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B.C. Provincial Collection
MINUTES OF DECISION, CORRESPONDENCE & SKETCHES
Joint Reserve Commission & Gilbert M. Sproat
January 1876 to April 1878
Binder 1 (Box 1)

This first volume consists of minutes of decision, correspondence and sketches related to the work of the Joint Indian Reserve Commission, which was formally established in 1876 through federal and provincial Orders-in-Council. Each of the Commissioners was also separately appointed through provincial and federal Orders-in-Council. Interestingly, the first piece of correspondence is a letter from Gilbert Malcolm Sproat offering his services on the Joint Indian Reserve Commission. The inside address says: "Sproat & Co."

The Minutes of decision found in this volume are the same as those found in volume 3 of the federal collection. The significant difference is that the provincial collection appears to contain all the sketches/maps related to the Commission's work, whereas the federal set has only 1 map.

There is also additional correspondence related to issues at Beecher Bay, work done in the 1920s related to the boundaries at Seymour Creek I.R. 2 and issues related to settlers in the Neskonlith area, Cowichan and the Okanagan. With respect to the latter topic, there is one letter, without a correspondence number, from Drake and Jackson, Barristers informing the Provincial Secretary, A.C. Elliott, that they have advised Mr. O'Keefe to "resist all attempts of the Indians to interfere with his land, crops and property by force if necessary." [Correspondence dated January 31, 1878.] In addition to the slight tinge of sarcasm which permeates the letter, what is interesting is the absence of a correspondence number. The only other time this was noted to occur in this volume was with respect to some enclosures. This suggests the possibility that, at one time, there may have been additional correspondence related to this letter, which has since been removed.

It is notable that in writing to the CCLW on issues related to B.C. only McKinlay and Sproat signed the correspondence. An example of correspondence on the same topic being sent to the two different governments can be found in the covering letters for the amended minutes of decision of the Musqueam and Squamish Indians. This is found at correspondence no. 1590/77, dated 27th June 1877 and at pp. 136-138 of volume 3 of the federal collection. It is, perhaps, also notable that different secretaries appear to have written the two letters.

Some general population numbers were given for some First Nation groups, but there was no breakout as to men, women and children.

Missing from the volume is correspondence related to the disbanding of the JIRC. The JIRC was disbanded at the end of the 1877 season of work. Without any indication of a change in the situation, at correspondence no. 695/78, dated 19 March 1878, it is apparent that Sproat has assumed the role of sole Indian Reserve Commissioner.

Organization of Index

- The identification of the location of the documents is based upon the correspondence number.
- In some instances when there was no correspondence number noted on enclosures the term "[add. corr.]" has been used to indicate additional correspondence under the same correspondence number.
- Page numbers for the correspondence, particularly the Minutes of decision and sketches, have been noted in "[]" below the correspondence number. In many cases, there was no page number in the document, so the page number has been assigned.
- In some cases two dates have been used. This has been done if two dates appeared in relation to the Minutes of decision. There could be many dates associated with the Minutes of decision: the date of the covering letter, the date of the Minute, the date which appears at the end of the

submission, which may be the date the Commissioners signed off their work and, the date on the sketches. What has been cited for the Minutes of decision is the date which appeared beside the Minute, or, in the absence of that, the date which appeared at the end of the submitted minutes.

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

Alexander Caufield Anderson	Indian Reserve Commissioner, Canada (JIRC)
Archibald McKinlay	Indian Reserve Commissioner, B.C. (JIRC)
H.[Henry] Moffatt	Secretary, Indian Affairs (a.k.a Secretary Pro tem)
Edward Mohun	Surveyor to the Indian Reserve Commission
Gilbert M. Sproat	Joint Indian Reserve Commissioner (JIRC)
B.W. Pearse ¹	Agent for Public Works, Victoria
Dr. Israel Wood Powell	Indian Superintendent, B.C.
Lawrence Vankoughnet	Deputy Superintendent General Indian Affairs, B.C.
Forbes George Vernon	Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, B.C.

Indians Identified	See complete list under Additional Subjects
Settlers Identified	See complete list under Additional Subjects

Cross-Reference to the Federal Collection

Correspondence No. 1352/77 is found in vl. 3, pp. 56-119
Correspondence No. 1353/77 is found in vl. 3, pp. 124-132
Correspondence No. 1591/77 is found in vl. 3, pp. 136-149a

¹ B.W. Pearse was the former Surveyor General for the Province of B.C. He prepared the 1871 Schedule of Reserves which appears in the Yellow Book, pp. 104-106.

**ANNOTATED INDEX
BINDER 1**

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

[] around the name of the 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.
01 18 1876			Sproat ²	Letter	271/76
09 08 1876		Sechelt	Moffatt ³	Letter [w/encl]	2037/76
09 08 1876		Sechelt	Unknown	Sketch	2037/76
09 11 1876			Moffatt ⁴	Letter	2069/76
11 27 1876	Govt. Reserve	Squamish & Burrard	McKinlay & Sproat ⁵	Letter	2935/76
12 07 1876		Sechelt ⁶	JIRC	Letter	3138/76
04 27 1877		Various ⁷	JIRC	Letter	861/77

² Sproat proffers his services to the provincial government on "the Joint Commission proposed for the settlement of the Indian question" in B.C.

³ Moffatt writes to Forbes George Vernon, CCLW advising that the Commissioners propose to visit the Sechelt Peninsula and Jervis Inlet "to settle the various issues in question under the powers secured to them." In light of the pending work, the provincial government is requested not to issue pre-emptions, sell any land, issue any leases, particularly timber leases and, most especially, that there "be no interference with the localities now occupied as Indian Villages [sic]." It is noted that Superintendent Powell has been informed that applications have been made at both Dean's Canal and Bute Inlet which include portions of land "actually occupied" by Indians. Moffatt encloses a basic sketch of Princess Royal Reach and Queen's reach.

⁴ Moffatt Requests that province not grant or extend pastoral leases as they may affect the work of the Commission.

⁵ Reference is made to a telegram dated November 18 and a letter dated November 20, both from Vernon. Neither piece of correspondence is included in the provincial collection. McKinlay and Sproat refer to a "Government Reserve between Coal Harbour and First Narrows, Burrard Inlet." They state they have "declined to permit Indian reserves on the Government Reserve." They also state they have dealt with "735 Indians to date."

⁶ The JIRC report on their trip to Jervis Inlet. Among other things, they state that there "is no land available in Jervis Inlet for agricultural settlers and white men are never likely to settle on its shores except for mining or fishing purposes. We had great difficulty, over a shoreline of about 200 miles, finding a reasonable quantity of land for the reserves of the She-Shells (Sechelts) who number 167 persons." (p. 2) The "rough map sent to the Provincial Secretary" (p. 6) may be a reference to the sketch included with the Minutes of decision.

⁷ The JIRC states that, in their opinion, it "would be well if the Provincial Government ... reserved ..." various tracts of land. In using the term "reserved" it would appear that the JIRC intends that the lands would be withheld from pre-emption or lease. Substantial tracts of land are identified, including areas in the Gulf of Georgia, along the Fraser and on the west coast of Vancouver Island at Barclay Sound and the Nass and Skeena. There is no indication that the province acceded to this request.

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
06 11 1877		Comox, Squamish, Sechelt, Qualicum, Nanoose, Nanaimo, Halalt, Lyackson, Penelakut, Chemainus, Cowichan, Saanich	JIRC ⁸	Letter, M.O.D. & Sketch	1351/77 1352/77
11 00 1876			JIRC	Authority	1352/77 [pp. 1-2]
11 27 1876 11 28 1876		Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 2-9,37]
12 07 1876		Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 10-16,36]
12 12 1876		Comox	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 17,31]
12 13 1876		Qualicum	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 18,18a]
12 15 1876		Nanoose	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 19,34]
12 20 1876		Nanaimo ⁹	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 20,34]
01 18 1877		Halalt	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 21,32]
01 18 1877		Lyackson	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 22-23,32]
01 18 1877		Penelakut	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 24,32]
01 18 1877		Chemainus	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 25,32]
02 17 1877 03 03 1877		Cowichan ¹⁰	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 26-27,33, 35]
03 03 1877		Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1352/77 [pp. 28-30,35]
11 27 1876	Skowishin 7	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 2]

⁸ Corr. No. 1351/77 is the covering letter which encloses the Minutes of decision for the JIRC for Indian groups in the "Victoria Superintendency - Howe Sound to Sooke", Corr. No. 1352/77. Within this set of Minutes of decision each allotment is separately dated. The entire collection of Minutes of decision is signed and dated on the last page as April 26, 1877. All the sketches enclosed with the Minutes are also signed by the Commissioners and by Edward Mohun, Surveyor to the JIRC. All the sketches are also dated April 26, 1877 in Mohun's handwriting. While the Minutes of decision can be found in the federal collection, the sketches appear to have been separated from the original submission as they are not contained in the federal collection. [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 56-119]

⁹ There is only a sketch depicting Gabriola Island 5 and Ma-guala 6. No sketch was located which depicted the other Nanaimo reserves.

¹⁰ There are two different dates for the Minutes of decision for Cowichan. [See Binder 13, Corr. No. 5765/06; Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 110-112]

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11 27 1876	Chuckchuck 8 ¹¹	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 2-3]
11 27 1876	Poyam 9 ¹²	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 3]
11 27 1876	Skowishin Graveyard 10	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 3]
11 27 1876	Cheakamus 11 ¹³	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 3-4]
11 27 1876	Yookwitz 12	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 4]
11 27 1876	Weiwakum 14 ¹⁴	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 4-5]
11 27 1876	Aikwucks 15	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 4-5]
11 27 1876	Poquiosin & Skamain 13 ¹⁵	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 5]
11 27 1876	Seaichem 16	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 5-6]
11 27 1876	Kowtain 17	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 6]
11 27 1876	Yekwaupsum 18	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 6-7]
11 27 1876	Yekwaupsum 19	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 7]
11 27 1876	Mamaquum Island 20 ¹⁶	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 7]
11 27 1876	Squamish Island 21 ¹⁷	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 7-8]
11 27 1876	Skulwailum 22 ¹⁸	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 8]

¹¹ The Commissioners note that the village is abandoned and the Indians did not wish to retain it, thus, only the graveyard was reserved. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 168]

¹² The Commissioners note that the village was abandoned and the Indians did not wish to retain it. The graveyard was set aside as a reserve.

¹³ Spelled Che-ah-ka-mist on the M.O.D.

¹⁴ The description of this allotment indicates that it is ten acres on each side of the "Skwawmish" river. It appears that the two ten acre allotments became separate reserves, Nos. 14 and 15.

¹⁵ There is a note which states: "The above three reserves subject to any existing rights of timber leases." It is unclear if this includes Yookwitz 12 or not.

¹⁶ This reserve was sold in 1914. It is identified as "Small Island" in the M.O.D. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

¹⁷ This reserve was sold in 1914. It is identified as "Staw-a-mus Island" in the M.O.D. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 59; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

¹⁸ This reserve was sold in 1914. It is identified as "Sckwul-wailum Island" in the M.O.D. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

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11 27 1876	Ahtsam 23 ¹⁹	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 8]
11 27 1876	Stawamus 24	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 8]
11 28 1876	Kaikalahun 25	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 9]
11 28 1876	Chekwelp 26	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 9]
11 28 1876	Schaltuuch 27 ²⁰	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 9]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 1 ²¹	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 10]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 2 ²²	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 10-11]
12 07 1876	Kuk-way-win ²³	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 11]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 4 ²⁴	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 11]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 5 ²⁵	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 11]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 8 ²⁶	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 12]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 6	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 12]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 7	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 12]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 9 ²⁷	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 12]

¹⁹ The description of this reserve commences at the second sentence "Also the land ..." This reserve was sold in 1914. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

²⁰ This reserve was a graveyard/burial ground. It was also known as Chekwelp 27, Burial Ground 27, Shelter Island 27. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 170; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

²¹ This reserve was originally known as Tsawcome 1. [See 1943 Schedule p. 162; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

²² Originally known as Sechelt 2 or Seschelt 2. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 162; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

²³ This reserve allotment appears not to have been confirmed. It is identified by the JIRC as "Kuk-way-win" and is noted to be near Porpoise Bay, Jervis Inlet. Sechelt Lakes 3 (formerly Swaycalse 3) is nearby the original location of this reserve.

²⁴ Originally known as Oalthkyim 4. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 162; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

²⁵ This reserve is identified as a "Burying Ground."

²⁶ The JIRC identify this allotment as "Klay-e-quim". Three areas are identified in the allotment: "the flat at the mouth of the river ... a small patch on the south eastern side ... and a small timbered valley." These allotments are currently known as Sechelt Lands 8, 6 and 7 respectively. They were formerly known as Klayekwim 8, Klayekwim 6 and Klayekwim 7.

