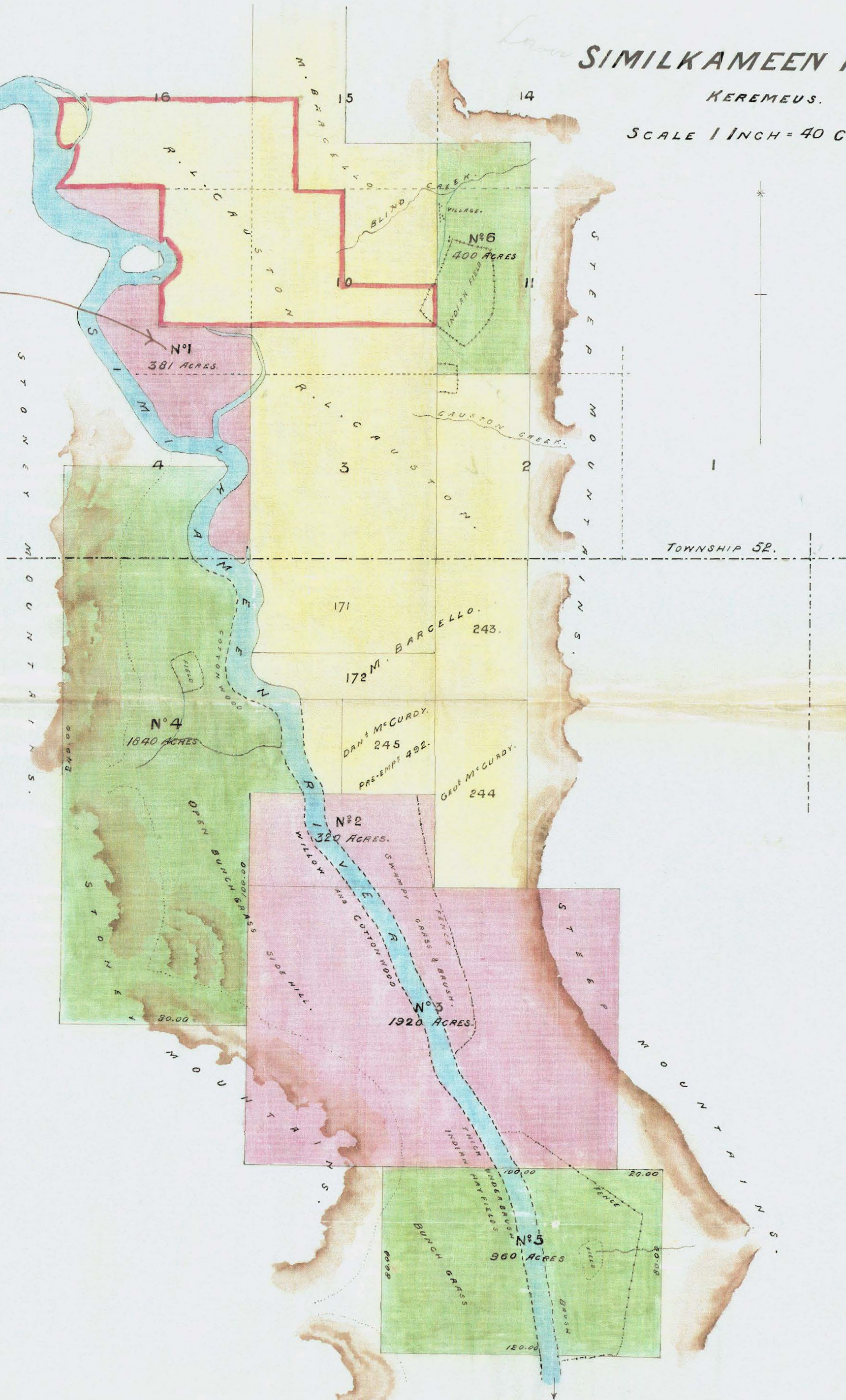
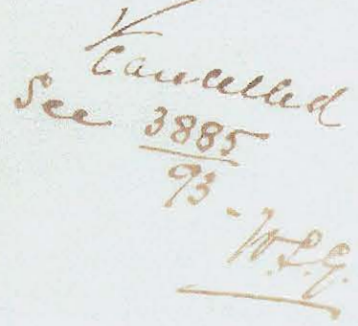
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Reserve No 3, and running East twenty (20) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence West one hundred, and twenty (120) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains, and thence East one hundred (100) chains to the place of commencement.

Water. 10 Inches of water from a small creek flowing through this reserve, is allotted to the use of the Indians.

No 6

KEREMEUS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



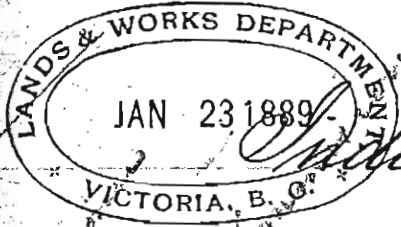
Similkameen Indians.

No 6. A Reserve of four hundred (400) acres, being the Western half of Section eleven (11), and the Southern half of the Southwest quarter section of Section fourteen (14) Township fifty two (52).

Water. The unappropriated water of Blind, and Causton creeks is assigned to the use of the Indians.

C. J. O'Reilly
H.C.

Keremeus. H.C.
October 30th 1888 }



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 Indian Reserve Commission
 Victoria B.C.
 January 21st 1889.

Recd 108, 1887
 in appointing Commission
 Service Commission Report 1887
 for report to the Department of Lands & Works

Sir.
 I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, Minutes of decision, and rough sketches of seventeen reserves, situated on the Nass river, Kinamax river, Observatory Inlet, and Portland Canal, defined by me during the months of August, and September for the use of the Nass river Indians.

These reserves are used as fishing stations except, Nos 23, 25, and 26, containing in the aggregate 1415 acres, of which about 1000 are covered with inferior timber, valued however by the Indians not only of the Nass, but by other tribes which frequent this part of the country during the solachan fishing season.

I have the honor to be
 Sir.

The Hon^{ble}
 The Chief Commissioner
 of Lands & Works

Your obedient Servant
 R. O'Neill
 JRC.

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Minutes of Decision.

Nass River Indians.

No 16. Tal a haat, a reserve of one hundred, and sixty (160) acres, situated on the banks of the Kin a max river, about two, and a half miles from its mouth.

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

Fishery. The exclusive right of salmon fishing in the Kin-a-max river the entire length of the reserve, a distance of about half a mile.

No 17. Georgie, a reserve of seventy (70) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Portland Canal, near Blue Point.

Commencing

Approved

F. G. Vernon

Feb 14 1889

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Nass River Indians (cont^d)

Commencing at a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running East twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence West twenty (20) chains; thence South to the sea-shore, and thence following the coast in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

x No 18. Kul-lan, a reserve of one hundred and forty (140) acres, situated on the Western shore of Portland Canal, about a mile from its head, and at the mouth of Salmon river.

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

No 19

Nass River Indians (contd)

No 19. Scam a kounst, a reserve of seventy (70) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Portland Canal at its head and at the mouth of Bear river.

Commencing at a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running East thirty (30) chains; thence North forty (40) chains; thence West to Bear river, and thence down the left bank of the said river to the place of commencement.

No 20. Kin me lit, a reserve of forty-five (45) acres, situated in Salmon Cove, on the Western shore of Observatory Inlet.

Commencing at a Hemlock tree marked Indian Reserve, and running West twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence East to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 21.

Nass River Indians. cont^d

N^o 21. Sooks, a reserve of ten (10) acres, situated at Dawkins Point on the Eastern shore of Observatory Inlet, and immediately opposite to Reserve N^o 20.

Commencing at a Pine tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence East ten (10) chain thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Westerly direction to the place of commencement.

N^o 22. Sta goo, a reserve of fifty (50) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Observatory Inlet, about four miles North of Reserve N^o 21.

Commencing at a Fir tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ten (10) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence West to the Sta goo river and thence down the right bank of the said river to the place of commencement.

N^o 23

Nass River Indians (cont^d)

N^o 23. Atsin-et, a reserve of two hundred, and forty (240) acres, situated at Perry Bay, on the Eastern shore of Observatory Inlet.

Commencing at a Hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, on the Eastern shore of Perry Bay, and running East ten (10) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence West to the sea coast; thence following the shore in a Northerly direction to a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve; thence North ten (10) chains; thence East to the Western shore of Perry Bay, and thence following the coast in a Southerly, and Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

N^o 24. Git-zault, a reserve of one hundred and fifty (150) acres, situated on the Western shore of Alice Arm, Observatory Inlet, immediately at its head.

Commencing

Nass River Indians (cont^d)

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian Reserve, and running North forty (40) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 25. Wit-zim-a-gon, a reserve of six hundred (600) acres, situated on the Western shore of Hastings Arm, Observatory Inlet, opposite Larcom Island.

Commencing at a Hemlock tree marked Indian Reserve, and running East to the seashore; thence following the coast in a Northerly and Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 26. Tack-u-an, a reserve of five hundred, and seventy five (575) acres, situated on the Western shore of Hastings Arm, Observatory Inlet, opposite

Nass River Indians. (cont^d)

opposite the Northern end of Larcom Island, and about two miles North of Reserve No 25.

Commencing at a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running West sixty (60) chains; thence South one hundred, and twenty (120) chains; thence East to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 27. Kshwan, a reserve of one hundred and thirty (130) acres, situated at the head of Hastings Arm, Observatory Inlet, and on the right bank of the Kshwan river.

Commencing at a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North forty (40) chains; thence East to the Kshwan river, and thence down the right bank of the said river to the place of commencement.

