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Report on his visit

to the Indian Villages

on the Lower Fraser

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New Westminster
30th May 1877

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Sir,

I have to report
for the information of
the Honorable the Super
-intendent General, that
since the date of my
former report I have
visited the remainder of
the Indian villages in
the lower Fraser from
Yale to the Gulf of Georgia.
Together with those on the
Harrison River, and at
the head of Harrison
Lake, a point fifty
miles from the Fraser,
travelling about three
hundred miles in a Canoe
with a party of seven
Indians, leaving now
only five Reserves on
Burrard Inlet to complete
my visit of the whole
of the Lower Fraser Country
which I decided to have
done ere Mousquitoes
became

E. A. Meredith Esq.
Deputy of the Minister
of the Interior
Ottawa.

troublesome.

It is my intention to visit the Burrard Inlet Reserves next week. I went by steamer from here to Yale taking the Indians Canoe and tents with me at Yale.

I visited the Indians of that place and found them very comfortable but did not take the Census my design being to work below that place.

The first Indian village between Yale and Hope is about 6 ½ miles above Hope at the Mouth of the Coquahala a small stream which flows into the Fraser at that point.

The Chief stated that they had no Reserve but that his people occupied land at more than one place above the Village for the purpose of Gardens and pasture.

Coquahala 1½ Miles above Hope.

Population Men 30
Women 30. Boys 24. Girls 12.
Increase 1. Horse 23, Cows 18.

Pop. 96

clearance, 3 acres, Pasture
10 acres.

Men, 17 women, 13 Boys.

3 girls 2, decrease 3,

Cows 4. Horses 1. Steers Pop 35

1. Sheep 4. Goats 4. Pigs 1

Potatoes 2 acres.

Chehalis, 626 acres, West

Bank of Harrison River

about two miles from

its mouth. This is adapted

to a stock farm, but

very little is fit for

cultivation it being so

low.

There are 9 Houses and

5 old style buildings, also

a Roman Catholic Church

Population – Men 46. Women 36

Boys 27. Girls 21, decrease 5. Pop 130

Cows 38, Horses 1. Oxen 4.

Steers and young cattle

19. Pigs 40.

Potatoes and vegetables 3 acres

Plow 1. Harrow 1.

With a variety of Im-

plements and tools.

Fort Douglas, at the head

of Harrison Lake about

50 miles from the Fraser

River.

There is a small Indian

village here with a

generous to each other
and share freely among
themselves.

I cannot speak
much for their gratitude.
No matter what you pre-
sent them with, they will
expect payment for the
smallest job.

When closing
my report I will append
a recapitulation of the
Census.

I believe that no
increase has taken place
during the past year.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

James Lenihan

Indian Superintendant.