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B.C. Provincial Collection
MINUTES OF DECISION, CORRESPONDENCE & SKETCHES
Peter O'Reilly
February 1894 to December 1898
Binder 12 (Box 5)

This binder continues with the work of O'Reilly as Indian Reserve Commissioner up to his retirement in March 1898. After that date, A.W. Vowell acts as Indian Superintendent and Indian Reserve Commissioner. O'Reilly's last submission of Minutes of decision appears to be those for the Douglas Indians dated October 12, 1897 [Corr. No. 6317/98].

Within this binder, there is a series of six letters dealing with a dispute between a settler, W.H. Wright, and the Alkali Lake Indians. Interestingly, rather than being directed to the CCLW, the correspondence is directed to the Provincial Secretary. The correspondence numbers are, therefore, slightly out of sequence. It is unclear how correspondence to the Provincial Secretary's office came to be included in the provincial collection. Vowell notes that considerable time passed between the incident with Wright and his being advised. Although there is a note regarding Government Agent Soues contacting Vowell, that was in July, while the issue appears to have been put to the Provincial Secretary in March [Corr. Nos. 71/94, 1140/94].

In terms of identifying land for the Indians, it appears that an Indian from Pacheedaht (Pacheena) applied to Vowell for a fishing station of 40 acres on the San Juan River. Vowell acted upon the request forwarding it to both W.S. Gore, Deputy Minister of Lands and O'Reilly.

With respect to O'Reilly's authority, he wrote to the CCLW regarding his allotment at Pacheena that "after examination ... subject to your approval, duly declared it a reserve for the use of the Pacheena tribe." [Corr. No. 4349/94]

During the construction of the Hope-Popcum [sic] wagon road, it apparently traversed Ohamil 1. Vowell and the Indian Agent argued that the Indians were due appropriate compensation for the loss of their land. The initial sums offered by the provincial government were seen as inadequate [Corr. No. 446/95]. Vowell provided an estimate, which appears to have been subsequently reduced [Corr. Nos. 446/95, 574/95]. It is interesting that in the midst of the dispute over compensating the Indians, the provincial government sent a bill of \$500 to Vowell for the use of provincial government horses [Corr. No. 636/95].

There are numerous gaps in the correspondence in this collection. There is no correspondence between:

- November 1894 and February 1895;
- February 26 and April 3, 1895;
- September 26 and November 20, 1895;
- December 31, 1895 and November 20, 1896;
- December 11, 1896 and April 21, 1897;
- April 1897 and October 1897.

There are only two pieces of correspondence for the year 1896, both of which relate to the allotment of Dachlabah 30 for Kincolith.

In one of the rare instances, there appears to be a discrepancy between the federal and provincial collections in dating O'Reilly's Minutes of decision for the Canoe Creek and Alkali Lake Indians [Corr. No. 3577/95]. The Canoe Creek Minutes are dated September 3, 1895 in the provincial collection, whereas they are dated September 5, 1895 in the federal collection. The Alkali Lake Minutes of decision are dated "September 31, 1895." This is clearly an error. There is no such date as "September 31" and O'Reilly's covering letter is dated September 20. This is a curious discrepancy. It is most likely a transcription error.

When Vowell takes over as Indian Reserve Commissioner, he appears to maintain O'Reilly's practice

of submitting plans for approval and then providing the duplicate field notes and tracings. He also maintains O'Reilly's practice with respect to the submission of Minutes of decision. It is notable, however, that he submitted his reports to the Secretary of Indian Affairs after he had submitted it to the provincial government. This becomes evident when comparing the correlating correspondence in the federal collection.

At the end of the volume are two extracts of letters relating to what process would be required for transferring the lands set aside as a reserve. It appears to have been the opinion of the Superintendent General that an "Order by the Lieutenant Governor in Council approving of the conveyance" to the Superintendent would be sufficient in cases where the reserved lands belong to the Provincial Government.

Organization of Index

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

Additional Sources

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

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

People of Note

Mr. Bell	Indian Agent, Williams Lake
A. Campbell Reddie	Deputy Provincial Secretary
F. Cartin-Cotton	CCLW
Thomas Davie	Attorney General
G.H. Dawson	Surveyor General
Frank Devlin	Indian Agent, New Westminster
R.L.T. Galbraith	Indian Agent, Kootenay
W.S. Gore	Deputy Commissioner, Lands & Works
T. Kains	Surveyor General
R.E. Loring	Indian Agent, Babine
J.D. McLean	A/Deputy & Secretary, Ottawa
George B. Martin	CCLW
Peter O'Reilly	Indian Reserve Commissioner
C. Phair	A/Gov't. Agent
C.A. Semlin	CCLW
F. Soues	Gov't. Agent

People of Note (cont'd)

Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

F.G. Vernon

CCLW

A.W. Vowell

Indian Superintendent

Indians Identified

See complete list under Additional Subjects

Settlers Identified

See complete list under Additional Subjects

Cross-Reference to the Federal Collection

Correspondence No. 629/94 is found in vl. 13, pp. 5-11

Correspondence No. 691/94 is found in vl. 14, pp. 179-185

Correspondence No. 692/94 is found in vl. 14, pp. 167-170, 171-178

Correspondence No. 4349/94 is found in vl. 20, pp. 160a-160

Correspondence No. 3577/95 is found in vl. 14, pp. 116a-116h, 117-125

Correspondence No. 5813/96 is found in vl. 14, pp. 89-92

Correspondence No. 2348/97 is found in vl. 14, pp. 84-87

Correspondence No. 6317/97 is found in vl. 14, pp. 58-68

Correspondence No. 6233/98 is found in vl. 14, pp. 29-33

Correspondence No. 6234/98 is found in vl. 14, pp. 23-28

Correspondence No. 6235/98 is found in vl. 14, pp. 19-22

Correspondence No. 7221/98 is found in vl. 15, pp. 125-130

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

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

Reserve names are current spellings and current numbers, unless the reserve no longer exists. **Band/Tribe** names are as they appear within the volume; **n.b.** for a variety of reasons (eg. change of name, band division and amalgamation) the band originally allotted the reserve may not be the current holder.

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

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

m/copy indicates that the document is a microfilm copy

[] around the name of an author indicates that the author is known, but the signature block is missing.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
02 20 1894		Kitlathla ¹	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	629/94
02 27 1894		Kitlathla	CCLW	Approval	629/94
02 20 1894	Klapthlon 5	Kitlathla	O'Reilly	Letter	629/94
09 06 1893	Klapthlon 5A	Kitlathla	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	629/94 [p. 1]
09 06 1893	Klapthlon 5 ²	Kitlathla	Unknown	Sketch	629/94 [p. 2]
09 06 1893	Klapthlon 5A	Kitlathla	Unknown	Sketch	629/94 [p. 2]
02 26 1894		Kitwanger ³	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	691/94
03 06 1894		Kitwanger	CCLW	Approval [m/copy]	691/94
09 16 1893	Tum-bah 5 ⁴	Kitwanger	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	691/94 [p. 1]
09 16 1893	Kits-ka-haws 6	Kitwanger	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	691/94 [pp. 1-2]

¹ These Indians are currently known as Gitxaala Nation (formerly Kitkatla). In the covering letter, O'Reilly notes that the original reserve as allotted "did not embrace all the land that was necessary for the establishment of their proposed village. This on examination I found to be correct ..." [See Binder 10, Corr. No. 2944/91; Binder 13, Corr. No. 7701/01; Federal Collection, vl. 13, pp. 5-11; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 85]

² This reserve is shown in red/pink, indicating it was O'Reilly's earlier allotment.

³ These allotments are a result of O'Reilly's second visit to the area. This group's name is currently spelled Gitwangak. This version of O'Reilly's letter, Minutes of decision, and sketch is a microfilm copy. Pagination is based upon the original page numbers found in the top right hand corner, not upon the microfilm page numbers, which are large and in the centre of the page. The provenance of this microfilm copy is unknown. [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 319/92, pp. 12-15; Binder 13, Corr. No. 7701/01; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 179-185; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 46, 88]

⁴ The description provided by O'Reilly for this reserve does not conform with the current reserve boundaries. The reserve is described as allotted by O'Reilly in the 1913 Schedule, but, at some point between 1913 and 1927, when the first official survey was conducted, the reserve was moved. [See 1913 Schedule, p. 55; 1943 Schedule, p. 6]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
09 16 1893	Koonwats 7	Kitwangan	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	691/94 [p. 2]
09 16 1893	Chig-in-kaht 8 ⁵	Kitwangan	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	691/94 [p. 3]
09 16 1893	Tum-bah 5	Kitwangan ⁶	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	691/94 [pp. 4,4a]
09 16 1893	Kits-ka-haws 6	Kitwangan	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	691/94 [pp. 4,4a]
09 16 1893	Koonwats 7	Kitwangan	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	691/94 [pp. 4,4a]
09 16 1893	Chig-in-kaht 8	Kitwangan	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/ photo]	691/94 [pp. 4,4a]
03 07 1912	Ketoneda 7	Kitselas	[G.H. Dawson]	Letter [m/copy]	691/94 [add. corr.]
03 07 1912	Chig-in-kaht 8	Kitwangan	[G.H. Dawson]	Letter [m/copy]	691/94 [add. corr.]
04 10 1912	Chig-in-kaht 8 ⁷	Kitwangan	McLean	Letter [w/encl/ m/copy]]	691/94 [add. corr.]
09 16 1893	Chig-in-kaht 8	Kitwangan	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy/ typescript]	691/94 [add. corr.]
09 16 1893	Chig-in-kaht 8	Kitwangan ⁸	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy]	691/94 [add. corr.]
06 28 1912	Chig-in-kaht 8 ⁹	Kitwangan	Green	Letter [w/encl/ m/copy]	691/94 [add. corr.]
07 03 1912	Chig-in-kaht 8	Kitwangan	[G.H. Dawson]	Letter [m/copy]	691/94 [add. corr.]
02 27 1894		Kitselas & Lakelse/ Tsimshian	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	692/94
03 06 1894		Kitselas	CCLW	Approval	692/94
03 06 1894		Lakelse	CCLW	Approval	692/94

⁵ There is a note at the bottom of the Minute of decision noting the dispute over this reserve between the Kitselas and Kitwangan Indians and that the dispute is to be resolved by the respective Indian Agents.

⁶ There are two versions of the sketch, one is a black and white microfilm print, the other is a colour photo. The provenance of these two copies, particularly the photos, not known. Neither version is to scale.

⁷ Kitwangan is currently spelled "Gitwangak." McLean advises the B.C. Surveyor General, G.H. Dawson, that the reserve he was enquiring about is the Kitwangan reserve, Chig-in-kaht 8, however, the sentence identifying the reserve is convoluted and misleading. McLean states that the reserve, "up stream on the opposite bank from the Kitwangan Indian Reserve No. 7 of the Kitselas Band [sic] is Chiginhakt Indian Reserve No. 8 ..." There is no "Kitwangan Indian Reserve ... of the Kitselas Band," however, Ketoneda 7 of the Kitselas Band is downstream of Chig-in-kaht 8 of the Gitwangak. McLean notes that Skinner was to survey the reserves in 1901, but reserves 4, 5 and 7 were reportedly washed away. McLean enclosed a copy of O'Reilly's Minute of decision. [See NTS Sheet 103I/16]

⁸ The sketch appears to be a copy of the one found with the Minutes of decision.

⁹ Green forwards the field book for Chig-in-kaht 8. The field book is not included in the provincial collection.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
09 18 1893		Kitselas ¹⁰	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	692/94 [pp. 1-4]
09 18 1893	Kitselas 1 ¹¹	Kitselas	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [p. 1]
09 18 1893	Kitselas 1 ¹²	Kitselas	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [pp. 1-2]
09 18 1893	Chimdimash 2A	Kitselas	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [p. 2]
09 18 1893	Kshish 4A	Kitselas	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [pp. 2-3]
09 18 1893	Ketoneda 7	Kitselas	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [p. 3]
09 18 1893	Kitselas 1 ¹³	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Chimdimash 2	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Chimdimash 2A	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Kshish 4	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Kshish 4A	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Ketoneda 7	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893	Zaimoetz 5 ¹⁴	Kitselas	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 4]
09 18 1893		Lakelse/ ¹⁵ Tsimshian	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	692/94 [pp. 5-6]

¹⁰ O'Reilly makes reference to a letter to the CCLW dated January 20, 1892 regarding excluding 10 acres of land. This letter is not included in the provincial collection. O'Reilly provides a more detailed account of his meeting with these Indians in his field minute which is found in the federal collection. [See Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 171-178]

¹¹ This is a cancellation of the original allotment of Kitselas 1, dated October 6, 1891, in favour of the new, requested allotment, also identified as Kitselas 1. [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 380/92, pp. 1-6, esp. pp. 1,5]

¹² In the covering letter, O'Reilly states that the Indians "were very anxious to abandon their old village in the Kitselas cañon [canyon] if they could effect in exchange a portion of it and obtain in lieu an addition to Reserve No. 4." O'Reilly states that upon examination, the new site selected by the Indians was for more suitable for a village site than the old. He states he has cancelled the original minute and substituted the new one. O'Reilly excludes 10 acres comprising the Hudson's Bay Company storehouse.

¹³ The area shown in yellow on the sketch for this reserve is the 10 acres of excluded Hudson Bay Co. lands.

¹⁴ Only a portion of this reserve is depicted.

¹⁵ See Binder 13, Corr. No. 9779/03; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 167-70

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
09 18 1893	Killutsal 1 ¹⁶	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	692/94 [p. 5]
09 18 1893	Killutsal 1	Lakelse/ Tsimpsean	Unknown	Sketch	692/94 [p. 6]
03 31 1894		Alkali Lake ¹⁷	Wright	Letter [w/encl]	71/94
03 31 1894		Alkali Lake ¹⁸	Wright, et al	Petition [encl]	71/94
05 21 1894		Alkali Lake ¹⁹	Vowell	Letter	808/94
05 26 1894		Alkali Lake ²⁰	Soues	Letter	820/94
07 05 1894		Alkali Lake ²¹	Soues	Letter	996/94
08 07 1894		Alkali Lake ²²	Vowell	Letter	1140/94

¹⁶ The reserve name is also spelled Kil-lut-sal and is spelled "Kil loot sal" by O'Reilly. For many years, the Killutsal reserve was erroneously noted to be held by the Kitsumkalum Indians. That error was corrected and the reserve is currently noted to have been held by the Lax Kw'alaams [a.k.a. Port Simpson] Indians. It was sold in 1960. [See pp. 234, 237a-238, 239-39a, 245-46 this volume; vl. 9, pp. 18-57; vl. 10, pp. 145-60; vl. 11, pp. 301-07; vl. 15, pp. 371-75, 403-09; NRCan Schedule (2005) p. 53; CLSRBC 160; NTS sheet 1031/7]

¹⁷ The Alkali Lake Indians are currently known as Esketemc. There is a series of six letters dealing with a dispute between a settler, W.H. Wright, and the Alkali Lake Indians. Interestingly, rather than being directed to the CCLW, the correspondence is directed to the Provincial Secretary. The correspondence numbers are, therefore, slightly out of sequence. It is unclear how correspondence to the Provincial Secretary's office came to be included in the provincial collection. W.H. Wright appears to be a settler residing at Dog Creek. He has sent a petition to Messrs. Stoddard and Smith requesting that it be put before the "House of Representatives." This correspondence is clearly numbered, however, the numbering is out of sequence with other correspondence. It is noted to have been received by the Clerk of the Executive Council. It is possible that the correspondence number pertains to Executive Council correspondence. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 81]

¹⁸ The petition appears to be undated, aside from the date of receipt at the Executive Council. The petition complains about Indians generally with respect to ownership of land and the Alkali Lake Indians in particular with respect to their treatment of Mr. Wright. The allegation is that the Alkali Lake Indians, including the chief, drove Wright from his pre-emption.

¹⁹ Vowell indicates he has received a letter from the Deputy Provincial Secretary May 19, 1894, providing a copy of the petition from W.H. Wright. This letter is not contained in the provincial collection. Vowell advises that he has instructed the Indian Agent to tell the Indians of his agency they are not to "take the law in their own hands ... as should they do so, they must expect to be severely punished." Vowell goes on to suggest that provincial authorities take the matter in hand "and have the guilty punished, by so doing a salutary example would be made of the offenders which beyond doubt would prove beneficial in inculcating generally amongst the Indians a wholesome fear of the law."

²⁰ There is no date on the letter. The date is taken from the Provincial Secretary date received stamp. There are three correspondence numbers at the top of the page: 996/94, 808/94 and 71/94.

²¹ There is no inside date on this letter. The date is taken from the Provincial Secretary's date received stamp. Soues, the provincial government agent, refers to a letter from the Provincial Secretary dated May 19, 1894 (not in the provincial collection). Soues requests that the issue of the Alkali Lake Indians "have Executive attention as soon as possible." Soues reports that he has ascertained that day that when the Indians in the area find a meadow suitable for cutting hay "they should have it for their own use in the same manner as Whites." In Soues' opinion, such a situation "can only lead to endless trouble, possibly bloodshed." He recommends that Vowell come to the area. He states that there are "a number of evil spirits" amongst the Alkali Lake Indians and that the Chief is unable to control them. Soues believes that Vowell could resolve the situation with the Indians.

²² Vowell advises the Provincial Secretary that he has met with the Alkali Lake Indians with the Indian Agent present and has explained to them that they are not to interfere with the lawful rights of settlers. Vowell states that if they should attempt to "violate the law, they are of course amenable to punishment. [sic]" N.B. There are two copies of the first page of the letter: one with the additional note showing and one without.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
08 11 1894		Alkali Lake ²³	Soues	Letter	1161/94
04 26 1894	Survey ²⁴	West Coast	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1376/94
05 02 1894	Survey	Nechaco	O'Reilly ²⁵	Letter	1441/94
05 22 1894	Survey	West Coast ²⁶	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1703/94
06 22 1894	Queesidaquah 4	Pacheena ²⁷	Vowell	Letter	2028/94
06 27 1894	Queesidaquah 4	Pacheena	Vowell	Letter	2096/94
07 12 1894	Queesidaquah 4	Pacheena ²⁸	O'Reilly	Letter	2373/94
08 03 1894		Ohamil ²⁹	Vowell	Letter	2787/94
08 07 1894	Ohamil 1	Ohamil ³⁰	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	2827/94

²³ There is no date on the letter. The date is taken from the Provincial Secretary's date stamp. There is a draft letter included with this correspondence. The addressee is unknown, it is undated, but it is signed by Soues. The content of the draft is opposite to that contained in the letter. In the letter, Soues states that Vowell has said the Indians "have no title" to the Wright pre-emption, but the draft states that the pre-emption should be cancelled as Wright had made a declaration that the land was not used or occupied by the Indians when, in fact, the Indians cut hay on the meadow. The draft concludes by stating that the Indian Reserve Commissioner has made a request for the meadow.

²⁴ O'Reilly forwards 15 plans for the approval of the CCLW for reserves on the west coast of Vancouver Island: Nitinat [currently known as Dididaht], Sechart [currently known as Tseshaht], Toquart, Uchuelet, Clayoquot [currently known as Tla-o-qui-aht], Hesquiat, Nootka [now part of Mowachaht/Muchalaht], Esperanza Inlet [currently Ehatisaht and Nuchatlaht] and Kyuquot [currently Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tlas7et'h]. None of the plans are included in the provincial collection. A notation states: "Ans 17/5/94." (not found in provincial collection) [See Corr. No. 1703/94, this binder]

²⁵ O'Reilly refers to a letter from the Surveyor General dated April 28, 1894 (not in provincial collection). O'Reilly advises that, per Kains' request, the surveyor has been instructed to conform to the section and township lines defined by the provincial government surveys when surveying Indian reserves in the "Nechaco Valley." No Indian group is identified, however, the Stony Creek and Fort George (currently known as Lheidli T'enneh Nation) are two groups in the area.

²⁶ O'Reilly acknowledges receipt of a letter dated May 18, 1894 (not in provincial collection) regarding the surveys of the west coast reserves. He forwards the duplicate field books and tracings to the CCLW. [See Corr. No. 1376/94, this binder]

²⁷ Vowell applies to the CCLW for 40 acres of land for a fishing station on the San Juan River. He notes that he had made the verbal request on April 4, 1894, but had been advised that a settler had a pre-emption claim on the land. Since that time Vowell has learned that the settler failed to comply with the laws regarding pre-emptions, thus, Vowell reasserts his claim to the land on behalf of the Indians, noting that the interests of the "second party" would not be prejudiced. Although he does not specifically identify the Indians, based upon later correspondence, the Indian group is Pacheena (currently known as Pacheedaht). [See Corr. Nos. 2373/94, 4349/94, this binder; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 62, 93]

²⁸ O'Reilly refers to the CCLW's letter dated June 26, 1894 (not in collection) and securing a portion of land for the Pacheena Indians as a fishing station. O'Reilly requests that if the land is declared to be vacant that the CCLW will not entertain any further applications until the area necessary for the Indians has been set apart for them. [See Corr. Nos. 2028/94, 2373/94, 4349/94, this binder]

²⁹ Although this group is not specifically cited, other correspondence indicates this is the First Nation to which reference is made. Vowell writes to Vernon regarding encroachment of the Hope-Popcum [sci] wagon road on Indian reserves. Vowell states that any Indian improvements will have to be compensated. Ohamil is currently known as Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation. It should be noted that the Ohamil reserve fell within the Railway Belt. [See Corr. Nos. 2827/94, 446/95, this binder; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 65, 93]

³⁰ Vowell writes regarding the road traversing the Ohamil reserve. He suggests that the recommendation that the road be placed at the foot of the mountain rather than by the river be considered. He encloses correspondence from Indian Agent Devlin. [See Corr. Nos. 2787/94, 446/95, this binder]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
08 06 1894	Ohamil 1	Ohamil ³¹	Devlin	Letter [copy/encl]	2827/94
05 04 1894	Ohamil 1	Ohamil	Devlin	Letter [copy/encl]	2827/94
07 08 1894	Ohamil 1	Ohamil	Chief George	Letter [copy/encl]	2827/94
07 26 1894	Ohamil 1	Ohamil	Devlin	Letter [copy/encl]	2827/94
08 17 1894		Cowichan ³²	Vowell	Letter	3006/94
08 24 1894		Alkali Lake ³³	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	3111/94
02 07 1894		Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	Letter [copy/encl]	3111/94
08 30 1894		Cowichan ³⁴	Vowell	Letter	3220/94
09 06 1894		Alkali Lake ³⁵	Vowell	Letter	3310/94
10 24 1894		Alkali Lake ³⁶	Vowell	Letter	3963/94
11 21 1894		Pacheena ³⁷	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	4349/94
11 26 1894		Pacheena	CCLW	Approval	4349/94
10 30 1894	Queesidaquah 4	Pacheena	Unknown	Sketch	4349/94 [p. 1]
10 30 1894	Pacheena 1	Pacheena	Unknown	Sketch	4349/94 [p. 1]

³¹ Devlin refers to a letter from Vowell dated August 3 enclosing a copy of a letter from F.G. Vernon, CCLW (not in the collection). Devlin encloses three letters: two from himself to Capt. George of the Ohamil Indians and one from Captain George. All the letters concern the construction of a road. Devlin states that the Indians should be compensated for their improvements. He notes that a 66-foot right of way will take away a considerable portion of the reserve and that it will probably wash away. Devlin recommends running the road by the mountain. Devlin identifies three Indian groups: "Ohamin" (a.k.a. Ohamil, currently spelled Shkw'ow'hamel First Nation); "Squatets" (a.k.a. Squawtits Squatach, currently known as Peters) and Hope (currently known as Chawathil). [See NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 86, 93, 97]

³² Vowell refers to his letter of November 28, 1893. He identifies the Indian group as Quamichan, this is a sub-group of the Cowichan. [See Binder 11, Corr. Nos. 3173/93, 4017/93]

³³ O'Reilly refers to a letter from the CCLW dated August 22, 1894, a letter from the Attorney General dated February 3, 1894 (neither of which is found in the provincial collection) and a letter from himself to the Attorney General dated February 7, 1894 (a copy of which he encloses). The correspondence deals with O'Reilly's allotments in 1881. [See Binder 6, Corr No. 109/82, pp. 8-16]

³⁴ Vowell acknowledges receipt of a letter dated August 28, 1894 (not in collection) which encloses the plan and field notes related to a survey at Quamichan by a surveyor named Fry. Vowell also received a copy of the "Quamichan Official Map Act, 1894."