Nass River Indians. (cont^d)

No 28. Scowban, a reserve of eighty four (84) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Observatory Inlet, about two miles, and a half North of North Point.

Commencing at a Spruce tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North thirty (30) chains; thence East twenty (20) chains; thence South to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 14^a Kincolith, a reserve of four hundred, and thirty five (435) acres, an extension of Reserve No 14, situated at the mouth of the Nass river.

Commencing at the South west corner of Reserve No 14, and running North ten (10) chains; thence East sixty (60) chains; thence North ten (10) chains; thence West sixty (60) chains; thence North fifty (50) chains; thence West to

Nass River Indians (cont^d)

to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in a Southerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 8th Andegulay, a reserve of two hundred and twenty five (225) acres, situated on the right bank of the Nass river, immediately opposite Reserve No 8.

Commencing at a point on the right bank of Nass river due West of the Northwestern corner of Reserve No 8, and running West forty (40) chains, thence South seventy (70) chains; thence East to the Nass river, and thence following the right bank of the said river, in a Northerly direction to the point of commencement.

No 29. Gaul gap, a reserve of four hundred, and sixty (460) acres, situated on both banks of the Nass river, about half a mile below Reserve No 7.

Commencing.

Nass River Indians (cont^d)

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian Reserve, near the mouth of the Gaulzap river, and running East eighty (80) chains; thence North ninety (90) chains; thence West across the Nass river to the right bank thereof; (Post 4); thence North twenty (20) chains; thence East to the Nass river; thence down the right bank of the said river to the beforementioned Post 4, and thence following the left bank of the river to the place of commencement.

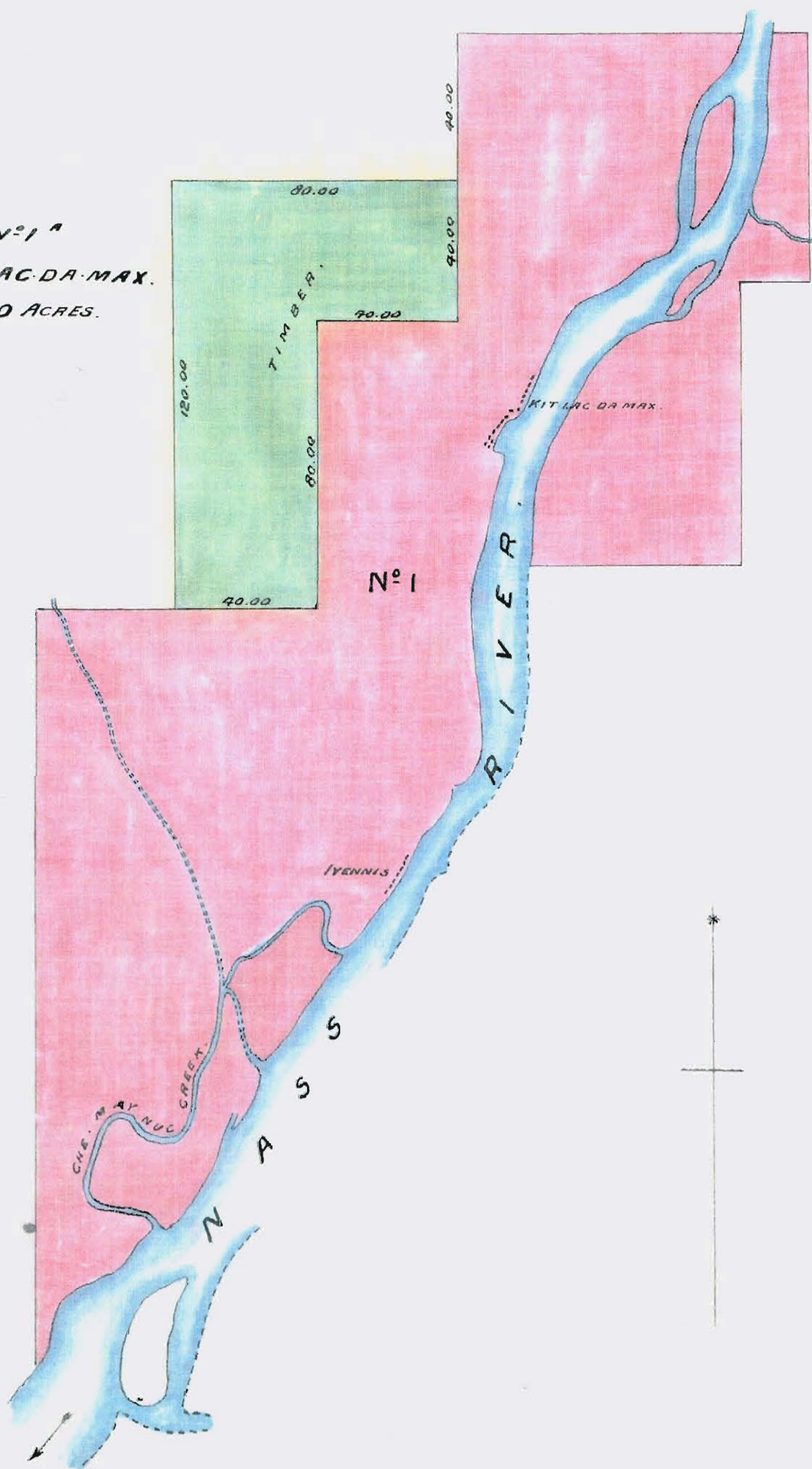
No 1st Kit-lac-da-max, a reserve of six hundred, and forty (640) acres, situated on the Western boundary of Reserve No 1, being an extension thereof.

Commencing at a point on the Western boundary of Reserve No 1, forty (40) chains South of the North-western

NASS RIVER INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

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KIT LAG DA MAX.
640 ACRES.