²⁷ Originally known as Chikwat 9. This reserve was a fishing station. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

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12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 10 ²⁸	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 12-13]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 11 ²⁹	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 13]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 12 ³⁰	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 13]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 13 ³¹	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 13-14]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 14 ³²	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 14]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 15 ³³	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 14]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 16 ³⁴	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 15]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 17 ³⁵	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 15]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 18 ³⁶	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 15-16]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 19 ³⁷	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 16]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 20 ³⁸	Sechelt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 16]

²⁸ Originally known as Tchahchelaithtenum 10. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

²⁹ Originally known as Hunaechin 11. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³⁰ Originally known as Swaywelat 12. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³¹ Originally known as Chelohsin 13. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³² Originally known as Paykulkum 14. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³³ Spelled "Soo-ah-di" in the Minute of decision. Originally known as Tsooahdie 15. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³⁴ Originally known as Slayathlum 16. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³⁵ Spelled "Kwaw-que-ahm" in the Minute of decision. Originally known as Skwawkweehm, or Skwaw-kwe-ehm, 17. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 163; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³⁶ Spelled "Sme-shallum" in the Minute of decision. Originally known as Smeshalim 18. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

³⁷ Originally known as Suahbin 19. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64; CLSRBC 254]

³⁸ Spelled "Sal-la-loose" in the Minute of decision. This reserve was originally known as Salfahlus 20. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 164, NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 64]

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12 12 1876	Comox 1 ³⁹	Comox	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 17]
12 12 1876	Pentledge 2	Comox	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 17]
12 12 1876	Goose Spit 3	Comox	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 17]
12 13 1876	Qualicum	Qualicum	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 18]
12 13 1876	Qualicum ⁴⁰	Qualicum	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 18a]
12 15 1876	Nanoose	Nanoose	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 19]
12 20 1876	Nanaimo Town 1 ⁴¹	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
12 20 1876	Nanaimo River 2	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
12 20 1876	Nanaimo River 3	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
12 20 1876	Nanaimo River 4	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
12 23 1876	Gabriola Island 5 ⁴²	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
12 23 1876	Ma-guala 6 ⁴³	Nanaimo	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 20]
01 18 1877	Halalt Island 1 ⁴⁴	Halalt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 21]
01 18 1877	Halalt 2 ⁴⁵	Halalt	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 21]

³⁹ In their Minute of decision, the JIRC note that the "Original Reserve Section IV confirmed." Usually the terminology "old reserve" denotes a colonial allotment. It is unclear when land was originally set aside for the Comox Indians prior to 1871 or, instead, in the early 1870s, after B.C. joined Confederation, but before the JIRC was established. In his letter of July 1912, McKenna does not refer to a colonial allotment at Comox. [See PILQ, pp. 116-17; McKenna letter, July 1912, esp. Ex. A.; Cole Harris, *Making Native Space*, pp. 111-12]

⁴⁰ Title block on sketch states: "Sketch Qualicum [sic] to accompany Minutes of Decision dated 4th Jan'y 1877." The sketch is signed by Anderson, McKinlay and Sproat as well as by Mohun, who adds the date April 26, 1877.

⁴¹ The Nanaimo Indians are currently known as Snuneymuxw First Nation. The JIRC confirmed the "three existing Reserves", that is Nanaimo Town 1, and Nanaimo River 2 and 3 which were colonial reserves. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule pp. 20-21; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 66, 91]

⁴² Also known as Fishing Station 5 [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 66]

⁴³ This reserve was a graveyard. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 66]

⁴⁴ This reserve was a colonial reserve. [See PILQ, p. 104]

⁴⁵ The JIRC indicates that 100 acres of this reserve was an "original reserve", that is a colonial reserve. Another 200 acres is added to the reserve. [See PILQ, p. 104]

DATE mm dd yyyy	RESERVE	BAND/TRIBE	AUTHOR/ SURVEYOR	TYPE DOC	CORR. NO.
01 18 1877	Lyackson 3 ⁴⁶	Lyackson	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 22]
01 18 1877	Shingle Point 4	Lyackson	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 22]
01 18 1877	Portier Pass 5	Lyackson	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 22-23]
01 18 1877	Tsussie 6 ⁴⁷	Penelakut	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 24]
01 18 1877	Kuper Island 7	Penelakut	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 24]
01 18 1877	Tent Island 8	Penelakut	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 24]
01 18 1877	Galiano Island 9	Penelakut	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 24]
01 18 1877	Say-la-quas 10 ⁴⁸	Chemainus	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 25]
01 18 1877	Squaw-hay-one 11 ⁴⁹	Chemainus	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 25]
01 18 1877	Oyster Bay 12 ⁵⁰	Chemainus	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 25]
01 18 1877	Chemainus 13	Chemainus	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 25]
02 17 1877	Cowichan 1	Cowichan ⁵¹	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 26]
02 17 1877	Theik 2 ⁵²	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 26]
02 17 1877	Kil-pah-las 3 ⁵³	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 26]

⁴⁶ This reserve was also known as Valdez 3. The JIRC note that the Lyackson Indians live on Valdez Island "which has not up to the present time been surveyed ..." Valdez Island is currently spelled Valdes. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 56]

⁴⁷ The JIRC identify these Indians as "Chemanis Yonkulahs and Lamalchas and Penelakuts Tribe." This reserve as identified as an "Original fishing station ..." This reserve is currently held by Penelakut. [See PILQ, p. 104, 1943 Schedule, p. 17; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 62]

⁴⁸ This reserve was also known as Fishing Station 10. The JIRC identify the Indians as "Chemainis Bay and Sickameen Tribe".

⁴⁹ Also known as Fishing Station 11. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 18; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 43]

⁵⁰ Also known as Oyster Harbour 12. This reserve was cut-off by the McKenna-McBride Commission July 14, 1913. The cut-off was settled in June 1984. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 18; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 43; McKenna-McBride Report Vol. 1, p. 295]

⁵¹ The JIRC confirmed the colonial allotments for this group. The Cowichan Indians are currently identified as Cowichan Tribes. [See PILQ, pp. 104, 106; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 44, 83; CLSRBC 240]

⁵² This reserve was also known as Cowichan Bay 2. [See PILQ, p. 104, NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44]

⁵³ This reserve was colonial reserve. It was also known as Cowichan Bay 3. [See PILQ, p. 104; NRCan Schedule (2005) p. 44]

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02 17 1877	Graveyard ⁵⁴	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 26]
02 17 1877	Tsart-lam 5 ⁵⁵	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 26-27]
02 17 1877	Kakalatza 6 ⁵⁶	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 27]
02 17 1877	Skutz 7 ⁵⁷	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 27]
02 17 1877	Skutz 8 ⁵⁸	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 27]
03 03 1877	Est-Patrolas 4 ⁵⁹	Cowichan	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 27]
03 03 1877	South Saanich 1 ⁶⁰	Tsartlip/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	East Saanich 2 ⁶¹	Tsawout/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	Cole Bay 3 ⁶²	Pauquachin/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	Union Bay 4 ⁶³	Tseycum/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]

⁵⁴ Although this graveyard is allotted as a reserve, it appears not to have been included in the original survey of the reserve and it appears to remain outside the reserve boundaries today. [See CLSRBC 240]

⁵⁵ This reserve was a fishing station. It was also known as River Bottom 5 and was held by an Indian named Quilt-lah-nuck. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 19; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44; sketch of Cowichan River, this volume]

⁵⁶ This reserve was a fishing station. It was also known as River Bottom 6. It was apparently held by a Cowichan Indian named Kakalutza. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 19; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44; sketch, this volume]

⁵⁷ This reserve was a fishing station. This reserve was also known as George's station. It was apparently held by a Cowichan Indian named George. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 19; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44; sketch, this volume]

⁵⁸ The JIRC allotted five fishing stations. It would appear that this one reserve, which spans both sides of the river, encompassed two fishing stations. This reserve was also known as Falls 8. The fishing stations were apparently held by Cowichan Indians named Thomas and Swulaston. [See 1943 Schedule p. 20; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44; CLSRBC 240; sketch, this volume]

⁵⁹ This reserve is only identified as "R. V. S. 19" no other additional information is provided. It is also notable that the date of allotment for this reserve is different from the other Cowichan reserves. This reserve was also known as Rogers Lake 4. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 19; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 44]

⁶⁰ The JIRC identify this group generally as Saanich Indians. The Saanich Indians consisted of the Tsawout, Tseycum, Tsartlip and Pauquachin Indians. This reserve was a colonial reserve. It was also known as Brentwood Bay 1, Tsartlip 1 and Chowluf 1 and Chawlip. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule p. 21; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶¹ This reserve was a colonial reserve. It was also known as Saanichton 2, Tetahit 2, and Tsawout 2. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule p. 22; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶² This reserve was a colonial reserve. It was also known as Panquotsin 3. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule p. 22; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 62, 95]

⁶³ This reserve was a colonial reserve. It was also known as Patricia Bay 4. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule, p. 22; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

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03 03 1877	Fulford Harbour 5 ⁶⁴	Tsawout/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	Mayne Island 6 ⁶⁵	Tsartlip/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	Saturna Island 7 ⁶⁶	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 28]
03 03 1877	Pender Island 8	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 28-29]
03 03 1877	Bare Island 9	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 29]
03 03 1877	Senanus Island 10	Tsartlip/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 29]
03 03 1877	Malahat 11 ⁶⁷	Malahat/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 29]
03 03 1877	Hatch Point 12 ⁶⁸	Pauquachin/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [pp. 29-30]
03 03 1877	Goldstream 13 ⁶⁹	Tsawout et al/ Saanich	JIRC	M.O.D.	1352/77 [p. 30]
12 12 1876	Comox 1	Comox	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 31]
12 12 1876	Pentledge 2	Comox	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 31]
12 12 1876	Goose Spit 3	Comox	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 31]
01 18 1877	Halalt Island 1	Halalt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Halalt 2	Halalt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Lyackson 3	Lyackson	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Shingle Point 4	Lyackson	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]

⁶⁴ This reserve was also known as Saltspring Island 5. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 22; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶⁵ This reserve was also known as Active Pass 6. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 22; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶⁶ This reserve and reserve nos. 8 and 9 are currently jointly held by the Tsawout and Tseycum Indians. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 22, NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 72, 95]

⁶⁷ The JIRC identified this reserve as the "Malahut reserve". [See 1943 Schedule, p. 23; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 57, 95; CLSRBC 237]

⁶⁸ This reserve was a fishing station. The JIRC description includes Section 10, but the description in the 1943 Schedule does not. It appears that, upon survey, this section was excluded. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 23; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 62, 95; CLSRBC 237]

⁶⁹ This reserve is currently jointly held by the Malahat, Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tsawout and Tseycum Indians. [See 1943 Schedule p. 23; NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 57, 62, 72, 95]

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01 18 1877	Portier Pass 5	Lyackson	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Tsussie 6	Penelakut	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Kuper Island 7	Penelakut	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Tent Island 8	Penelakut	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Galiano Island 9	Penelakut	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Say-la-quas 10	Chemainus	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Squaw-hay-one 11	Chemainus	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Oyster Bay 12	Chemainus	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
01 18 1877	Chemainus 13	Chemainus	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 32]
02 17 1877	Tsart-lam 5	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 33]
02 17 1877	Kakalatza 6	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 33]
02 17 1877	Skutz 7	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 33]
02 17 1877	Skutz 8	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 33]
12 15 1876	Nanoose ⁷⁰	Nanoose	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 34]
12 23 1876	Gabriola Island 5	Nanaimo	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 34]
12 23 1876	Ma-guala 6	Nanaimo	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 34]
02 17 1877	Cowichan 1	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
02 17 1877	Theik 2	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
02 17 1877	Kil-pah-las 3	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Est-Patrolas 4	Cowichan	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Malahat 11	Malahat/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Union Bay 4	Tseycum/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]

⁷⁰ The title for this sketch states, "Sketch, Nanaimo [sic] to accompany Minutes of decision dated 4th Jan'y 1877". The largest reserve shown on the sketch is actually Nanoose. The two smaller reserves are Nanaimo reserves. [See FBBC 44A]

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03 03 1877	Fulford Harbour 5	Tsawout/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Mayne Island 6	Tsartlip/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Saturna Island 7	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Pender Island 8	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Bare Island 9	Tsawout & Tseycum/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Senanus Island 10	Tsartlip/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Hatch Point 12	Pauquachin/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Goldstream 13	Tsawout et al/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	South Saanich 1	Tsartlip/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	East Saanich 2	Tsawout/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Cole Bay 3	Pauquachin/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
03 03 1877	Union Bay 4	Tseycum/ Saanich	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 35]
12 07 1876		Sechelt ⁷¹	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 1	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 2	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Kuk way ⁷²	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 4	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Klay-e-quim ⁷³	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]

⁷¹ The majority of Sechelt reserves as allotted by the JIRC are shown on the sketch. The notation states that it is a "Rough Sketch showing the approximate position of Indian reserves on Jervis Inlet" and that it is intended to "accompany our Minutes of Decision 7th December 1876." The sketch is signed by Anderson, McKinlay and Sproat. Surveyor Edward Mohun has also signed the sketch and dated his signature April 26, 1877. For the purposes of the index, the date the sketch was signed by the JIRC will be used.

⁷² This reserve allotment appears not to have been confirmed, however, Sechelt Lakes 3 (formerly Swaycalse 3) is nearby the original location of the area identified as Kuk way.

⁷³ This name appears to refer to 3 small reserves currently known as Sechelt Lands 6, 7 and 8, formerly known as Klayekwim 6, Klayekwim 7 and Klayekwim 8.

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12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 10	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 11	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 12	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 13	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 14	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 15	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 16	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 17	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 18	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 19	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Sechelt Lands 20	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
12 07 1876	Graveyard	Sechelt	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 36]
11 27 1876	Skowishin 7	Squamish ⁷⁴	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Skowishin Graveyard 10	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
04 26 1877	Inlailawatash 4 ⁷⁵	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Cheakamus 11	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Yookwitz 12	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Weiwakum 14	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Aikwucks 15	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Poquiosin & Skamain 13	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]

⁷⁴ The title block on the sketch states: "Rough Sketch showing the approximate position of Indian Reserves on the Skwawmish [sic] River and Howe Sound." In fine writing under the title is written: "The Graveyards and Poyam and Chuckchuck 7 and 8 miles above Skowishin respectively are not shown on the sketch." Written in red is the correspondence number 1352/77. The sketch is signed by the three Commissioners and Mohun and there is the notation: "To accompany our Minutes of Decision 27th December 1876."

⁷⁵ This reserve is shown on an inset on this sketch. Interestingly, this reserve was not allotted by the JIRC until June 1877, approximately two months after the date on this sketch. This reserve is currently held by the Burrard Indians.