³⁵ Vowell refers to a letter from the CCLW dated September 5, 1894 (not in collection).

³⁶ Vowell refers to a letter dated October 23, 1894, "No. 3904-94" (not in collection) which enclosed a letter from C. Phair, Acting Government Agent, Williams Lake, regarding improvements made by the Alkali Lake Indians.

³⁷ The Pacheena Indians are currently known as Pacheedaht First Nation. O'Reilly refers to the letter from the CCLW dated July 17, 1894 (not in collection) in which the CCLW advised O'Reilly that a portion of the "N.W. quarter of Section 12, Township 10, Renfrew District lying to the west of Harris Creek was available for an Indian fishery." O'Reilly cites correspondence number 2373/94. This is, in fact, a letter from O'Reilly to the CCLW asking that land in the area be withheld from pre-emption. Interestingly, O'Reilly states he has, "after examination ... subject to your approval, duly declared it a reserve for the use of the Pacheena tribe." Notations on the page state: "See L.I. [letter incoming] 2028/94" and "Ans 27/11/94". The response is not included in the collection. [See Corr. Nos. 2028/94, 2373/94, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 20, pp. 160a-160; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 93]

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10 30 1894	Gordon River 2	Pacheena	Unknown	Sketch	4349/94 [p. 1]
10 30 1894	Queesidaquah 4	Pacheena	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	4349/94 [p. 2]
02 08 1895	Ohamil 1	Ohamil ³⁸	Vowell	Letter	446/95
02 13 1895		St. Mary's ³⁹	Vowell	Letter	492/95
02 13 1895	Ohamil 1	Ohamil ⁴⁰	Vowell	Letter	493/95
02 15 1895		St. Mary's ⁴¹	Vowell	Letter	520/95
02 21 1895	Ohamil 1	Ohamil	Vowell	Letter	574/95
02 26 1895		General	Vowell	Letter	636/95
02 26 1895	Ohamil 1	Ohamil ⁴²	Vowell	Letter	637/95
04 03 1895		General ⁴³	Vowell	Letter	1144/95
04 19 1895	Survey	Various ⁴⁴	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1309/95
04 24 1895	Survey	Various ⁴⁵	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1413/95

³⁸ Vowell refers to a letter from the CCLW dated January 29, 1895 (not in collection). He complains to the CCLW that the level of compensation to the Ohamil Indians for the road traversing the reserve is inadequate. He provides a list of Indians to be compensated and the amount they should receive. [See Corr. Nos. 2787/94, 2827/94]

³⁹ Vowell refers to an area cultivated by an Indian identified as "Cut Mouth" Johnny which is "about 3 miles distant from St. Mary's Prairie Reserve, on west side." It is not clear, however, it is possible that the reserve referred to would appear to be the Kootenay 1, held by the St. Mary's Indians. There is, however, no reserve three miles west of Kootenay 1. Vowell requests that the pre-emption be "held over" until he has received the "particulars" from the Indian Agent, Galbraith. These "particulars" are not included in this collection, nor could any similar correspondence be found in the federal collection. [See Corr. No. 520/95, this volume]

⁴⁰ Vowell refers to a letter from the CCLW dated February 11, 1895 (not in collection) regarding compensation for the Ohamil Indians. No figures are provided, however, Vowell thanks the CCLW for his attention to the matter and states that he has notified the Indian Agent "to endeavour to make the Indians content with the amount" cited by the CCLW. [See Corr. No. 574/95, this binder]

⁴¹ Vowell refers to a letter from the CCLW dated February 14, 1895 (not in collection) related to the land occupied by "Cut-Mouth Johnny." [See Corr. No. 492/95, this binder]

⁴² Vowell refers to a letter dated February 25, 1895 (not in collection) in which the CCLW provides a cheque for compensation to the Ohamil Indians. [See Corr. Nos. 446/95, 574/95, this binder]

⁴³ Vowell refers to a letter dated April 2, 1895 (not in collection) which enclosed a copy of a letter from a settler related to cutting timber on an Indian reserve. Vowell advises Gore of the proper steps to be taken with respect to cutting timber on reserves, noting it falls under Section 26 of the *Indian Act* and that "[n]o person is allowed to deal directly with the Indians in such matters." Vowell does not identify either the First Nation or the reserve in question.

⁴⁴ O'Reilly submits for "final approval and signature" five plans of reserves surveyed in the past year for the Canim Lake, Soda Creek, Toosey, Stone and Anaham Indians. The plans are not included in the provincial collection. [See Corr. No. 1413/95, this binder]

⁴⁵ O'Reilly forwards duplicate field books and tracings for the Canim Lake, Soda Creek, Toosey, Stone and Anaham Indians. The field books and plans are not included in the provincial collection.

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05 04 1895	Spahomin Creek 8 ⁴⁶	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1588/95
05 09 1895	Spahomin Creek 8	Upper Nicola	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	1676/95
05 07 1895	Spahomin Creek 8	Upper Nicola	CCLW	Approval	1676/95
05 14 1895		General ⁴⁷	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1720/95
02 19 1895		General	Galbraith	Letter [copy/encl]	1720/95
02 19 1895		General ⁴⁸	Unknown	Sketch [encl]	1720/95
04 03 1895		General	Aylmer	Letter [copy/encl]	1720/95
06 05 1895	Survey	Similkameen ⁴⁹	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2041/95
06 11 1895	Survey	Similkameen ⁵⁰	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2129/95
06 10 1895	Survey	Similkameen	CCLW	Approval	2129/95
07 09 1895	Survey	Penticton ⁵¹	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2514/95
07 12 1895	Survey	Penticton ⁵²	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	2585/85
09 19 1895	Survey	Fort George ⁵³	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	3547/95
09 19 1895	Survey	Blackwater ⁵⁴	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	3547/95
09 20 1895		Alkali Lake & Canoe Creek	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	3577/95

⁴⁶ O'Reilly forwards for "final approval and signature" the plan for the Upper Nicola reserve allotted by him in October 1889. He notes that the reserve was allotted by him "on the authority of the late Chief Commissioner, Mr. Vernon, but was not surveyed until June 1894." [See Binder 9, Corr. No. 2947/89]

⁴⁷ Vowell writes to Gore regarding the survey done of Kootenay Indian Agent R.L.T. Galbraith's house and garden. Some land was apparently excluded.

⁴⁸ Galbraith encloses a sketch showing the location of his house.

⁴⁹ O'Reilly forwards "Plans Nos. 2 and 4 of reserves for the Similkameen Indians" for final approval (not included in the collection). The Similkameen Indians are currently known as Lower Similkameen. Reference is made to a letter from the CCLW dated April 28, 1891 (not in collection) in which the CCLW had made a "suggestion" to amend a boundary. O'Reilly states that it was amended. [See Corr. No. 2129/95, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 3885/93; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 96]

⁵⁰ O'Reilly forwards duplicate field books and tracings of the Similkameen reserves (not included in the collection). He refers to the approval of the CCLW in his letter of June 10 (not in collection). [See Corr. No. 2041/95, this volume]

⁵¹ O'Reilly forwards for original plans of reserves for the Penticton Indians for the approval of the CCLW. O'Reilly notes that the plan has been amended as the CCLW suggested. Although O'Reilly cites the letter dated April 28, 1891, the correspondence number he provides is for another letter related to the CCLW's approval. The correspondence number for the April 28 letter is 1610/91. [See Binder 10, Corr. Nos. 1533/90, 1610/91]

⁵² O'Reilly transmits the tracings and duplicate field books of the Penticton reserves, noted as approved by the CCLW on July 10 (not included in collection).

⁵³ O'Reilly forwards the plans of the Fort George reserves for the approval of the CCLW (not included in the collection). The Fort George Indians were also known as Lheit lit'en Nation and are currently known as Lheidli Teneh Nation. [See Corr. No. 3648/95, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 780/93, pp. 13-16; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 54-55 84]

⁵⁴ O'Reilly forwards the plans of the Blackwater reserves for the approval of the CCLW (not included in the collection). The Blackwater Indians amalgamated with the Nazko and are currently known as Nazko. [See Corr. No. 3648/95, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 780/93, pp. 17-20; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 60, 81]

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09 23 1895		Alkali Lake	CCLW	Approval	3577/95
09 23 1895		Canoe Creek	CCLW	Approval	570/95
09 03 1895		Canoe Creek ⁵⁵	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	3577/95 [pp. 1-3]
09 03 1895	Spilmouse 4 ⁵⁶	Canoe Creek	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 1]
09 03 1895	Fish Lake 5	Canoe Creek	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [pp. 1-2]
09 03 1895	Toby Lake 6	Canoe Creek	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 2]
09 03 1895	Spilmouse 4	Canoe Creek	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 3]
09 03 1895	Fish Lake 5	Canoe Creek	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 3]
09 03 1895	Toby Lake 6	Canoe Creek	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 3]
08 30 1895		Alkali Lake ⁵⁷	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch	3577/95 [pp. 4-8]
08 30 1895	Little Springs 8	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 4]
08 30 1895	Cludolicum 9 ⁵⁸	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 4]
08 30 1895	Loon Lake 10	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 5]
08 30 1895	Sampson's Meadow 11	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 5]
08 30 1895	Isadore Harry 12	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 6]
08 30 1895	Pete Suckers 13	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 6]
08 30 1895	Little Springs 8	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]

⁵⁵ In the federal collection, the date of the Minutes of decision for these allotments is shown to be September 5, while in the provincial collection it is shown to be September 3. It is not known why there would be this difference in dates. It is possible that it is a transcription error as the date at the end of the Alkali Lake Minutes of decision is clearly an error. The field minute found in the federal collection provides additional detail regarding O'Reilly's meeting with these Indians. [See Binder 13, Corr. No. 6484/02; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 116a-116h, esp. p. 116g]

⁵⁶ This reserve is a replacement for O'Reilly's original allotment of Canoe Creek 4. [See Binder 6, Corr. No. 147/82]

⁵⁷ The Alkali Lake Indians are currently known as Esketemc. The Minutes of decision are clearly dated incorrectly. "September 31, 1895" in an incorrect date. Beyond the fact that there are only 30 days in September, such a date would be subsequent to both the covering letter and the approval by the CCLW. The date of August 30, 1895, which is shown in the federal collection is used in the index. O'Reilly's field minute found in the federal collection provides additional detail regarding his meeting with these Indians. [See Corr. No. 1409/98, 1524/98, this binder; Binder 6, Corr. No. 109/82, pp. 8-16; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 117-125; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 81]

⁵⁸ Originally spelled Clu-dol-i-cum; also known as Jimmy Decker 9. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 45]

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08 30 1895	Cludolicum 9 ⁵⁹	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Loon Lake 10	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Sampson's Meadow 11	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Isadore Harry 12	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Pete Suckers 13	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Roper's Meadow 14	Alkali Lake	Unknown	Sketch	3577/95 [p. 7]
08 30 1895	Roper's Meadow 14	Alkali Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	3577/95 [p. 8]
09 26 1895	Survey	Blackwater ⁶⁰	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	3648/95
09 26 1895	Survey	Fort George ⁶¹	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	3648/95
09 21 1895		Blackwater	CCLW	Approval	3648/95
09 21 1895		Fort George	CCLW	Approval	3648/95
11 20 1895	Survey ⁶²	Stony Creek	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	4445/95
11 22 1895	Sechelt Lands 22 ⁶³	Sechelt	O'Reilly	Letter	4472/95
12 09 1895	Survey ⁶⁴	Stony Creek	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	4726/95
12 09 1895		Stony Creek	CCLW	Approval	4726/95
12 13 1895	Survey	Fraser Lake ⁶⁵	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	4788/95
12 18 1895	Survey	Fraser Lake ⁶⁶	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	4865/95

⁵⁹ Identified on sketch as Clu-dol-i-cum.

⁶⁰ O'Reilly forwards tracings and duplicate field books for the Blackwater reserves (not included in collection).

⁶¹ O'Reilly forwards tracings and duplicate field books for the Fort George (currently Lheidli T'enneh Nation) reserves (not included in collection).

⁶² O'Reilly encloses the plan of the Stony Creek reserves (not included in the collection). He notes that it has been surveyed in accordance with the Section and township lines as defined by the provincial government in accordance with the request of the CCLW in a letter dated April 28, 1894 (not included in collection). The Stony Creek Indians are currently known as Saik'uz First Nation. [See Corr. No. 4726/95, this binder; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 98]

⁶³ This reserve was formerly known as Saughanaught 22.

⁶⁴ O'Reilly forwards the tracing and duplicate field books for the Stony Creek reserves (not in collection), which he notes were approved by the CCLW on December 5, 1895.

⁶⁵ O'Reilly submits the plan of the Fraser Lake Indian reserves for the approval of the CCLW (not included in the collection). The Fraser Lake Indians split into two groups: Stellat'en First Nation (formerly Stellaquo); and, Nadleh Whuten. Reserves 1 to 4 are currently attributed to the Nadleh Whuten. Reserve number 5 is held by Stellat'en First Nation but it is identified as Stellaquo 1. [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 780/93; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 59, 68, 85, 97]

⁶⁶ O'Reilly transmits the tracing and duplicate field books of the Fraser Lake reserves. [See Federal Collection, vl. 14, p. 114]

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12 14 1895		Fraser Lake	CCLW	Approval	4865/95
12 23 1895	Survey	McLeod Lake ⁶⁷	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	4960/95
12 31 1895	Survey	McLeod Lake	O'Reilly	Letter [w/encl]	5075/95
12 27 1895		McLeod Lake	CCLW	Approval	5075/95
11 20 1896		Kincolith/ ⁶⁸ Nass River	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	5813/96
09 29 1896	Dachlabah 30 ⁶⁹	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	5813/96 [p. 1]
09 29 1896	Dachlabah 30	Kincolith/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	5813/96 [p. 2]
09 26 1896	Andegulay 8A	Lakalzap/ Nass River	Unknown	Sketch	5813/96 [p. 2]
12 11 1896	Survey	Kincolith/ Nass River	O'Reilly ⁷⁰	Letter [w/encl]	6231/96
12 10 1896	Dachlabah 30	Kincolith/ Nass River	CCLW	Approval	6231/96
04 21 1897		Williams Lake ⁷¹	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	2348/97
04 23 1897	Carpenter Mountain 15	Williams Lake	CCLW	Approval	2348/97
11 26 1894	Carpenter Mountain 15	Williams Lake	O'Reilly	M.O.D.	2348/97 [p. 1]
11 26 1894	Carpenter Mountain 15	Williams Lake	Unknown	Sketch	2348/97 [p. 2]
11 26 1894	Five Mile 3	Williams Lake	Unknown	Sketch	2348/97 [p. 2]

⁶⁷ O'Reilly forwards the plan of the McLeod Lake reserve for "final approval" of the CCLW (not included in collection). [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 902/93, pp. 1-2]

⁶⁸ O'Reilly specifically notes that the land set aside as a reserve "does not adjoin that of any white settler, nor is it likely to interfere in any way with the progress of the country." As a result of Nisga'a Treaty and the act ratifying the treaty in April 2000, these Indians are currently known as the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx. The reserves are considered to be held by the Nisga'a Nation in fee simple. [See Binder 7, Corr. No. 506/82; Binder 9, Corr. No. 168/89; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 89-92; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 77-78, 87; ILR #281681]

⁶⁹ Spelled by O'Reilly "Dak-la-bah" by O'Reilly.

⁷⁰ O'Reilly forwards the tracing and duplicate field notes for Dachlabah 30 to the Deputy CCLW (not included in the collection). N.B.: Missing from the collection is the transmittal letter from O'Reilly forwarding the original plan for the approval of the CCLW.

⁷¹ O'Reilly notes that this reserve was originally defined by him on November 26, 1894, but "[o]wing to unavoidable delay in completing the survey ... the Minute of decision has hitherto been withheld." O'Reilly's field minute in the federal collection provided more detail regarding the "unavoidable delay." The approval by the CCLW is noted in the margin on the covering page of the letter. [See Corr. Nos. 1409/98, 1524/98 this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 84-87]

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10 12 1897		Douglas ⁷²	O'Reilly	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy]	6317/97
10 14 1897	Sachteen 2A	Samahquam/ Douglas	CCLW	Approval [m/copy]	6317/97
10 14 1897		Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	CCLW	Approval [m/copy]	6317/97
09 30 1897		Samahquam/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a,4]
09 30 1897		Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. & Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a, 5-8]
09 30 1897	Sachteen 2	Samahquam/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Sachteen 2A	Samahquam/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Sklahhesten 5	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Sklahhesten 5A	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Morteen 9	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Franks 10	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Perrets 11	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Unknown	Sketch [m/copy/photo]	6317/97 [pp. 3,3a]
09 30 1897	Sachteen 2A ⁷³	Samahquam/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	6317/97 [p. 4]
09 30 1897	Morteen 9 ⁷⁴	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	6317/97 [p. 5]

⁷² O'Reilly identifies these Indians as "Douglas." In the federal collection, O'Reilly identified the Indians as "Skookum Chuck, a branch of the Douglas tribe." Currently, the reserves allotted by O'Reilly are held by two different groups: Samahquam and Skatin Nation (formerly Skookum Chuck). This appears to be the last set of Minutes of decision submitted by O'Reilly. He retired in 1898. The approval of O'Reilly's allotments is noted in the margin on the first page of the covering letter. Interestingly, O'Reilly notes that four of the reserves he's allotted cover either abandoned pre-emptions, or a pre-emption for which the Certificate of Improvement was not obtained. This version of this correspondence number has come from a microfilm copy. There is a photograph of the sketch included. The provenance of the photo and the microfilm copy is unknown. The sketches are not to scale. In this case, pagination from the microfilm copy has been used to identify the material. [See Binder 6, Corr. No. 360/82, pp. 20-25; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 58-68; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 45, 63, 65, 84]

⁷³ Spelled "Sack-teen" by O'Reilly. This reserve is currently held by the Samahquam Indians.

⁷⁴ In the covering letter, O'Reilly refers to this allotment as "No. 10 Morteen". This would appear to be a transcription error. The reserve is identified in the M.O.D. and in the federal collection as Morteen 9. With respect to this reserve, O'Reilly notes that it includes a small portion of the allotment includes land pre-empted August 13, 1862 by J. Gowan. Gowan did not obtain a Certificate of Improvement and abandoned the land. O'Reilly states that he was informed the Indians have been "in occupation of it for about twenty years." [i.e. since approximately 1877].

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09 30 1897	Sklahhesten 5A ⁷⁵	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	6317/97 [p. 6]
09 30 1897	Franks 10	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	6317/97 [p. 7]
09 30 1897	Perrets 11 ⁷⁶	Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	O'Reilly	M.O.D. [m/copy]	6317/97 [p. 8]
10 14 1897		Skookum Chuck/ Douglas	Gore	Approval [copy/ typescript]	6317/97 [p. 9]
01 26 1898		Kispiox ⁷⁷	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	610/98
08 03 1896		Kispiox	Loring	Letter [copy/encl]	610/98
08 03 1896	Kispiox 1 ⁷⁸	Kispiox	Loring	Sketch [encl]	610/98
08 03 1896	Sik-e-dakh 2 ⁷⁹	Kispiox	Loring	Sketch	610/98
03 05 1898	Survey	Alkali Lake	Vowell ⁸⁰	Letter [w/encl]	1409/98
03 05 1898	Survey	Williams Lake ⁸¹	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1409/98
03 10 1898	Survey	Alkali Lake	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1524/98
03 10 1898	Survey	Williams Lake	Vowell	Letter [w/encl]	1524/98
09 19 1898		Kuldoe ⁸²	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	6233/98
07 30 1898	Kuldoe 1	Kuldoe	Vowell	M.O.D.	6233/98 [p. 1]
07 30 1898	Kuldoe 1	Kuldoe	Unknown	Sketch	6233/98 [p. 2]

⁷⁵ In the covering letter, O'Reilly states that this reserve "embraces the pre-emption claim of Charles Kersley dated 23rd June 1862." It was abandoned by Kersley and briefly occupied by another settler, Chapuis, who also abandoned it.

⁷⁶ O'Reilly states that this reserve and Franks 10 were portions of the pre-emption of Jules Perret, dated November 1, 1861 (n.b.: in the federal collection a different date is given). Mr. Perret died in 1881 without having obtained a Certificate of Improvement. An Indian woman with whom Perret had lived, named Polly, continued to reside on the land "and the place has virtually become an Indian settlement." In the federal collection, O'Reilly provides a little more information with respect to Polly and Perret. [See Federal Collection, vl. 14, p. 61]

⁷⁷ Vowell provides a "copy" of a report from Indian Agent R.E. Loring of the Babine Agency regarding additional lands required by the Babine Indians. The report was written approximately 17 months earlier. [See Corr. No. 6234/98, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 319/92, pp. 1-2; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 44-49, 72-72a, 94-98]

⁷⁸ Loring identifies additional lands desired by the Kispiox Indians. The areas identified as "Tsum-an-su-mal No. 2" and "Aguedin No. 3" on Loring's sketch are currently encompassed within Kispiox 1. The area identified as Aguedin should not be confused with the existing reserve, Aguedin 3.

⁷⁹ The area designated "No. 1" conforms roughly with the location of Sik-e-dakh 2, currently held by the Glen Vowell Indians.

⁸⁰ Vowell, in keeping with the same practice established by O'Reilly, forwards "Plan Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5" of reserves for the Alkali Lake Indians (not included in collection).

⁸¹ Vowell, in keeping with the practice established by O'Reilly, forwards "Plan No. 2" for the Williams Lake Indians (not included in collection).

⁸² These Indians amalgamated with the Kispiox Indians. They are currently known as Kispiox and the reserve is held by Kispiox. [See Binder 13, Corr. No. 2901/99; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 29-33; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 50, 89]

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09 22 1898	Kuldoe 1	Kuldoe	CCLW	Approval	6233/98
09 19 1898		Kispiox ⁸³	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	6234/98
07 21 1898	Sik-e-dakh 2 ⁸⁴	Kispiox	Vowell	M.O.D.	6234/98 [p. 1]
08 05 1898	Aguedin 3	Kispiox	Vowell	M.O.D.	6234/98 [p. 2]
07 21 1898	Sik-e-dakh 2 ⁸⁵	Kispiox	Unknown	Sketch	6234/98 [p. 3]
08 05 1898	Aguedin 3	Kispiox	Unknown	Sketch	6234/98 [p. 3]
09 22 1898	Sik-e-dakh 2	Kispiox	CCLW	Approval ⁸⁶	6234/98
09 22 1898	Aguedin 3	Kispiox	CCLW	Approval	6234/98
09 19 1898		Hazelton ⁸⁷	Vowell	Letter & M.O.D.	6235/98
08 15 1898	Ksoo-gun-ya 2 ⁸⁸	Hazelton	Vowell	M.O.D.	6235/98
08 15 1898	Ksoo-gun-ya 2a	Hazelton	Vowell	M.O.D.	6235/98
09 22 1898	Ksoo-gun-ya 2a	Hazelton	CCLW	Approval	6235/98
09 23 1898		General ⁸⁹	Vowell	Letter	6363/98
10 27 1898		Kisgegas ⁹⁰	Vowell	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	7221/98

⁸³ Vowell refers to O'Reilly's allotments in February 1892. He states that "of this the greater part is useless as agriculture, meadow or timber land." [See Corr No. 610/98, this binder; Binder 11, Corr. No. 319/92, pp. 1-2; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 23-28]

⁸⁴ Also spelled Sic-e-dach. Currently known as Glen Vowell. This reserve is currently held by the Glen Vowell Indians. [See Corr. No. 6363/98; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 46, 96]

⁸⁵ It appears that Indian Agent Loring's house is located on the sketch for this reserve.

⁸⁶ A marginal notation states: "Approved with the exception of the last clause dealing with an allotment of water."

⁸⁷ These Indians are currently known as Gitanmaax. There is no sketch included with Vowell's Minute of decision. There is, however, a sketch in the federal collection. Although Vowell states that Ksoo-gun-ya 2 is cancelled because it was found to be "destitute" of timber. In the federal collection, he explains that fire "and other causes" were the reasons there was no timber. [See Binder 11, Corr. No. 319/92, pp. 3-7; Binder 13, Corr. No. 2901/99; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 45-46, 86; Federal Collection, vl. 14, pp. 19-22]

⁸⁸ Vowell cancels O'Reilly's allotment of September 29, 1891.

⁸⁹ Vowell refers to a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works dated September 22, 1898 (not included in collection) regarding the approval of the CCLW of Vowell's allotments.