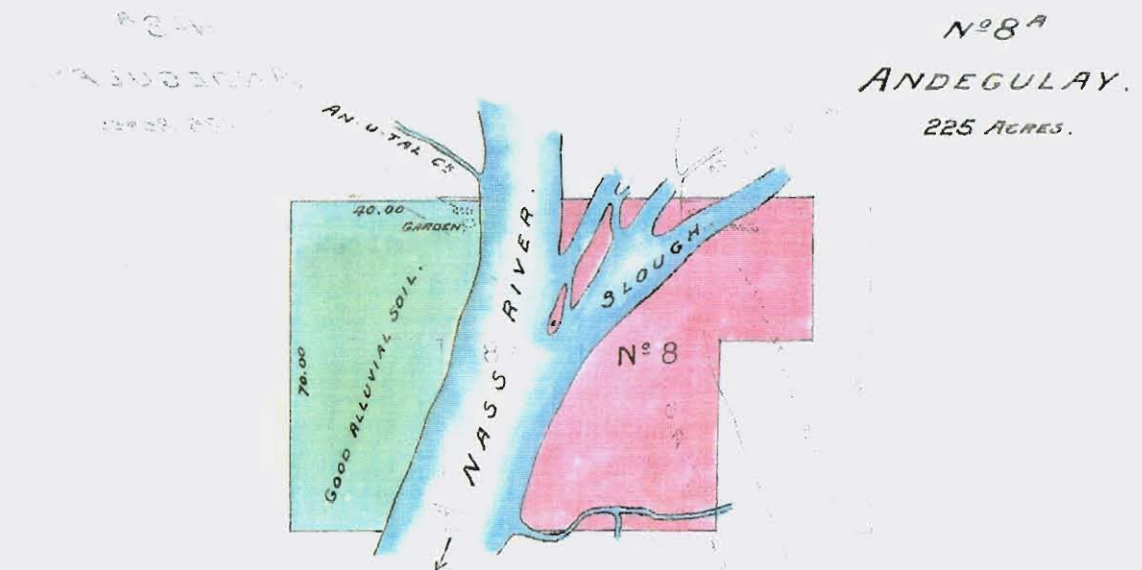
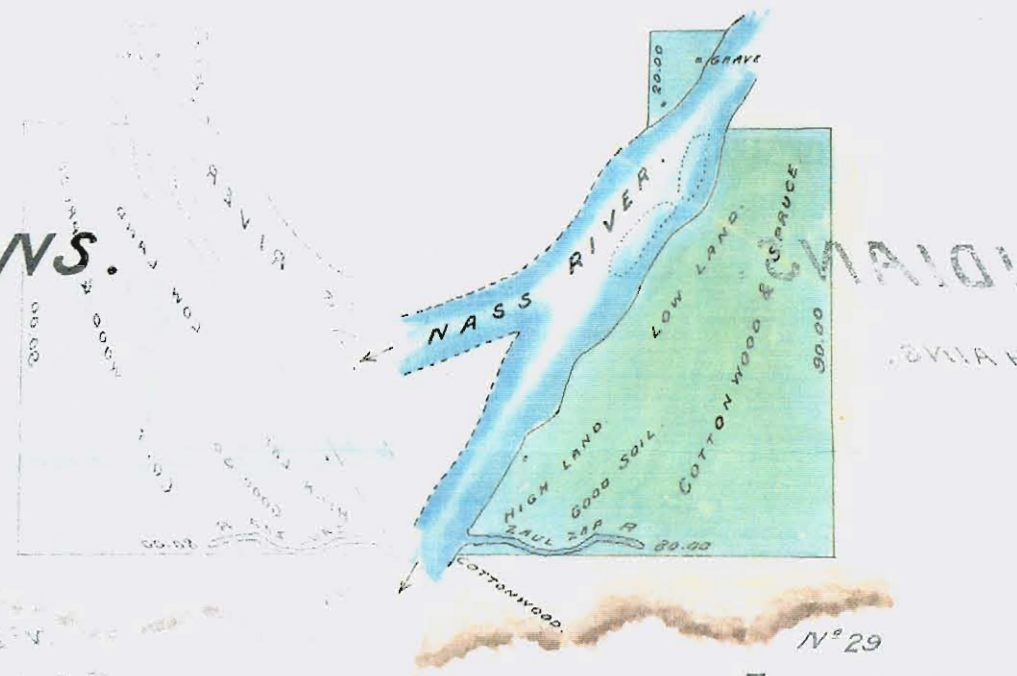
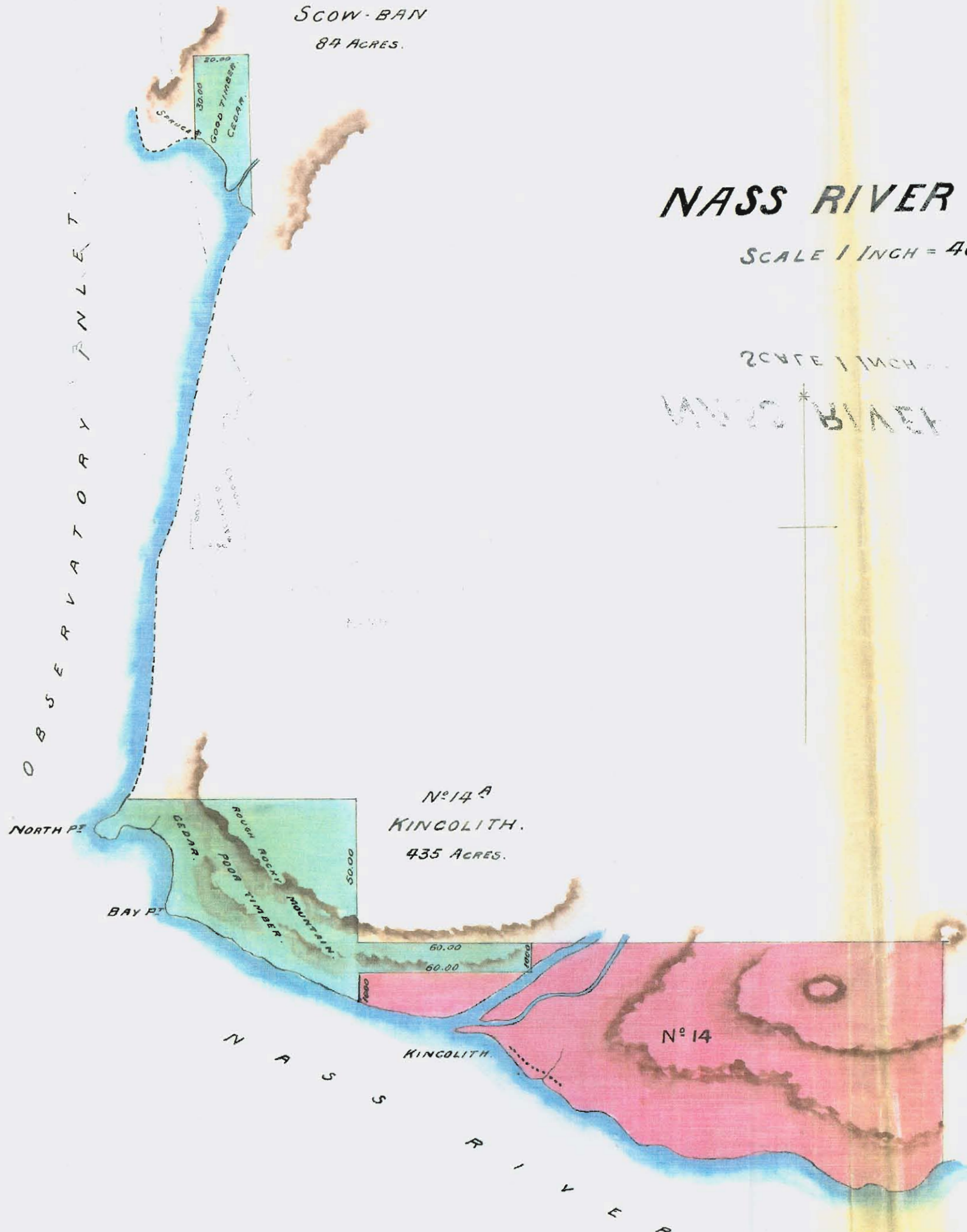
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84 ACRES.

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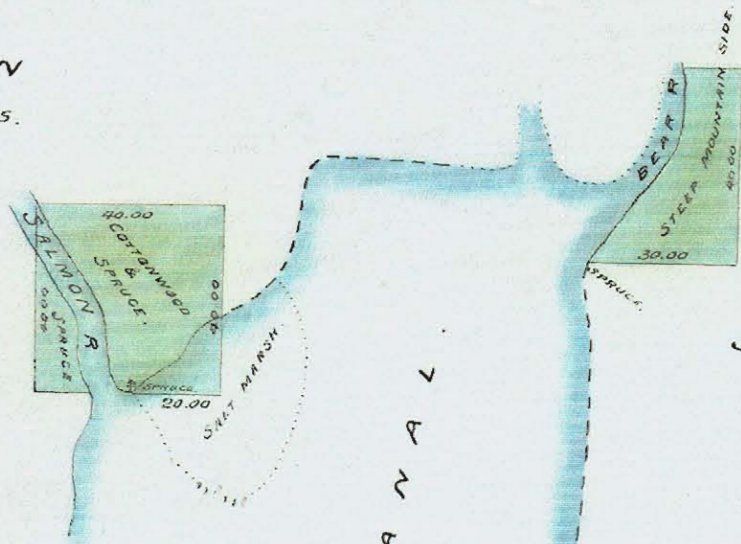
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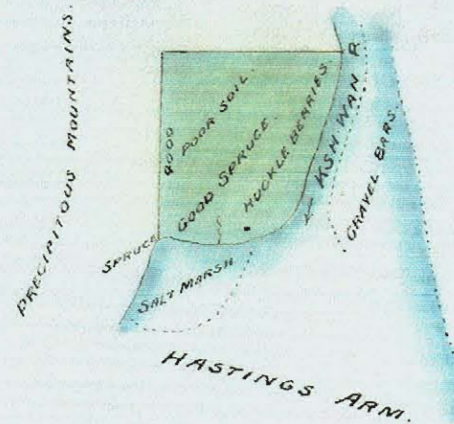


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70 ACRES.



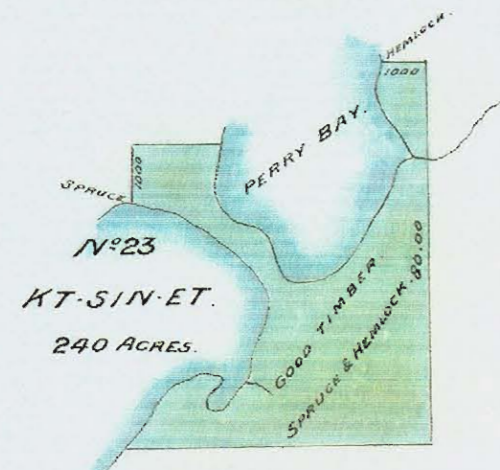
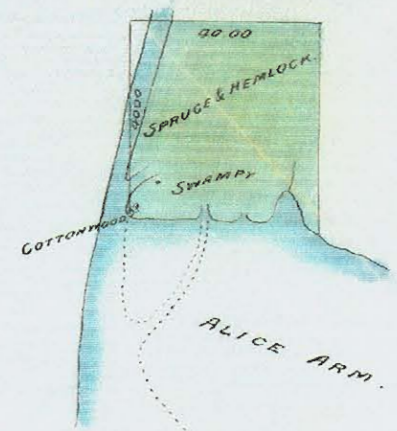
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GEORGIE.
70 ACRES.

N^o26
TACK-U-AN.
575 ACRES.



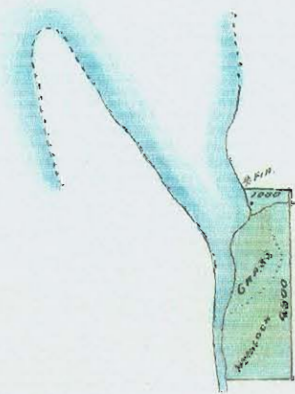
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KSH-WAN.
130 ACRES.

N^o24
GIT-ZAULT.
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KT-SIN-ET.
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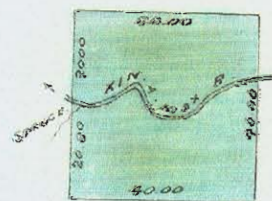
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50 ACRES.



NASS RIVER INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

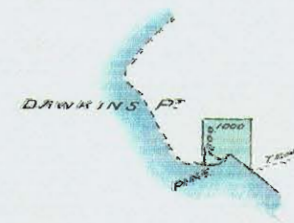
N^o16
TAL-A-HAAT.
160 ACRES.



N^o20
KIN-ME-LIT.
45 ACRES.



N^o21
SLOOMS
10 ACRES.



L A R C O M I S L A N D .
S E A V A T O R Y I N L E T .

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Nass River Indians (cont^d)

western corner thereof, and running West eighty (80) chains; thence South one hundred, and twenty (120) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains; thence East forty (40) chains, and thence North forty (40) chains to the point of commencement.

P. O'Neill
SR.

Nass River BC.
 September 8th 1888.

29th Nov. 1918

Sirs:-

Please refer to File 168/89

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. with regard to the name of the Indian Reserve covering that piece of land opposite the Townsite of Anyox.