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11 27 1876	Seaichem 16	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Kowtain 17	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Yekwaupsum 18	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Yekwaupsum 19	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Mamaquum Island 20	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Squamish Island 21	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Skulwailum 22	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Ahtsam 23	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Stawamus 24	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Kaikalahun 25	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Chekwelp 26	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 27 1876	Schaltuuch 27	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1352/77 [p. 37]
11 06 1877		Becher Bay, Sooke, Esquimalt ⁷⁶	JIRC	M.O.D. & Sketch	1351/77 1353/77
06 11 1877			JIRC	Authority	1353/77 [p. 1]
06 11 1877	T'sou-ke 1 ⁷⁷	Sooke	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	T'sou-ke 2	Sooke	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Graveyard 3	Sooke	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Graveyard 4 ⁷⁸	Sooke	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]

⁷⁶ There is no covering letter for this set of Minutes of decision. It appears that this set of Minutes of decision were also included with the covering letter at correspondence number 1351/77. That covering letter indicates that the Minutes of decision enclosed includes the Victoria Superintendency and Sooke. There are no dates next to the individual Minutes of decision in this section. All are given the date June 11, 1877, which appears at the end of the Minutes. Interestingly, at the end of the Minutes of decision collection there is a notation which states: "The negotiations [sic] with the Esquimalt and Songhish Indians are at present incomplete." The sketch depicts only a few Beecher Bay reserves. [See Corr. No. 1355/77, this binder; Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 124-132; also Third Copy #2, ILR No. 13329]

⁷⁷ The Sooke Indians are currently identified as T'sou-ke First Nation. This reserve was a colonial reserve. It was also known as Milnes Landing. [See PILQ, p. 104; 1943 Schedule, p. 23, NRCan Schedule (2005), pp. 73, 97]

⁷⁸ This reserve was not allowed as there was already a Crown Grant on the land. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 24; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 73]

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06 11 1877	Becher Bay 1	Beecher Bay ⁷⁹	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Becher Bay 2	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Creyke Point 3 ⁸⁰	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Wolf Island 4 ⁸¹	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Lamb Island 5	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Fraser Island 6	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Village Island 7	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Whale Island 8	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Long Neck Island 9	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Twin Island 10 ⁸²	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 2]
06 11 1877	Alburt Head 11 ⁸³	Beecher Bay	JIRC	M.O.D.	1353/77 [p. 3]
06 11 1877	Becher Bay 1	Beecher Bay	Mohun	Sketch	1353/77 [p. 4]
06 11 1877	Becher Bay 2	Beecher Bay	Mohun	Sketch	1353/77 [p. 4]
06 11 1877	Creyke Point 3	Beecher Bay	Mohun	Sketch	1353/77 [p. 4]
06 11 1877	Albert Head 11	Beecher Bay	Mohun	Sketch	1353/77 [p. 4]
06 11 1877		Beecher Bay ⁸⁴	JIRC	Letter [w/encl]	1354/77 1355/77

⁷⁹ This name is also spelled Becher Bay. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 81]

⁸⁰ This reserve was a graveyard/burial ground. It was cut-off in 1915 by the McKenna-McBride Commission. The cut-off claim was settled in October 1984. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 16; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 40]

⁸¹ The JIRC allots "the Rocky Islets in Becher Bay." This vague description would appear to encompass reserve nos. 4 through 9, which are islets, or small islands, in Beecher Bay, but not all the islets or islands in Beecher Bay. Wolf Island 4 was cut-off by the McKenna-McBride Commission in 1915. The cut-off claim was settled in October 1984. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 16; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 40; CLSRBC 236]

⁸² This is the reserve described by the JIRC as "opposite S1".

⁸³ This reserve was surrendered and sold in 1892. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 17; NRCan Schedule (2004), p. 41; CLSRBC 236]

⁸⁴ The JIRC enclose a memorandum respecting their negotiations with the Beecher Bay Indians. The enclosure is correspondence number 1355/77.

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06 11 1877		Beecher Bay ⁸⁵	JIRC	Memorandum	1355/77
06 27 1877		Musqueam	JIRC ⁸⁶	Letter, A.M.O.D and Sketch	1590/77 1591/77
06 27 1877		Squamish	JIRC ⁸⁷	Letter, A.M.O.D and Sketch	1590/77 1591/77
06 15 1877			JIRC	Authority	1591/77 [p. 1]
06 15 1877	Musqueam 2 ⁸⁸	Musqueam	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 1]
06 15 1877	Sea Island 3	Musqueam	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 1]
06 15 1877	Kitsilano 6 ⁸⁹	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 2]
06 15 1877	Capilano 5 ⁹⁰	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 2]
06 15 1877	Mission 1 ⁹¹	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 3]

⁸⁵ The memorandum is entitled: "Memorandum on negotiations with the Beecher Bay Indians May and June 1877 (see also *Journal* pages 280 &c)." It is not known which journal is being referred to. There is an additional notation at the top indicating this version is a copy. This is further substantiated at the end of the memo as the term "(sd)." and Anderson and Sproat's initials appear. The memo begins by referring to the "agreement" between Douglas and these Indians signed May 1, 1850. It appears that the JIRC allotted to these Indians lands which had been pre-empted, but not other lands which had been Crown Granted. Further, they call into question whether or not the Indians might have a "valid claim" under the "agreement" which might give them priority over the pre-emptions and Crown Grants. It is noted that the Indians have been "not well treated, but we could not do more for them, the land in the neighbourhood being taken up." [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 124-32; PILQ, p. 8]

⁸⁶ The Commission encloses amended Minutes of decision for Squamish and Musqueam Indians. They state that the amendments were "satisfactory as we were told, to both whites and Indians." They further state that the Minutes of decision and map sent in November "may be considered as withdrawn." This letter is signed by McKinlay and Sproat. A similar letter was sent to Lawrence Vankoughnet, Superintendent General Indian Affairs Ottawa. It was signed by Anderson and Sproat. There are additional sketches in the Provincial set. [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, pp. 136-149a]

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⁸⁸ This reserve is identified by the JIRC as the "Original reserve." [See PILQ, p. 104]

⁸⁹ The JIRC confirm the "Original reserve" and enlarge it. This reserve was a desirable piece of property and many attempts were made over the years to acquire it from the Indians. The *Kitsilano* case (*Mathias v. the Queen, et al*; Federal Court of Canada) dealt with the issue of the loss of the reserve. [See McKenna-McBride Report, Vol. 1, p. 112; McKenna-McBride Report Vol. 3, p. 658; 1943 Schedule, p. 167; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 67]

⁹⁰ The JIRC identified this reserve as an "Original reserve" which they enlarged. It was cut-off by McKenna-McBride May 13, 1916; this cut-off was settled December, 1983. [See Binder 10, Corr. No. 2171/91; Binder 11, Corr. Nos. 193/92, 1597/93, 1710/93; PILQ, pp. 104, 167; 1943 Schedule p. 167; McKenna Letter, 1912, Ex. A, p. A. VIII]

⁹¹ The JIRC confirms this "Original reserve as per official map ..." It is not known which map was being referred to; possibly it is the plan cited in the PILQ. [See PILQ, pp. 104, 167; 1943 Schedule, p. 166; McKenna Letter, 1912, Ex. A, p. A. VIII]

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06 15 1877	Seymour Creek 2 ⁹²	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 3]
06 15 1877	Burrard Inlet 3 ⁹³	Squamish	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [p. 4]
06 15 1877	Inlailawatash 4 ⁹⁴	Squamish & Musqueam	JIRC	M.O.D.	1591/77 [pp. 4-5]
06 15 1877	Musqueam 2	Musqueam ⁹⁵	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 6]
06 15 1877	Sea Island 3	Musqueam	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 6]
06 15 1877	Kitsilano 6	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 6]
06 15 1877	Capilano 5	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 6]
06 15 1877	Mission 1	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 6]
06 15 1877	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 7]
06 15 1877	Burrard Inlet 3 ⁹⁶	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 7]
06 26 1880	Inlailawatash 4 ⁹⁷	Squamish	Unknown	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 8]
06 26 1880	Kitsilano 6	Squamish ⁹⁸	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 9]

⁹² This reserve is identified as an "original reserve", that is a colonial reserve. It is confirmed and enlarged by the JIRC.

⁹³ This reserve is currently held by the Burrard Indians. It is identified by the JIRC as an "original reserve", which they confirm and enlarge. [See PILQ, pp. 104, 167; 1943 Schedule, p. 166; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 42; McKenna Letter, 1912, Ex. A, p. A. VIII]

⁹⁴ Although the JIRC originally allotted this reserve jointly to the Musqueam and Squamish Indians, it is currently held by the Burrard Indians. It was also known as Indian River 4. It is described by the JIRC as "Fishing Station at head of North Arm, Burrard Inlet (Tse-laila-watash) (Skwawmish and Muskweam Tribes)" [See 1943 Schedule, p. 167; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 42]

⁹⁵ In the provincial collection it appears that the original map has been torn in two. It is now identified as Maps 10 and 11. The date stamp on Map 10 has been partially obliterated, but it would be a date received stamp. Given the date of the covering letter is June 27, the date received stamp is most likely July 9, 1877. The upper portion of the the right hand side (Map 11) has been torn. The signatures have been completely or partially obliterated. In addition, the inset portion of the sketch which shows Inlailawatash 4, has been torn off. It can be seen on the federal sketch, which is in one piece. [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, p. 149a]

⁹⁶ This reserve is currently held by the Burrard Indians. On the federal copy of this sketch, Inlailawatash 4 is also shown. [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, p. 149a; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 42]

⁹⁷ This reserve is currently held by the Burrard Indians. This map appears to have been added to the collection at a later date as the date received stamp on the map clearly says "Jun 26 1880". The majority of Inlailawatash 4 was surrendered and sold. [See 1943 Schedule, p. 167; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 42]

⁹⁸ This sketch (Map 13) is a reproduction of the maps 10 and 11. It appears to have been added to the collection at a later date as the date received stamp clearly says "Jun 26 1880"

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06 26 1880	Capilano 5	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 9]
06 26 1880	Mission 1	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 9]
06 26 1880	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 9]
06 26 1880	Burrard Inlet 3 ⁹⁹	Squamish	Mohun	Sketch	1591/77 [p. 9]
04 16 1926	Seymour Creek 2 ¹⁰⁰	Squamish	Ditchburn	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
04 21 1926	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Umbach	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
01 05 1927	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Perry	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
01 07 1927	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	[Umbach] Surveyor- General	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
01 11 1927	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Perry	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
07 07 1943	Seymour Creek 2	Squamish	Deputy Minister	Letter	1591/77 [add. corr.]
17 Jul 1877	Kamloops 1	Kamloops	McKinlay & Sproat	Letter [w/encl]	1798/77
07 13 1877	Kamloops 1	Kamloops	JIRC	Letter [copy]	1798/77
07 13 1877	Kamloops 1	Kamloops	Ussher	Letter [copy]	1798/77
07 14 1877	Kamloops 1	Kamloops	Sullivan	Letter [copy]	1798/77
11 14 1877		Osoyoos ¹⁰¹	Sproat	Letter	3020/77
01 15 1878		Neskonlith	JIRC ¹⁰²	Letter [w/encl]	124/78 123/78
01 09 1878		Neskonlith	JIRC ¹⁰³	Report	123/78
01 09 1878	Neskonlith 1	Neskonlith	Mohun	Sketch	123/78 [p. 11]
01 09 1878	Neskonlith 2	Neskonlith	Mohun	Sketch	123/78 [p. 11]

⁹⁹ This reserve is currently held by the Burrard Indians. On the federal copy of this sketch, Inlailawatash 4 is also shown. [See Federal Collection, vl. 3, p. 149a; NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 42]

¹⁰⁰ This letter, clearly added to the collection at a later date, deals with the issue of surveying Seymour Creek 2 and the problem of erosion.

¹⁰¹ Sproat recommends to the CCLW that "no land be confirmed to Messrs. Haynes or Lowe or to any other person" in the Osoyoos area pending further inquiry and "adjustment of the Indian claims" by the Commission.

¹⁰² The JIRC enclose a report related to settlers' claims. The correspondence number for this report is 123/78.

¹⁰³ The report is somewhat difficult to read. The ink is blotchy and has run in some spots. Within the report, reference is made to the "Provincial Commissioners", this would appear to be in reference to both McKinlay and Sproat, who sign the report. N.B.: a transcription has been done of the letter.

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01 09 1878	Sahhaltkum 4	Adams Lake	Mohun	Sketch	123/78 [p. 11]
02 18 1878		Neskonlith	Hett ¹⁰⁴	Transmittal	123/78 [add. corr.]
01 28 1878	Priest's Valley 6 ¹⁰⁵	Okanagan	JIRC	Letter [w/encl]	230/78 231/78
01 20 1878	Priest's Valley 6	Okanagan	JIRC	Letter [copy]	231/78
01 26 1878	Priest's Valley 6	Okanagan	Houghton	Letter	231/78 [add. corr.]
01 31 1878	Okanagan 1	Okanagan ¹⁰⁶	Drake & Jackson	Letter	No. Num.
02 08 1878	Oyster Bay 12	Chemainus ¹⁰⁷	McKinlay & Sproat	Letter [w/encl]	358/78
04 20 1877	Oyster Bay 12	Chemainus	JIRC	Letter [extract]	358/78
03 01 1878	Survey	Chemainus	[JIRC] ¹⁰⁸	Letter	559/78
03 19 1878		General	Sproat ¹⁰⁹	Letter	695/78
03 28 1878		Cowichan	Sproat ¹¹⁰	Letter [w/encl]	793/78

¹⁰⁴ Hett forwards the report of the Commission regarding the complaints of the settlers to Lieutenant Governor Richards.

¹⁰⁵ Although not specifically identified, the area in question relates to land at Priest's Valley and the alteration of the boundaries Colonel Houghton's land in order to accomodate an Okanagan Indian fishing station.

¹⁰⁶ The letter is from Drake and Jackson, Barristers to A. C. Elliott, Provincial Secretary, regarding Mr. O'Keefe being required to remove his crops by "a certain hour of a certain day in March." Drake and Jackson state that they have advised Mr. O'Keefe "to resist all attempts of the Indians to interfere with his land, crops and property by force if necessary." Interestingly, this letter has no correspondence number.