⁹⁰ The Kisgegas Indians amalgamated with the Gitanmaax Indians. This reserve is currently held by Gitanmaax. There is a more detailed description of Vowell's trip to this area in the federal collection. Vowell includes within this allotment an area of 320 acres for which an application to purchase had been made. Vowell states that the application embraces the old village site of "Aligosumdagh", some potato gardens, an important salmon fishery and a burial ground. He refers to his letter of April 28, 1898, in which he requested that the settler's application not be entertained (not included in the collection). N.B.: Vowell does not send his report to the federal government until November 1899, after approval has been received from the CCLW. [See Binder 13, Corr. Nos. 3536/99, 7144/99; Federal Collection, vl. 15, pp. 125-130; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 45, 87]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
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08 10 1898	Kisgegas	Kisgegas	CCLW	Approval ⁹¹	7221/98
06 25 1897		General	O'Reilly ⁹²	Letter [extract]	N/A
10 04 1897		General	SGIA ⁹³	Letter [extract]	N/A

⁹¹ It appears that the original date of approval was November 10, 1898, but this was crossed out and August 10, 1899 put in.

⁹² There are two extracts at the end of volume 12. There is no correspondence number attributed to the extracts. The first is noted to be an extract from a letter from O'Reilly to the Superintendent General. O'Reilly requests to be informed if it is the opinion of the Superintendent General that "Patents [sic] are necessary for the conveyance by the Provincial to the Dominion government of the lands approved of as reserves or if a formal approval as hitherto is sufficient." O'Reilly states that Smithe, the former CCLW, did not think the Patents were necessary. O'Reilly states that the the Supt. General wishes him to pursue the matter, he requests that the "form of conveyance you wish adopted" be sent to him.

⁹³ This extract is in response to the letter from O'Reilly dated June 25, 1897. The Supt. General states that "Orders by the Lieutenant Governor in Council approving of the conveyance of such reserves to the Supt. General of Indian Affairs in trust may be constituted sufficient in cases where the reserved lands belong to the Provincial Government."

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~ Peter O'Reilly ~
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⁹⁴ 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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Correspondence No.

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Settler

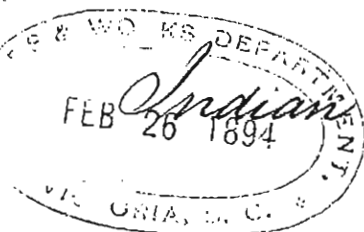
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J.K.



Reserve Commission.

Victoria

February 20th 1894.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your approval, a Minute of Decision and sketch of an addition of 124 acres to the Kitlathla Reserve No 5, situated near Calvert Point, opposite the mouth of the Skeena river.

The original reserve was approved by you in June 1893; since then the Kitlathla Indians have made representations to the effect that the reserve as defined, did not embrace all the land that was necessary for the establishment of their proposed village. This on examination I found to be correct, and I accordingly added the 124 acres above referred to. The land is barren, and from its situation

does

The Hon^{ble}

the Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works.

F. G. Vernon
C. C. L. W. A.

Approved
Feb. 27 - 1894

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does not, in any way interfere with
the claims of white settlers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.

R. McIlly
J.R.C.

Minute of Decision.

Kitlathla Indians.

No. 5^a Klap thlon, a reserve of one hundred and twenty four (124) acres, situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Calvert Point, Greenville Channel, ~~and~~ being an extension of Reserve No. 5, defined July 10th 1891.

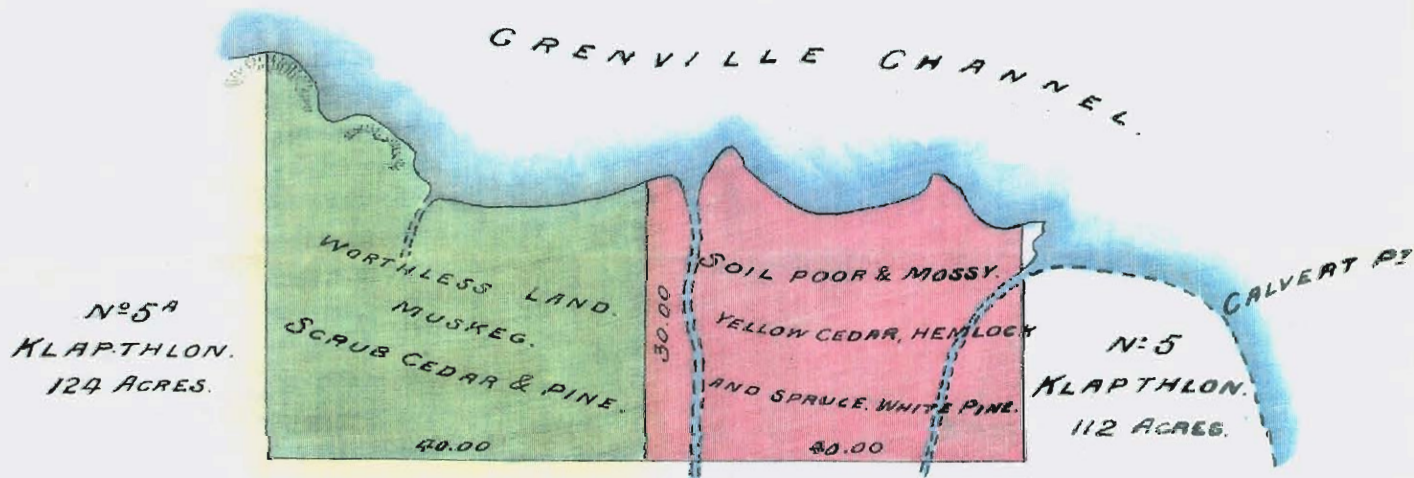
Commencing at the northwest corner post of Reserve No. 5, and running South thirty (30) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence North to the seacoast, and thence following the shore in an easterly direction to the place of commencement.

J. O'Neilly
J.R.C.

September 6th 1893.

KITLATHLA INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.

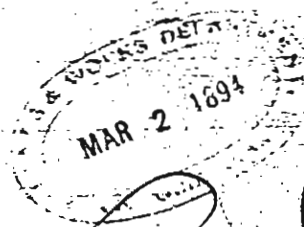


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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria

February 26th 1894



(1)

Sir,

In my letter of 23 January 1892, I informed you that owing to the absence of the Indians, some of the bands on the Skeena river had not been finally dealt with, and that it would be necessary for the Reserve Commission to revisit them.

This has since been done, and I have now the honor to enclose, for your approval, Minutes of Decision and sketches of four reserves for the Kitwanga band of the Kitisum tribe.

These small plots of land are situated on the banks of the Skeena and, except as fishing stations, are valueless.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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

R. McNeil
M.C.

Approved
F. G. Crook
March 6th 1894 C. C. L. H. H.

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Minutes of Decision.

Kitwanjar Indians.

No 5. Turnbakh, a reserve of one hundred and forty seven (147) acres, situated on the left bank of the Skeena river, about 2½ miles below Kitwanjar.

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree on the bank of the river, marked Indian Reserve, and running South forty (40) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence North to the Skeena river, and thence following the bank of the said river in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 6. Kito ka haws, a reserve of one hundred (100) acres, situated on the right bank of the Skeena river, about five miles below Kitwanjar.

Commencing

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Kit wan for Indians

Commencing on the river bank at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian reserve, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence East thirty (30) chains; thence South to the Skeena river, and thence following the shore of the said river in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

No 7. Koom wato, a reserve of one hundred and eighty five (185) acres, situated on the banks of the Skeena river, about eight miles above Lorne Creek.

Commencing on the right bank of the river at a Cottonwood marked Indian reserve, and running West ten (10) chains; thence North fifty (50) chains; thence East sixty (60) chains; thence South fifty (50) chains, and thence West fifty (50) chains to the place of commencement.

No 8.

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Kit wan jar Indians.

W. S. Chig in kaht, a reserve of one hundred and three (103) acres, situated on the right bank of the Skeena river about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles below Lorne creek.

Commencing on the right bank of the Skeena river, at a spruce tree marked Indian reserve, and running South twenty (20) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence North to the said river, and thence following the bank in an easterly direction to the place of commencement.

September 16th 1893.

R. McIlroy
I.R.C.

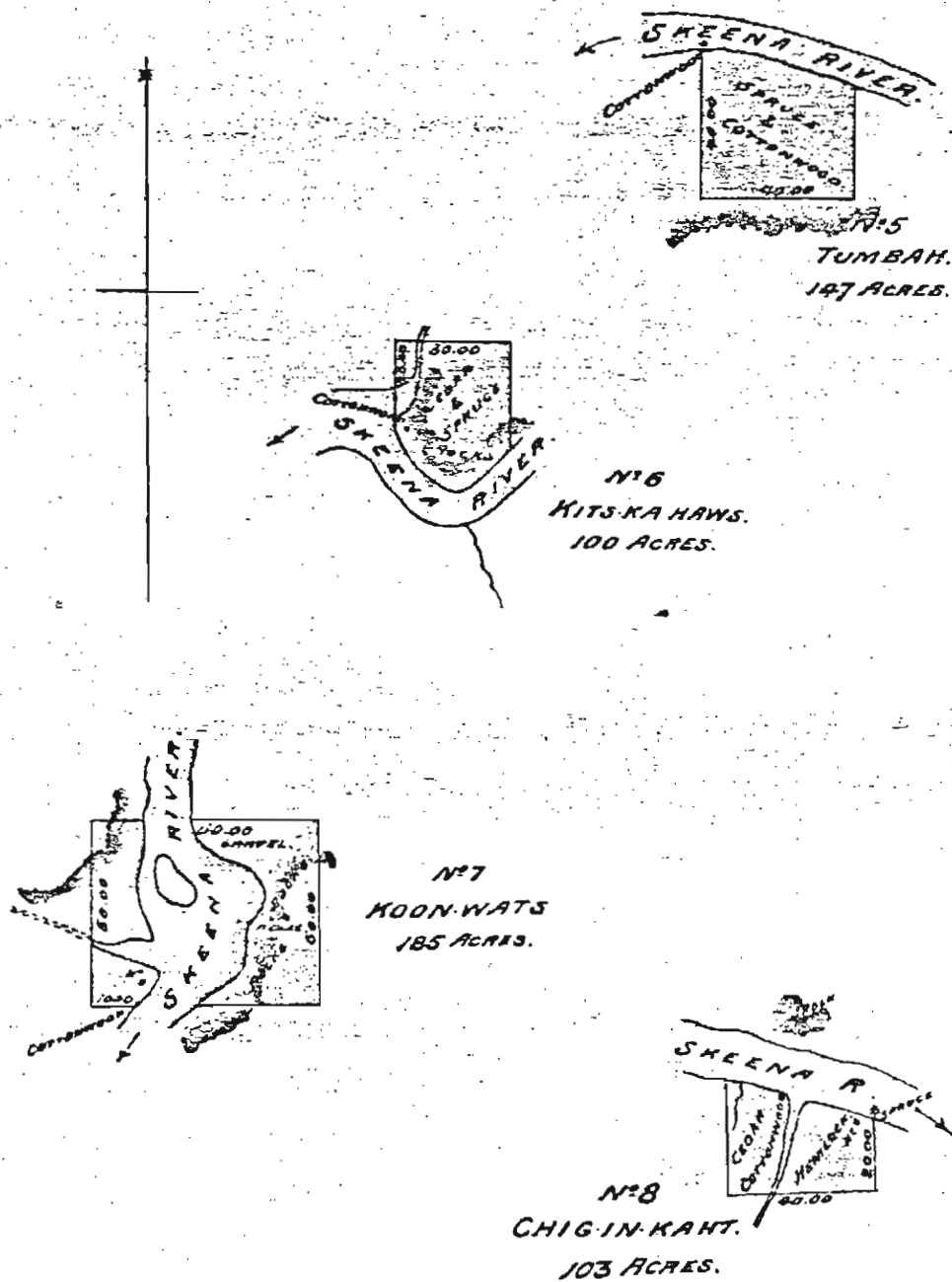
Note. Chig in kaht. The Commissioner was unable to determine whether this reserve should be allotted to the Kitwanjar or Kixocias Indians. Both parties claimed exclusive ownership, he therefore left the question to be decided by their respective agents.

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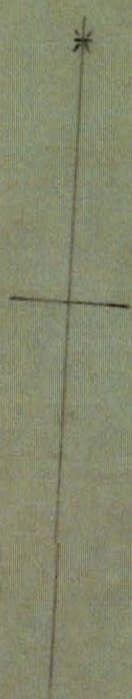
KIT-WAN-GAR INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



KIT-WAN-GAR INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



N^o 5
TUMBAH.
197 ACRES.



N^o 6
KITS KA HAWS.
100 ACRES.



N^o 7
MOON WATS
185 ACRES.



N^o 8
CHIG-IN-KAHT.
103 ACRES.

L.I. 13165
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Mar. 7, 1912.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that this Department has information of an Indian Reserve, situated on the Skeena River at the mouth of Fiddlers Creek, about 2 1/2 up stream on the opposite bank from the Le-tone-da I.R., No. 7, of the Nitlmas Reserves.

There do not appear to be any field notes or plan of survey of this reserve on file in this Department and I would be obliged if you would arrange to have same supplied as the information is required in dealing with adjoining lands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Surveyor General.

JEU/HPS.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
385,598.
ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER
PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT
IN EACH LETTER.

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.



Ottawa, April 10, 1912.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th ultimo, I beg to inform you that the Reserve to which you refer on the Skeena River at the mouth of Fiddler's Creek about two and a half miles up stream on the opposite bank from the Kitwanga Indian Reserve No. 7 of the Kitselas Band is the Chiginkaht Indian Reserve No. 8 of the Kitwanga Band. This Reserve was allotted by Commissioner O'Reilly in 1893 and was surveyed by Mr. Skinner in June 1901 but the returns of his survey were not forwarded to ~~this~~ Department. It appears he was unable to complete his work on account of the fact that the reservations for the same Band Nos. 4, 5 and 7 had been actually washed away by the Skeena River.

Mr. A. H. Green has been requested to send you if possible a copy of Mr. Skinner's plan and of his field notes but as Mr. Green is just now in the Queen Charlotte Islands it may be some time before he can comply with this request. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minute of decision and of the sketch accompanying it made by Mr. O'Reilly on December 16, 1893. It may be of some service to you until a copy of the plan of the actual survey can be furnished you.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

G. H. Dawson, Esq.,

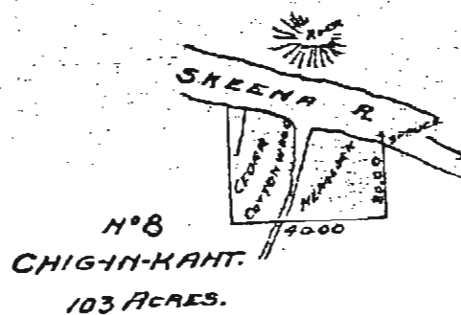
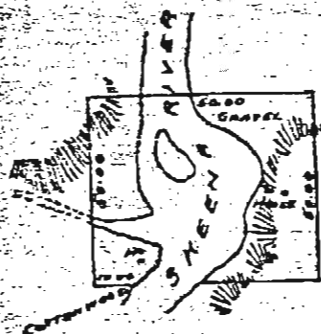
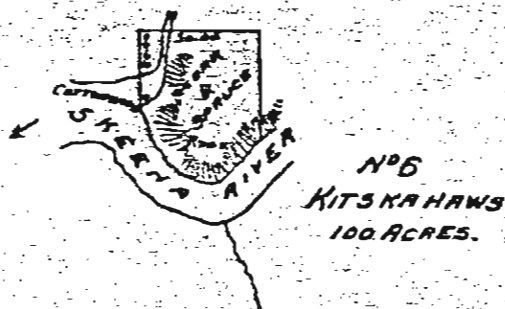
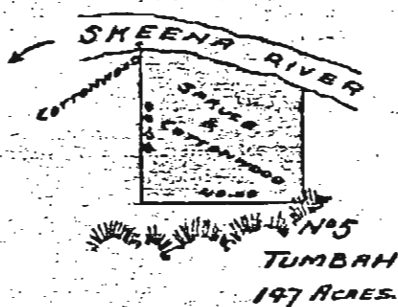
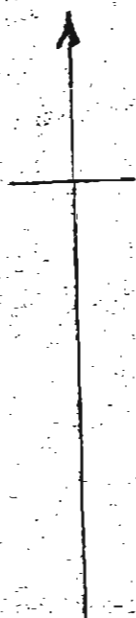
Surveyor General,

Lands Department,

Victoria, B. C.

KIT-WAN-GAR INDIANS

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



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KITWANGAS INDIANS.

No. 8, "Chispinkah," a reserve of one hundred and three (103) acres, situated on the right bank of the Skeena river, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile below Lorne Creek.

Commencing on the right bank of the Skeena river, at a Spruce tree marked Indian reserve, and running South, twenty (20) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence North to the said river, and thence following its bank in an easterly direction to the place of commencement.

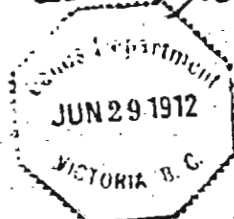
Sgd. P. O'Reilly.

September 16th 1893.

I.R.C.

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 Indian Office. Victoria B.C.
 June 28th 1912

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Sir

By direction of the Deputy
 Superintendent General of Indian
 Affairs I have the honor to forward
 you the enclosed copy of the field book
 relating to the Chief in Koot Indian
 Reserve on the Skeena river.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Richard H. Green
 B.C.L.

G. H. Dawson Esq.
 Surveyor General
 Victoria B.C.

Let. 22925/12.

July 3, 1912.

A.H.Green, Esq., B.C.L.S.,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. forwarding field notes for the survey of the Chig-in-kaht Indian Reserve.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Surveyor General.

JEU/H-3.

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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.

February 27th 1894

Ans 6/3/94

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VICTORIA

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your approval Minutes of Decision, and sketches of five reserves defined by me on the Skeena, and within the Coast Agency, during the past year, for the Kitselas and Lakelse bands of the Tsimpsian tribe of Indians.

With regard to the Kitselas reserve No 1, reported to you 28th January 1892, and approved on 4th February of that year, during my recent visit I found that the Indians were very anxious to abandon their old village in the Kitselas Canon, if they could effect an exchange of a portion of it, and obtain in lieu thereof an addition to

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

Approved
March 6th 1894
F. G. Serway
C. C. D. W.

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to Reserve No 4. On examination I ascertained that the land asked for was much more suitable for a village site than that at the canon, and the Indians, anticipating my action, had already cleared several acres, and had built eight substantial houses thereon. I therefore acceded to their wishes and enlarged Reserve No 4 by an addition of 490 acres, the Indians surrendering 640 acres, the Northern portion of Reserve No 1, as shown on the sketch herewith

I have thought it better to cancel the original Minute of Reserve No 1, and to substitute therefor a new Minute; no alteration has however been made in the southern boundaries, and ten acres on the left bank of the Skeena, immediately below the canon are omitted, as I believe it would prove a convenience to the public to have this land declared a government reserve. My reasons

reasons for not including these ten
acres were reported to you in my
letter on this subject. 20th January
1892.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

P O'Neill
M.C.

Minutes of Decision.

Kitselas Indians.

Tsimpscan tribe.

No. 1. Kitselas. The Minute of Decision of this reserve, dated October 6th 1891 is hereby cancelled, and the following substituted.

No. 1 Kitselas, a reserve of one thousand four hundred and seventy (1470) acres, situated at the Kitselas canon on the Skeena river.

Commencing on the right bank of the Skeena river, at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian reserve, and running West twenty (20) chains; thence South one hundred and eighty (180) chains; thence East one hundred (100) chains, thence North one hundred and eighty (180) chains, and thence West eighty (80) chains to the place of commencement.

Ten

Kitselas Indians.

Ten (10) acres on the left bank of the Skeena river, at the mouth of the cañon, on which the Hudson's Bay Company's storehouse stands, are not included in this reservation.

No 2^d Chimdemash, a reserve of three hundred and seventy (370) acres, situated on the left bank of the Skeena river, north of, and adjoining, the Chimdemash Reserve No 2.

Commencing at the northeast corner of Reserve No 2, and running East forty (40) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains; thence West to the Skeena river; thence following the left bank of the said river in a southerly direction to the northern boundary of Reserve No 2, and thence East to the place of commencement.

No 4^d Ksh-ish, a reserve of four hundred and ninety (490) acres, situated on the right bank of the Skeena river, west of, and adjoining, the Ksh-ish Reserve No 4.

Commencing

Kitselas Indians.

Commencing at the northwest corner of Reserve No. 4, and running West ninety (90) chains; thence South to the Skeena river; thence following the banks of the said river in a northeasterly direction to the western boundary of Reserve No. 4, and thence North to the place of commencement.

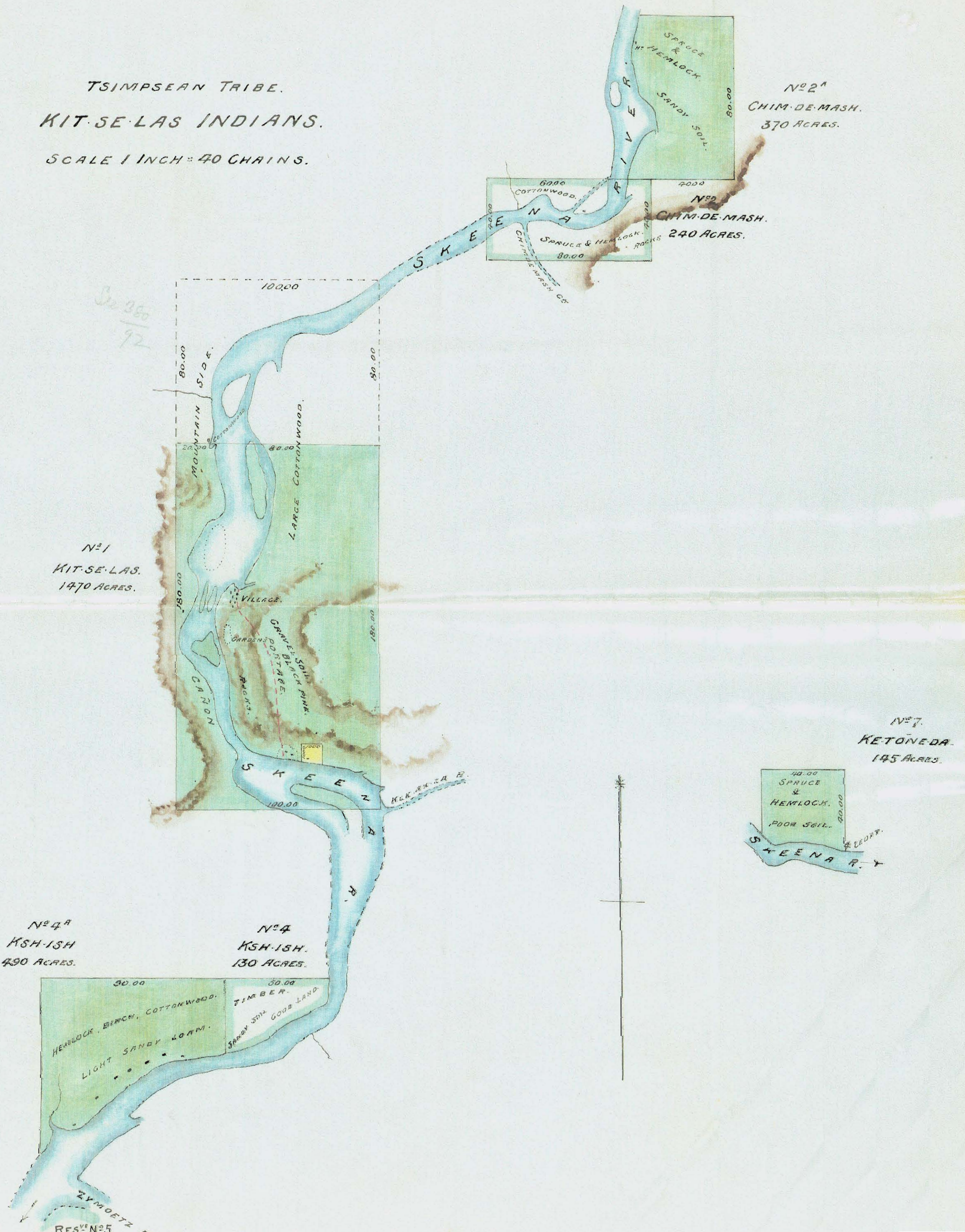
No. 7. Ketonedda, a reserve of one hundred and forty five (145) acres, situated on the left bank of the Skeena river, about seven miles below Lorne Creek.