In this connection I beg to advise you that Mr. O'Reilly under date of January 21st, 1889, forwarded to the Department the "Minutes of Decision, Nass River Indians".

In the said Minutes the reserve referred to in your letter was referred to as No. 25, Wit-zim-a-gon, and described as follows:- A reserve of six hundred acres, situated on the western shore of Hastings Arm, Observatory Inlet, opposite Larcum Island. Commencing at a hemlock tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running East to the seashore; thence following the coast in a northerly and southerly direction to the place of commencement".

I may also add that, in Mr. O'Reilly's covering letter, he mentioned that these reserves had been used as fishing stations, except Nos 23, 25 and 26, aggregating 1415 acres, of which 1000 acres, were covered with inferior timber valued, however, by the Indians, not only of the Nass but by other tribes which frequent that part of the country during the colachan fishing season.

This appears to be the only reference to the reserve in question in the Minutes.

Trusting this will give you the desired information.

I have the honour to be,

Sirs,

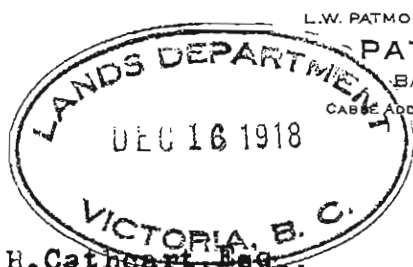
Your obedient servant,

W.C.
Superintendent of Lands.

Messrs Patmore & Felton,

Barristers etc.,

Prince Rupert, B. C.



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Dec. 9th, 1918

H. Cathcart, Esq.,

Superintendent Of Lands,

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir;-

Your File 168/89

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the Indian Reserves and thank you for the information contained therein.

We are not clear however on one point and that is whether this reserve was placed in the name of any particular band or tribe of Indians or whether it was just made an Indian Reserve without regard to any particular band or tribe.

Perhaps you may have maps showing what was done in this regard, if there is nothing in the records to shew this.

We would appreciate hearing from you further in this matter as from the memorandum sent by Mr O'Reilly it would appear as though he were recommending the timber reserve for the Indians of the Naas generally; although it has been claimed by a particular band the Kincoliths who sold it to the Granby Co and pocketed the proceeds.

Also let us know when the timber reserve referred to was placed upon this land by the Provincial Government following up the recommendation made by Mr O'Reilly.

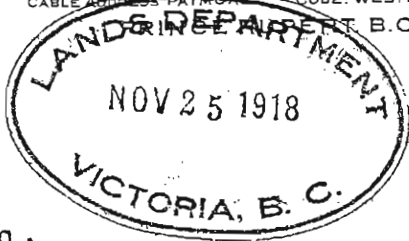
Yours very truly,

PATMORE & FULTON

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BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.
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VICTORIA, B.C.



November 21. 1918.

G. R. Naden, Esq.
Dep. Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.

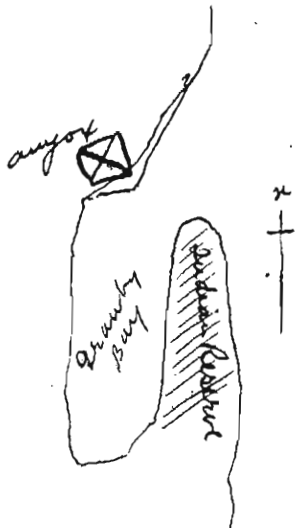
Dear Sir:- re Iak-kalzap Indians.

We would like you to let us know in what name Mr. O'Reilly had the Indian Timber Reserve placed, covering that piece of land opposite the Townsite of Anyox, shown on the sketch plan attached hereto. Mr. O'Reilly was sent up in the summer or fall of 1887 to make these surveys and reserves, and there is a dispute among the Indians of the North as to whose reserves they were.

This reserve was sold some years ago to the Granby Company and there is a dispute among the various bands as to who is entitled to the proceeds. We understand that Mr. O'Reilly made a report with regard to these timber lands and reserves up on Observatory Inlet for the Indians. This report would probably be in the year 1888, but in any event you probably will have old maps showing in the name of which band this particular timber reserve was placed. Kindly let us have what information you can on this, and if you can find a copy of Mr. O'Reilly's report, forward us copy of same, and oblige.

Yours truly,
PATMORE & FULTON.
per *[initials]*

P/S.



19th Dec. 1918.

Sirs:-

Please refer to File 168/89.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., with regard to the name of the Indian Reserve covering that piece of land opposite the townsite of Anyox.

In this connection I regret to say that the Department has no further information than that given in my letter of the 29th ult. The name of the Reserve as shown on the Official Plan is No. 25, Wit-zim-a-gon, and it would appear to have been used by no particular band of Indians.

I have the honour to be,

Sirs,

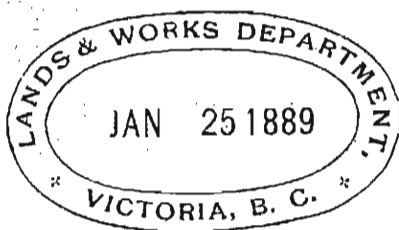
Your obedient servant,

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Superintendent of Lands.

Messrs. Patmore & Fulton,
Barristers & Co.,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

BT/SMG.



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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria. BC
January 24th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to refer you to your letter of the 24th June 1887, in reply to my communications of the 22nd May, and 8th June of that year, in which you withheld, for further consideration, your sanction to the reserves allotted by the late Reserve Commissioner, W. Sproat, for the use of the Adams Lake, Salmon Arm, Coldwater, and Hope Indians.

May I request that you will oblige me by giving this matter your early attention.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant.

P. O'Neill

JRC.

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

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Victoria B.C.
June 24th 1887

Sir/

Referring to your communication
of the 23rd May and 8th inst, I beg to inform
you that I have approved of the surveys
of the Indian Reserves as indicated by
the plans thereof forwarded by you,
with the exceptions of those for the
Adams Lake Indians No. 2, Salmon
Arm Indians, Coldwater Indians
and the Stope Indians, which are
retained for further consideration.

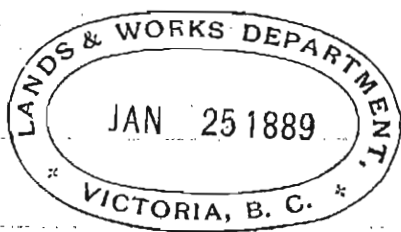
(Sgd) H. F. Tinnon

C. C. L. H.

The Hon^{ble}

P. O. Reel

J. R. C.



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria. B.C.
January 24th 1889.

Sir.

By direction of the Hon^{ble}
Supt General of Indian Affairs,
I have the honor to inform you
that His Excellency the Governor
General has, by an Order in Council
of the 5th Instant, been pleased to
approve of my recommendation, that
provided the Government of British
Columbia will sanction the establishment
of an Indian Reserve on the West
side of Okanagan Lake, which has
recently been allotted to a band of
Indians at that point, the Dominion
Government will agree to relinquish
the interest of the Indians in the
common grazing grounds in the
Okanagan district.

Yours

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works

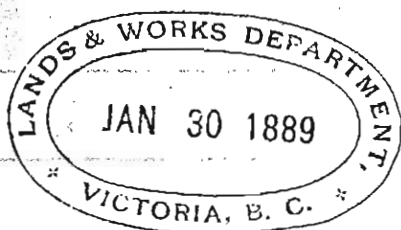
Your approval of the reserves
above referred to, as intimated to
me in your letter of the 8th December,
was forwarded to the Indian
Department on the 10th of that month.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

P. O. Sullivan

J. R. C.



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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
January 28th 1889.

Sir.

I have reason to believe that applications are about to be made to pre-empt, and purchase lands in proximity to the Indian villages of Kit-car, Kit-a-mat, and Kit-lope, which are situated in Douglas, and Gardner Channels, some fifty miles South of the Skeena river.

These are now the only places on the coast of the Mainland where the Indian Reserves have not been allotted, and as it is my intention to visit that locality during the spring, I shall feel greatly obliged if you will give instruction that no records be entertained there, until I shall have had an opportunity of defining the necessary reserves.

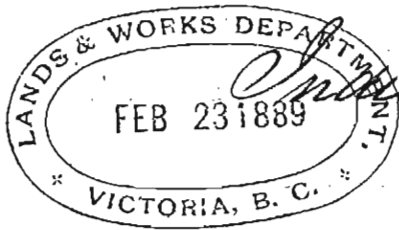
I have the honor to be

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commiss^r
of Lands & Works.

Sir

Your obedient servant.

P. D. Neill



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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
February 21st 1889.

Sir

In view of my proposed early visit to the West Coast of Vancouver Island for the purpose of defining reserves for the Indians,

I have the honor to request that pending my visit for this purpose, you will not allow any titles to be completed for the purchase of land in that locality.

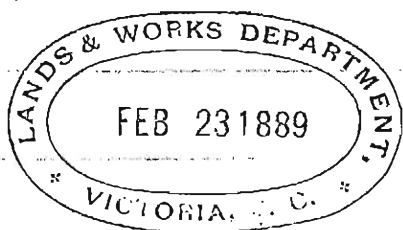
This course is rendered necessary from the fact that several notices have been given in the Government Gazette of the intention of certain persons to purchase land in Quatsino district, on the West coast of Vancouver Island, and that some of these applications

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

applications, I am credibly informed,
will include the site of Indian
houses, and fisheries.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your obedient servant.

D. O'Reilly
J.R.C.



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
February 21st 1889.

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Sir.