¹⁰⁷ This reserve was also known as Oyster Harbour 12. McKinlay and Sproat state that they wish to "submit ... for favourable consideration" the case of a squatter named Charles McMillan. It appears that the Commission included part of McMillan's land in their allotment at Oyster Harbour. The "case" had already been submitted to the Indian Superintendent, Col. I.W. Powell and to E.A. Meredith, Deputy Minister of the Interior. Meredith stated that the case should be submitted to the "Local Government" for consideration as it is the Local Government "who are primarily bound to provide such lands as may be necessary for Indian Reserves." Based upon the enclosure, the "case" being made is that McMillan should be compensated for his improvements on the lands which were taken to establish the reserve. N.B.: This correspondence is the last piece in the collection for the JIRC. The Provincial Collection contains no correspondence related to the disbanding of the Commission and the appointment of Sproat as sole Indian Reserve Commissioner. [See NRCan Schedule (2005), p. 43]

¹⁰⁸ It is unclear if this letter is incomplete or not. It is unsigned. Reference is made to the Commission's letter of Feb. 8, 1878. It is presumed that this is the same letter found in the collection, which dealt with lands at Oyster Harbour. The Commission advises that survey of the boundaries of the reserves allotted by the JIRC would commence "in the early part of the year".

¹⁰⁹ Sproat inquires what the procedure for approval of the "apportionments of lands to the Indians from time to time" is to be now that he has been appointed "to take the place of the Indian Superintendents." He cites a "Canadian order in Council [sic]" dated 23 February 1877. This is the PC which authorized the work of the JIRC and stated that the Commission should continue to be government by BC OIC 1877-279. It is possible that the "Indian Superintendents" Sproat refers to are Powell and Lenihan. Among other things, Sproat states that approval or notice of appeal "must of course be given on the spot at the time of my decision." And that it "will not be prudent to give any information to the Indians as to the proposed reserves until the question has been finally arranged between yourself and me." (p. 2) Sproat indicates his many premises upon which he believes his work as Commissioner will be undertaken. [See *Reference Guide to the Establishment of B.C. Indian Reserves*, pp. 98-99]

¹¹⁰ Sproat encloses three pieces of correspondence related to the "Mr. Marriner's case". He also makes reference to a letter from the CCLS dated March 25, 1878 which is not included in the collection.

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04 27 1877	Cowichan 1 ¹¹¹	Cowichan	JIRC	Letter [copy, No. 1]	793/78
02 23 1878	Cowichan 1 ¹¹²	Cowichan	Sproat	Letter [copy, No. 2]	793/78
01 28 1878	Cowichan 1	Cowichan	Sproat ¹¹³	Notes [copy, No. 3]	793/78
04 12 1878		Yale District	Sproat ¹¹⁴	Letter	883/78

¹¹¹ The JIRC write about some of the circumstances of the Marriner's lot and its encroachment on the Cowichan lands. Reference is made in the letter to the PILQ, p. 106 which shows a schedule of "Leases Promised" on parts of the Cowichan Indian reserve. The JIRC note that as far as they can determine, no rent has been paid to the Indians. [See PILQ, p. 106; FBBC 49a; FBBC 230; FBBC 233/FBBC 76a; CLSR TBC240]

¹¹² Sproat disputes the validity of Marriner's grant.

¹¹³ In the covering letter, Sproat states he gave his notes to Attorney General at the meeting which took place on February 28, 1878. The notes are dated January 28, 1878.

¹¹⁴ Sproat advises that a "deputation of six chiefs representing the Indian Chiefs and the people between Yale and the mouth of the Frazer [sic]" came to Victoria to see him about their lands.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS
Binder 1 (Box 1)
 Minutes of Decision, Correspondence & Sketches
 ~ **Joint Indian Reserve Commission & Gilbert M. Sproat** ~
January 1876 to April 1878

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Attorney General	793/78
CCLW	271/76,3138/76,861/77,1351/77,1354/77,1590/77, 1798/77,124/78,358/78
Duncan, Mr., "J.P."	861/77
Elliott, A.C., Provincial Secy.	No. Num. [01/31/1878]
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Hett, J. Roland, Clerk	123/78 [add. corr.]
Lowe, Mr., Gov't. Agent	3020/77
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Teague, Wm., Gov't. Agent, Yale	1798/77
Umbach, J.E., Surveyor General	1791/77 [add. corr.]
Ussher, John, Gov't. Agent, Kamloops	1798/77
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Moffatt, H., Secretary	2037/76,2069/76
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Slay-a-kum, Chief Beecher Bay	1355/77
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Penelakut	"original fishing station"	1352/77
Burrard Inlet 3	"original reserve"	1591/77
Seymour Creek 2	"original reserve"	1591/77
Mission 1	"original reserve"	1591/77
Capilano 5	"original reserve"	1591/77
Kitsilano 6	"original reserve"	1591/77

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2. 2037/76 - Letter of September 8, 1876, from S. T. Moffatt, Secretary pro-tem of Joint Commission, advising that the Commissioners intend to visit the Sechelt Peninsula and Jervis Inlet areas for the purpose of settling the Indian question in that area and requesting that no new land applications be accepted within the area shown on the map attached.
3. 2069/76 - Letter of September 11, 1876, from S. T. Moffatt, Secretary pro-tem, to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, recommending that new pastoral leases or renewal of existing leases be considered pending the proceedings of the Indian Commissioner.
4. 2935/76 - Letter of November 27, 1876, from McKinley and Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising they have declined to permit Indian Reserves in the Government Reserve between Coal Harbour and First Narrows, Burrard Inlet. Also advise they have finished the settlement of reserves at Burrard's Inlet and Howe Sound and have dealt with 735 Indians to date.
5. 3138/76 - Letter of December 7, 1876, from Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that reserves have been chosen for the Sechelt Band of Indians and recommending that the Province also give the Band timber cutting rights over a large area of land. Map attached showing recommended Reserves.
6. 861/77 - Letter of April 27, 1877, from the Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works recommending that various areas in the Province be reserved from alienation until Indian Reserves have been established. Includes Harwood, Savoy and Cortes Islands, islands in the Fraser River, Alberni Canal, Salmon River Valley, the Skeena and Nass Rivers.
7. 1351/77 - Letter of June 11, 1877, from Commissioners to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing Minutes of Decision for Reserves in the Victoria Superintendency, Howe Sound to Sooke.
8. 1352/77 - Minutes of Decision allotting Reserves for the following Bands.
 - A. Skawmish Tribe
 - B. Se Shell (Sechelt) Tribe
 - C. Comox Indians
 - D. Quálicum Indians
 - E. Nanoose Indians (Shonowns)
 - F. Nanaimo Indians
 - G. Halalt Indians (Chemainis)
 - H. Lyackson Indians (Chemainus)
 - I. Yon Kulahs; Samalchos and Penelakuts Tribe (Chemainus)
 - J. Chemainus Bay and Sickameen Tribe
 - K. Cowichan Indians
 - L. Saanich Indians

9. 1353/77 - Minutes of Decision of June 11, 1877, allotting Reserves to the following Bands:
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 B. Becher Bay
10. 1354/77 - Letter of June 11, 1877, enclosing a memorandum of the same date respecting negotiations with the Indians of Becher Bay.
11. 1355/77 - Copy of memorandum of June 11, 1877, by Sproat on Reserves for the Becher Bay Indians.
12. 1590/77 - Letter of June 27, 1877, from the Commissioners advising that the Reserves for the Muskweam and Skawmish Indians have been amended and enclosing amended Minutes of Decision.
13. 1591/77 - Minutes of Decision of June 15, 1877, allotting Reserves for the Muskweam and Skawmish Tribes. Attached to the Minutes is correspondence of 1926, 1927 and 1843 relative to the survey and re-survey of the Reserves.
14. 1798/77 - Letter of July 17, 1877, from the Commissioners enclosing copies of correspondence relative to a dispute between a pre-emption and Indians about a claim next to the Kamloops Indian Reserve.
15. 3020/77 - Letter of November 14, 1877, from Sproat recommending that no further parcels of land be allotted to Haynes or Lowe or any other person at Osoyoos pending further adjustment of Indian Reserves.
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16. 124/78 - Letter of June 15, 1878, from the Commissioners enclosing their report (123/78) on the Mr. McBryan case involving the South Thompson Indians.
17. 230/78 - Letter of January 28, 1878, from the Commissioners enclosing a copy of a letter of January 20, 1878, to Colonel Houghton relative to an alteration in the boundaries of his land at Priest Valley to accommodate a reserve for the Okanagan Indian Fishing Station.
18. 231/78 - Copy of letter of January 20, 1878, from the Commissioners to Colonel Houghton asking that he amend the survey of his land at Priest Valley to eliminate the conflict with land required for the Okanagan Band Fishing Station. Attached is the reply of January 26, 1878, from Colonel Houghton agreeing to the change in boundaries.
19. No number - Letter of January 31, 1878, from Drake and Jackson, Barristers-at-Law, Victoria, to the Hon. H.C. Elliott, relative to O'Keefe's complaint about the Indian Commissioners and an Indian Reserve in the Okanagan area.
20. 358/78 - Letter of February 8, 1878, from the Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re the case of Charles McMillan, a squatter on public lands on the Chemainus Peninsula, stating that McMillan should be removed as the area is required for Indian Reserve purposes for the Chemainus and Sick-a-meen Indians.

21. 559/78 - Memorandum of March 1, 1878, from the Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that the surveying of Indian Reserves allotted by the Commission will commence in the early part of the year.
22. 695/78 - Letter of March 19, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works pointing out that he (Sproat) has been appointed by the Dominion Government to take the place of the Indian Superintendent and requesting details of the procedure to be used for approval by him of the allotment of Reserves.
23. 793/78 - Letter of March 28, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing copies of correspondence re the "Mariner Case" involving a conflict with a reserve for the Cowichan Indians.
24. 883/78 - Letter of April 12, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising he has had a visit from the Indian Chiefs and people between Yale and the mouth of the Fraser and that they are anxious to have the matter of Reserves settled. Sproat suggests that no sales or pre-emptions of land in that area be allowed until he has allotted Reserves.
25. 1055/78 - Letter of May 4, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re a pre-emption record staked by "Kanaka Bill" within an Indian Settlement at the mouth of the Goldstream River, Saanich Inlet.
26. 1081/78 - Minutes of Decision allotting reserves for the following Bands:
- A. North Thompson and Canoe Lake Indians
 - B. Kamloops Indians
 - C. Deadman's Creek Indians
 - D. South Thompson or Neskainleth Indians
 - E. Adams Lake Indians
 - F. Little Shuswap Lake Indians
 - G. Spellumcheen Indians
 - H. Indians at head of Okanagan Lake
 - I. Penticton Indians
 - J. Osoyoos Indians
 - K. Songish Indians
 - L. Esquimalt Indians
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27. 1081A/78 - Letter of May 8, 1878, from the Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works recommending that a Mr. F. Walker, who has a farm enclosed by the Indian Reserves of the Niskonlith and Adams Lake Indians be allowed to exchange his land for unoccupied Crown land and that the farmland be added to the Adams Lake Reserve.
28. 1084/78 - Letter of May 8, 1878, from Commissioners enclosing Minutes of Decision for Yale, Victoria and Esquimalt Districts (see Item No. 26 - 1081/78).

29. 1091/78 - Letter of May 7, 1878, from the Commissioners to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising a Mr. John McDougall at the Mission, Okanagan Lake, has complained that his sons who are part Indian have not been allowed to pre-empt land.
30. 1182/78 - Letter of May 10, 1878, from Sproat, at Spuzzum, recommending that various areas in the New Westminster District be reserved from alienation until a decision is made on the location of Indian Reserves in that District.
31. 1275/78 - Letter of June 5, 1878, from Sproat at Lytton, advising that F. Walker has offered to sell his farm, next to the Adams Lake Indian Reserve, to the Province for \$400.00 (See Item No. 27 - 1081A/78).
32. 1277/78 - Letter of June 3, 1878, from Sproat at Lytton, reporting on his activities in the Yale District and requesting authority by a Government Order to deal with Indian matters in the New Westminster District upon completion of work in the Yale area.
33. 1278/78 - Letter of May 30, 1878, from Sproat, near Boston Bar, stating that he has heard that the O'Keefe problem in the Okanagan may go to Supreme Court and asking if the rumour is correct.
34. 1300/78 - Letter of June 4, 1878, from Sproat, near Boothroyd's, recommending cancellation of a pre-emption record held by Frederick Biesta as it is located on the ancient homestead of the Spuzzum Indians known by the name of Shwimp. Includes an enclosure giving a history of the Shwimp Tribe.
35. 1344/78 - Letter of June 12, 1878, from Sproat near Lytton, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, requesting maps of electoral districts. Advises he has "laid off" 30 Reserves in the last 3 weeks.
36. 1363/78 - Letter of June 18, 1878, from I. W. Powell, Indian Superintendent, to F. G. Vernon, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, requesting a copy of the application of William Sutton to pre-empt Sections 11, 12 and 13, Rge 6, Cowichan District. He states the application conflicts with an Indian Reserve allotted by the Joint Commissioners.
37. 1450/78 - Letter of June 23, 1878, from Sproat near Lytton, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, stating that the question of the Bonaparte Indians should be settled and requesting authority by telegram to deal with the matter.
38. 1484/78 - Letter of June 29, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a letter and map from Thos. Greenhow relative to a dispute between Greenhow and the Okanagan Indians re land at Swan Lake.