Commencing on the bank of the Skeena river, at a Cedar tree marked Indian Reserve, and running North forty (40) chains; thence West forty (40) chains; thence South to the Skeena, and thence following the shore of the said river, in an easterly direction, to the place of commencement.

R. McElly
L.R.C.

September 18th 1893.

TSIMPSEAN TRIBE.
 KIT-SE-LAS INDIANS.
 SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



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Minute of Decision.

Lakelse Band.

Tsimpsan Indians.

No. 1. Kil boot sal, a reserve of one hundred and fifty six (156) acres, situated on the left bank of Lakelse river, near its confluence with the Skeena river.

Commencing on the left bank of Lakelse river, at a Cedar tree marked Indian Reserve, and running South thirty (30) chains; thence East fifty (50) chains; thence North to the Lakelse river, and thence following the bank of the said river in a westerly direction to the place of commencement.

R. D. Kelly
J. R. L.

September 18th 1893.

LAKELSE BAND.
TSIMPSEAN INDIANS.

SCALE 40 CHAINS = 1 INCH.



Nº 1.
KIL-LOOT-SAL.
156 ACRES.

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Clerk Ex. Council

Log Creek
March 31st/894

Messrs. Choddard & Smith
Gentlemen

I herewith inclose a portion
signed by Totem of Alki Lake Poling Division
which is self explanatory and I hope that
will lay it before the House of Repre-
sentatives at once and I hope that you will
lay it before the House of Representatives at-
once and I will consider it a great
favor and will remember you in the
future

Hoping you will give this your
earliest attention

I remain your
Obedt. Servt.

W. A. Wright

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Clerk Ex. Council

To the Honorable the Speaker and
members of the Legislative Assembly of the
Province of British Columbia in Parlia-
ment assembled at Victoria

We the undersigned residents of Lillooet
District do petition your Honorable Body
to investigate the following statements.

- ① That it is detrimental to settlement
to the district to allow Indians to reside
off the reservation
- ② That Indians should not hold or
possess land known as crown land.
- ③ Residents have preempted land &
have been put to a great deal of trouble
to dispossess the Indians. The officials
seem to have no authority to act when
called on to do so
- ④ That W H Wright on the 8th July 1893
pre-empted 320 acres. He complied with
the law & on July 26 1893 took possession
& on that day was forcibly drove off
by 12 Indians belonging to Alcala Lake
Reservation. he submitted for record but

expedient that your honorable body
will act without delay & rectify our
grievance & place Mr William Wright
in possession of his land.

⑥ And that compensation to Mr. Wright
for his trouble should be made as
he has expended over 300 dollars in
trying to get justice & has yet failed
And your petitioners as in duty bound
will ever pray

J. Place
Beaumont Naigh
Alexander Bell
W. & Blake
S. Mondada
J. R. Williams
Augustine Boitano
John E. Moore
Joseph Gott.

~~James J. Gaudin~~
R. C. & J. Tipping
Moses Rogers
Paul Rosette
Oly. Meiss
Joseph Pigeon
Young Bowe
Thomas French
William Mason
Duncan Patterson
W. H. Gaudin

have been put to a great deal of trouble to dispossess the Indians. The officials seem to have no authority to act when called on to do so

④ That W H Wright on the 8th July 1893 pre-empted 320 acres. He complied with the law & on July 26 1893 took possession & on that day was forcibly drove off

by 14 indians belonging to Alcala Lake Reservation. he applied for redress but could not get it. On January 16th 1894 in company with his wife & hired man he was surrounded by nine indians headed by the chief of the same indians. He was on his way to take possession of his ranch & was informed that if he proceeded that the chief would kill him.

⑤ That we the undersigned deem it expediant that your honorable body will act without delay & rectify our greivance & place Mr William Wright in possession of his land.

⑥ And that compensation to Mr. Wright for his trouble should be made as he has expended over 300 dollars in trying to get justice & has yet failed.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

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RECEIVED

British Columbia, Provincial - Secretary's
Office

Indian Office, 22, MAY, 1894.

Victoria, 21 May 1894

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant covering copy of a petition from certain Residents of the Lillooet District reflecting the complaint of W. H. Wright to the effect that the alkali Lake Indians prevent him from taking possession of his pre-emption claim of 320 acres land, &c.

I have sent a copy of the petition to the Indian Agent with general instructions to the effect that he must caution the Indians in his Agency against attempting to take the law in their own hands under any circumstances as should they do so they must expect to be severely punished. The above instruction it is thought necessary to give Mr Bell whose appointment is of recent date; all the other agents have been long since similarly instructed.

In reference to the lawless acts which certain Indians are accused of having committed I would urge that the Provincial authorities (Administration of Justice) take the matter in hand and have the guilty punished, by so doing a salutary example would be made of the offenders which beyond doubt would prove beneficial in inculcating general amongst the Indians a wholesome fear of the law.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant
A. J. Vowell
Indian Superintendent.

To The Deputy
Provincial Secretary
Victoria B.C.

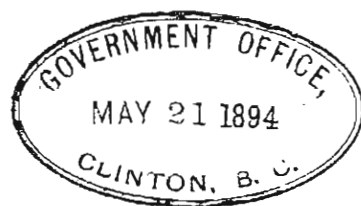
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Provincial-Secretary's
Office
26, MAY, 1894.



Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing copy of a petition from certain residents in my District setting forth the ineffectual efforts of one Wm. H. Wright to take possession of 320 acres of land duly pre-empted by him, owing to the opposition of certain Indians of the Alkali Lake Reservation, and requesting me to report on the same for the information of the Executive.

In reply I have the honor to state that I have already fully reported on this matter to the Hon Attorney General in my letters of the 16th & 29th of Jan'y last. In my letter of the latter date, I suggested that certain questions be referred to the Hon P. O'Reilly Indian Commr. To that letter I received reply from Hon Attorney General dated 3 Feb'y saying, that my suggestions had been adopted, and copies of correspondence have been forwarded to Mr O'Reilly. Since then I have had no further reference to the matter.

I have the honor to be

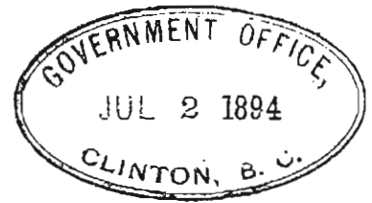
A. Campbell Readie Esqr
Deputy Provincial Secretary
Victoria

Sir
Your obedient Servant
Horus Goss Agent

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Sir

Adverting to your letter of the 19th May last enclosing a copy of a petition from certain residents in my District relative to a pre-emption taken up by one Wm. H. Wright, and the opposition of certain Indians of the Alkali Lake Reservation, to Wright's possession of the same. I have the honor to suggest that the matter have Executive attention as soon as possible.

I have only a certainty to day, that there is a wide spread feeling amongst the Indian tribes in my District, that when they find a meadow suitable for cutting hay, that they should have it for their own use, in the same manner as Whites.

Of course if this idea is allowed to spread amongst them, it can only lead to endless trouble, possibly bloodshed.

I would suggest that Mr. Powell the Supt of Indian Affairs be requested to give this matter his personal attention, by a visit to the Indians at Alkali Lake. His presence amongst them, and a decision in this particular case, will I am sure settle the matter. There are a number of evil spirits in the Alkali Lake band, and the Chief has sent me word today, that he is unable to control them and they propose cutting the grass on their Meadows this summer in defiance of any and everyone. Possibly these Indians may

have been advised by Whites to the course they
propose adopting but I am satisfied that a visit
from Mr. Vowell, would settle the matter for all
time.

I have requested the Indian Agent here, to
report to Mr. Vowell in the matter by this mail.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
T. Jones
Crown Agent

A. Campbell Raddie Esq.
Deputy Provincial Secretary
Victoria.

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Mr. Towell
communicated with on
the subject and requested
to act as Mr. Jones
suggested
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Office
Indian Office, 8, AUGUST, 1894.

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Victoria 7th Aug^E, 1894

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. in connection with a communication received at your office from the Govt. Agent dated 2nd ultimus touching upon previous correspondence wherein Mr. W. H. Wright complains that by the actions of certain Indians of the Alkali Lake Reservation he has been prevented from taking possession.

Memo:

It has escaped the notice of the Indian Superintendent that, in the letter of the 2nd July receipt of which he acknowledges, Mr. Jones writes "I have requested the Indian Agent here, to report to Mr. Powell in the matter by this mail"

Mr. Indian Agent Bell & others the Alkali Lake Indians on the 23rd ultimus when I then & there explained to them that they should under

The Hon^{ble}

The Provincial Secretary
Victoria

40 K²British Columbia Provincial - Secretary's
Office

Indian Office, 8, AUGUST, 1894.

Victoria 7th Aug^E, 1894

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. in connection with a communication received at your Office from the Govt. Agent dated 2nd ultimus touching upon previous correspondence wherein Mr. W. H. Wright complains that by the actions of certain Indians of the Alkali Lake Reservation he has been prevented from taking possession of his pre-emption. I can't but think that, considering the inferred importance of the subject above referred to, considerable time was allowed to elapse before the same was made known to me. I may state, however, for your information, that in consequence of my having received a letter from Mr. Indian Agent Bell I visited the Alkali Lake Indians on the 23rd ultimus when I then & there explained to them that they should

The Hon^{ble}

The Provincial Secretary

Victoria

under no consideration interfere
with the lawful rights of others
etc, etc, and are of opinion that
there will be no more trouble.
Should they, however, in spite
of the repeated warnings given
them, by the Indian Agents and
myself, attempt in any way
to violate the law, they are
of course amenable to
punishment the same as
any other of Her Majesty's
subjects in the Province.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedt. Servt.

A. W. S. W. E. L.

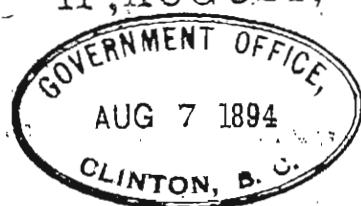
Ensign Capt. B. J.

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Sir

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Office
11, AUGUST, 1894.



Reverting to your letter of the 19th May last, and my letter of the 2nd July last in regard to a disputed pre-emption near Alkali Lake, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Towell, Deputy of Indian Affairs has paid a visit to the pre-emption in question, and I understand that he has decided that the Indians have no title to that particular piece of land. I have informed W. H. Wright the pre-emptor, that until the matter has been finally settled by the Executive, he must refrain from interfering in any way with the land.

A fair good crop of wild grass is growing on it at present, and should be cut without delay. In view of the scarcity of that article in this District. I have the honour to suggest that the matter have early consideration, and either Wright or the Indians have permission to save this year's crop of grass.

I have the honour to be

A Campbell Riddie Esqr
Deputy Prov. Secretary
Victoria

Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. Jones Esqr Agent

Sir I am directed to
inform you that it has
been decided by the
Govt. that ^{you should at once cancel} the record
of pre-emption which
was granted to W.

W. H. Wright, covering a
certain meadow upon
which the Alkali Lake
Indians ~~had~~ ^{have} been in the
habit of cutting hay.

~~Thanks to the~~

~~The above plea made by
Mr. Wright that the Govt.
consider that his claim
is void and that~~

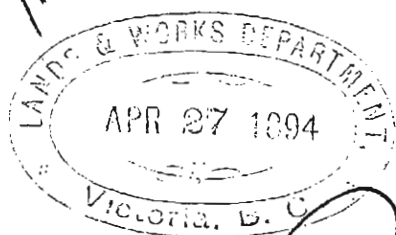
When W. Wright applied
for a record of this meadow

he made a declaration,
^{in error} that the land was not
an Indian Settlement
or any portion thereof
whereas the facts ~~show that~~
that the Indians had been
in the habit of occupying
this land for hay cutting
purpose ~~the~~ proves that it
was a portion of their
settlement.

The Indian Reserve
Commission has been
requested to ~~formally~~
~~formally~~ make a formal
Review of the Meadows.

J. Jones }

Ans 17/5/94



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.

April 26th 1894.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your final approval, and signature, the plans (15) of reserves surveyed during the past year for the following tribes, all situated on the West Coast of Vancouver Island - viz -

Nitinat (2)

Seschart

Toquart

Mcdulet

Clayoquot (4)

Hesquiat

Nootka (2)

Esperanza Inlet (2)

Kyngquot.

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The Hon^{ble}

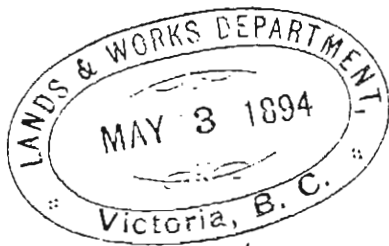
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

When approved, tracings of the
above plans, and the duplicate field
books in connection therewith, will
be forwarded to your Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

J. M. Kelly
J. M. Kelly



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
May 2nd 1894.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ultimo with tracings enclosed; in it you express a desire that the surveys about to be undertaken by the Indian Department in the Nechaw valley should conform to the Section and Township lines as defined by the Provincial Government surveys.

In reply I beg to inform you that instructions to meet your views in this respect have been given to the surveyors.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

J. Mills
I.D.C.

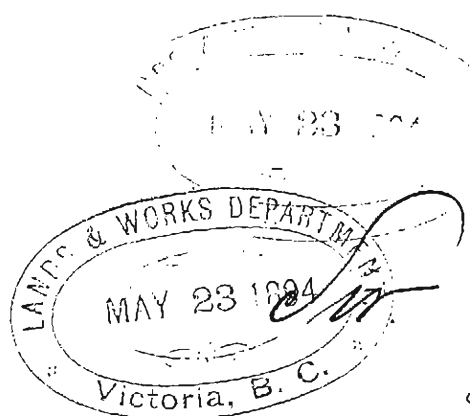
J. Kains Esq.
Surveyor General
Victoria }

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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria. *W.C.*

May 22^d 1894.



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, in which you inform me that the plans of reserves on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, surveyed for the Nitinat, Ceshart, Toquart, Ucluelit, Clayoquot, Hesquiat, Nootka, Esperanza Inlet and Kyugquot Tribes of Indians have been finally approved of by you.

I now beg to forward herewith the duplicate field books (14) and tracings (15) of the plans above enumerated.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. Meilly
W.C.

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

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British Columbia,

Indian Office,

San Juan River -
 NW 1/4 Sec 12 T²P 10

Victoria, 22 June 1894

Ans 26/6/94



Sir

In reference to the application of Indian Jim Nowapseen on behalf of his band for a fishing Reserve of forty (40) acres on the San Juan River, of which I made a verbal statement at your office on or about the 4th day of April last, and which application was then held in abeyance pending the action of one Lawrence A Whitlaw whose pre-emption claim included the ground in question; it having transpired that Mr Whitlaw has failed to comply with the laws which regulate the holding of such claims, and that a second party whose name is not on record has in consequence applied for the land that was Whitlaw's pre-emption claim. I have the honour to submit that in virtue of my application on behalf of the Indians having preceded that of the said second party, it would be in order for me to again bring the same to your notice and to ask you to give your favourable consideration thereto. Upon the occasion of my personal application you were good enough to assure me that were the land vacant no obstacle would be placed in the way of having the 40 acres alluded to Reserved for the Indians named

Should the Indians obtain the forty acres they require, the interests of the said second party in the quarter section could hardly suffer

The Honourable

Forbes G. Vernon

Chief Commissioner of
 Lands & Works

Victoria B.C.

prejudice thereby

prejudice thereby as he would still have more land remaining than he could probably make good use of.

It appears that the fishing station is an old Indian Settlement, the Indians have some garden patches there in which they have this year planted some potatoes.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

A. S. B. Vowell

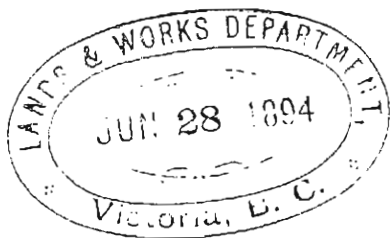
Indian Superintendent

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British Columbia,

Indian Office,

Victoria, 27 June 1894



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Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant relating to the application of Indian Jim Nowapsee for on behalf of his band for a Fishing Reserve of 40 acres on the San Juan River

Thanking you for your kind attention to the same

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

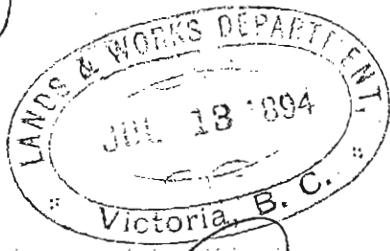
A. W. Varwell

Indian Superintendent
p. J. Mackay

W. S. Gore Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
of Lands and Works
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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria. 18th 94
July 12th 1894.

Sir.

Mr. Vowell has handed me your letter of the 26th ultimo, with reference to securing a portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 12, Tp 10 Renfrew district, required as a fishing station for the Pacheena Indians.

I have now the honor to request that, in the event of your declaring this land to be vacant, you will not entertain any further application for it until so much as is necessary for the Indians shall have been set apart for them.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

J. McIlly
J.M.

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



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Indian Office,

Victoria, August 3rd. 1894.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo in reference to the Hope-Popcum Waggon road, et

The Indian Agent has been written to on the subject; and although there can be no question of the right to enter upon Indian Reserves, for the purpose mentioned, by the Agent of the Provincial Government, yet I presume that where by such expropriation of Indian lands improvements are sacrificed etc. compensation will be offered for the same.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Ob'dt. Servant,

A. S. Vowell

Indian Superintendent.

The Honorable

F. G. Vernon,

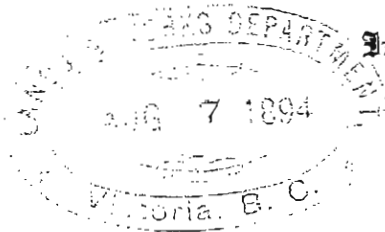
Chief Comm'r of Lands & Works,

City.

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British Columbia,

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Indian Office,

Victoria 7th Aug 1894

Sir,

In further reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo in connection with alleged interference of Mr. Indian Agent Doolin with your Government Road Superintendent in the construction of a portion of the Hope-Poplar Wagon Road, etc. I have now the honour to inclose copy of a report from Mr. Agent Doolin on the subject together with copies of correspondence between the Indian Agent and Chief George of Ohamel. I would recommend to your favourable consideration the suggestion that the road be run at the foot of the mountain as were it so future floods could not affect it and the question of compensation to the Indians for improved land and property appropriated etc. would not arise -

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedt Servt

A. W. Powell

Ind. Dept. B. C.

Y^r Hon^{ble}

J. G. Vernon

Chief Comm^r & Asst. W. H.
Victoria

(Copy)

Indian Office,

New Westminster, B. C.

6th. August 1894.

A. W. Vowell Esq.

Indian Superintendent.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd. Inst. 17 K.2. enclosing copy of a letter from the Hon. F. G. Vernon, Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works and in reply I beg to enclose copy of a letter written by me to Chief George of Ohamel on 4th. of May last (letter marked A) also copy of letter (marked B) received from Chief George dated 8th. July, and also copy of a letter written by me to Capt. George on the 26th. July. From my letter to Chief George dated 4th. May you will see that I have advised the Indians to keep the road open and not to be exacting re price of land required for road purposes. On the 16th. June I visited Ohamel and examined the damage caused by the floods. The road for quite a distance being entirely washed away as well as some of their fields and gardens. I again advised the Indians to place no obstacle

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in the way of the road being rebuilt using the same arguments with them that I used in my letter of May 4th. viz: that a good road would benefit the Indians more than any person else, I told them I was satisfied that the Provincial Government would pay for any damage done to their fruit trees, their dwellings, or for any cultivated ground they ~~would~~ take for road purposes. It appears that a few days after my visit to Ohamel the Road Superintendent came along and he informed the Indians that the Government would not allow them a cent for their improvements and ordered them to move their fences and dwellings back to make room for the road and that would have to do this at their own expense. When the Indians reported this to me (It was during the gathering at St. Mary's Mission) I instructed them not to permit Road Supt. to take possession of any of their ground until he first settled for their improvements. I also wrote letter (marked C) on 26th. July. Had the Road Supt. shown a disposition to do what was right, no obstacle would have been placed in his way, but I would not permit him to ride rough-shod over them.

The clearings of these Indians is

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all fronting on the River, and taking 66 feet the whole length of their clear ground will lessen it considerably. It is a question if it would not be better to run the road around at the foot of the mountain than to continue on the river front, as from appearances it will be necessary to give additional ground every few years. The reserve at this place has washed away a great deal during the past year. The ground along the river front is well cleared not a stump remaining and it would cost considerable to put ground in this condition. The Indians have certainly a right to compensation.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Ob'dt. Servant,
(Sgd) Frank Devlin,
Indian Agent.

"A."
(Copy)

Indian Office,

New Westminster, B. C.

4th. May 1894.

Chief Georgr

Ohamil.

Dear Sir,

I understand the river has washed away the waggon road running in front of the Ohamin reserve and that at one place it is dangerous for a person to drive a waggon over it. As the Ohamin, Squatets and Hope Indians, are as much interested in a good road being kept there, as any person else I trust you will see to it, that sufficient room is allowed between the fence and the river to enable a team and waggon to drive over with safety.

If there was once a sixty-six foot road given off the reserve and that is all washed away now by the river the Provincial Government should pay for any land that is required to make the road the proper width. I would not advise your Indians to be exacting on this point, as the road will be of more advantage to your own Indians than to any one else, but any land that is cleared and cultivated the man who cleared it should get paid for his improvements if they are interfered with. I expect to be going up to Yale in about one week from now and if I have time I will stop off a day at Ohamin.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Frank Devlin,

Indian Agent.

"B."

(Copy)

Ohamon, St. Elmo,

July 8th. 1894.

Mr. Frank Devlin,

Dear Sir:-

I have the pleasure of writing these few lines to you , I have received your letter of May 4th. wanting me to give a road, now we have a Agent for a good many years, and never done us no favor, and never come to see us. There is no road on the front of the Ohamon reserve, but we want to know first what the Government do with our improvements, Hay-fields, apple trees etc. we cannot give it up for nothing. If they dont want to pay for our improvements they can put the road behind the improved places. Your letter of May 4th. saying that the Government will pay for our improvements, we will keep your order we are not going to back out. The Road Superintendent told us that the Government is not going to give us a cent for our improvements. We want a favor from you. The fences are not up yet. We want to hear from you first what to do. Answer soon and let us know. I am going up to Yale. Capt. George

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and Pierre is at home. Send a letter and
send me a letter to Yale and let us know
what to do soon before they fix the road.

from yours truly,

(Sgd) Chief George Ohamon

(Sgd) Capt. George Ohamon,
St. Elmo.

(Copy)

"C."

Indian Office,

New Westminster, B. C.

26th. July 1894.

Capt. George Ohamil.

Dear Sir:-

Your post card of 25th. inst. to-hand and contents noted. Let the sacks of grain at Capt. Tom's house remain, they are all right and will do for Pierre next Spring.

Regarding the road through Ohamil reserve. Any place it runs through improved ground, through orchards, or through dwelling houses, the owners of these grounds, orchards or dwellings will have to be paid a fair price for their improvements, before the Road master shall be permitted to make any change in the location of the road. Show this letter to the road-master and tell him to make arrangements to pay for any damage the road will cause. I cannot go up to Ohamil at present, as I am too busy at the mouth of the river. I will go up as soon as I can but cannot fix the date. Send me word if Roadmaster commences the road without first settling for all improvements and I will go up and attend to it.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Frank Devlin,

Indian Agent.

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167 K²
(See 180 K²)

British Columbia,

Indian Office,

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Victoria, 17th Aug^r 1894



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Dear Sir,
Allow me to refer to my letter of 28th November, 1893 No. 180 K² in reference to adjustment etc. of certain alleged irregularities in the boundaries of the Quamichan Indian Reserve etc. and to ask you to be good enough to comply, as far as you can reasonably do so, with the requests contained in the last three paragraphs of the said communication -

Sincerely yours
A. W. Bell,
Deputy Sup^t. B.C.

W. S. Gore Esq^r
Commissioner of Lands & Works
Victoria
B.C.

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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria, B.C.

August 24th 1894.



Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, in which you ask me to give you certain information regarding the lands reserved for the use of the Alkali Lake Indians, - I have the honor to inform you that on the 3rd February last I received a communication from the Hon^{ble} the Attorney General in reference to this subject; my answer to that gentleman so fully deals with the visit of the Indian Reserve Commission to Alkali Lake in 1881, that I cannot better supply the information you require, than by enclosing herewith a copy of my report to him, under date 7th February.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.
P. O'Reilly
I.R.C.

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

Copy

Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria. B.C.

February 7th 1894.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, with enclosures relating to the pre-emption by a Mr. Wright, of certain meadow lands claimed by the Alkali Lake Indians.

It may be as well that I should lay before you the facts that presented themselves to me, when allotting lands for this tribe.

The Reserve Commission visited Alkali Lake in July 1889, when accompanied by the local Agent, and a number of the Indians, I made a careful examination of the entire country, and subsequently defined seven reserves, containing in the aggregate 3587 acres.

The Hon^{ble}

Thos. Davie

Attorney General

Victoria

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As then reported to the Department, I found that the best locations had for many years been occupied by white settlers, who had obtained Crown grants to the exclusion of the Indians; that the country for the most part was barren, and destitute of water, consequently I experienced much difficulty in selecting even a limited quantity of land suitable for their purpose.

The Indians were naturally anxious to possess as much hay land as possible, and every acre pointed out by them, that had not already been alienated, was secured to them. I also invited them to shew me any other plots of land they were in the habit of using; had they done so it would have been included in the reserves. I certainly did not in any way encourage them to occupy and improve land outside their reserves, as such advice would have been entirely opposed to my instructions.

It is much to be regretted that the Indians should have improved the land

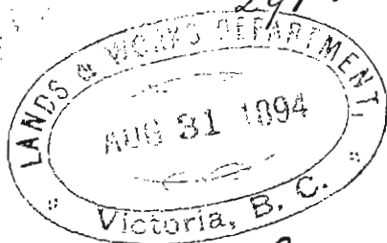
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now taken possession of by Mr. Wright under a record of preemption, but it is strange that since 1884 to the present time no intimation has reached me, either from the Indians, or from their Agent, that this meadow was so highly prized by them, and no request has been made to me to have it declared a reserve, notwithstanding that I have since then, on several occasions passed through that part of the country.

If there are any other meadows, not legally held by whites, where the Alkali Lake Indians are in the habit of cutting hay, besides that preempted by Mr. Wright, they may yet be secured to their use. In that event I would suggest that the Government Agent of the District be instructed not to accept for the present, any further applications to pre-empt.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
sig^d P. O'Reilly
J.R.C.



British Columbia,

Indian Office,

Victoria, 30th Aug 1894

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th ult. No. 3006/94 - and beg to thank you for the plan and field notes of Mr. Fry's survey of Quamichan District, referred to in Act of last session, and cited as the "Quamichan Official Map Act, 1894". Also copy of said Act.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.
A. W. Vowell
Indian Sup. B. C.

W. J. Gore Esq^{re}
Deputy Commissioner
Lands and Works
Victoria

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British Columbia,

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Indian Office,

Victoria, 6 September 1894



Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant covering "copy" of the Hon^{ble} Chief Com^r of Lands and Works letter of instructions to Mr Gov^t Agent Saues regarding the dispute between Mr W. H. Wright and the Alkali Lake Indians

In this connection I beg to state that Mr Indian Agent Bell has my instructions to act with Mr Saues in obtaining all the information available bearing on this matter

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

A. W. Vauwell

Indian Superintendent
for the Alkali Lake

W. J. Gore Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

of Lands & Works

Victoria B.C.



British Columbia.

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Indian Office,

Victoria, October 24th. 1894.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd. inst. (No. 3904-'94) respecting improvements made by the Indians of Alkali Lake and covering a copy of a report thereon made by Mr. C. Phair, Acting Government Agent at Clinton.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Ob'dt. Servant,

A. W. Vowell

Indian Superintendent.

W. S. Gere Esq.

Deputy Commissioner

of Lands & Works, City.

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(CWA)

Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.

November 21st 1894.



Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th July, No 2373/94, in which you inform me that that portion of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 10, Reprew district, lying to the West of Harris Creek was available for an Indian fishing station, — I have the honor to inform you that I have recently visited the land in question, and after examination have, subject to your approval, duly declared it a reserve for the use of the Pacheena tribe.

This reserve contains about twenty-eight acres, all of which is subject to overflow at certain seasons.

A Minute of decision, and sketch is herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

P. McIlroy
S.E.

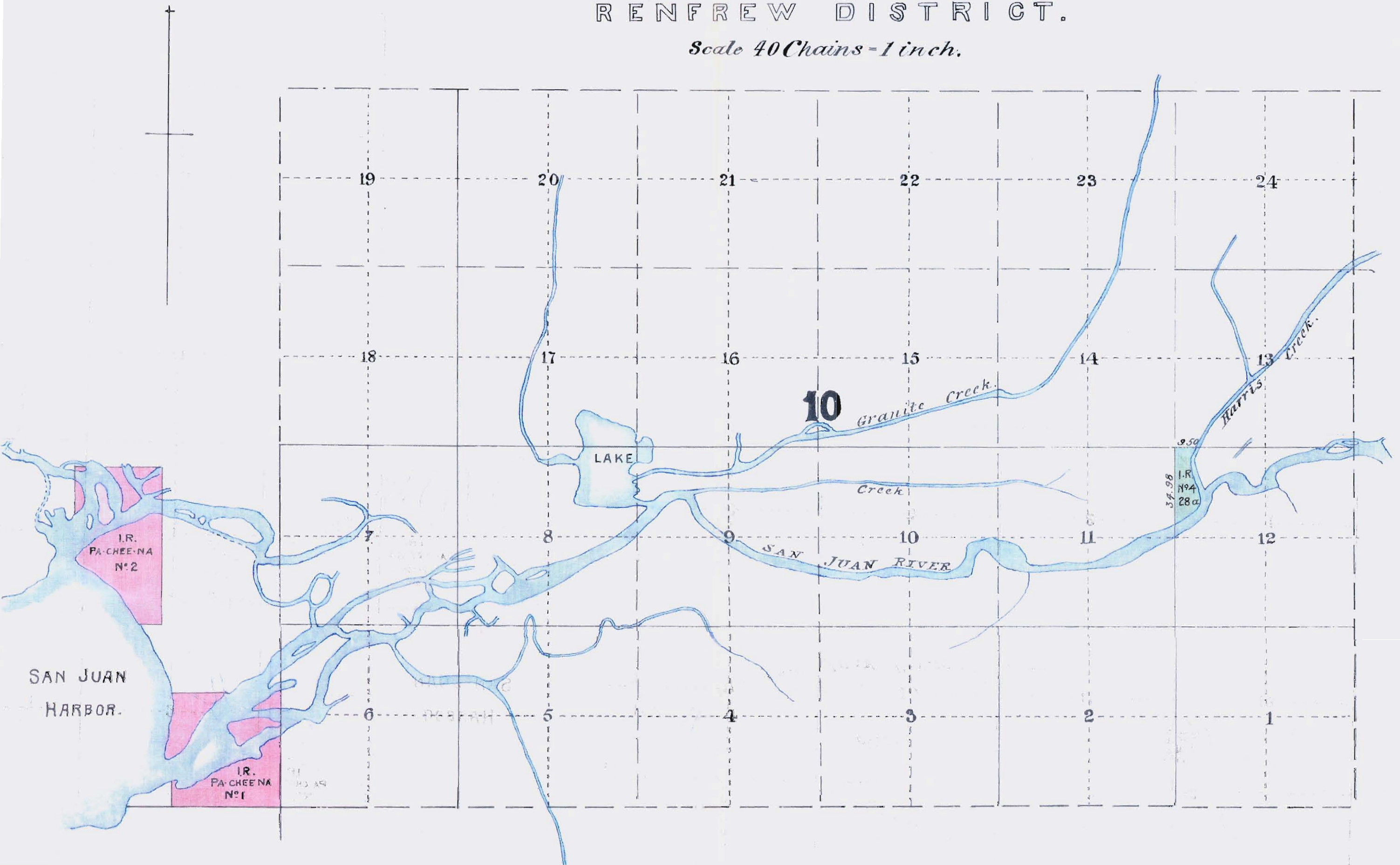
Approved 26th Nov. 1894
H. B. Martin
Chief Commr. & Secy

The

Hon^{ble} Chief Commr.
of Lands & Works

PACHEENA INDIANS RENFREW DISTRICT.

Scale 40 Chains = 1 inch.



Minute of decision

Pacheena Indians.

No 4. A fishing station containing about twenty eight (28) acres, situated on the right bank of the San Juan river, comprising all that portion of land in the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, Section twelve (12), Township ten (10), Kennewick district, lying to the north of the San Juan river, and to the west of Harris Creek.

J. Muller
J.M.C.

Pacheena. B.C.

October 30th 1894.

Ans 11/2/95

149 M² British Columbia,

Indian Office,

Victoria, 8 February 1895



Sir

In reference to the particulars obtained at your office on the 29th Ultimo in connection with awards made by an appraiser appointed by your Department with a view of compensating the natives interested for damage sustained by them in consequence of the construction of a public highway through the Chamei Reserve. I have the honour to inform you that "copies" of such awards having been forwarded to the Indian Agent for adjustment he in reply informs me that the respective sums allowed are altogether too small and that he cannot with any show of fairness in the estimates made of the losses entailed by the expropriation of land etc. of the same to the Indians named.

As an instance of the inadequacy of the compensation offered he cites one case that of Chief George from whom was taken a plot of land $312\frac{1}{2}$ long by 55 feet wide this land had been cleared and used as a garden for years; there was not a stump to be seen upon it; and as payment for his being deprived of same the sum of \$10⁰⁰ is allowed - I venture to say that the piece of land in question could not be cleared and placed in a condition for gardening purposes for less than \$50⁰⁰ if it could be done for that; the other awards submitted are far below the value at issue. The following is a list of payments

The Hon^{ble}

G. B. Martin

Chief Commissioner
of Lands and Works
Victoria B.C.

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which the Indian Agent considers reasonable, and not at all exorbitant viz :-

Pat Chanel	\$ 10 ⁰⁰
Jimmy Chanel	16 ⁰⁰
Pierre Chanel (including fruit trees)	75 ⁰⁰
Mary Chanel (" ")	28 ⁵⁰
Joseph Chanel (" " and morning house)	131 ⁰⁰
Johnny Jones (" ")	44 ⁰⁰
Harry Squinty	20 ⁰⁰
Dick Chanel	25 ⁰⁰
Captain George	50 ⁰⁰
Chief George	30 ⁰⁰
Bill Chanel	35 ⁰⁰
Isaac Chanel	12 ⁰⁰
Seymour	5 ⁰⁰
	<u>\$ 484. 50</u>

Should your Department be willing to allow the items last given the Indian Agent will be instructed to advise the Indians to accept the same. If these figures are not satisfactory the Agent will accompany a capable man selected by your Department to the ground and endeavour to arrive at an equitable understanding; and in case of their failing to do so they can call in a third party satisfactory to both whose decision will be final.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant
A. W. Vowell
Indian Superintendent

Ans 14/2/95

188 M² British Columbia

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Indian Superintendent's Office

Victoria, 13th Feb^y 1895

Dear Sir,

When at East Kootenay last month the Indian Agent informed me that there was a piece of land about 3 miles distant from St Mary's Prairie Reserve, on west side, which is occupied by an Indian named "Cut-mouth" Johnny, and which has been before his time occupied by Indians, one or other of them, for years past. Cut-mouth Johnny has a few acres under cultivation which he irrigates from a small Spring on the land. The trouble now is that a white man wants to preempt the land and eject the Indian which of course makes the latter feel rather sore.

There is no doubt but that if the attention of the Indian Reserve Commission was drawn to the matter when last meeting these matters at Kootenay, the piece of ground would have been reserved. Mr Fallbrith promised to send me plan of land and full particulars without delay. What would now ask is that the matter be held over for a short time. Yours sincerely

A. J. Fore
Ans. 14/2/95

W. J. Fore
Depy. C. C.
Land Works
Victoria

187 M² British Columbia



Indian Office,

Victoria, 13 Feb 1895-

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant 446/95 re compensation to Indians of Okanum Reserve etc, and beg to thank you for the action you have taken in connection with the same.

I have notified the Indian Agent and instructed him to endeavour to make the Indians content with the amount stated by you.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedt Servt

A. C. Powell

Indian Supt, B.C.

Yrs. Humble

Geo. B. Martin

Chief Commissioner of L. & W.
Victoria

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235 m² British Columbia,

Indian Office,

492/95

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Victoria, 15 February 1895



Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant relative to the land occupied by the Indian "Cut-Mouth Johny" near St Mary's Prairie Kootenay; and I thank you very much for your prompt attention to my communication in this behalf.

I have the honour to be

Sir

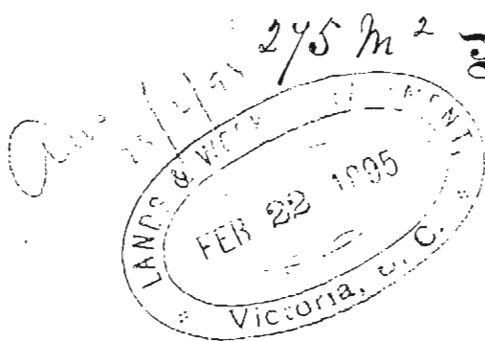
Your obedient Servant
A. W. Powell
Indian Superintendent

W. S. Gore Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

of Lands & Works

Victoria B.C.



British Columbia,

Indian Superintendent's Office,

Victoria, 21st Feb 1895

Sir,

In further reference to your letter of 11th instant re compensation to the Indians of Ohamif Reserve for damage sustained by them in consequence of the construction of a public highway through their reserve etc etc, I have the honour to accept the offer made by you which I have advised the Indian Agent to inform the Indians interested is a fair remuneration under the circumstances.

As a final settlement of the matter I would advise that a cheque for the amount named viz: - \$349.⁰⁰ be sent to this office where I will instruct the Indian Agent to distribute same among recognised claimants getting receipts in full which will be duly forwarded to you should you desire it.

I have the honour to be

Yours truly

Geo. B. Martin

Chief Commr. of L.W.
Victoria

Sir
Yours Obedt. Servt.
A. W. K. well
Indian Supt. B.C.

317 M²

British Columbia,

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Indian Superintendent's Office,

Victoria, 26 February 1895



Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst requesting information respecting the payment of \$500⁰⁰ due by this Department for the use of Provincial Government horses

In this connection I beg to state that this Department has received the account but states that sufficient funds are not at hand to pay this account at present

As soon as a cheque arrives here for the same I shall deliver it to you

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
A. G. S. S.
Indian Superintendent

W. S. Gore Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

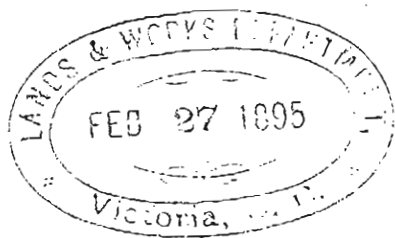
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Victoria B.C.

316 m² British Columbia,

Indian Superintendent's Office,

Victoria, 26 Feb 1895



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Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant concerning Voucher for \$349.65 in payment of damages done to the property of the Indians of Ocharnit Reserve in consequence of the opening of a public road through the same as reported upon by the Indian Agent

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

A. W. Powell

Indian Superintendent

W. J. Gore Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
of Lands & Works
Victoria B.C.

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Indian Superintendent's Office,

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Victoria, 3 April

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Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant covering "copy" of a letter from C.A. Matheson relative to cutting timber on an Indian Reserve and using a slough which runs through the same, I have to refer you to Section 26 of the Indian Act which provides that a License is necessary to authorize any such actions. No person is allowed to deal directly with the Indians in such matters.

Questions of trivial importance may be arranged off hand by the local Indian Agent but for a permit to cut timber, application must first be made to me in duplicate.

The applicant should give full particulars of what he requires and plans if necessary, with his application.

The local Indian Agent's report on his application has then to be obtained; if this be favorable to the applicant and ~~in~~ the interests of the Indians, we are taken to get from them a surrender of the rights applied for, after which the Department if so disposed may issue License to the applicant in the premises.

Yours truly,

A. W. Towell
Indian Superintendent

W. S. Gore Esquire

Deputy Commissioner of Lands
and Works

Victoria B.C.



1309
Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.

April 19th 1895

Ans 23/4/95

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith,
for your final approval and signature,
the plans (5) of reserves surveyed during
the past year for the following tribes,
situated in the Lillooet, and Cariboo
districts - viz -

Canim Lake	Lillooet District
Soda Creek	Cariboo District.
Toosey	
Stone	
Anaham	

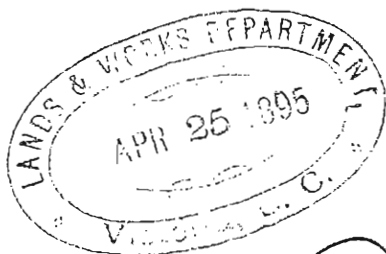
When approved, tracings of the
above plans, and the duplicate field books
in connection therewith, will be forwarded
to your Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

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

R. D. Neill
J.R.C.



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
April 24th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instans in which you inform me that the plans of reserves set apart for the use of the Canim Lake, Soda Creek, Toosey, Stone, and Anaham bands of Indians have been approved by you.

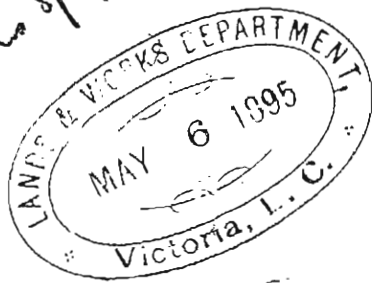
I now beg to forward herewith the duplicate field books (5) and tracings (5) of the plans above referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.

P. M. Kelly
P.M.

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

Ans 8/1/95



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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.

May 4th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to send herewith, for your final approval and signature, the plan of a reserve for the Upper Nicola Indians.

This reserve was allotted in October 1889, on the authority of the late Chief Commissioner, Mr Vernon, but ^{was} not surveyed till July 1894.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. D. Neely
L.C.

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



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Indian ~~Reserve~~ Commission.
Victoria B.C.
May 9th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward
herewith, a duplicate field book, and a
tracing of the original plotted plan of
the Upper Nicola reserve, finally
approved by you on the 7th instant.

I have the honor to be.

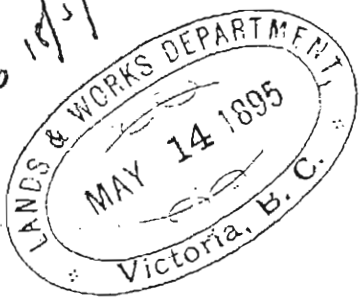
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

P. D. W. D.
J. R. C.

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

Ans 19/5/95



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British Columbia.

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Indian Office,

Victoria, May 14th. 1895.

Sir:-

I have received from Mr. R. L. T. Galbraith, of Fort Steele, Kootenay, a letter in which he states that when the survey of the land reserved by the Provincial Government for the use of the Indian Department as a site, etc. for the Indian Agent's office at or near Fort Steele, a mistake was made in the original survey through which the house of the Indian Agent and part of the fenced in garden is at present on his preemption. By a letter from Mr. Aylmer, C. E. , who surveyed the land, I learn that he did all that was possible at the time to discover the boundaries of Mr. Galbraith's land. The latter suggests that the Department have a new survey made and that he will deed I-2 an acre

W. S. Gore Esq.

Deputy Commissioner

of Lands and Works, City.

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acre to the Department, etc. Half an acre of land at the place named is not of any particular value, and the Department having been at the expense of one survey is not disposed to incur the additional expense of another, especially when there is so little at stake.

The Reserve, as per Mr. Aylmer's survey, is on file in your Department, and is, I suppose, all right as far as the Indian Department is concerned.

You may remember that some time since I spoke to you about this matter, but there are so many things continuously on hand that I would be obliged to you if you would refresh my memory by repeating the view you take of the matter.

I inclose herewith copies of Messrs Galbraith's and Aylmer's letters, as also of plan showing where mistake is supposed to have taken place.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Ob'dt. Servant,

Arthur Smith

Indian Superintendent, B. C.

(Copy)

Fort Steele, B. C.

Feb. 19th. 1895.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith in duplicate a sketch of the land reserved at the Agency for dwelling house, office and pasture etc. On looking at the plan you will at once see that a mistake has been made in the Original survey, as the dwelling house and part of the garden together with about four acres is on my preemption.

I may say I am prepared to deed half an acre of my land to the Department so as to correct the error, and would ask to be allowed to employ Mr. Thos. McVittie P. L. S. to make a new survey of the reserve.

When sending me the necessary authority please send a sketch of the original reserve as surveyed by Mr. F. Aymer P. L. S.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Ob'dt. Servant,
(Sgd) E. L. T. Galbraith

A. W. Vowell Esq.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B. C.

(Copy)

Golden, April 3rd. 1895.

My dear Mr. Vowell:-

Your letter of 11th. March came up to me at Windermere, and this is the first chance I have had to answer it.

I remember distinctly everything in connection with the survey. The initial post of that survey was determined by information from R. L. T. Galbraith. I spent two days trying to find a line or post of the survey of his preemption and could not, nor could I get any other information than that given by him to the effect that the initial post put in by O. G. Dennis (I think) was the N.E. corner of his preemption.

The survey (or re-survey) of Mr. Galbraith's preemption may be on the original lines of survey, but I very much doubt that it is, and could only tell by seeing a tracing of original survey.

On doing some surveying at Cranbrook I had occasion to pick up a line run by the surveyor who surveyed R. L. T.'s place at the Ferry and found his lines out

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over three degrees. Should he have made the same or a similar error, at the ferry it would make a large difference in position of the different corner posts.

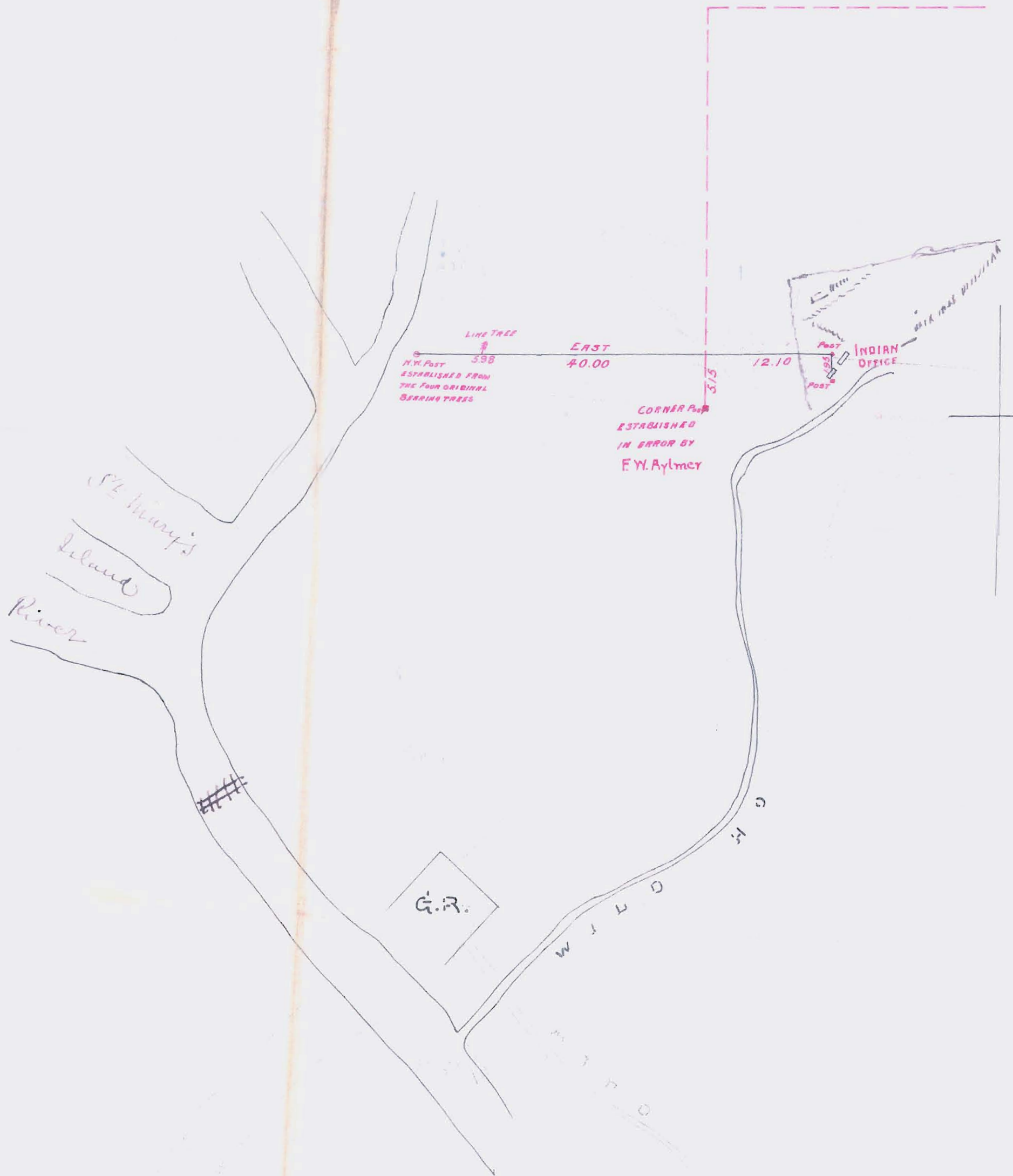
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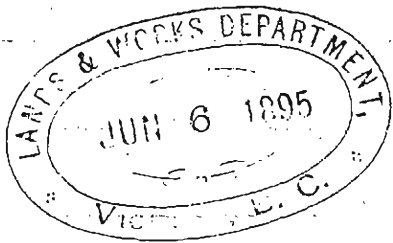
I complied with the Act relating thereto. x x x
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Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) F. W. Aylmer





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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
June 5th 1895.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your final approval, and signature, Plans No. 2. and 4. of reserves for the Similkameen Indians.