With reference to my letter of the 19th September last in which I forwarded for your approval Minutes of Decision, and sketches of four small plots of land, fishing stations on the Skeena river, for the Tsimpsan Indians, I now have the honor to state, that I am satisfied the Indian claim to "Kish neelt" (No. 25) cannot be upheld, and I therefore beg to withdraw it from the list of those reserves sent for your approval.

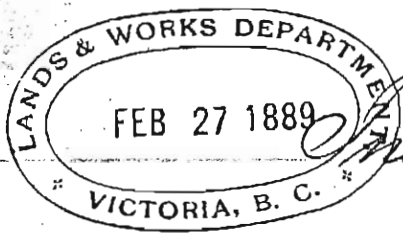
I shall feel obliged by your signifying your assent to the remaining three reserves referred to as above.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant.

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works }

P. O'Reilly
JRC.



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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria. B.C.
February 25th 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd Instant, in reply to my letter of the 19th September last, enclosing for your approval Minutes of decision, and sketches of four plots of land defined by me as reserves on the Skeena river for the Tsimpsan Indians.

You inform me "that the lands
"set apart for the use of the Indians
"appears to be included in application
"to purchase, made prior to date of
"selection by you. The names of the
"applicants, and the dates of notice of
"application to purchase are as follows:
Gust

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

" Gust Holmes, notice of application
" to purchase 160 acres of land on
" Smith's Island, dated 10th August 1888.

" Jno. Cuthbert & R. J. Dym, notice
" of application to purchase 160 acres of
" land on De Horsey Island, dated
" 14th August 1888.

" W. H. Dempster, notice of application
" to purchase 160 acres of land at
" Norwich Point, dated 24th February 1888.

" B. Stapleton. Notice of application
" to purchase 160 acres of land near
" Le Spit, dated 7th November 1887.

" You further state
" that "in view of the very large reserves
" which have already been allotted to
" the Tsimpsan Indians, you do not
" feel disposed to approve of the proposed
" additional reserves, which if established
" would in a great measure be prejudicial
" to the fishing industry on the Skeena
" River.

" In reply I beg to draw your
" attention to the report of the
" Commissioners

Commissioners appointed to enquire as to whether any, and if any what causes of complaint existed among the Indians on the North-west coast.

One of the alleged grounds of complaint of the Indians at that time, was that the reserves set apart for them were not sufficiently extensive and that several places necessary for their use as fishing stations had not been reserved.

It will be seen on reference to the evidence taken by the Commissioners, the Hon^{ble} C. F. Cornwall, and Mr. Plant under date October 24th 1887, (Page 436), that the Indians applied to the Commission for the plots of ground under consideration, and stated that their houses were then upon them. Further the Commissioners in their report, a summary of which will be found at Page 143, specially refer to these places as having been
asked

asked for by the Indians, long prior to the date of the notices quoted by you.

It must be borne in mind that though the reserves for the Tsimpsan Indians are, as you remark, large, the Skeena river is the only place where fish for canning purposes can be obtained by them, and here the reserves proper, are small, being in the aggregate about 148 acres.

That the Indians require these places, and have occupied them during the fishing season, is beyond question. and I submit that since the appointment of the Joint Commission to define reserves for the Indians, this is the first occasion upon which, a simple notice of intention to purchase land, without even an attempt at improvement by the intending purchaser, has been deemed sufficient to deprive the natives of their just rights.

When

When the deputation of Indians had an interview with the Provincial Government in 1887, they were promised that a Commission would be sent to inquire into their alleged grievances, and that the lands found necessary should be given to them.

Having thus on the invitation of the Provincial Government, made known their wants to the Commissioners before their lands were claimed by any white settlers, should their requests be refused, they would justly consider that faith has not been kept with them.

I would therefore respectfully request you to give this matter your further consideration, and that failing to sanction these plots being reserved, you will not permit steps to be taken to complete the title to any of the lands under consideration until an opportunity has been given to communicate with the Indian Department at Ottawa, to the Hon^{ble} Superintendent General
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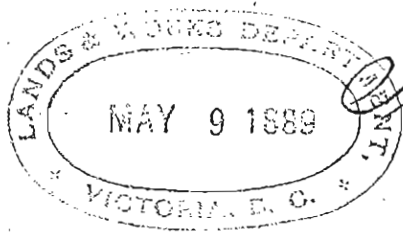
of which, I propose to send a copy
of your letter.

As stated in my communication
to you of the 21st Instant, the application
to make a reserve at "Kish neelt" has
been withdrawn; there are therefore
but Dash-ken, Ksh. a. oom, and Me. an. la.
which are claimed on behalf of the
Indians, containing in all 21 acres of
utterly worthless land, except as camping
grounds for a few months in the year,
during the fishing season.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

D. O'Neilly
D.O.



Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria, B. C.

May 8th 1889.

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Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information, a letter received from Mr. Todd, the local Indian Agent on the Northwest coast, in which he states that the Rev^d Mr. Crosby has made an application for permission to preempt 320 acres at the junction of the Skeena, and Hazelghat rivers.

In addition to the reasons assigned by Mr. Todd why this land should not be alienated, I may inform you that some families of the tribe of Indians resident at that place, have taken possession of a portion of the townsite of Hazelton, from which it may be necessary

The Hon^{ble}
Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

Memo.
A pre-emption
record (No. 184) was
issued to Mr. Cooky on
26th January 1841. The
protest comes to date 11.11.

necessary to remove them, and if Mr Crosby's preemption be allowed, it may be difficult to find land so suitable for them as that of their old village site.

Under these circumstances, I trust you will see the necessity of informing Mr Crosby that his application of the 26th January for permission to pre-empt, must remain in abeyance until the lands necessary for the Indians have been selected.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

P. O'Neill

J.R.C.

Copy

Fort Simpson. B.C.
20th April 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to call your attention to an application by Mr. Crosby, a Missionary on this Northwest Coast, for permission to pre-empt land at the forks of the Skeena, and the Acquit-jet-River, which was formerly the site of an Indian Village, and may yet be required as an Indian reserve.

The land sought by Mr. Crosby is within a mile of the present Village of Hazelton.

Under any circumstances such land should not be sold until the Indian reserves are settled on the Upper Skeena.

I think it undesirable for the Missionaries to own the fee simple of land upon which Indians may reside.

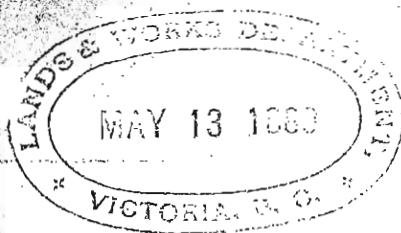
I have the honor to be

Yours

P. O'Reilly
Indian Res. Comm.
Victoria

Sir

Your obedient Servant
sig^d C. Todd
Acting Indian Agent



1196
Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria. B.C.

May 11th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith duplicate field books (7), and tracings (4) of the original plotted plans of the reserves for the Coldwater, Hope, Adams Lake, and Salmon Arm tribes of Indians.

The lands above enumerated were allotted by the late Joint Reserve Commissioners, and by Mr. Sproat, and were finally approved by you on the 7th and 8th Instant.

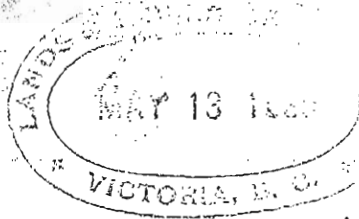
I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. O'Neill
J.R.C.

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



Ans 20/5/89

1127
Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria. B.C.
May 13th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your final approval, and signature, the original plans (8) of the reserves for the following tribes viz.

Bella Coola.	Mah teelt'pe.
Bella Bella.	Laich kwil tach.
Kokyet.	Nah witti.
Kemsquit.	Klahoose.

The Minutes of decision for Bella Coola, Bella Bella, Kemsquit, Kokyet, Mah teelt'pe, Laich kwil tach and Nah witti were approved by the late Chief Commissioner of Lands, and Works, Mr. Smithe, on the 5th June 1884, and 5th November 1886, and those for Klahoose by you on the 16th January 1889.

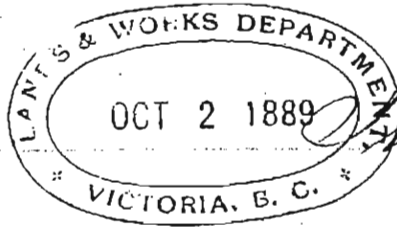
I have the honor to be
Sir.

The Hon^{ble}

The Chief Commis-
of Lands & Works.

Your obedient servant.

J. J. O'Reilly B.C.



2429
~~Indian Reserve Commission~~
Victoria B.C.
September 23rd 1889.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that when recently visiting the West coast of Vancouver Island for the purpose of defining reserves, I found that an Indian village named "Cienma" which is situated on the Northern shore of Winter Harbor, Quatsino Sound, and which contains five houses, besides cultivated patches, and fish drying grounds, had been taken possession of ^{by Messrs Pamphlet, and Booth} under the following circumstances.

On the 18th April 1883 notice was given by these gentlemen of their intention to purchase 640 acres, including the land above mentioned; this land was surveyed by W. Stephens in August 1884, and the title deed

The Hon^{ble} issued
The Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works

issued by the Provincial Government on the 5th December of that year.

"Cienna" is an old village as is evidenced by the remains of several houses, and by burial grounds situated on a small island, immediately in front of it; it is a valuable station, and constantly used by the Indians, being a favorite resort during both the salmon, and herring fisheries.

There is no ground for supposing that the application was made in ignorance of this being an Indian settlement, for it will be seen on reference to the notice (a copy of which is enclosed) that the Indian village is mentioned in their application. The surveyor also shews the position of it in his notes.