39. 1655/78 - Letter from Sproat near Cooks Ferry to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting clarification on the matter of establishing grazing reserves, in common, for both white settlers and Indians.
40. 1656/78 - Letter of July 17, 1878, from Sproat, near Cooks Ferry to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting clarification of the O'Keefe problem at Okanagan Lake, authority for dealing with the Bonaparte Indians and reserves from alienation of certain portions of the Province pending the establishment of Indian Reserves.
41. 1657/78 - Letter of July 17, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works recommending that no applications for land or water for irrigation be considered in the Lytton area until Indian Reserves are confirmed.
42. 1768/78 - Letter of July 24, 1878, from Sproat, near 100 Mile Post, enclosing a copy of his field minutes on the land and irrigation affairs of the Lytton sub-group of the Nekla-Kap-a-Muk Indians.
43. 1769/78 - Report of July 20, 1878, referred to in item 42.
44. 1788/78 - Letter of July 30, 1878, from Sproat, near Ashcroft advising of the concern of the Indian Chiefs who live above Clinton that white settlers in this area would take up available land and water before Sproat could get there to allot Reserves.
45. 1798/78 - Letter of July 28, 1878, from Sproat, near Ashcroft, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, recommending that a water licence in favour of P. Parks near Cache Creek be cancelled as the water is required by the local Indian Band.
46. 1833/78 - Letter of August 1, 1878, from Sproat, at 100 Mile Post, advising he is waiting for a reply to the Commissioner's letter of April 21, 1877, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re the conflict between land claimed by Robert Hughes at Oyster Harbour and the land recommended for an Indian Reserve. Attached to the letter is the letter of April 21, 1877, (175/77) and enclosures referred to in Sproat's communication of August 1, 1878.
47. 1856/78 - Letter of August 14, 1878, from I. W. Powell, Indian Superintendent, to G. A. Walkem, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, asking if the arrangements made by the Joint Commission with respect to the disputed lands of Mr. Dods of Cowichan is agreeable to the Province.
48. 1914/78 - Telegram of August 21, 1878, from Sproat, at Spences Bridge, asking what to say to the Nicola Chief respecting O'Keefe's matter at Okanagan.
49. 1995/78 - Letter of August 15, 1878, from Sproat, in camp at Nicola River, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, stating that the Chief Commissioner's letter of August 2nd about a survey matter at Deadman's Creek Reserve should have been sent to W. E. Mohun rather than himself.

175/77
 April 1877
 letter

50. 1994/78 - Letter of August 26, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re a land claim of 25 acres by John Dowling at Oregon Jack's, Thompson, that is near an Indian Reserve.
51. 1996/78 - Letter from Sproat in camp at Nicola River, under date of August 26, 1878, enclosing as an addition to the Appendix of the Minute on Lytton Affairs of July 24, 1878, a copy of his letter of July 15 to Capt. H.M. Ball and a copy of Ball's reply of July 29.
52. 1997/78 - Letter of August 18, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting that the land and water records of the Chinamen who had taken possession of Indian lands at Spaptsun Flat be cancelled. Attached is a copy of Sproat's field minute on the subject. *5*
- 1998/78*
53. 2347/78 - *Aug 1178 field minutes*
Letter of October 21, 1878, from Sproat, at Hope, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re the O'Keefe trespass and the Okanagan Indians.
54. 2382/78 - Letter of October 21, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works asking if he is authorized to allocate Indian Reserves in the Railway Belt. Also includes a report on his work to date and asks if he may allot timber areas to the Indians. Also questions whether entire islands should be made Indian Reserves.
55. 2383/78 - Letter of October 21, 1878, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, referring to a dispute between the Klah-hoose and Shammon Indian Tribes involving the cutting of timber and asking for authority to investigate the matter.
56. 2577/78 - Letter of November 26, 1878, from Sproat, at Hope, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a list of unresolved matters referred to the Province by Sproat and asking for answers.
57. 2712/78 - Letter of December 21, 1878, from Sproat, at New Westminster, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising he will be making various reports to the Dominion Government in a short time and asking for answers to the items referred to the Province during the past two years.
58. 105/79 - Letter of January 27, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, re Indian Reserves at Similkameen.
59. 106/79 - Letter of January 27, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re an encroachment on the Matsqui Reserve by a Mr. Derby.
60. 107/79 - Letter of January 27, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, enclosing a memorandum outlining the position in which Sproat finds himself with respect to the adjustment of Indian Reserves at Chilliwack, Somas and Matsqui. Involves the Derby problem referred to in item No. 59.
1. 199/79 - Letter of February 19, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re a question from Mr. Bennett (M.L.A.?) inferring that the Indian Reserve Commission has assigned for Indian purposes lands held legally by settlers.

62. 200/79 Letter of February 19, 1879, marked unofficial, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, referring to a meeting of settlers at Keremeos protesting the location of Indian Reserves in the area.
63. 201/79 - Letter of February 13, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, reporting on the status of Similkameen Indian Reserves.
64. No number - Memorandum of January 20, 1878, from Sproat to the Attorney-General re the conflict between a land application by Cornelius O'Keefe and a reserve for the Okanagan Indians.
65. 202/79 - Letter of February 13, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works about the Osoyoos and Lower Similkameen (Keremeos) Tribes of Indians.
66. 226/79 - Letter of February 22, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re Similkameen Indians.
67. 297/79 - Letter of March 17, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising he has adjusted Indian Reserves in the large extent of country south from Cache Creek and Lytton and on both sides of the Gulf of Georgia up to and including Jervis Inlet and Comox. Asks if the Province wishes him to deal with any particular area next and if so provide an Order-in-Council giving authority to proceed.
68. 315/79 - Letter of March 20, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re Indian matters at Soda Creek and Williams Lake.
69. 349/79 - Letter of March 22, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works re a complaint from Captain Wake of Valdez Island about the Indian Reserve on the Island.
70. 368/79 and 369/79 - Accompanying letter of March 25, 1879, from Sproat and a "Minute of Decision in the matters left by the Commission in 1877 for further consideration and adjustments, by the Reserve Commission as soon as possible." Supplemental to Minutes of Decision of 1877 (see item 26). *note on p. 11 re water right*
71. 433/79 and 434/79 - A report by Sproat on the sale of a portion of the Osoyoos Indian Reserve to Mr. J. C. Haynes.
72. 459/79 - Letter from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a list of matters referred to the Provincial Government to which no replies have been received.
73. 488/79 - Letter of April 23, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works informing him that the surveys of Indian Reserves are not under his care and that he has forwarded the Chief Commissioner's letter of April 21, 1879, to the officer in charge of surveys.
74. 504/79 - Letter of April 26, 1879, from Sproat, at Chilliwack, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a copy of a letter of April 21, 1879, from Mr. Laing-Meason relative to Indians in the Williams Lake District.

75. 538/79 - Letter of May 2, 1879, from Sproat, at Sumass, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the subject of a claim made by Mr. Henry Marriner to two acres of the Cowichan Indian Reserve.
76. 542/79 - Letter of May 5, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, advising that it is the opinion of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs that Sproat should proceed with the allotment of Indian Reserves on the Coast and asking for authority to do so.
77. 573/79 - Letter of May 9, 1879, from Sproat at Chilliwack, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the question of roads crossing Indian Reserves.
78. 588/79 - Letter of May 12, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging a letter from Mr. Gore about the discontentment of Indians in the Northern Interior and requesting authority to allocate Reserves on the Coast.
79. 668/79 - Letter of May 24, 1879, from Sproat, near Popkum, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising he intends to employ Major Mohun and Jemmett to survey Indian Reserves in 1879 and asking if that is acceptable to the Province.
80. 669/79 - Letter of May 24, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works asking if it is necessary for field notes to be sworn to by a surveyor as per the Land Development Act, 1879. Attached is a memorandum of May 26, 1879, by Sproat outlining his work and his relationship with the Dominion Government and again requesting authority to allocate Reserves on the Coast.
81. 699/79 - Letter of May 31, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a copy of a telegram from the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, instructing him to "locate Reserves in the interior provided Provincial Government arranges satisfactory irrigation and any other questions at issue affecting the same."
82. 713/79 - Letter of May 29, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging his letter of May 28, 1879, advising Sproat that he already has authority to allocate Reserves on the Coast but should allocate Reserves at Lillooet first.
83. 740/79 - Letter of April 9, 1879, from Sproat to J.C. Haynes, Osoyoos, re the purchase by Haynes of a portion of the Indian Reserves. Attached is a copy of a letter from Haynes to Sproat on the subject.
84. 793/79 - Letter of June 9, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works requesting that Capt. Jemmett, Land Surveyor, be supplied with the particulars of Mr. George Coxom's 12 acre land claim adjacent to the Indian Reserve at Nicomen.
85. 853/79 - Letter of July 1, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that he has allocated the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 Tp. 26 at Chilliwack as Indian Reserve.

86. 880/79 - Letter of July 4, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, re an application to purchase land in conflict with a Reserve for the Lower Similkameen and Keremeos Indians.
87. 895/79 - Letter of July 9, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising him that the Nekla-Kap-a-Muk Indians are having a meeting at Lytton on July 15, 1879, to which he has been invited. Sproat states he would be glad if the Chief Commissioner would also attend.
88. 1075/79 - Letter of August 11, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advising that Mohun and Jennet are doing Indian Reserve surveys up and down the Nicola Valley. Also mentions that a Mr. Anderson has included within his pre-emption record at McDonalds Creek an Indian Settlement occupied by Teen-a-melst, an Indian with 18 children, 104 horses and 13 cattle and asks that there be no conflict with the Settlement when Anderson's Pre-emption is surveyed.
89. 1132/79 - Letter of August 11, 1879, from Sproat, in camp near Hope, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, acknowledging receipt of his letter of July 10, 1879, requesting that no further Indian Reserves be allotted in the valley to the North and East of Similkameen River in Tp. 52.
90. 1138/79 - Letter of August 29, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works acknowledging his letter of August 7, 1879, on the subject of the movements of the Reserve Commission. From the letter it is apparent that Sproat was criticized by the Chief Commissioner for carrying out work on the Coast before finishing his work in the interior. Sproat defends himself by advising he was instructed by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to go to the Coast unless the Province was prepared to make a decision on water rights for Indians in the interior in which case interior Reserves could be settled first. Attached to the letter is a memorandum by Sproat reciting his instructions from Ottawa and commenting on other communications relating to the dispute.
91. 1146/79 - Letter of September 1, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works pointing out that persons are applying for land in the Port Simpson-Skidegate and Telegraph Passage areas and that as lands for the Indians have not been set aside in these areas it is undesirable that land at those localities should be sold.
92. 1376/79 - Letter of October 28, 1879, from Sproat to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works recommending that no lands at Nimkish, Salmon River, Beaver Cove, Fort Rupert or Campbell River be sold until the land requirements of the Indians in those areas have been settled.

SPROAT & CO

Victoria, Vancouver Island,

18th Jan 1876

~~The Honourable~~

The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

Sir

Having taken some interest for many years past in Indian affairs, I beg leave to offer my services to the Government on the Joint Commission proposed for the settlement of the Indian question in this Province. I will at once reply to any telegram on the subject, should you be disposed to accept my services.

Yours very respectfully
Silvestre Maudslayi Sproat

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British Columbia
Am'd 13.9.76

Indian Office
Victoria Sept 8th 1846.

Sir,

The Commissioners for the settlement of the Indian Reserves in British Columbia purpose as soon as possible to visit the Lytchelt Peninsula and Jarvis Inlet, and to settle the various issues in question under the powers secured to them by their Commissions, and in accordance with the Agreement on this head between the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia.

The Honble,
G. G. Vernon

C. C. Lands & Works

They
submitted to the
Honble G. G. Vernon
the enclosed
for his consideration
and signature

They therefore respectfully request that prior to this settlement, no preemption claims shall be recorded, or land sales made within the limits in question; and especially that meanwhile there shall be no interference with the localities now occupied as Indian Villages.

They also respectfully suggest that meanwhile no exclusive privileges for cutting timber, or timber leases, shall be accorded to any applicants within the limits described in the accompanying Sketch.

They are informed also by Mr. Superintendent Powell that applications for land have been made both at Deau's Canal and Rute Inlet, which include portions actually occupied by Indians. - They therefore

respectfully

respectfully request that the same
restriction be extended to those
localities.

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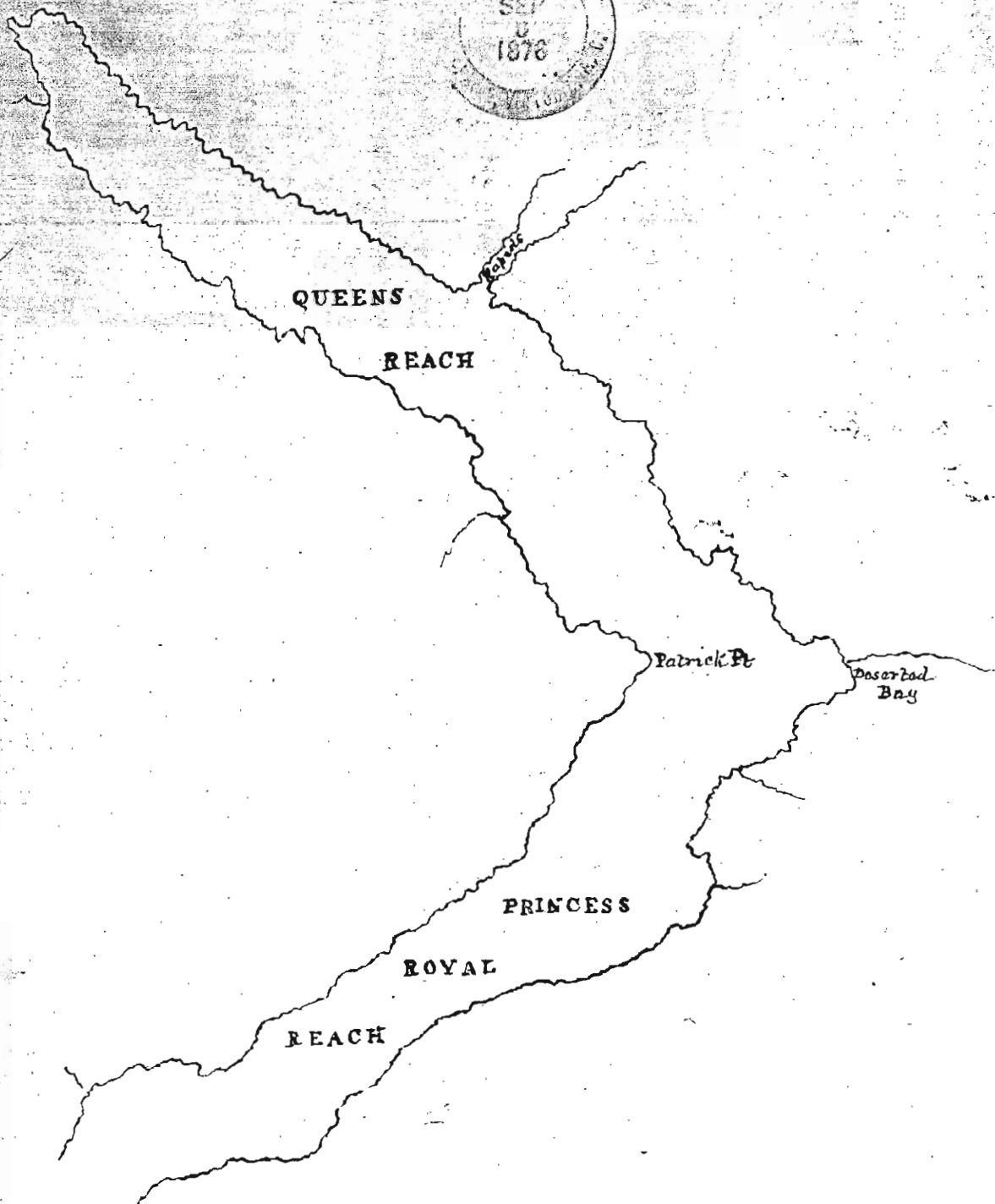
Sir,

Your obedient Serv^t.