Plan No. 2. has been amended in accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of 28th April 1891.

The Minutes of decision of reserves shown on Plan No. 4. were approved on 21st November 1893, and surveyed 1894.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

J. D. Kelly

The Hon^{ble}
The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Work.



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.
June 11th 1895

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant; in it you inform me that Plans 2 and 4 of reserves allotted to the Similkameen Indians have been finally approved by you.

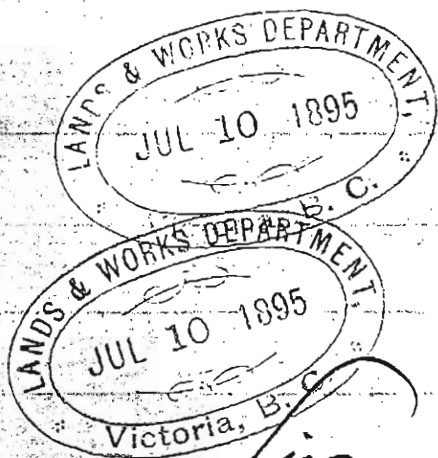
I now beg to forward herewith the duplicate field books (6) and tracings (2) of the plans above referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

R. D. Neilly
JRC

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commiss-
of Lands & Works



Ans 18/7/95 2514

Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria B.C.
July 9th 1895.

Sir.

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I have the honor to forward
herewith for your approval, and
signature, the original plotted plan
of the reserves for the Penticton
Indians, which has been amended
as suggested in your letter of the
28th April 1891, No 1533/90

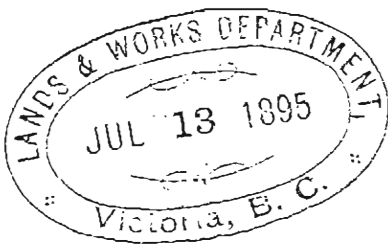
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. Meely
J.A.C.

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

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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
July 12th 1895.

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Sir.

I have the honor to forward
herewith a tracing of the plan
of the Venticton reserves, approved
by you on the 10th instant, together
with the duplicate field books
relating thereto.

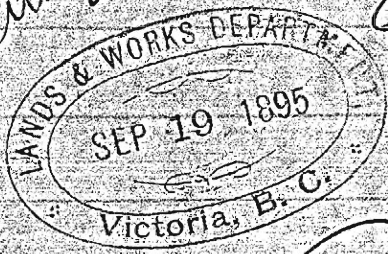
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. M. M. M.C.

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

Ans 21/9/95



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Indian Reserve Commission

Victoria B.C.

September 19th 1895.

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith for your final approval, and signature, the plans of reserves allotted to the Blackwater and Fort George bands of Indians.

The Minutes of decision of these reserves were approved by the late Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the 15th April 1893, and the surveys were completed in 1894.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant.

J. Meilly J.R.C.

The Hon^{ble}

The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.

September 20th 1895.



I have the honor to forward herewith, for your approval, Minutes of decision and sketches of additional reserves allotted by me in the Lillooet District for the use of the Alkali Lake, and Canoe Creek Indians.

The lands set apart are, for the most part, swamps situated on the mountains; they produce a limited quantity of wild hay.

From the isolated position of these reserves they are not likely to interfere with the progress of the country; there are no white settlers in the immediate neighborhood.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

The Hon^{ble}

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

R. D. Heilly

J. M. C.

Approved
Geo. B. Martineau
C.C.
23rd Sept. 1895

Minutes of decision.

Canoe Creek Indians.

No. 4. Spilmouse, a reserve of four hundred (400) acres, situated on Canoe Creek, about two miles above Reserve No. 2.

Commencing at a Black pine, marked Indian Reserve, and running South sixty (60) chains; thence West fifty (50) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains; thence East fifty (50) chains, and thence South twenty (20) chains to the place of commencement.

No. 5. Fish Lake, a reserve of one hundred and five (105) acres, situated at the foot of Fish Lake, and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile north-east of Reserve No. 4.

Commencing

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Commencing at a point on the shore of Fish Lake, due East of a Cottonwood tree marked Indian Reserve, and running West twenty (20) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence East to Fish Lake, and thence following the shore of the said lake in a southwesterly direction to the point of commencement.

No 6 Toby Lake, a reserve of four hundred and forty (440) acres, situated about six miles southeast of Raphael Valenzuela's Crown grant on the road from Canoe Creek to the 57 mile post on the Cariboo wagon road.

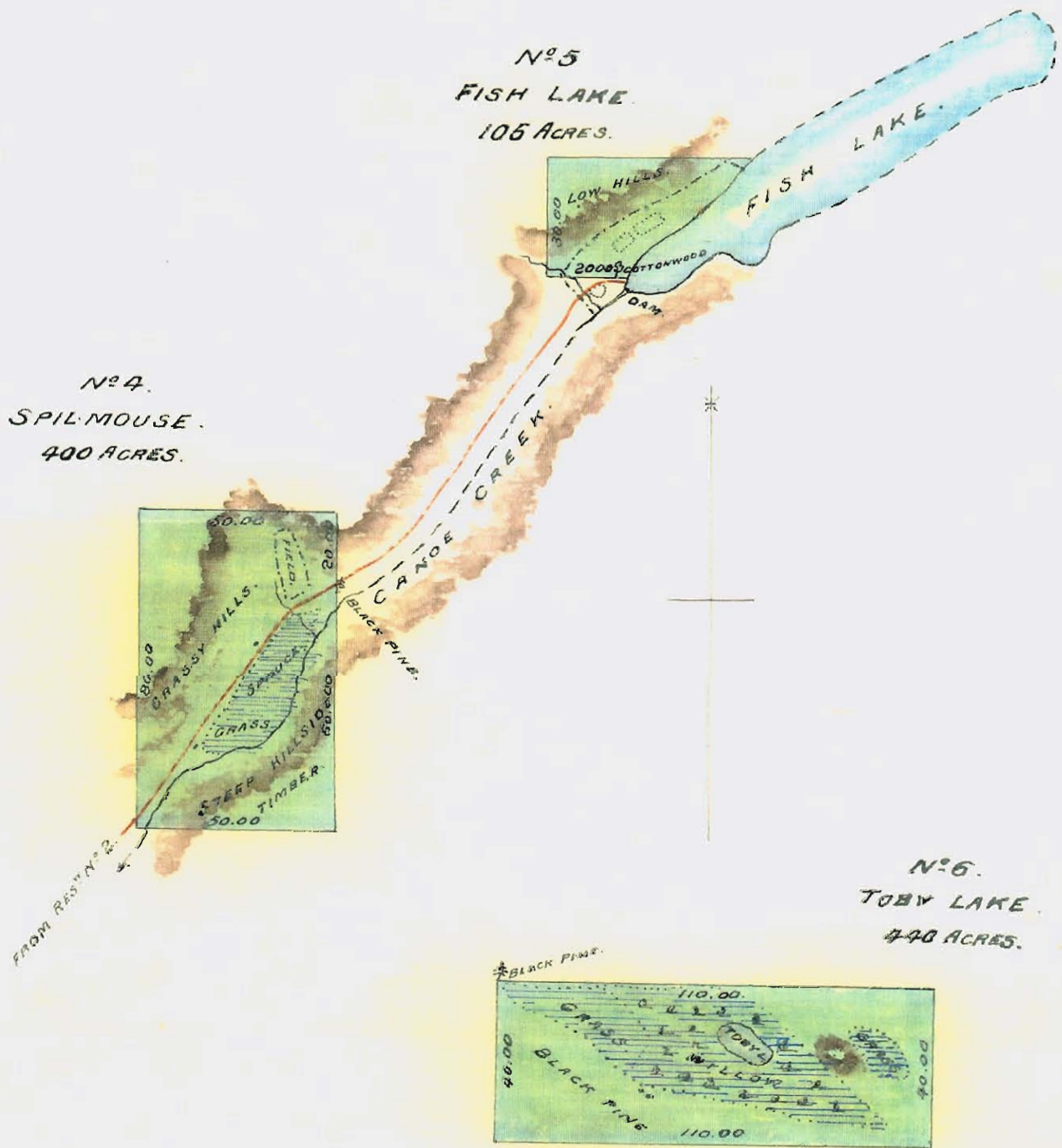
Commencing at a Black pine marked Indian Reserve, and running East one hundred and ten (110) chains; thence South forty (40) chains; thence West one hundred and ten (110) chains, and thence North forty (40) chains to the place of commencement.

Canoe Creek BC }
September 3rd 1895 }

R. D. ~~Wally~~
M.C.

CANOE CREEK INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



Minutes of decision.

Alkali Lake Indians.

No. 8. Little Spring, a reserve of four hundred and eighty (480) acres, situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile northeast of Reserve No. 2.

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

No. 9. Cu-dol-i-cum, a reserve of one thousand, four hundred (1400) acres, situated about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile northeast of Reserve No. 8.

Commencing at a Black pine, marked Indian Reserve, and running South one hundred (100) chains; thence West one hundred and forty (140) chains, thence North one hundred (100) chains; and thence East one hundred and forty (140) chains to the place of commencement.

No. 10. Loon Lake, a reserve of three hundred (300) acres, situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Reserve No. 9.

Commencing at a twin Spruce marked Indian Reserve, and running North fifty (50) chains; thence East sixty (60) chains; thence South fifty (50) chains, and thence West sixty (60) chains to the place of commencement.

No. 11. Sampsons Meadow, a reserve of eight hundred (800) acres, situated on Alkali Lake Creek, about eleven miles East of Reserve No. 1.

Commencing at a Black pine, marked Indian Reserve, and running East ninety (90) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence West one hundred (100) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains, and thence East ten (10) chains to the place of commencement.

No. 12

6
No 12, A Reserve of three hundred (300) acres, situated on Alkali Lake Creek, about one mile below Reserve No 11.

Commencing at a Black pine, marked Indian Reserve, and running East sixty (60) chains; thence South fifty (50) chains; thence West sixty (60) chains, and thence North fifty (50) chains to the place of commencement.

No 13, A Reserve of one thousand four hundred (1400) acres, situated about two miles southeast of Reserve No 5.

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running North thirty (30) chains; thence East one hundred and forty (140) chains; thence South one hundred (100) chains; thence West one hundred and forty (140) chains, and thence North seventy (70) chains to the place of commencement.

No 14

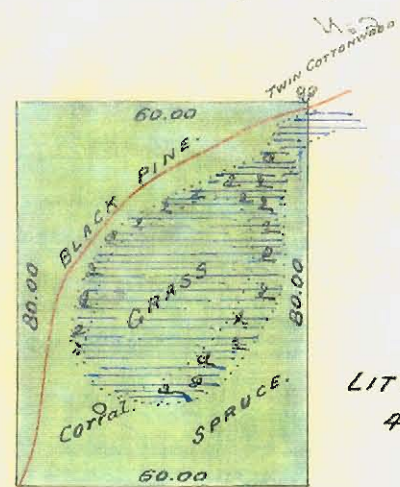
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CLU-DÖL-I-CUM.
1400 ACRES.

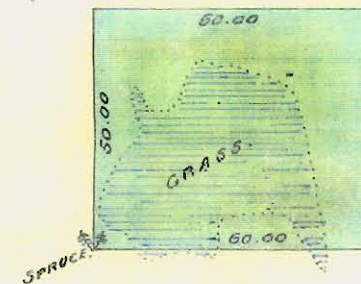


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COTTONWOOD CUM

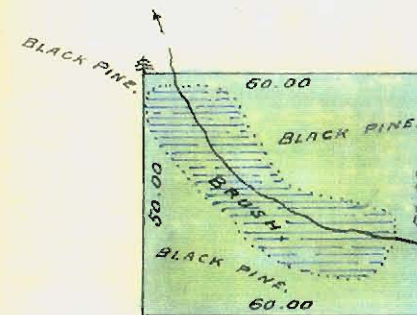


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480 ACRES.

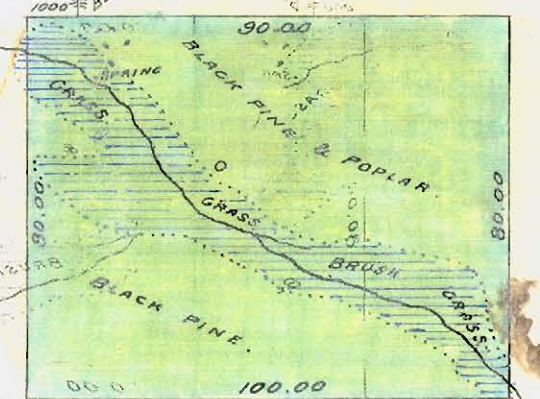
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LOON LAKE.
300 ACRES.



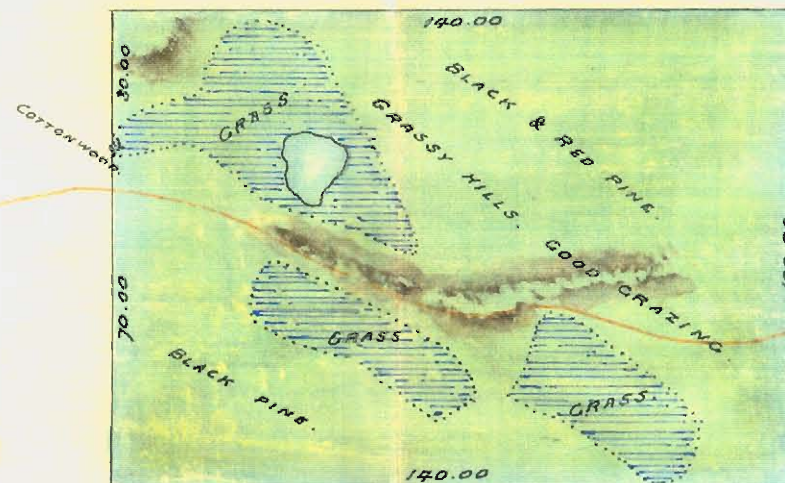
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MEADOW
300 ACRES.



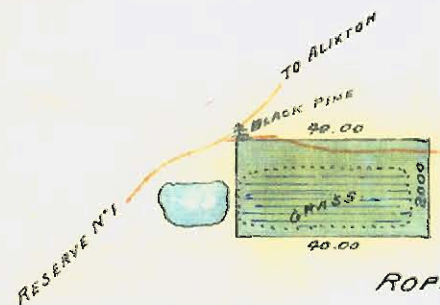
Nº11.
SAMPSON'S MEADOW.
800 ACRES.



Nº13
MEADOWS.
1400 ACRES.



Nº14.
ROPER'S MEADOW.
80 ACRES.



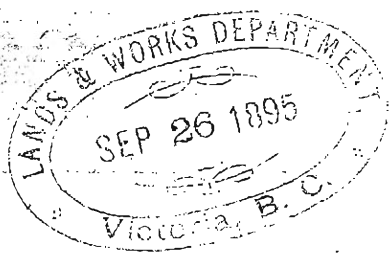
No 14. Ropers Meadow, a reserve of eighty (80) acres, situated on the road from Reserve No 1 to Alixton, (Reserve No 5) and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the former.

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

R. J. Neilly

J. B. C.

Alkali Lake BC
September 31st 1895.



Act 26/9/95

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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.

September 26th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward
herewith tracings (2) of the plans of
the Fort George and Blackwater reserves,
finally approved by you on the 21st
instant, together with the duplicate
field books relating thereto

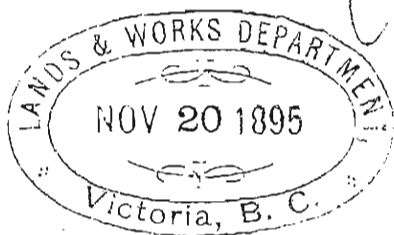
I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant.

R. O'Sullivan
B.C.

The Hon^{ble}

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



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Indian Revenue Commission.
Victoria. B.C.

November 20th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to send herewith, for your final approval, a plan of the Stony Creek reserves, situated in the Coast District.

These allotments have been surveyed in conformity with the Section, and Township lines as defined by the Provincial Government, in accordance with the request contained in your letter of 28th April 1894.

I have the honor to be.

Sir.

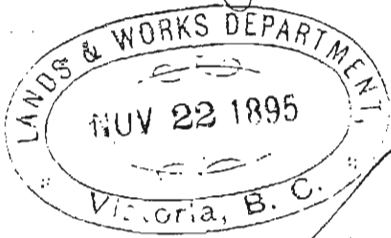
Your obedient servant.

R. M. M. M.

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

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Nov 22/11/95



Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria. B.C.

November 22 1895.

Sir.

It has been represented by Mr. Agent Devlin, of the New Westminster District, that the Sechelt band of Indians are much in need of a fishery reserve, at "Saughanut," a small stream flowing into Agamemnon Channel, one mile north of Norman Point.

Mr. Devlin further states that a man named Trevor is about to pre-empt a section of land at Saughanut, which will embrace the fishing station desired by the Indians, and that it will be a hardship if they are deprived of it, as they have built a house, and drying sheds, and have occupied the spot from time immemorial.

The Hon^{ble}

Under

The Chief Commiss^y
of Lands & Works

Under the above circumstances
I shall be obliged if you will not
allow any application to be
entertained for the preemption of
this land until an opportunity has
been afforded to visit, and define
the fishing station referred to by
Mr. Devlin.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.

J. D. O'Reilly

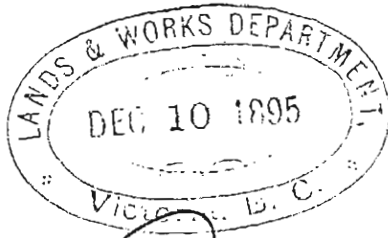
J.R.C.

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Indian Revenue Commission.

Victoria B.C.

December 9th 1895.



Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith duplicate field books (2), and a tracing of the original plotted plan of the Stony Creek Indian reserves, approved by you on the 5th instant.

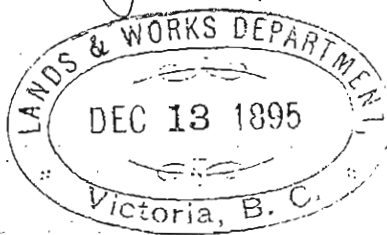
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

R. Welch

J. A. C.

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commiss-
of Lands & Works
Victoria



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
December 13th 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit
for your final approval, and
signature, a plan of the Fraser
Lake Indian reserves, in the
Coast District.

The Minutes of decision
of the above reserves were approved
by the Chief Commissioner of Lands
and Works on the 15th April 1893.

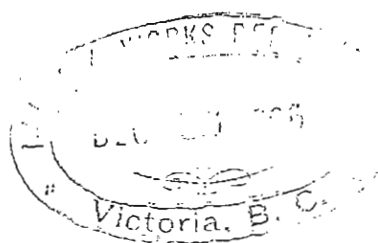
I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

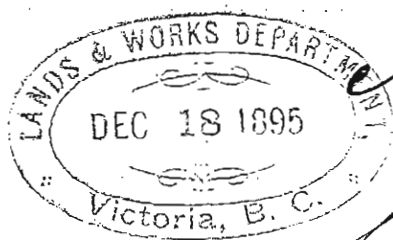
R. O'Neill
J.M.C.

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the Chief Comm^r
of Lands & Works }

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Indian Reserve Commission
Victoria, B.C.
December 18th 1895.

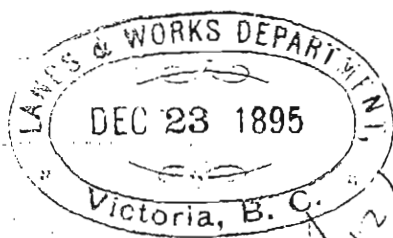


Sir,
I have the honor to send
herewith, a tracing of the original
plotted plan of the Fraser Lake
Indian reserves, approved by you
on the 14th instant, together with
the duplicate field books relating
thereto.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant

R. D. Heilly
J.R.C.

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



4960

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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria B.C.
December 23rd 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for your final approval, a plan of the McLeod Lake Indian Reserve, situated in the Coast District, the Minute of decision of which was approved by the late Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works on the 15th April 1893.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

R. D. O'Reilly
I.R.C.

The Store^{rs}
the Chief Commis^{rs}
of Lands & Works.

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Indian Reserve Commission.



Victoria, B.C.

December 31st 1895.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith the duplicate field book, and a tracing of the original plotted plan of the McLeod Lake Indian Reserve, approved by you on the 27th instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. Meilly

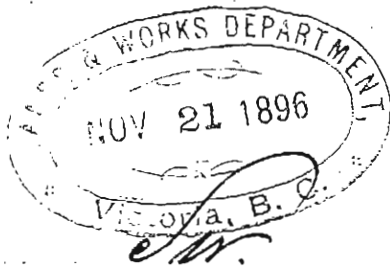
S.R.

The Sec^y
the Chief Commis^r
of Lands & Works }

Act 21/11/96

Indian Reserve Commission.

5813
Victoria B.C.
November 10th 1896.



I have the honor to enclose for your information and approval, a Minute of decision and sketch of one hundred and fifty one acres of land on the Nass river, set apart by me for the use of the Kincolith (Nass river) Indians on the 29th September last.

The land above referred to does not adjoin that of any white settler, nor is it likely to interfere in any way with the progress of the country.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

R. D. McIlroy
R.D.

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

Minute of Decision.

Nass River Indians.

No 30. Dak la bah, a reserve of one hundred and fifty one (151) acres, situated on the right bank of the Nass river, one mile west of Andegulay Reserve No 8^a.

Commencing at a point on the right bank of the Nass river, eighty (80) chains west of the western boundary of Andegulay Reserve No 8^a, thence north forty (40) chains; thence west ^{forty} (40) chains; thence south to the Nass river, and thence following the right bank of the said river, in an easterly direction, to the place of commencement.

J. O'Quilly
J.R.C.

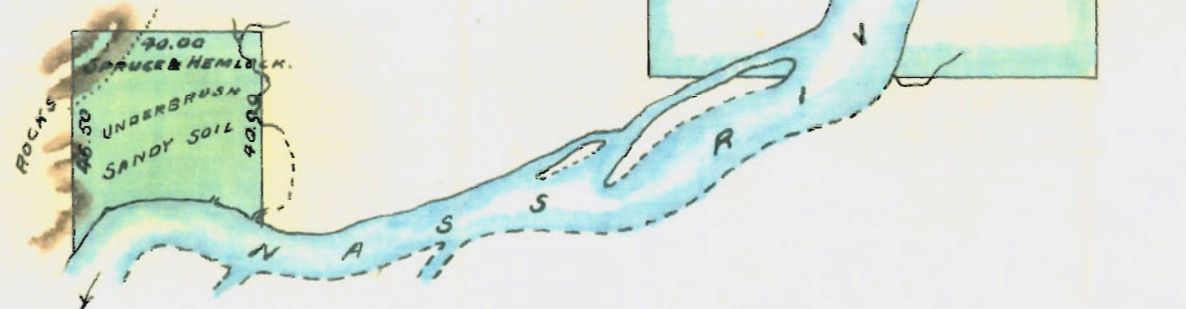
Nass river. J.R.C.
September 29th 1896.