Enclosed I send a sketch of Section 10, conveyed by the Provincial Government to Mess^{rs} Pamphlet, and Booth; upon it (colored green) is shewn the land improved by the

the Indians, and their village situated upon it. Fifty (50) acres would, I think, embrace all that is absolutely necessary for the Indians, without this they will consider themselves very unfairly dealt with.

I respectfully submit that the Provincial Government have overlooked the fact that Messrs Pamphlet, and Booth declared in their notice that they intended to purchase the Indian village, and that the surveyors notes shew the position of the village to be on the land surveyed by him.

I believe the title would not have been issued had the Government realized these facts, and the position in which their doing so would place the Indians. I trust therefore that steps may be taken to induce Messrs Pamphlet, and Booth to relinquish this portion of the land in order that it may

may be included in their reserves.

I may mention that no improvements whatever have been made on the land in question by the purchasers.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

P. D. O'Neilly
J.R.C.

NOTICE.

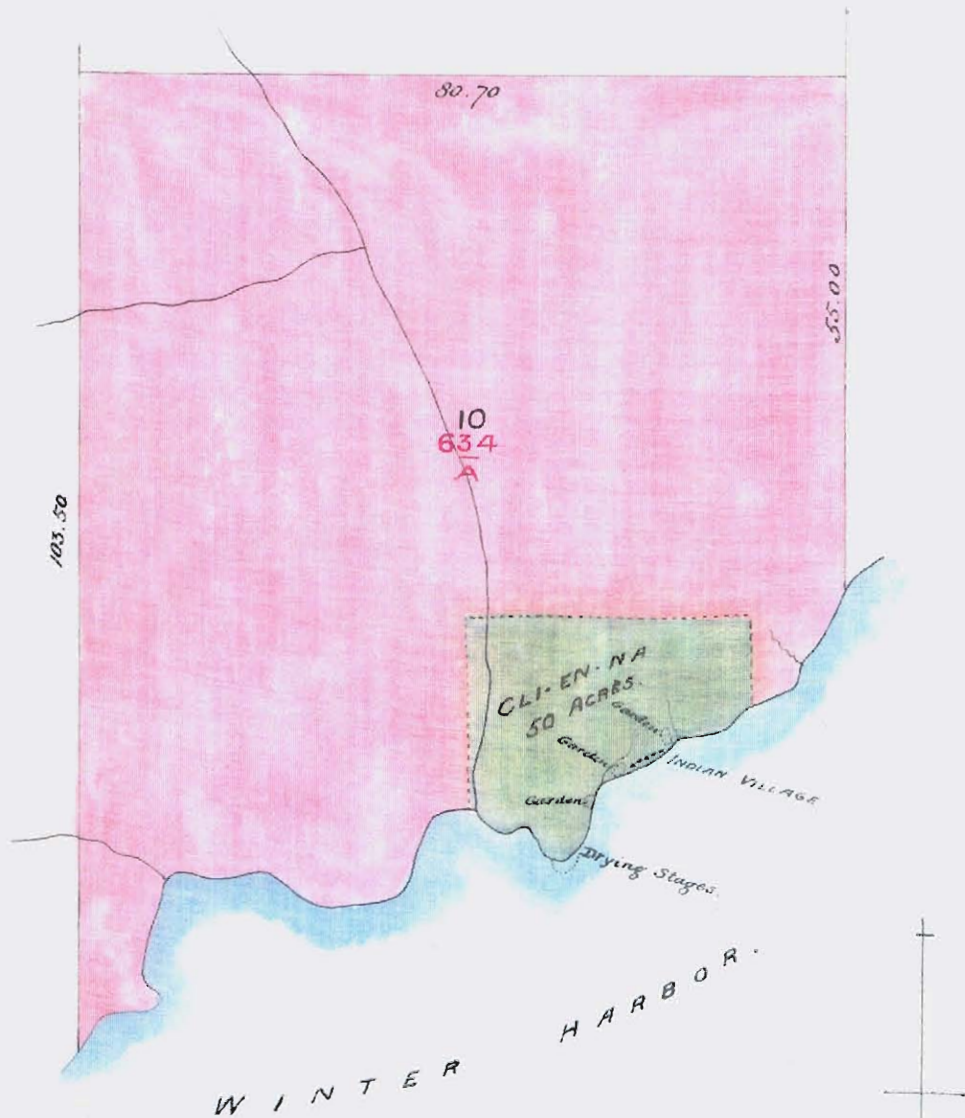
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that we have located, and intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase, six hundred and forty (640) acres of land, situate on the north side of Winter Harbour, Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island, B.C., described as follows:—

Commencing at a stake placed about twenty chains east of the Quatsino Indian village, at high water mark, and running north, eighty chains, to a stake; thence west, eighty chains, to a stake; thence south, eighty chains, to a stake placed at high water mark; thence east, as near as may be along the shore line at high water mark, to the place of beginning.

THOMAS PAMPHLET,
CORNELIUS BOOTH.

Victoria, B.C., April 18th, 1883.

Sketch of Section 10, Quatsino District, shewing
the position of the Indian village "Cli-en-na".



Scale 1 Inch = 20 Chains.

Memo.

The object of publishing a notice of intention to apply to purchase land is to notify any person who may consider he has a prior claim to make the same known.

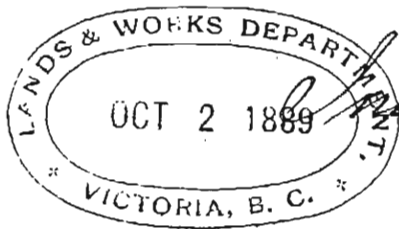
No protest to these applications was made by the Indian Department on behalf of their Wards.

No intimation had been received from the Indian Department that they claimed any part of the lands at or prior to the conveyance to Mr Booth.

My recollection is that Mr Stephens reported that the Indians had quite abandoned the site.

The Lands & Works Department cannot guard the interests of the Indians until after the Indian Department have clearly defined the exact position of their Reserves.

W. A. Rose
2/10/89. R. G. L.



Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
September 23^d 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that when defining Reserves on the Western shore of Vancouver Island in July last, I learned that an Indian fishing station, together with gardens, situated at Grass Point, Winter Harbor, Quatsino Inlet, had been taken possession of by Mr. John Thomson, and that he had obtained a Crown Grant for it.

I have ascertained by reference to the official records, that on the 26th March 1883, this gentleman made an application to purchase 160 acres at Grass Point, including the Indian lands above mentioned. A survey was subsequently made by Mr. E.

The Hon^{ble}

Stephens

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

Stephens in the following August, and a Crown Grant, No 145, for Section 3, Quatsino District issued by the Provincial Government to Mr John Thomson dated 29th January 1884.

As surveyed by Mr Stephens this Section contains 177 acres; ten (10) acres have been improved and partly cultivated by the Indians who have there erected many fish drying stages, and also a house that has evidently been inhabited for many years.

I submit that this land being an Indian settlement, of which ample evidence can be given, was not open to purchase, and that steps should be taken to induce the owner to re convey to the Dominion Government (in trust for the Indians) so much of this land as can be proved to have been cultivated by them prior

prior to the issue of the title
viz January 1884.

I send herewith a sketch
of Section 3, Quatsino District
showing the position of the Indian
house, and gardens.

No improvements have been
made on this land except by
the Indians.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant.

J. O'Reilly
J.O.R.

NOTICE.

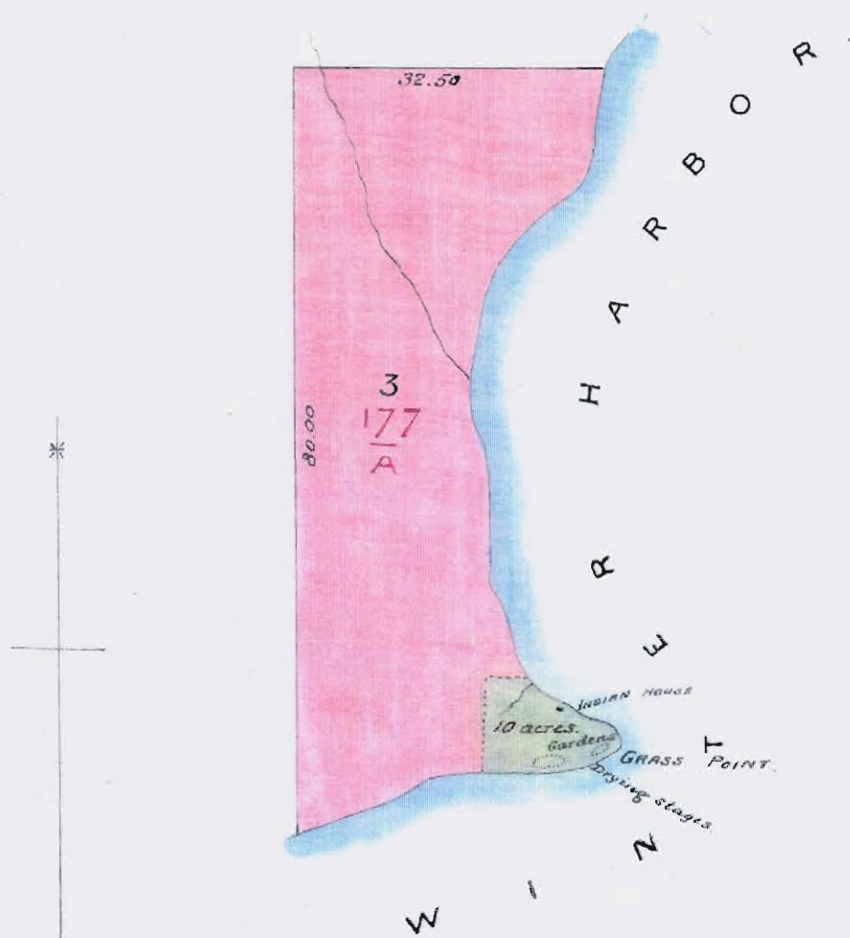
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I intend to make application to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of crown land, situate in Forward Inlet, Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Commencing at a stake placed on the shore about one quarter of a mile west from Grass Point; thence true north eighty chains; thence true east to the shore of Forward Inlet, thirty chains (more or less); thence following the sinuosities of the shore to the point of commencement.