J. Maffatt

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Section of Admiralty Map
Strait of Georgia
- Sheet 1.

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British Columbia
Am 13.9.96

Indian Office
Victoria Sept 11th 1896

Sir,

The question of the Pastoral Leases granted in certain portions of the Province having been partially considered by the Commissioners for the settlement of the Indian Reserves, they are of opinion that the action of the Commission may be materially affected by such of these Leases as are yet unexpired, or by the granting of fresh Leases.

They

referred to and that the intention of the

The Honorable
G. G. Vernon

C. C. Lands & Works

They therefore respectfully recommend
the subject for your consideration,
and suggest that pending the pro-
ceedings of the Commissioners, no
renewal of Leases about to expire
shall be accorded, nor application
for other Leases entertained.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Serv^t,

St Moffatt.

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Howe Sound
27th Nov: 1876

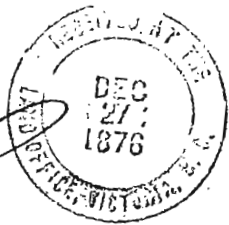


Sir, We have received your telegram of 18th and letter of 20th inst. We have declined to permit Indian reserves on the Government Reserve between Coal Harbour and First Narrows, Burrard's Inlet. We have finished the settlement of reserves at Burrard's Inlet and this place except the case of the squatters on the above reserve, and leave to morrow for Lewis Inlet. We will send you a report from Comox. We have dealt with about 735 Indians to this date.

The Hon F. G. Vernon
Chief Commissioner
Lands & Works Victoria

Yours truly
Geo. Sproat
Pro
Asst. Commr.

Munder Bay, Jarvis Inlet
7th December
1876.



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Referring to the visit to us
when in Victoria, of the She-shell
(Sechelt) chief Thake, and his
application to us for a timber lease
in this inlet; and with reference
also to your having, at our request,
reserved a portion of the Inlet pending
our visit to it, we have now the
honour to inform you that we
have settled the reserves as stated
in our Minutes of Decision sent by this
mail to the Honourable the Provincial
Secretary.

The Hon: The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works
Victoria

There is no land available in
Jervis Inlet for agricultural settlers
and white men are never likely
to settle on its shores except for
mining or fishing purposes. We
had great difficulty, over a shore line
of about 200 miles, in finding a
reasonable quantity of land for the
reserves of the She-She-lts (Sechelt) who
number 167 persons.

The merchantable Douglas fir in
this inlet, as on most parts of the coast
of the province, grows in scattered patches
where suitable soil and shelter exist.
It is stated to us by a very trustworthy witness
Mr. Iron, who has traversed the whole Jervis
Inlet country in search of timber, that every
Douglas fir section into which it would
pay a sawmill owner to put a logging camp
is included in timber leases granted to
white men. It is only possible, outside of the

what is called "hand logging" that is to say, logging by 2 or 3 men, without the help of oxen or the other appliances of a regular logging camp.

The Indians in this Inlet are well behaved and inclined to be industrious. They do not drink whiskey, and their women are virtuous. A number of healthy young children are growing up. The Indians trade with Nanaimo and Burrard's Inlet and are punctual in their payments. Altogether they deserve to be encouraged. There are 2 or 3 white men "hand logging" in the Inlet at the present time, and others have done so last year and the year before. Stimulated by their example, the Indians have lately put into the water ^(1,300,000) ~~1,300,000~~ feet of saw logs which quantity was purchased from them at \$3 thousand ft. Delivered in the water. They will be glad to see white men in the Inlet, whether to work

on the leased ground, or to carry on
hand logging. Nothing could be
more friendly and sensible than
their professions in this respect. But
they wish for a lease of a portion
of the share of the inlet for timber
cutting purposes, so that they can
work upon it as hand loggers, with
the feeling that they shall not be
liable to be turned off, if white
men come.

We spoke ^{on this subject} to Mr. Nelson of
Burrard's Inlet, whose firm are the
principal, if not the only lessee of timber
lands in the Inlet, and he appeared
to have no objections to urge against
a compliance with the desires of the
Indians; on the contrary, his firm
will be glad of an opportunity of
buying all the logs which either
Indian or white loggers can offer
thence within reasonable distance from

their sawmills at Burrows' Inlet.

Looking to the rough country in which these Indians live, the meagreness of the resources upon which they have to depend for a livelihood, their proved industry and established good behavior, we hope it may be possible for the Provincial Government to meet the wishes of the Indians with respect to timber leases, in such manner as may be found desirable.

They wish to have the right, exclusively to themselves, of cutting timber on the ^{North Star} S. Western shore of that portion of Jarvis Inlet called Queen's Reach from Point Patrick to the head of the reach, and say half a mile back from the water, also a similar strip between the two small

reserves on the west side of Porpoise Bay (see our rough map sent to the Provincial Secretary).

The acreage of the former may seem considerable, but to anyone who has examined the ground, the proposed grant will appear a small affair in reality. The ground is very steep and rocky, and the probability is that "hand-lagging" can be profitably carried on only on few parts of it.

We stated to the Indians that we would ask the Provincial Government to consider their request favourably and would let them know the result.

We hope you may be able to give effect to our recommendation. The concession

is not much to give; it would satisfy
a very worthy tribe of Indians - the
old and exclusive occupants of the
Inlet, and by causing an additional
supply of saw logs to be offered for
sale, it would go far as it counts,
have the effect of helping one of
the principal industries of the province.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient Servants

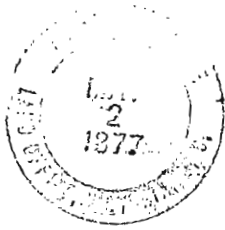
Alex J. Anderson
Deputy Commr.

Archd McKinlay
Prov. Commr.

Geo Sproat
Joint Commissioner

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Indian Reserve Commission



British Columbia
the
Victoria 27 April
1877

Sir

It would, in our opinion, be well if the Provincial Government reserved Harwood Savary and Cortes Islands in the Gulf of Georgia, until the land claims of the Klahoose and other neighbouring Indians are settled, also all the islands in the Fraser River lying opposite to the Matsqui village and near the SW of Township 17, New Westminster district.

Looking to the number of Indians in Barclay Sound and that neighbourhood and also at Salmon River

The Honourable The
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

which flows into Johnston's Straits, we
recommend similar action on the
part of the Provincial Government
in reference to land at the head
of the Alberni Canal from that
place to the mountains, and also
the land in the Salmon River
Valley.

The Alberni land is
within the railway belt.

Judging from letters that
have reached us from Mr
Duncan I P and others, it
might, further, be advisable,
pending the settlement of Indian
land questions, not to give any

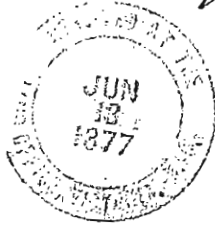
right to lands on the Mass and Skeena
except subject to the ~~reservation~~ rights
of the Indians.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient Servants
Wm. J. Anderson
Dominion Commr.
Archd. McSkirley
Prov. Commr.

J. M. Sproul
Joint Commr.

Indian Reserve Commission

Victoria 11th June, 1877.



Sir,

We enclose Minute of decisions, with maps and sketches for reserves in the Victoria Superintendency - Howe Sound to Looko.

We are Sir

Your obedient Servants.

Archd McKimley
Pool Commr

G M Sproat
Joint Commissioner

The Honourable

The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

Victoria

See 1357
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Indian Reserve Commission.

British Columbia. See 1351
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Minute of Decisions.

June 11th 77.

In virtue of Commissions and instructions issued by the Governments of Canada & British Columbia, empowering us to fix and determine the number, extent and locality of the Reserve or Reserves to be allowed to the Indians of British Columbia. We, the undersigned, having in each case made full enquiry on the spot into all matters affecting the question hereby declare the following to be the reserves for the undermentioned Indian tribes respectively, within the Victoria Superintendency. (The Skwawmish Tribes have also Reserves within the Fraser Superintendency) The date of our decision in each case, is stated in the following pages.

The following

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The following reserves are at the Stuawmish
River Howe Sound and in Howe Sound.

Stowishin.

(Stuawmish Tribe)

Twenty five miles up the Stuawmish river on its left bank. The reserve has a width of about twenty chains and extends eastward to the base of the mountains: it is estimated to contain about forty acres.

Decision
27th Nov. 1846

100 acres

Chuck-chuck.

(Stuawmish Tribe)

Village abandoned - Indians did not

Decision
Nov. 27th 1846

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ac

wish to retain

wish to retain it; reserved the graveyard. It is about three miles above Skowishin on right bank of river.

Decision
Nov. 27. 1846

Poyam
(Skwaumish Tribe)

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ac.

About seven miles above Skowishin on left bank of the Skwaumish river. Village abandoned. Indians did not wish to retain it; reserved the graveyard.

1. ac.

Skowishin graveyard - on left bank about two miles below Skowishin.

Decision
Nov. 27. 1846

Che-ah-ka-mist
(Skwaumish Tribe)

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ac.

An extensive reserve between Chemi and the Che-ah-ka-mist river, including all the land lying between the Skwaumish river and the base of the mountains, and also including

a male

a small block in the bend of the Che-ah-Ka-mist river extending half a mile westward along the base of the mountains from a marked alder near the graveyard at Che-ah-Ka-mist village, and northwards to the right bank of the Che-ah-Ka-mist river, so as to include the point of land on which the village of Che-ah-Ka-mist is situated.

Yookwits.

(Skwawmish Tribe.)

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

On the right bank of the Skwawmish river, nearly opposite to the mouth of the Che-ah-Ka-mist river, forming a strip about three chains wide and sixteen long to include village and graveyard.

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~~1/100~~

Wai-wa-Kum.

(Skwawmish Tribe.)

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

~~10/4~~
~~1/100~~
~~3/100~~

Ten acres on each side of the Skwawmish river

river, a little below the mouth of the Che-ah-Ka-mist
river.

Pohkwosin and Sta-main

(Stkwaomish Tribe.)

On left bank of the Stkwaomish river, near

the mouth of the Che-ah-Ka-mist river to form
one reserve containing about one hundred acres.

The above three reserves subject to any
existing rights of timber lessees.

Se-aich-em

(Stkwaomish Tribe.)

On an island, near left bank of the Stkwaomish
river, about three and a half miles below

the mouth of the Che-ah-Ka-mist river.

The present village on the island being in
danger of inundation, a reserve of twenty acres has

been

Decision
Nov. 27, 1876

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Decision
Nov. 27, 1876

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been granted, in addition, for a new site.

This is to contain the old graveyard, and may be twenty chains on the river and ten chains deep.

Kow-tain.

(Skwawmish Tribe)

On an island on the left bank of the Skwawmish river. The present village being in danger of inundation, a reserve of thirty acres has been granted for a new site. This is to be on the main land close to the island and is to commence at the north west corner of the graveyard, thence east four chains, thence south and west, so as to give the above acreage

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

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Ye-Kwauw-sum

(Skwawmish Tribe)

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

This reserve

This reserve is also on the left bank of the Skwawmish river. It is to contain a hundred acres and is to be laid out so as to include the point of land to an old Indian post a little below the head of the big island and to include a strip in the bend of the slough.

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Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

Ye-Kwaup-sum (Burial Ground)

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/ac

On the right bank of the Skwawmish river, nearly opposite the village.

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

Small Island

(Skwawmish Tribe)

1.3
/ac. Situated on the eastern branch of the Skwawmish river, formed by the larger island of Staw-a-mus

Decision
Nov. 27, 1846

Staw-a-mus Island

(Skwawmish Tribe)

All that portion of the island lying north

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of the

of the land applied for by M. Van Bamer, who wished to purchase it from the Provincial Government.

Skwul-wailem Island:

(Stkwawmish Tribe.)

The whole of this island which is formed by

The main and western channels of the Stkwawmish river. Also the land opposite to, and of about the same length as the island, extending from the right bank of the Stkwawmish river to the base of the mountains.

Staw-a-mus.

(Stkwawmish Tribe.)

Situated at and outside the mouth of the Stkwawmish river on the eastern shore, upon the right bank of a small river flowing from the eastward.

Decision
Nov. 27. 1846

~~188.23
228
417.47~~
188.23
417.5
an

Decision
Nov. 27. 1846

141.5
an

Ka-Ka

Decision
Nov. 28, 1846

Ka-Ka-la-hun.

(Skwawmish Tribe)

Situated on the western shore of Howe Sound
opposite to Woolbridge Island. To contain about
twenty acres including the burial ground.

33
ac.

Decision
Nov. 28, 1846

Chetkwelp.

(Skwawmish Tribe)

Situated on the western shore of Howe Sound
opposite the northern end of Keats' Island. To
contain about twenty acres.

34.5
ac.