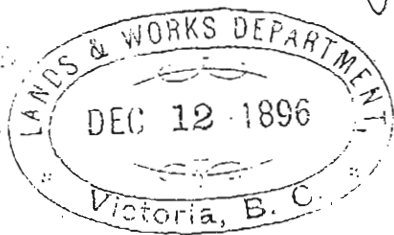
NASS RIVER INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

Nº 8^A
ANDEGULAY

Nº 30.
DAK-LA-BAH.
151 ACRES.





Act 15/12/96

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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.
December 11th 1896.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
herewith a tracing of the original
plan of Dak-la-bah, (Plan No. 7, Nass
river Indians) which was finally
approved by you on the 10th instant,
together with duplicate field notes
relating thereto.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

J. McIlly

J.M.C.

The
Deputy Commr.
of Lands & Works
Victoria.

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Ans 23/4/97



Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.

April 21st 1897.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval, a Minute of decision and sketch of a reserve situated near the 156 mile post on the Cariboo wagon road, defined by me on 26th November 1894 for the use of the Williams Lake Indians.

Owing to unavoidable delay in completing the survey of this reserve the Minute of decision has hitherto been withheld.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

R. Mills

M.C.

The
Deputy Commis-
of Lands & Works.

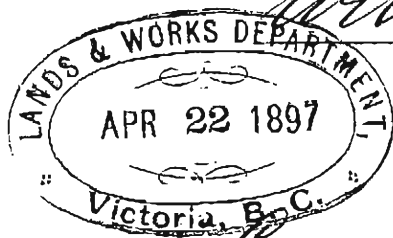
H. B. Martineau.

Chief Commr & Works

Approved
23rd April 1897

Minute of Decision.

Williams Lake Indians.



No 15

Carpenters Mountain, a reserve of one hundred and seventy (170) acres, situated on the Cariboo wagon road near the 156 mile post.

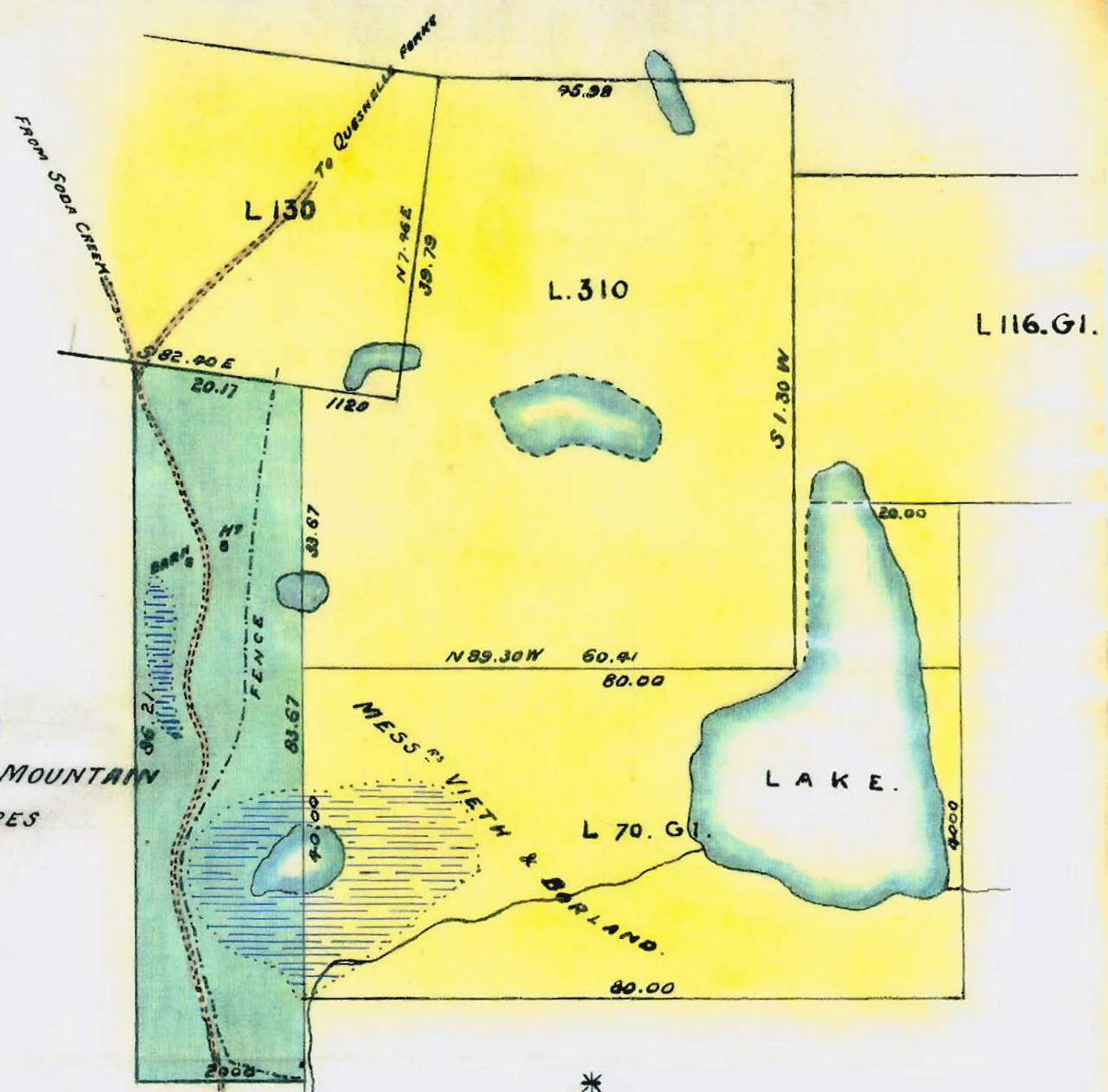
Commencing at a point thirty (30) chains north of the northeastern corner post of Reserve No 3, and running north, on the western boundaries of Lots 70 and 310, group 1, Cariboo district, to the southern boundary of Lot 130, a distance of eighty three chains, sixty seven links (83.67); thence N $82^{\circ}40'W$, on the said southern boundary of Lot 130, twenty chains seventeen links, (20.17); thence South eighty six chains twenty one links (86.21), and thence East twenty (20) chains to the place of commencement.

Victoria, B.C.

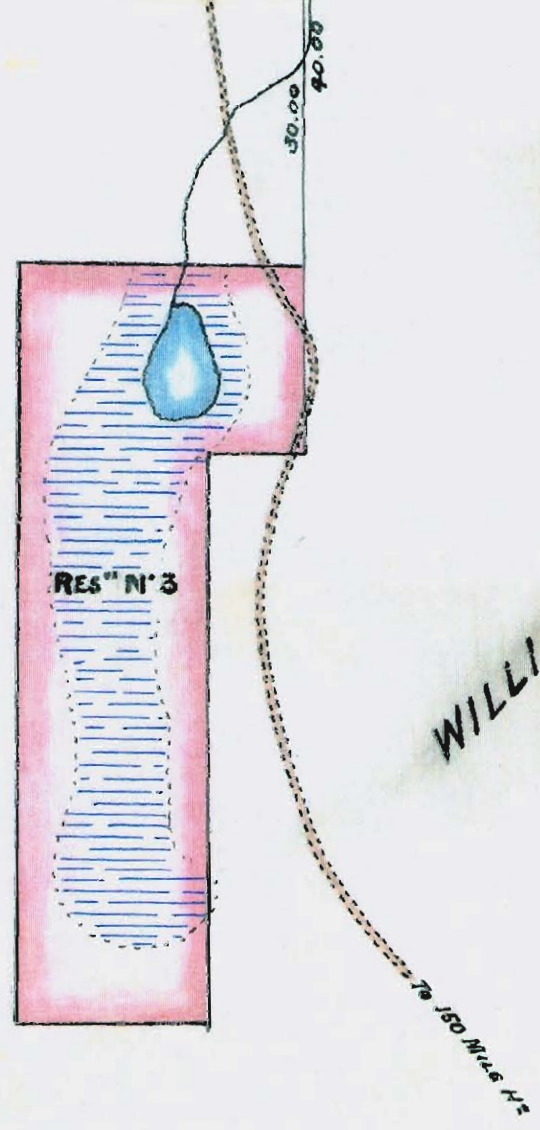
26th November 1894.

R. Meilly
J.R.C.

N^o 15.
CARPENTERS MOUNTAIN
170 ACRES



WILLIAMS LAKE INDIANS.
SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.



Approved 14th October 1897.

W. B. Thwaites.

Chief Commr Lands & Works

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Indian Reserve Commission.

Victoria B.C.

October 12th 1897.

Sir.

(1)

I have the honor to forward herewith for your approval Minutes of decision and sketches of five additional reserves allotted by me on 30th September for the use of the Douglas Indians.

No 10 Morfeen includes a small portion of the land preempted, 13th August 1862, by J. Gowen, for which no Certificate of Improvement has been issued. Gowen having abandoned the land, the Indians, as I am informed, have been in occupation of it for about twenty years.

No 5^a Sklah hesten embraces the preemption claim of Charles Kersley dated 23rd June 1862. No 59 Douglas district.

This

The Hon^{ble}
the Chief Commr
of Lands & Works

2
This land was abandoned by Heroley,
and subsequently occupied by a
man named Chapuis, who also after
a short period left that part of the
country.

No. 10 and 11 are portions of the
Preemption of Jules Perret, dated the
1st November 1861. No. 48. Douglas district.

Perret died in 1881 without having
obtained a Certificate of Improvement.
An Indian woman, named Polly,
with whom he had lived for many
years, has since remained in
occupation and the place has virtually
become an Indian settlement.

The lands included in these
reservations are for the most part
of small value, not more than 25
acres in the aggregate being suitable
for cultivation.

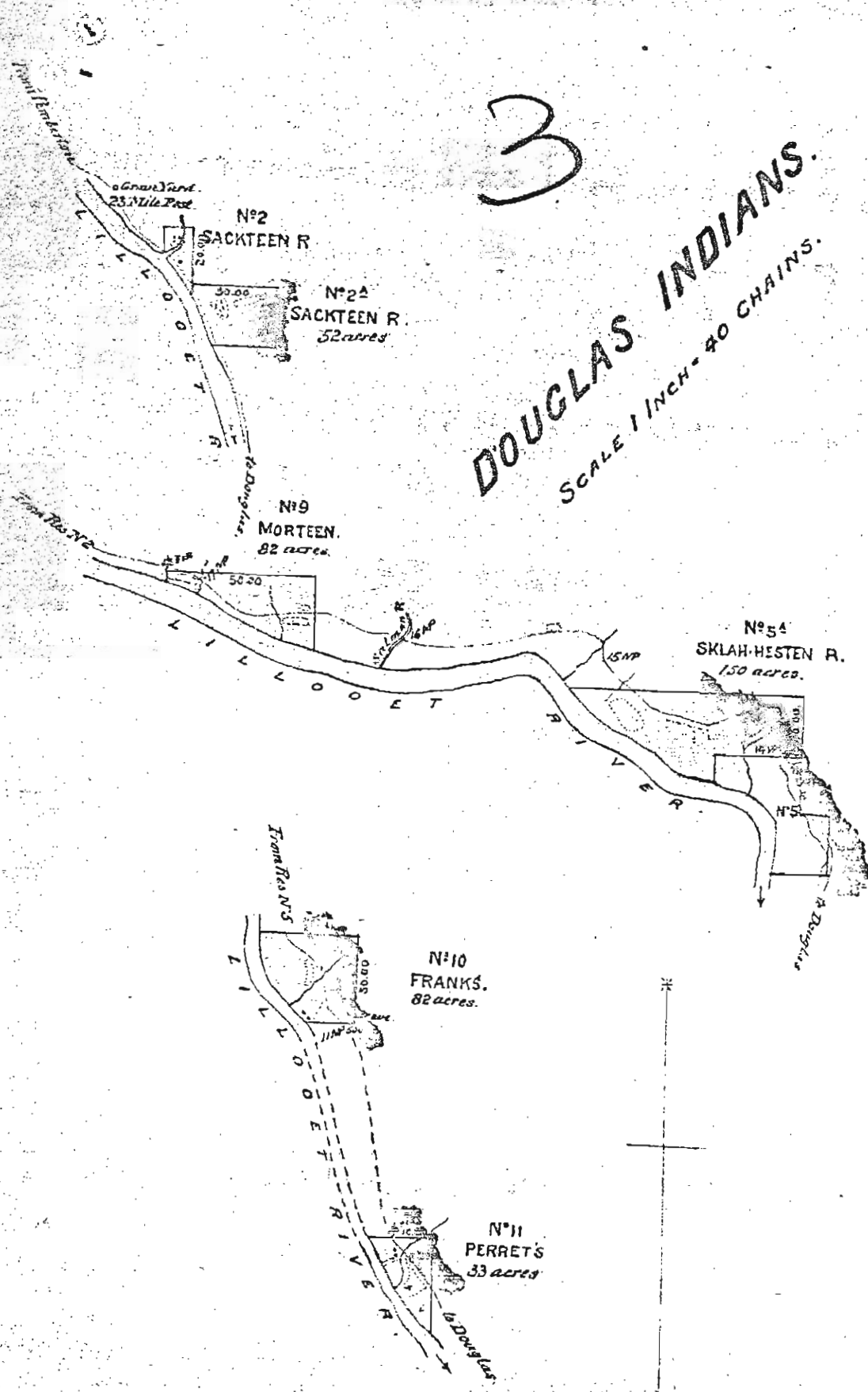
I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

E. H. H. H.

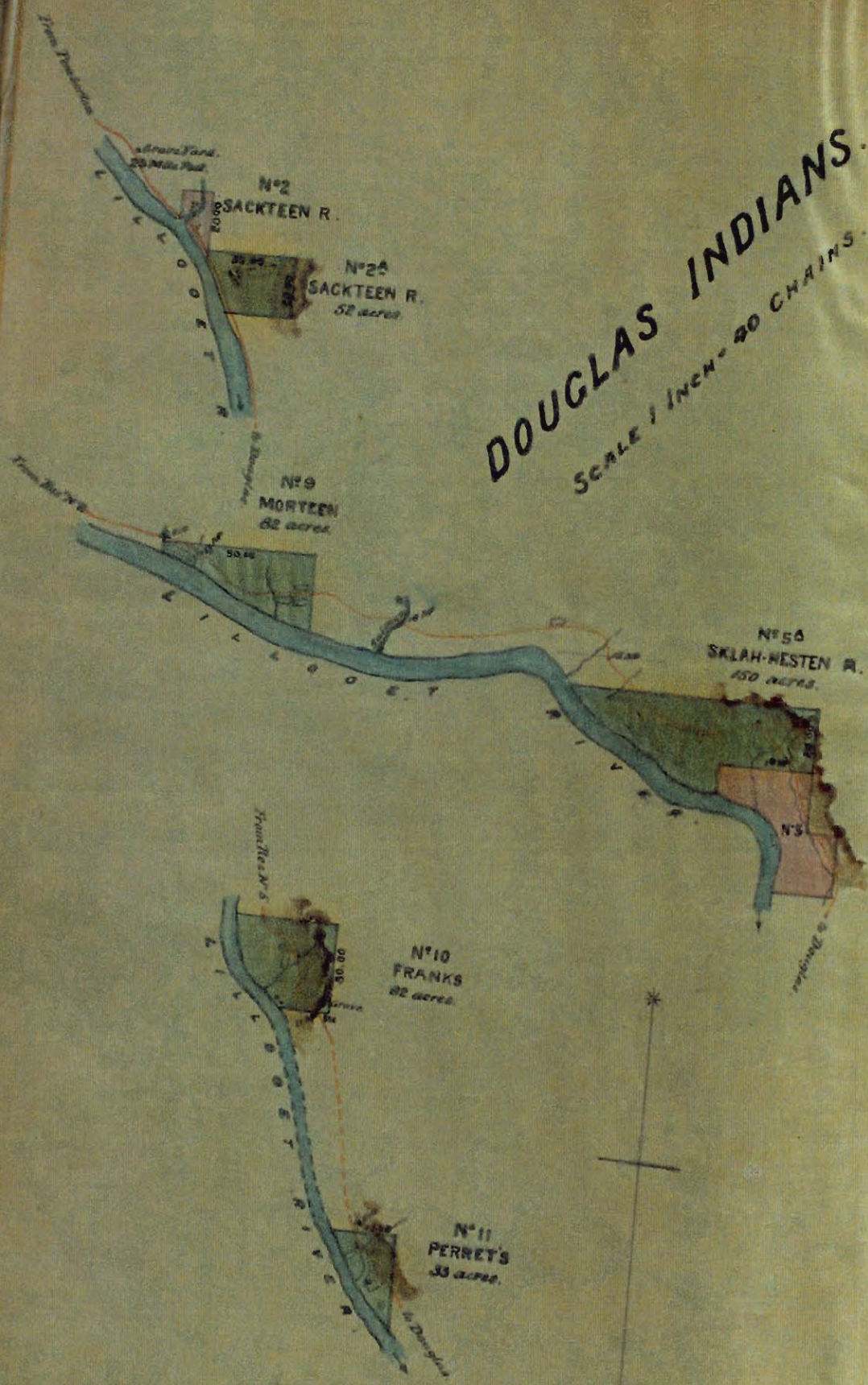
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DOUGLAS INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



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Minutes of decision.
Douglas Indians.

No 2^d Sacketeen, a reserve of fifty two (52) acres, situated between the 22 and 23 mile posts on the Douglas Portage, and being an extension of Reserve No 2, defined September 7th 1881.

Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Sacketeen reserve No 2, twenty (20) chains south of the northeastern corner thereof, and running East thirty (30) chains; thence South twenty (20) chains; thence West to the Lillooet river; thence following the left bank on the said river in a northwesterly direction to the eastern boundary of Reserve No 2, and thence North to the place of commencement.

No 9

5
Douglas Indians. (cont^d)

No 9. Morton, a reserve of eighty two (82) acres, situated on the Douglas Portage at the 17 mile post.

Commencing at a Fir tree, marked Indian reserve, and running East fifty (50) chains; thence South to the Lillooet river; thence following the left bank of the said river in a westerly direction to a point due south of the initial point, and thence North to the place of commencement.

Douglas Indians (cont^d)

No. 5: Sklah koston, a reserve of one hundred and fifty (150) acres, situated at the 14 mile post on the Douglas Portage, and to the Northwest of, and adjoining Reserve No. 5.

Commencing at the northeast corner of Reserve No. 5, and running North twenty (20) chains; thence West to the Lillooet river; thence in a southeasterly direction, and following the left bank of the said river, to the western boundary of Reserve No. 5, and thence following the boundaries of the said Reserve No. 5 in a northerly and easterly direction to the place of commencement.

Douglas Indians (cont^d)

No 10. Franks, a reserve of eighty two (82) acres, situated on the Douglas Portage at the 11 mile post.

Commencing at the 11 mile post on the Douglas Portage, and running East five (5) chains; thence North thirty (30) chains; thence West to the Lillooet river; thence following the left bank of the Lillooet river in a southerly direction to a point due West of the initial point, and thence East to the place of commencement.

No 11

Douglas Indians (cont^d)

N^o 11. Perrets, a reserve of thirty three (33) acres, situated on the Douglas Portage near the 10 mile post.

Commencing at a Fir tree, marked Indian reserve, and running East ten (10) chains, thence south to the Lillooet river, thence following the left bank of the said river in a northwesterly direction to a point due West of the initial point, and thence East to the place of commencement.

Douglas B.C.
September 30th 1897

C O P Y

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October 14th 1897

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing Minutes of Decision and sketches of five additional reserves allotted by you on the 30th of September last for the use of the Douglas Indians.

In reply I beg to advise you that the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has approved of the Minutes of Decision and sketches referred to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Gore

Deputy Commissioner of L. & W.

The Hon. P. O'Reilly,

Indian Reserve Commissioner,

Victoria, B. C.

FILE RECORD.

DATE.

DAY. MONTH. YEAR. CHARGED TO.

2 6 32. *W. J. Miller*

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Declaration

I, John D. [illegible]
of [illegible]
of [illegible]

day of September

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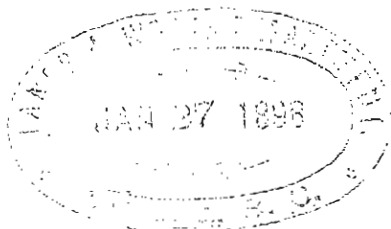
8. That to the best of claim is unsupported by any land falling within the boundaries of any Indian Reservation.

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460 B³ British Columbia,

INDIAN SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Victoria, 26th January 1898



Sir

I have the honour to submit here with "Copy" of a Report from Mr Indian Agent Loring of the Babine Agency describing certain lands required by the Kispayouy Indians appended to which is a rough sketch map showing the relative positions of the plots and ground required, and to state that I am directed by the Department to request that you will kindly Reserve the said grounds for the Indians pending future action by the Reserve Commissioner in order that they may not be covered or included in any grant to the whites

I beg to state that Mr Loring's Report which is dated 3rd August 1896 explains the situation and the Indian names of the several localities are given on his rough map

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
A. W. V. C. B.

Indian Superintendent B.C.

The Hon^{ble}

Geo. B. Martin

Chief Commissioner of
Lands and Works

Victoria B.C.

Copy

Babine Agency
Hazelton, B. C. August 3rd 1886.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 737 R² dated May 8th last, and a copy of a letter from Indians of Kits. piox dated 10th February last referring to the impending survey of their Reserve and expressing regret as to their former misconduct etc.

In regard to the former I am requested to report, in duplicate, for the information of the Department on how much land, in my opinion, the Indians of Kits. piox require, nature of the soil and its adaptedness for Agricultural and pasturage purposes and to mention if there be any probability that whites may take up such land as may be necessary for the support of the Indians &c.

In reply I have the honor to state that the Indians of Kits. piox were laboring under the impression that their Reserve would comprise scarcely more than the area of the village, as they at the time, did not listen for better information.

A. W. Vowell Esq^r.
Indian Sup^t.
Victoria.

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The Hon. P. O'Rielly, Indian Reserve Commissioner, laid out a large Reserve there. As to its exact extent I am not sure, but can locate the initial points ~~given~~. For me to be at variance with the plan already made, may possibly be detrimental to the Indians interests. Their wishes were properly conveyed and as far as I know, complied with to a reasonable extent.

Two hundred acres of heavy timberland were allowed to the area of the old village. I beg leave to be exempt from furnishing an estimate of the extent of the village Reserve, till I could obtain a copy of the plan made by the Commissioner.