JOHN THOMPSON.

Victoria, B.C., March 28, 1883.

*Sketch of Section 3, Quatsino District, shewing
the position of the Indian house, Gardens, and Fish
drying stages.*



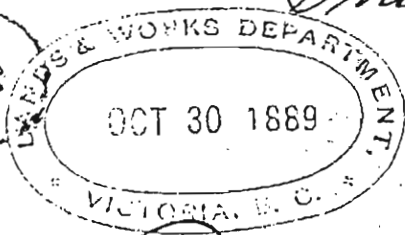
Scale 1 Inch = 20 Chains.

2755/89

Indian Reserve Commission

Victoria. B.C.

October 26th 1889.



Sir.

I have been directed by the Hon^{ble} the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to inform you, that it is the intention of the Department to establish, at Alert Bay, Cormorant Island, an Industrial school for the training of Indians, provided the land necessary for such an institution can be obtained from the Provincial Government.

Cormorant Island, with the exception of two small Indian reserves of collectively 48 acres, and the claim of the Rev^d Mr. Hall 145 acres, is held by Mr. J. A. Spencer under a lease of 21 years, from 3rd August 1870 at the nominal rent of \$40 per annum.

The Hon^{ble}

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

in the lease the Government reserves to itself the right to re-enter possession of any part of the Island upon giving the Lessee two months notice in writing.

The acreage of the Island is stated in the lease to be 600, whereas according to the Admiralty chart it contains approximately 1575 acres.

I enclose a sketch of Cormoran Island, shewing the position of Mr. Spencers cannery, the Indian reserves, the claim of the Rev. Mr. Hall, and the Land (colored green) required by the Department for the Industrial School, about 400 acres.

The land referred to is of a worthless character; the southern portion is covered with a dense growth of young fir, while to the North there is a sufficient quantity of wood for fuel; it is separated from Mr. Spencers cannery, and improvements by the Indian reserve, and by the Rev. Mr. Hall's property.

Under

Under these circumstances I
beg that you will take into consider-
ation the advisability of exercising
the power reserved to you in the
lease, and give Mr. Spencer the
necessary notice, so that the Depart-
ment may, without delay, proceed
to the erection of the contemplated
buildings.

I have the honor to be.

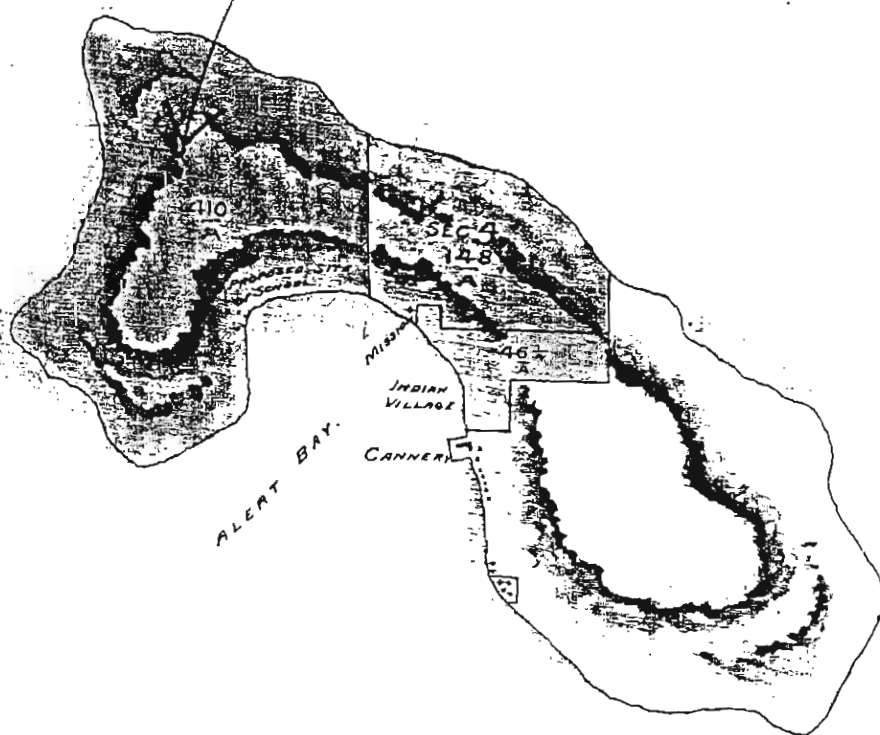
Sir.

Your obedient Servant.

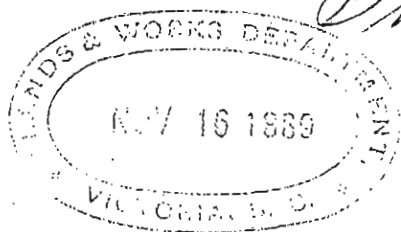
P. D. O'Leary
J. R. C.

Sketch of CORMORANT ISLAND, shewing the position of Mr Spencer's Cannery, the Indian village, the Rev^d Mr Hall's claim, and the proposed site of Industrial School.

Now known as L. 1957 Refers.
412 Acres



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.

November 12th 1889.

Sir.

In my letter of the 6th December 1888, I informed you that it was then too late for me to visit the Nicola with a view to ascertaining whether the Commonage set apart in September 1878, by the late Reserve Commissioner Mr. Sproat, is necessary for the Indians.

I have now the honor to inform you that I have just returned from that district. I made a thorough examination of the Commonage referred to, and inquired if it is necessary that it should be continued for the use of the Upper Nicola Indians, for whom it was specially set apart.

This tribe numbers 160; from information

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

information derived on the spot
I find that they possess 100 cattle,
and about 500 horses. Twenty-
seven thousand, and thirty one (27,031)
acres were set apart for them as
reserves by Mr. Sproat; to this I
propose to add two thousand, seven
hundred, and sixty (2,760), making
in all twenty nine thousand, seven
hundred, and ninety one (29,791)
acres. A minute of decision, and
plan is forwarded today for your
approval.

I found on inquiry that
the Commonage has been used
almost entirely by the white
settlers of the neighbourhood, and
as it has been no ones business to
protect it during any part of the
year, it has been overstocked, and
is eaten out; not an animal
belonging to the Indians was visible
upon it during my visit, nor has
it I believe been used by them
to

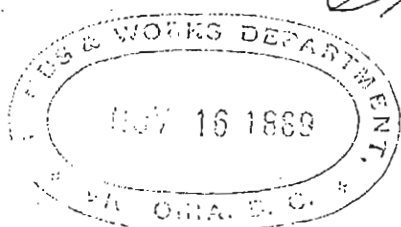
to any extent.

I am therefore of opinion that the Commonage at Nicola is not necessary for these Indians, and that the reserves allotted to them by Mr Sproat, with the 2760 acres added by me, are amply sufficient for their requirements.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant

A. Mills
A.M.



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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria. B.C.
November 12th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval, a sketch, and minute of decision of and addition of 2760 acres, made by me to the Douglas Lake Reserve, belonging to the Upper Nicola Indians.

This addition I consider necessary in view of the abandonment of the Commonage (as reported to you in my letter of this date), and also that upon it there is an abundance of small fir and pine which they much need for fencing, and of which there is a scarcity on the reserve.

This land is situated on the mountain top, and connects the Douglas Lake

The Hon^{ble}

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

Lake, and Spahomin Creek Reserves.
It is for the most part very worthless,
and does not interfere with the
claim of any settler.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.

P. J. Neilly
J.P.C.

Minute of Decision

Upper Nicola Indians.

A Reserve of two thousand, seven hundred, and sixty (2760) acres, situated to the Southeast of, and adjoining the Douglas Lake Indian Reserve at Nicola.

Commencing at the Southeast corner post of the Douglas Lake Reserve, and running West one hundred, and sixty (160) chains; thence South to a point due West of the Southwest corner post of the Spahomin Creek Reserve; thence East to the said Southwest corner post of the Spahomin Creek Reserve; thence North forty (40) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence North to a point due East of the Southeast corner of the Douglas Lake Reserve, and thence West to the place of commencement.