Chetkwelp (Burial ground)

0.50
ac.

Situated on the western side of Keats' Island.

Reserve opposite White Island, Trail Bay

(See Shell Tribe) Isaacorne,

Situated at the mouth of a small creek at point nearly opposite White Island. To contain twenty acres or thereabouts and include both sides of the creek.

Decision
Dec. 7, 1846
No 1.

45 2 5
ac.

Trail Bay

(See Shell Tribe),

A reserve of about 500 acres. containing the village, Church, Burying ground, &c., from the south east corner of Lot 303 east and south to small fir (marked Indian Reserve) on rocky point thence true east twenty five chains, thence true north one hundred

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Dec. 7, 1846

No. 2.

607
ac.

dred

dred and twenty chains, thence true west to Porpoise Bay, thence along shore line to the north east post of Lot 304, thence true south to initial point.

Decision
Dec. 7, 1846

Kuk-way-win

(Se Shell Tribe)

No. 3.

11.25
ac.

A small reserve of about 10 acres on the west of Porpoise Bay, Jarvis Inlet.

Decision
Dec. 7, 1846

Oalth-ki-yim

(Se Shell Tribe)

No. 4.

8.9
ac.

A small reserve of about 10 acres on the west side of Porpoise Bay, Jarvis Inlet.

(Burying ground)

No. 5

3.44
ac.

Reserved on east side of Porpoise Bay, Jarvis Inlet.

Klay-e-quim

Klay-e-quim

(See Shell Tribe)

At the head of the Narrows Arm, Jarvis Inlet.

~~100~~ ¹⁰⁰ ac - To include the flat at the mouth of the river

as far up as the Rapids, about 45 acres; a small patch on the south eastern side with house and potatoe patches about 2 1/2 acres; and a small timbered valley on the opposite shore estimated to contain about 35 acres.

76
2.45
53
51.45
22

Chick-wat

(See Shell Tribe)

A fishing station about three miles above

⁵/_{ac} Klay-e-quim, Jarvis Inlet, on the right bank of the river, not to exceed 10 acres.

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Ychah-che-laith-tenum.

(See Shell Tribe)

19
ac.

Opposite

Decision
Dec. 7. 1846

Opposite Boulder Island, Se Shell Inlet, Servis
Inlet contains probably about twelve acres.

Hun-nae-chin

(Se Shell Inlet)

Head of Queen's Reach, Servis Inlet.

Is bounded on the north by a true east and west line from a marked fir on left bank of western branch of river, on the south by the salt water and on the east and west by the base of the mountains, and is estimated to contain about 320 acres.

Sway-we-lat

(Se Shell Inlet)

On the northern side of the entrance to Princess Louisa Inlet, Servis Inlet, containing about one acre

lohe-loh-sin

(Se Shell Inlet)

On north

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260.5
ac.

Decision
Dec. 7, 1846

1.1
ac.

3.33
Ac.

On north shore of Queen's Reach, Jervis Inlet contains about two acres.

Decision
Dec. 7. 1846

Vey-Kulk-hum or (Klae-Kulk-hum)

(See Shell Tribe)

4.55
Ac.

On north shore of Queen's Reach, Jervis Inlet contains about three acres.

Soo-ah-di.

Deserted Bay, Jervis Inlet,

(See Shell Tribe)

Decision
Dec. 7. 1846

724.5
Ac.

To include the valley from base to base of mountains from the mouth to a marked tree about one mile up the river on the right bank, and also a strip of land about twenty chains wide extending along the shore to creek southern boundary of Mess^{rs} Moody and Co's Timber lease subject to rights of Timber Lessee

Sta-ä-htum

Decision
Dec. 7, 1846

Sla-ä-thlum

(Se Shell Tribe)

On west side of Inlet nearly opposite
Moorsum Bluff, head of Prince of Wales' Reach
Servis Inlet.

15.85
ac.

About 1/2 acres on north side of village site
small island and patch of land for hay on
south side of stream opposite island.

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Kwaw-que-ahm

Vancouver Bay, Servis Inlet.

(Se Shell Tribe)

A small reserve not to exceed twenty acres
at the mouth of the stream

7.5
ac.

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Smē-shallum

(Se Shell Tribe)

A small reserve about two acres at the

10
ac.

north

north east corner of Pender Harbour, Jarvis Inlet.

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Dec 7, 1846

Sü-ah-bin

(Se Shell Tribe)

A small reserve of about three acres at the

6.85
ac

south east corner of Pender Harbor.

Sal-la-loose

(Se Shell Tribe)

A small reserve of about three acres on

Decision
Dec 7, 1846

4.4
ac

point opposite Gerran's Bay, Jarvis Inlet.

Comof District

Decision
Dec. 12, 1876

Comox District.

(Comox Indians)

Original Reserve Section IV confirmed.

In addition a tract of land, situated opposite Sections XVI and XVII and bounded on the west by a line from a post marked Indian Reserve opposite the south west corner of Section XVII and of the same course as the western boundary of that section, said line to be 80 chains long thence at right angles easterly to the main river, thence down its left bank to its junction with the Isolum thence up the right bank of the latter to the initial point. Should however the western boundary strike the river in a less distance than 80 chains the river will ~~from~~ ^{from} such point be adopted as the boundary.

The old Burying ground on Goose Spit is also allotted as an Indian Reserve, and is to include all the graves

Iualicum

S. 4. 155/a.

209
A

14
a

Qualicum

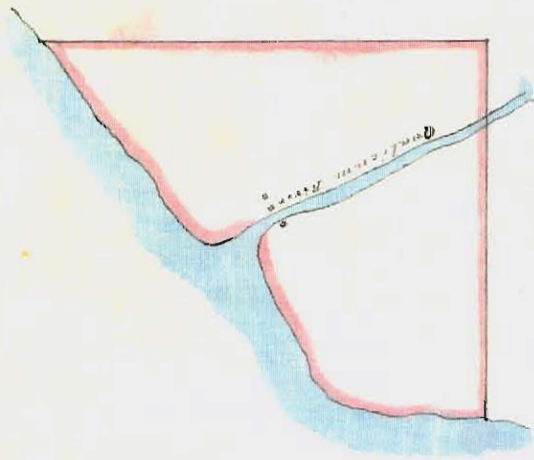
(Qualicum Indians)

Decision
Dec. 13. 1876

Surveyed

A reserve to comprise about 200 acres has been decided upon, to include both sides of the river at the mouth.

Hanoose



Sketch Locaticum
to accompany Minute
of Decision dated
4th Jan 1877

Alex. J. Anderson
Surveyor
Archd. W. Stirling
J.P. & Commr.
In presence
of the Jury

Edward J. Mottingham S.E.
Surveyor to Ind. Gen. Comm.

26/4/77

Decision
Dec. 15, 1896

Nanoose.

or

(Shonowus)

(Nanoose Indians)

Reserve estimated at 140 acres.

From a marked cedar tree south 20 chains, thence true east 70 chains, thence true north to shore, thence westerly along shore line to initial point

Surveyor

There is a small alder swamp in the north east corner and a small patch of good though timbered land in the north west. The marked cedar is a little west of an old rolling tier.

Note.— Entrance rocks bear about $N 5^{\circ} E$ from marked cedar.

Nanaimo

Nanaimo

(Nanaimo Indians)

Decision
Dec. 20, 1846

The three existing Reserves confirmed

Surveyors

In addition 200 acres S 18 and 19 R VIII Cranberry District.

Fishing Station

Decision
Dec. 23, 1846

Situated on the western side of and at entrance to Bay, in Section 1 Gabriola Island estimated to contain about 2 1/2 acres of which about 1/2 an acre is cleared.

From a point distant 150 or thereabouts and about S 15 W from south west corner of Indian houses, about N 35 W 3.00 to marked stump thence about N 65 W 6.00 to marked fir, thence about N 30 E to marked balsam on shore thence following shore line of Bay to point on shore line opposite initial post.

Small Rocky Island in Bay has also been allotted for grave-yard

Chamainis
(Malalt Indians)

Decision
Jan. 18, 1847

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Chemainis
(Stalalt Indians)

The original Reserves consisting of an island at the mouth of the Chemainis River, containing 139 acres and Section 5 Range VII (100 acres) Confirmed.

In addition Sections 3 and 4 R. VII containing 200 acres have been granted.

Chemainis (Lyackaun Indians)

Decision
Jan. 18, 1847

Chemainis

(Syacksum Indians)

These Indians live on Valdez Island which has not up to the present time been surveyed, and in consequence no reserves have been laid out

The following Reserves have been decided upon, viz: -

One estimated to contain about 1700 acres & bounded

1756
ac

as follows - on the north by Capt. Walker's Military Grant, on the west by Sylades Channel, on the east by the Gulf of Georgia, and on the south by a true east line from a marked fir, which bears about N 30 E from the southern point of the De Courcy Group.

One at Shingle point for village site to include

79
ac

graveyard and gardens and estimated to contain about 40 acres

And one

And one at the southernmost end of Island for
5/20 fishing station, consisting of a rocky point, and esti-
mated to contain about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Chemainis (Yontkalahs)

Chemainis

Yontkulaks and Lamalchas

and Penelakuts Tribe /

Decision
Jan. 18, 1844

Original fishing station on Somenos Creek.

consisting of the eastern portion of Section 6 R VIII

30
a--

Chemainis District confirmed.

In addition all Kuper Island with the exception
of M. W. Conn's claim of 100 acres.

Also Tent Island and a fishing station at
Cowichan Gap, at the north end of Galiano Island

Chemainis (Chemainis Bay

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Chemainis

(Chemainis Bay and Sictameen Tribe)

Fishing station on river being portions of sections

15
ac. 8 and 9 R VII, VIII Confirmed.

In addition portion of Section 11, R VII lying

81
ac west of river. - reserve to contain about 300 acres at the

296
ac Head of Oyster Harbor and reserve containing about

269
ac 2070 acres extending from Chemainis Bay to Oyster
Harbour, but not to include any of the land drained

by Mess. Shotter and Macnaughton, and subject to the
rights (if any) of M. R. Hughes

Decision
Feb. 17. 1877

Cowichan Indians.

The original reserves consisting of the following sections are confirmed, viz: -

Quamichan District (See below)

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R V S. 15, 16

R VI S. 15, 16.

R VII n.e. part S. 10. - & part S. 11. - S. 14.

R VIII n. 1/2 S. 10. S. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Cowichan District

Decision
Feb. 17. 1877

R I. S. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17.

R II. S. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16.

R III S. 7. 14 part of 15 part of 16.

R V S. 6.

In addition to the above the undermentioned lands

are granted

Quamichan District. See above

Decision
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R II. S. 12. 13. 14

R III S. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16.

R IV S. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. R V S. 12. 13. 14 E 1/2 17. E 1/2 18.

R VII

R VII W. part S. 10 west part S. 11. R VIII W $\frac{1}{2}$ S. 8. W $\frac{1}{2}$

S. 9. s.e $\frac{1}{4}$ S. 10

Cowichan District

R. IV. S. 15 R V E $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 E $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 E $\frac{1}{2}$ 13. S. 14. 15.

R. VI S. 11. 12. 13. W $\frac{1}{2}$ 14 W $\frac{1}{2}$ 15.

R. VII S. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. R VIII S. 8. 9. 10. 15

Also a graveyard to contain about half an acre, near the S.W. corner of S. 16 R. VII Quamichan District, and five fishing stations to contain not more than twenty acres each situated on the Cowichan river between Isartlan and Scutze.

Shawnigan District

R. V. S. 19.

Decision
Feb. 17. 1877

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March 3. 1877

Decision
March 3, 1877

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Saanich Indians.

The original Reserves consisting of the undermen-
tioned Sections are confirmed, viz:—

Saanich District

South

North

R. I. W. S. 7. 8 and 9 S.

R. I. W. S. 4. 5 and 15. N.

R. II. W. S. 7. 8 and 9. S.

R. II. W. S. 4. 5. N.

R. IV. E. S. 6. 7. 8. S.

R. V. E. S. 6. 7. 8. S.

R. VI. E. S. 6. 7. 8. S.

In addition to the above the undermentioned
lands are granted: viz:— Salt Spring Island Fulford
Harbor South part of S. E. and S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ s. of S. 53.

Mayne Island S. XIII A at Helen Point

Saturna Island, West part of S XIII East part of S XII.

Pender Island 10 acres at Hay Point to include Indian
houses, potatoe patches, &c. but not to interfere with

M. Tod's wharf

M. Tod's wharf or houses.

Bare Island, Miner's Channel; Senanus Island, Saanich Inlet.

Saanich District

R 1 W S. 2. 3. N.

R 11 W S. 2. 3. N.

Decision
March 3, 1877

The Malahut Reserve situated on the western shore of the Saanich Inlet. From Village Point 20.00 southerly along shore of Inlet thence true west about 40.00 thence true north about 160.00 to a point, (at a not less distance than half a mile southerly along shore from the south east corner of Shawnigan District,) thence southerly along shore to initial point.

Shawnigan District

(Fishing Stations)

Decision
March 3, 1877

Reserve to include two small streams with beach between. It is presumed that the eastern portions of S. 10. 11 and 12 R. X Shawnigan District will

include

include the land required.

Decision
March 3, 1877

Goldstream
(Fishing Station)

At the head of the Saanich Inlet

From a point on right bank of Goldstream true
East through a large fir marked Ind. Res. 15.00 thence
true north 15.00 thence true west to shore, thence up
right bank of river to initial point.

These Reserves are shown in the accompanying
Charts and Sketches and are more particularly des-
cribed in our "Instructions for Surveyors". They are
given subject to existing rights under leases or
otherwise

Alex. J. Anderson
Surveyor General

Victoria
British Columbia
April 26, 1877

Arch. W. Skirrow
Forest Commr.