As two more Reserves are to be laid out, the villages of Kis-gagas and Gol-doo beyond and to the north east of Kito-poux, I promised the Indians to exert myself, with the Commissioner in their behalf, to secure about two hundred acres for locations in severally about half way between their old village and Hazelton, as by a rough sketch attached, shown in blue as Pp 1. whereon some houses are built already as the soil is very poor in the vicinity of the old village. Would also

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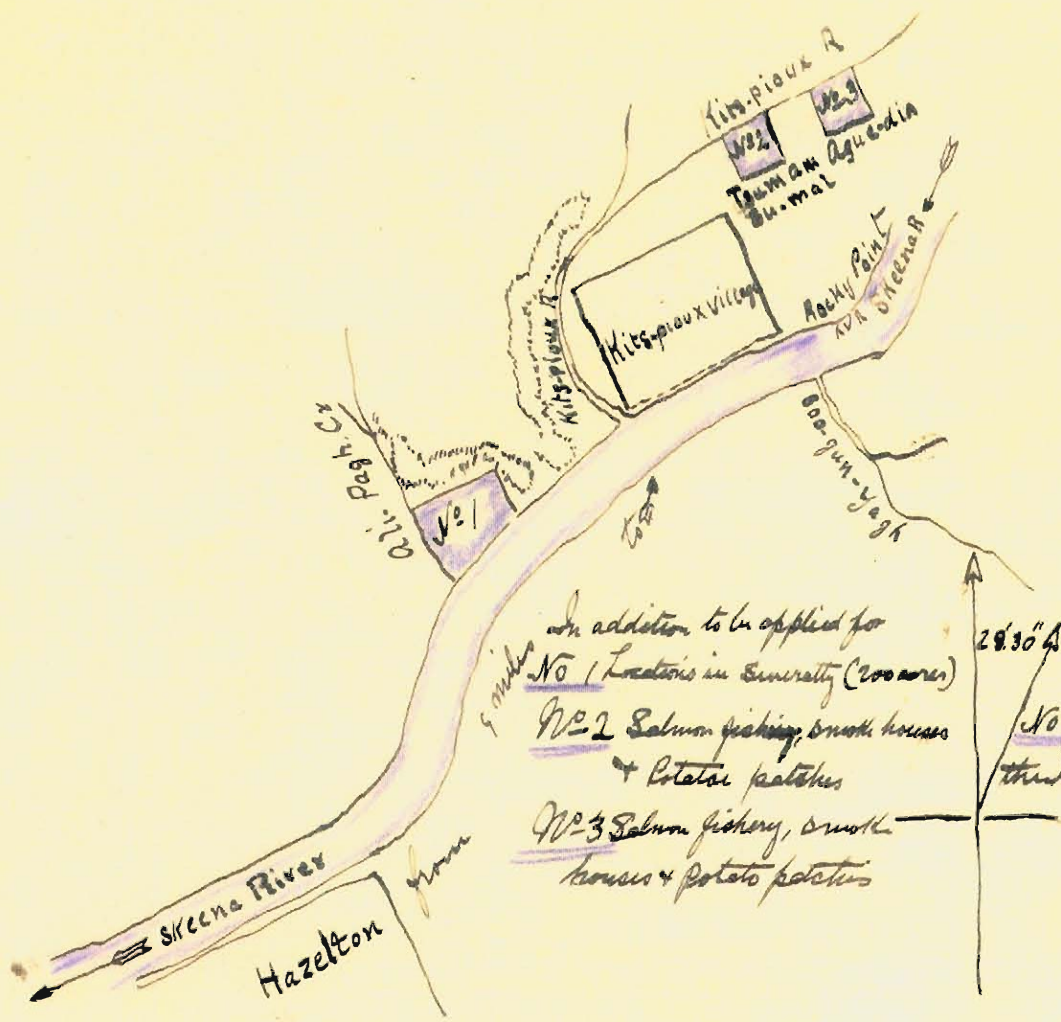
try to secure another place of a few acres, in blue No 2. but think the latter might be included already on the Commissioners plan, also a point, of like dimensions, further to the North east, marked No 3.

In reply as to the probability if whites may take up such land as may be necessary for the support of the Indians, would only be in case of finds in minerals -

Prospectors for farming land have been for miles about Kito-piox reporting the soil to shallow for any purpose and the early and late frosts, too much to contend with. Though grazing land, for pasturage purposes is met with here and there, especially in the valley of the Kito-piox River, part of which is comprised within the bounds of the Reserve delineated by the Indian Reserve Commission -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant
sgd/ R. E. Loring
Indian Agent.



In addition to be applied for
No. 1 Locations in Suvvett (200 acres)
No. 2 Salmon fishing, smoke houses
 & potato patches
No. 3 Salmon fishing, smoke
 houses & potato patches

No. 2 is I think included in
 the Ind. R. Commissioners plan
 R.E.L.

Aug 2/98



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Indian Reserve Commission.
Victoria, B.C.
March 5th 1898.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith for your final approval and signature, Plans N^o 2.3.4.5 of reserves for the Alkali Lake Indians, and Plan N^o 2 of lands allotted to the Willidius Lake Indians.

Minutes of decision of these reserves were approved by you on September 23rd 1895, and April 23rd 1897 respectively.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant.
A. W. V. V. V.

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



Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith duplicate field books (2), and tracings (5) of the original plotted plans of reserves for the Alkali Lake, and Williams Lake Indians, which were finally approved by you on the 5th instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

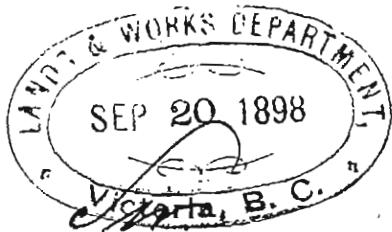
Your obedient servant
and verily
D. R. C.

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

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Office of the Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Victoria B.C.

September 19th 1898.



I have the honor to forward herewith, for your information and approval, a Minute of decision of a reserve on the Upper Skeena river, allotted by me to the Kildoe band of Indians.

These Indians number 43; they support themselves principally by hunting, trapping and fishing. The land included in the reservation is for the most part mountainous, and covered with spruce and hemlock trees of small size; it includes their village and most valuable fisheries.

About ten acres only are available for agriculture upon which potatoes are cultivated in different patches.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

The Deputy Commis:
Land & Works
Victoria B.C.

Your obedient servant
A. W. Vowell
I. R. C.

Minute of decision.

Kuldoe Indians.

Kuldoe, a reserve of four hundred and fifty five (455) acres, situated on the banks of the Skeena river, about seventy miles above Hazelton.

Commencing on the left bank of the Skeena river, at a Cottonwood tree marked Indian reserve, and running West forty (40) chains; thence North sixty (60) chains; thence East eighty (80) chains; thence South sixty (60) chains, and thence West forty (40) chains to the place of commencement

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J.R.C.

Kuldoe B.C.
July 30th 1898.

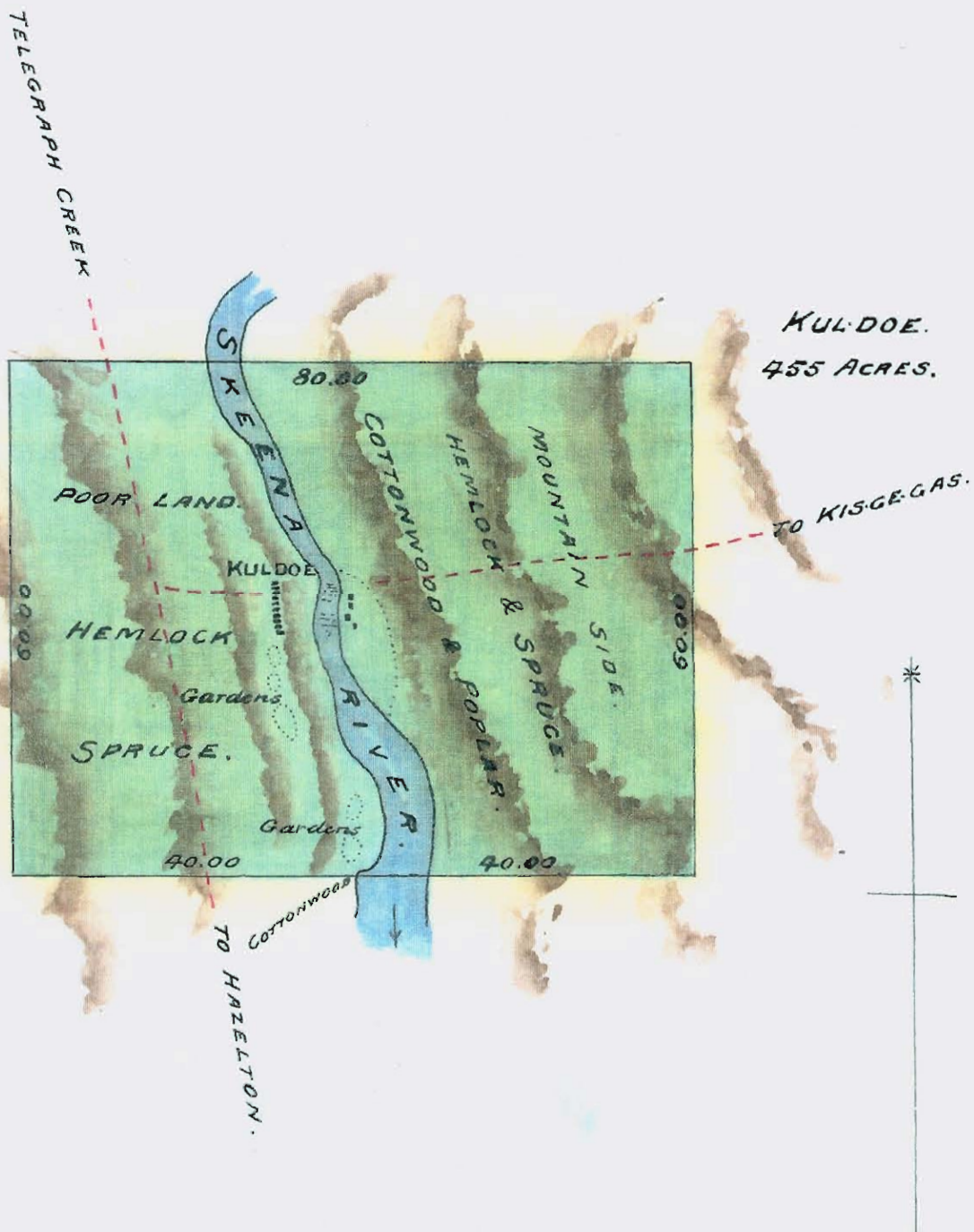
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Chief Commissioner of I. & W.

KULDOE INDIANS.

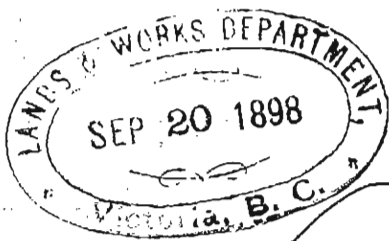
SCALE 1 INCH = 20 CHAINS.



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Office of the ~~Indian~~ ^{Reserve} Commissioner.
Victoria. 1898.

September 19th 1898.



Sir.

I have the honor to submit for your approval Minutes of decision of two reserves, embracing in the aggregate one thousand, four hundred and sixty (1460) acres, defined by me for the use of the Kispayouks band of Indians.

In 1891 the late Reserve Commissioner allotted to the use of these people 2252 acres surrounding their principal village, which action was duly approved by the Provincial Government on the 4th February 1892; of this the greater part is useless as agricultural, meadow, or timber land.

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

The reserves now under consideration have both been occupied and improved by the Indians for some time, and consist of some good garden lands which it is their desire and intention to cultivate.

A sawmill, capable of producing 5000 feet of lumber per diem has been erected, and is now, I believe, in running order.

The population of this band is 221, and they are each year more or less abandoning their primitive pursuits and taking to the cultivation of land, and raising of stock - &c -

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your obedient servant
A. R. C.

Minute of decision.

Kispioxus Indians.

No 2 Sic-e-dach, a reserve of nine hundred (900) acres, situated on the right bank of the Skeena river about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles above Hazelton.

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree on the river bank, marked Indian Reserve, and running West thirty (30) chains; thence North one hundred and twenty (120) chains; thence East to the Skeena river, and thence following the bank of the said river in a southerly direction to the place of commencement.

The whole of the water (about seventy five (75) inches) of Oli-pagh creek is allotted to the use of the Indians.

Approved
J. R. C.

Hazelton. B.C.
July 21st 1898.

Approved with the exception of the last clause designating an allotment of water

C. A. Genshin

Chief Commissioner of I.C.W. 22nd Sep. 1898.

— Minute of decision. —

Kispyouks Indians.

No 3 Aque din a reserve of five hundred and sixty (560) acres, situated on the Kispyouks river about three miles from its confluence with the Skeena.

Commencing at a Cottonwood tree, marked Indian Reserve, and running East forty (40) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence North eighty (80) chains, and thence East forty (40) chains to the place of commencement.

Approved
L. R. C.

Kispyouks BC
August 5th 1898.

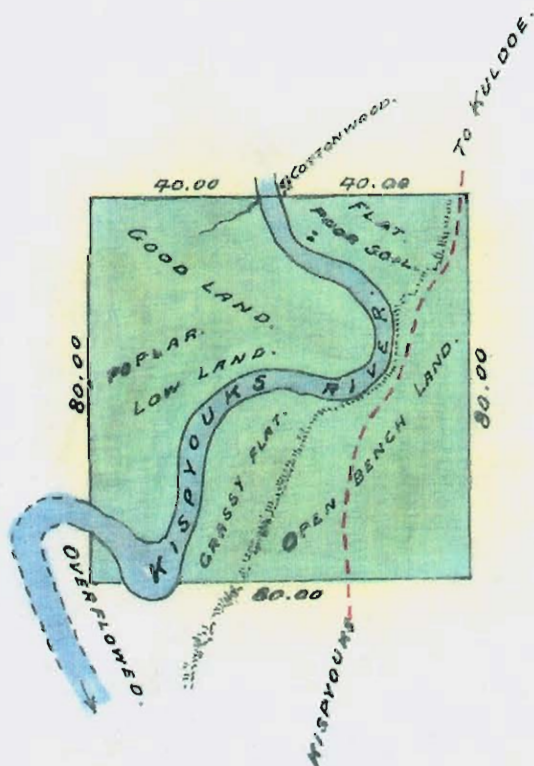
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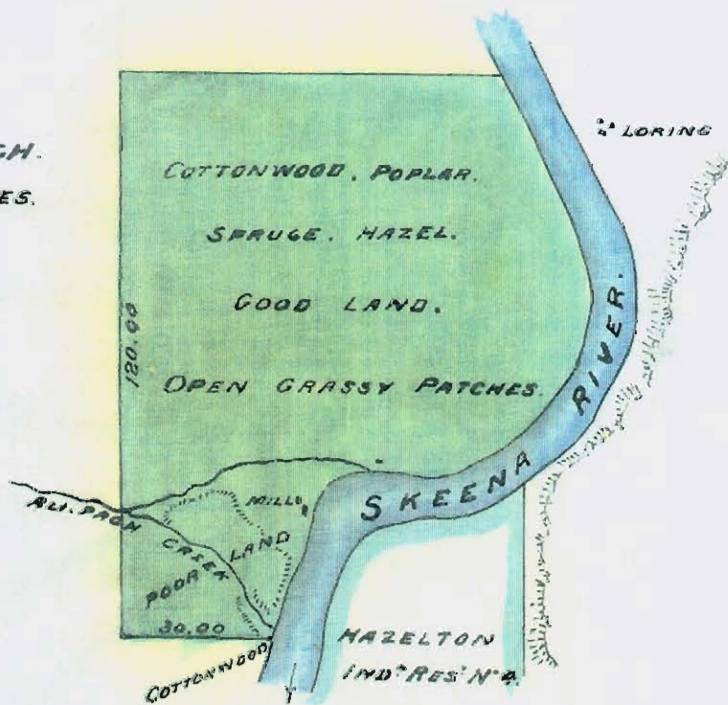
KIS-PY-QUKS INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.



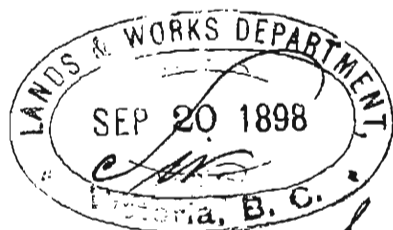
N°3.
AGUE-DIN
560 ACRES.

N°2.
SIC-Ë-DACH.
900 ACRES.



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Victoria, B.C.
September 19th 1898.



I have the honor to enclose for your information and approval, a Minute of decision of a reserve (Koo-gun-ya, Reserve No. 2^a) for the Hazelton band of Indians.

This plot of land is given to the Indians in lieu of Timber reserve No. 2, defined by the late Reserve Commissioner on the 29th September 1891, which has been cancelled, it having been found on examination to be destitute of timber.

"Koo-gun-ya" contains 320 acres of swampy land unfit for agriculture; the timber upon it, cedar and spruce, though of use to the Indians for saw logs, house building, shakes and shingles, has no commercial value.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

The Deputy Commr.
Lands & Works.
Victoria

Your obedient servant.
A. C. C. O'Connell
D. P. O.

Minute of decision.

Hazellton Indians.

Reserve No 2, defined 29th September 1891, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, and situated on "Two mile creek" about two miles east of Hazellton, is hereby cancelled, and the following substituted.

No 2^d "Koo gun ya," a reserve of three hundred and twenty (320) acres, situated about three miles east of Hazellton on "Two mile creek".

Commencing at a spruce tree, marked "Indian reserve" and running North eighty (80) chains; thence East forty (40) chains; thence South eighty (80) chains, and thence West forty (40) chains to the place of commencement.

Approved
J. R. C.

Hazellton. B.C.
August 15th 1898.

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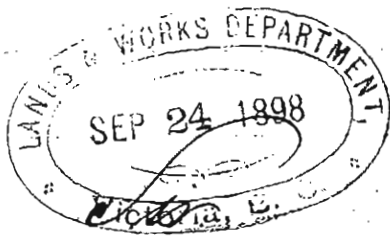
Approved 22nd Sep^r 1898

H. A. Davidson

Chief Commissioner of I & W^o

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Victoria. B.C.

September 23rd 1898.



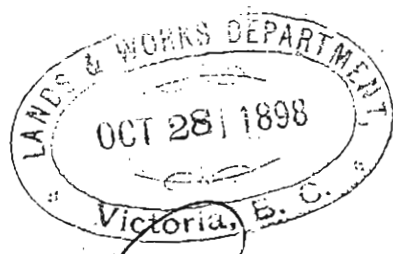
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant advising me that the Minutes of decision of reserves for the Hazelton, Kildoe, and Kispouks Indians, submitted to you on the 19th instant, have been approved by the Hon^{ble} the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, with the exception of that portion relating to the allotment of the water of Alipagh Creek, the right to which must be acquired under the Water Consolidation Act 1897.

In reply I beg to thank the Hon^{ble} the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for his approval, and to state that the water referred to will

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will be secured in the manner
suggested.

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



Indian Reserve Commission.

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Victoria B.C.

October 27th 1898.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your information and approval, a Minute of decision and sketch of a reserve of 2415 acres, defined by me for the use of the Kiseegas band of Indians resident on the Babine river about fifty miles north of Hazelton.

The land in the vicinity of this reserve is ^{for the most part} unsuitable for agriculture, and the Indians, who number 272, support themselves entirely by trapping, hunting and fishing.

Included in this reservation are 320 acres for which an application to purchase was made by Mr. J. D. Devereux on the 12th October 1897.

This claim embraces the old village
site

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site of Oligosumdagh, some Indian potato gardens, an important salmon fishery, and a burial ground.

It may be further added that the Indians never had any intention of abandoning this village site, it being the intention of several of the families to return, there being several patches of land available for the cultivation of potatoes &c.

Portions of some of the old houses are still standing.

On the 28th April last I addressed you a letter on this subject, and I now beg to request that Mr. Divercux' application be not entertained.

I have the honor to be
Sir.

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

Minute of decision.

Kis-se-gas Indians.

Kis-ge-gas, a reserve of two thousand four hundred and fifteen (2415) acres, situated on the Babine river about four miles from its confluence with the Skeena river.

Commencing at a Spruce tree,
marked Indian reserve, and running
West twenty (20) chains; thence North
forty (40) chains; thence East forty (40) chains;
thence North forty (40) chains; thence East
one hundred and twenty (120) chains;
thence North twenty (20) chains; thence
East sixty (60) chains; thence North
twenty (20) chains; thence East sixty
(60) chains; thence South twenty (20)
chains; thence East twenty (20) chains;
thence South sixty (60) chains; thence
West sixty (60) chains; thence South
fifty (50) chains; thence West eighty (80)
chains; thence North ten (10) chains,
and thence West one hundred and
forty (140) chains to the place of
commencement.

One and a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) acre, on which the Anglican Mission house stands, is not included in this reservation.

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J. R. C.

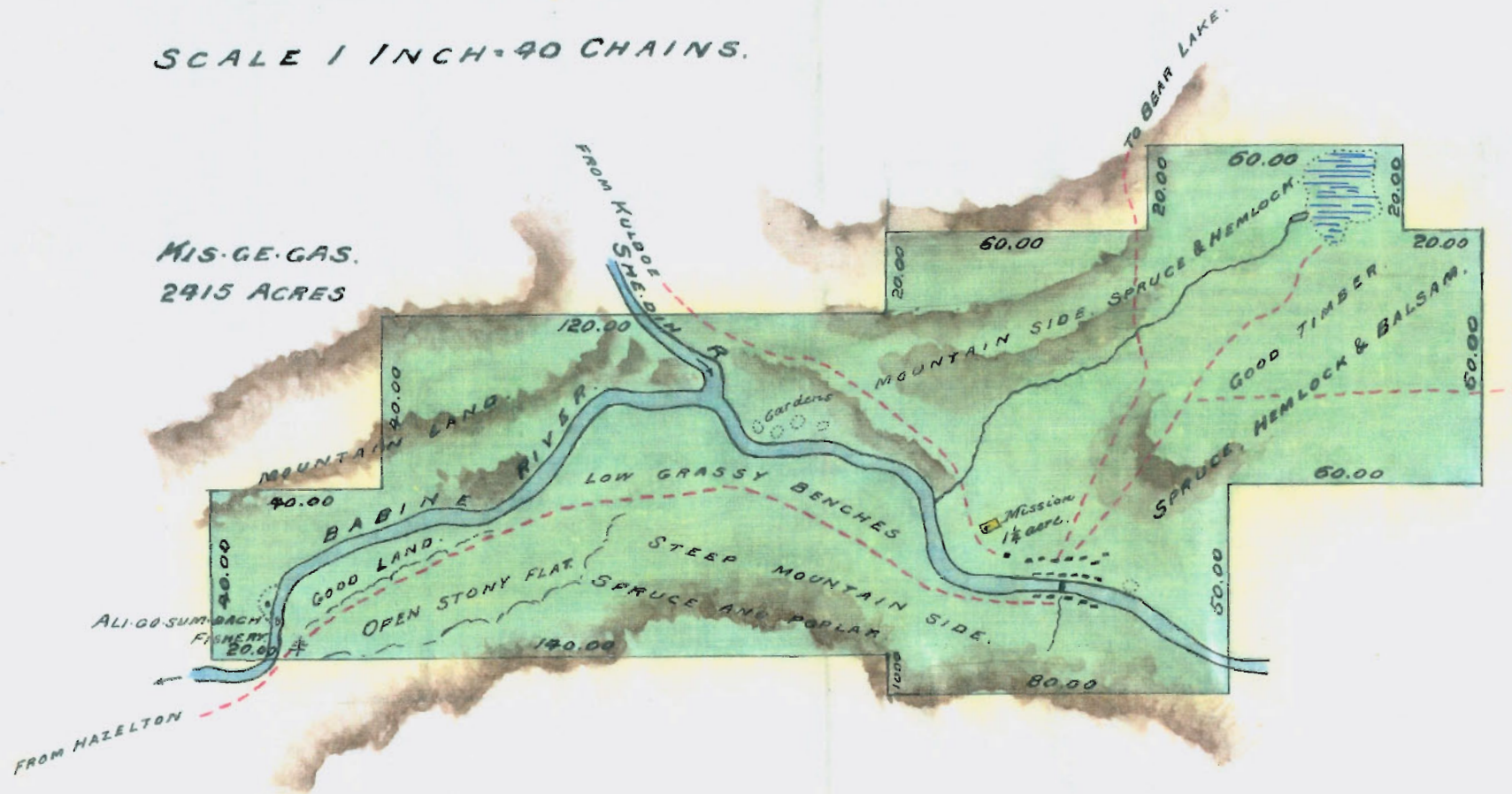
Kisge-jus. B.C.
August 3rd 1898.

Approved

KIS-GE-GAS INDIANS.

SCALE 1 INCH = 40 CHAINS.

KIS-GE-GAS.
2415 ACRES



Extract from letter of 25 June 1887, from
P. O'Reilly to Supt General. No 227-2

" I beg to be informed if you
" still hold the opinion that Patents are
" necessary for the conveyance by the
" Provincial to the Dominion Government
" of the lands approved of as reserves,
" or if formal approval as hitherto is
" sufficient. I had several conversations
" with the late Mr Smither on this subject,
" when he said such Patents were
" unnecessary. If you still desire me
" to pursue this matter I shall feel
" obliged by your sending me the form
" of conveyance you wish adopted."

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Excerpt from letter of 4th October 1887
from Supt General to P O'Reilly.

"I am to inform you with reference
" to the query contained in your letter
" as to whether it is still held that
" Patents are necessary for the conveyance
" from the Provincial to the Dominion
" Government of lands approved of as
" Indian Reserves, or if a formal approval
" as hitherto is sufficient, that in
" the opinion of the Supt General of
" Indian Affairs. Orders by the Lieutenant
" Governor in Council approving of the
" conveyance of such reserves to the
" Supt General of Indian Affairs in
" trust may be considered sufficient
" in cases where the reserved lands
" belong to the Provincial Government."