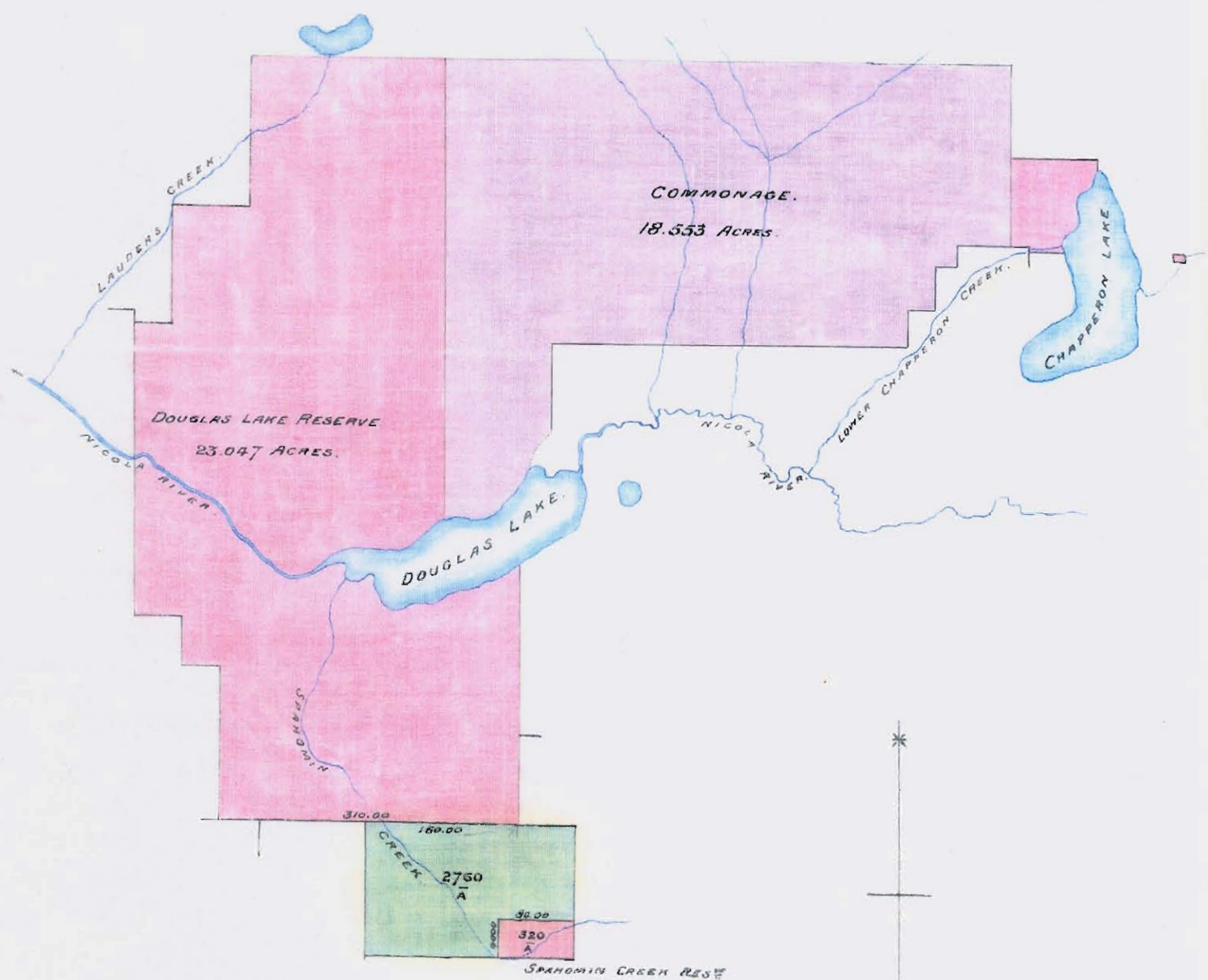
Approved
F. G. Vernon
November 27th 1889
C. C. L. H.

Nicola. B.C.
October 10th 1889

R. McIlly
J.M.C.

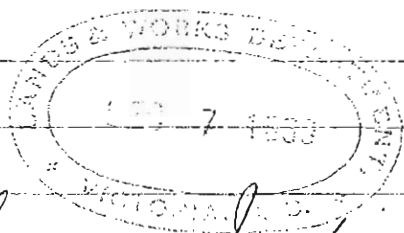
UPPER NICOLA INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 2 MILES.



British Columbia

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Ans 13/12/89

127. V.

Indian Office
Victoria Dec 6th 1889.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information and action copy of a communication from certain Indians of the Serhat band protesting against the building of a bridge over the Sumas River one end of which will be on their Reserve and necessitating the cutting of several roads through the same.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

S. W. Moffatt

for the Indian Superintendent.

The Honorable
The Chief Commr.
of Ls. Wks.

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2/12 '89

A. W. Howell Esq.
Supt. Ind. Affairs
Victoria B.C.

Sir,

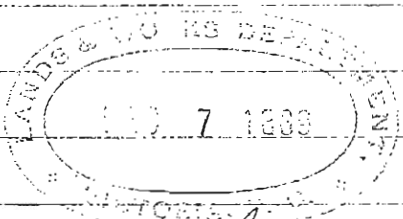
We the undersigned on behalf of the Sishat-Tribe of Indians beg leave to call your attention to the following facts - viz that it is the intention of the B.C. Govt to Bridge the Sumas River at this Place, and that whereas some persons have advised that the Bridge so that one end will land on our reserve on the west side of the river thereby necessitating the making of several roads through our land, And as we have two roads already running through it we most emphatically decline to allow any more roads to cross our land, unless we are well paid for it. We know there are other places for the Bridge to be built that would be just as acceptable to the Public as on our land.

Trusting you will take the above into your earnest consideration and see that our rights are not trampled on.

We are
Hypenulth (Chief) ^{their marks} X
Pesalth (Chief Son) X
Sechat Bob, Police X
Big Joe (Chief Bro) X
Sir
Yours Truly.

British Columbia

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128.V

Indian Office
Victoria Dec 6th 1889

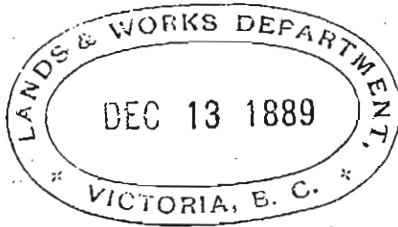
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Sir,
I have the honor to request
you to be good enough to furnish
me with a reply to my letter of
the 6th ultimo No. 26.V. in order that
I may lay the same before the
Hon^{ble} the Supt^g General of Indian
Affairs.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours Obed^t Servant,
S. Moffatt.

The Honorable
The Chief Comm^{rs}
of Lands & Works.

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3178
Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.
December 7th 1889.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information, and approval Minutes of decision, and sketches of four reserves recently defined by me for the Pokheitsok Indians (a branch of the Cooks Ferry tribe), and containing in all 1965 acres.

This land is situated in Highland valley, about 15 miles Northeast of the mouth of Pokheitsok creek, a tributary of the Thompson river; As the Railway belt has not been defined, I am uncertain whether these reserves will be included in it or not. I shall however be obliged if you will cause it to be guarded from either pre-emption, or purchase

The Hon^{ble}

until

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

until it is ascertained whether it is
in the jurisdiction of the Provincial,
or Dominion Government.

The principal reserves for
these Indians are situated immediately
on the Thompson river; they were
defined by the late Reserve Commissioner
Mr. Sproat in 1880.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant

P. O'Neill
P.O.

Minutes of Decision.

Cooks Ferry Indians.

No 12

Chilth nua, a Reserve of three hundred, and sixty five (365) acres, situated on Pokheitsk creek (a tributary of the Thompson river), about fifteen (15) miles from its mouth.

Commencing at a Pine tree, marked Indian Reserve, on the Eastern shore of a small Lake, and running North eighty (80) chains; thence West sixty (60) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence East to the bank of the beforementioned Lake, and thence following its shore in an Easterly direction to the place of commencement.

R. O'Neilly
J. R.

Cooks Ferry Indians

No 13.

Quil-lan-ton, a reserve of five hundred, and twenty (520) acres, situated on the Eastern shore of Divide Lake, Highland Valley, and about one mile Northeast of Reserve No 12.

Commencing at a Pine tree, marked Indian Reserve, on the shore of a small lake, and running North fifty (50) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence North to the bank of the beforementioned lake, and thence following its shore in a Westerly, and Northerly direction to the place of commencement.

J. J. O'Quilly
J. J. O'Quilly

Cooks Ferry Indians.

No 14

En-quot.co, a Reserve of five hundred, and sixty (560) acres, situated in the Highland valley, about $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile East of Reserve No 13.

Commencing at a Pine tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North sixty (60) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence South seventy (70) chain thence East eighty (80) chains; and thence North to the place of commencement.

R. W. W. W.
J. W. W.

Cooks Ferry Indians

No 15

Sque-tan-kil-hato, a Reserve of five hundred, and twenty (520) acres, situated in the Highland valley, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile East of Reserve No 14.

Commencing at a Pine tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North ten (10) chains; thence West one hundred, and twenty (120) chains; thence South thirty (30) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; and thence North forty (40) chains to the place of commencement.

R. J. O'Reilly
S. R. C.

Highland Valley BC.
October 15th 1889.



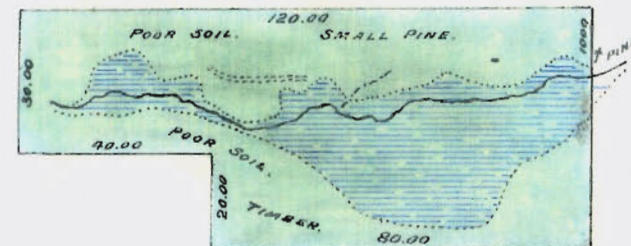
N°13
QUIL-LÂN-TON.
520 ACRES.



N°12
CHILH-NUX.
365 ACRES.



N°14
EN-QUÔT-CO.
560 ACRES.



N°15
SQÛE-TAN-KIL-HATS.
520 ACRES.



HIGHLAND VALLEY.
COOKS FERRY INDIANS.
SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

— 5, 11 —

The position of Pakhtitsk
Creek is not shown on our
plans — I cannot say
whether the land ^{proposed to be} reserved is
in the Railway Belt —

I do not ~~that~~ think
that the lands set apart
interfere with any of our
preemption or purchase claims