Geo. Stewart

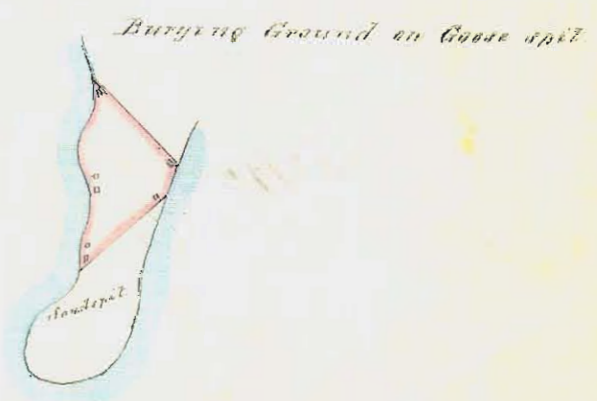
Joint Commr.

Sketch of Map. To accompany Minutes of Decision do 4th Jan 1877.

Alex^r J. Anderson
 John: Cairns
 Charles McPherson
 Proor Cairns

Yours truly
 J. Cairns

Section



Edward Mottram A.S.
 Surveyor to Sud. Riv. Com.
 26/4/77

Sketch of the Howichan River,
between Tsartlam and Scutze, showing
the approximate position of the Trading
Stations occupied by the Howichan Indians.

Chf. J. Hendry
Gov. Comm.

Chf. J. McKinlay
Prov. Comm.

Gov. Stewart
J. Comm.



SCALE: TWO INCHES TO
ONE MILE.

Edward J. Molloy, C.E.
Surveyor to Ind. Res. Comm.
26/4/77

Sketch, Nanaimo to
accompany Minutes of Decision
dated 4th Jan 1877

Edw. J. Anderson,
Don: J. J. J. J.
Archd. W. Stirling
Port Commr

8th Street
J. C. C.



Fishing Station Sect 1. Gabriola I.

Edw. J. Anderson, C.E.
Surveyor to Ind. Adv. Com^{rs}

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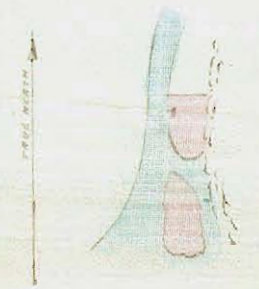
Rough Sketch showing the approximate position
of Indian Reserves on the Stwammish River and
Home Sound.

The graveyards at Stwammish and Chookahamish
7 and 8 miles above Stwammish respectively
are not shown on the sketch.

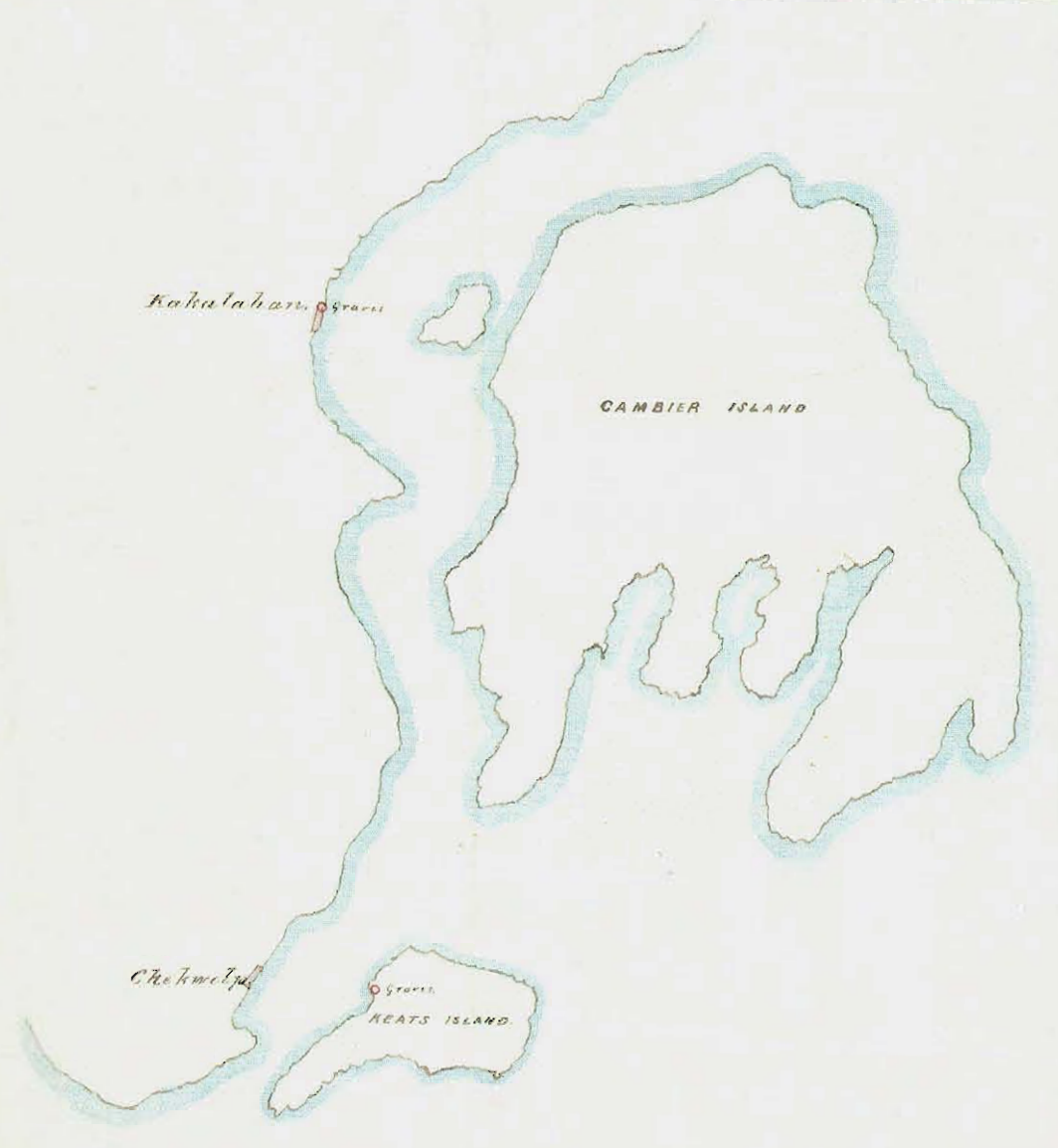
To accompany our Minute
of Decision 27th December
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Alex^r J. Anderson
Dom. Comm^r

Chas^r M. Stirling
Pres^t. Comm^r
Sm Spreat
Joint Comm^r



Tra-la-la-wulash
mouth of Burrard Inlet.



Edward M. Mowbray R.E.
Surveyor to Ind. Res. Home
26/4/77

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Indian Reserve Commission

British Columbia

Minute of Decisions

June 11th 1877.

In virtue of Commissions and instructions issued by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia empowering us to fix and determine the number extent and locality of the Reserve or Reserves to be allowed to the Indians of British Columbia We the undersigned, having in each case made full enquiry on the spot into all matters affecting the question Hereby declare the following to be the reserves for the undermentioned Indian Tribes respectively, within the Victoria Superintendency.

Indians

Indians of Sooke

Original Reserve Sec VIII confirmed in addition SXVI, and two grave yards one situated in SVII and the other in SLXXIII.

Indians of Becher Bay

The following lands are reserved for the use of these Indians

Metchosin District.

SXLV, XLVI, XLIX, LXIV and a tract containing about 220 acres to the west of and adjoining SXLIX. The Burial grounds at Greyke Point, the Rocky Islets in Becher Bay and opposite S1.

Esquimalt

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Esquimalt District

A Fishing Station to contain about
5 acres on the Government Reserve S.CX
at Albert Head.

The negotiations with the Esquimalt
and Songish Indians are at present in-
complete.

Alex. C. Anderson
Commissioner

Archd. McMillan
Deputy Commr

Geo. Sproat
Joint Commissioner

Victoria

June 11, 1877

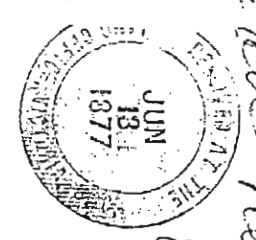


Edward Moloney C.E.
Survey to Ind. "Res. Comm."
11/6/77

Resumes for Becher Bay Indians
Alex. J. Anderson
J. J. Anderson
Arch. McKimley
Pres. Comm.
J. M. Shuart
Joint Comm.
11 June 1877

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Judge *Reverend*



*Victoria
District*

The Indian Revenue Comm

beg to enclose a Memorandum

11 June 1877 respecting their

negotiations with the Indians at

Becher Bay. Copy of the Memorandum

has been given to Col Powell

Victoria, 11 June 1877.

Wm. H. M. Macdonald Esq.

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Copy Sprat on Beecher Bay
Reservation
Memorandum on negotiations
with the Beecher Bay
Indians. May and June
1877 (see also Journal
pages 280 to)



These Indians are the representatives of the signers of an agreement of the 1st of May 1850 between the Chiefs of the family of Ka-Ky-akau, Mitchosin district and James Douglas for the Hudsons Bay Company by which these Indians gave up the lands between Point Albert and Pedder Bay in consideration of the reserve for themselves and children of village sites and enclosed fields.

It does not appear that any reserves have been formally assigned to these Indians, but we found at the Land office a pencil Memorandum that the Indians had a ^{place on} section on IX IV on the shore of Beecher Bay opposite Cruik Point. They had a village there, but no defined acreage of land. Two pre-emption which had been

abandoned came near their village. These do not contain much good land but we gave them to the Indians for what they might be worth. All the surrounding land is held under Crown Grant by Parker, Cook and others, so that we could not enlarge the reserve which we made at the above village.

The Indians much wanted a piece of land adjacent to the reserve and stated that formerly there had been potato patches on it, which appears from the Admiralty Chart of 1846 to have been the case, but Mr Mohun the Surveyor found on examining the ground that the piece of land in question was in fact within the land held under Crown Grant by Mr Parker though on the face of the official Map it would appear not to be so.

It is unfortunate that lands were not assigned to these Indians in accordance with the spirit of the agreement of 1850 the question arises whether under

This agreement the Indians have not a valid claim which might have priority over pre-emptions and Crown Grants which have had the effect of hemming them in upon the shore without sufficient land for cultivation.

We found that these Indians had built houses on the farm belonging to Mrs Wittie, Mitchosin, though that land has been sold to white men 20 years ago. The chief Hlay-a-kum, who bears a good character, much wanted to be allowed to live here, but Mrs Wittie feared that others would come if she gave him permission. Hlay-a-kum said his father and grand-father lived at the place. We gave him clear notice that the whole of the land was Mrs Wittie's and that the Indians must not trespass on it. Afterwards we gave them a fishing station at Albert Head where we believe Hlay-a-kum has begun to build a house.

We further found that the Beecher Bay Indians had a village on the left side of Beecher Bay as you enter, beyond Cuyke Point. So far as we could learn this

place had been occupied by a detachment of
Indians from the village on the section IXIV
opposite. Mr Vine had pre-empted adjacent
land and made considerable improvements.
His cleared land came close to the village.
The Indians were there before Mr Vine and though
probably he could not have taken his improved
land and given it to them, it appeared to us
that under the agreement of 1850, the village site
was theirs. We stated so to the Indians but as
their presence there might not lead to comfortable
relations with Mr Vine, and as there was no
cultivable land for them at the place, we proposed
they should leave that village site. They agreed
to do so, and the agreement is contained in
a formal document. We then gave them
sections XIV, XVI, XIX, and section SW
of the latter. There are patches of cultivable
land on the sections, particularly on the last
named, but the sections are wooded. These
Indians have not been well treated, but we
could not do more for them, the land in
the neighbourhood being taken up. They are not
satisfied entirely. They want particularly the
piece in Parker's section adjoining IXIV, but
we have no power of purchase.

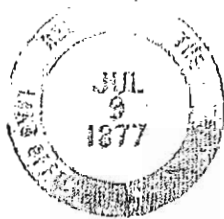
June 11th 1849

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Indian Reserve Commission

W. Hamer

27th June 1877.



Sir,

Referring to our letter from Howe Sound, 27th Nov 1876, advising what the Commission had decided upon in reference to Reserves of land for the Muskogean Indians, and also for that portion of the Stikwatomist Indians who live at Burrard Inlet, and enclosing maps of the same, we have to state that owing to various questions between white men and Indians which had arisen since our visit to the Inlet at the above times, and which has to be considered in the light of more ample information than was then before us, we again visited the Inlet (while waiting at New Westminster for the Yale Steamer) and were fortunate enough to succeed in effecting an

The Honorable

The Chief Com^r of Lands & Works, Victoria.

amended

amended settlement satisfactory as we were told, to both whites and Indians, and which prevented the necessity of going into questions which might have been regarded from different points of view.

We enclose the Commissioners amended Minute of Decision as to the Reserves for the above named Indians at Muskwan & Burrard Inlet, also maps, and we are glad to say that the question at Kukpillahts Creek, and also the question with Mrs. Burr near the North arm, may now be considered as settled.

The Decision & Maps sent last November may be considered as withdrawn.

The only open question on Burrard Inlet now, is that of Soupla Jack, the intruder on the Government Reserve at the entrance of the Inlet.

He quite understands he is there on sufferance, and has put in his crops

crops this year on that understanding,
but we presume you will not send
him away until we are able to find
a place for him.

It would have taken
up too much of our time to ^{have} waited
at New Westminster for this purpose.

Souple Jack's case has,
therefore, been laid over in the
mean times,

We are, Sir,

Your obt^d Serv^t

Genl. W. Kinlay
Forl. Commr

Wm Sproat

Joint Commissioner

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A number of commissions and instructions issued by the Government of Canada and British Columbia, empowering us to fix and determine the number extent and locality of the Reserve or Reserves to be allowed to the Indians of British Columbia, we, the undersigned, having in each case made full enquiry on the spot into all matters affecting the question herely declare the following to be the reserves for the undermentioned Indian tribes respectively

Muskogean
(Muskogean Tribe)

Original reserve as per official map confirmed and an addition made of lots eight and nine: north west corner of Sea Island -

F. C. ...

(2)

False Creek

(Skowomish Tribe)

IR
#6

Original reserve confirmed and increased by running true north from the north west post to sea thence following shore line to north east post of original Reserve. Addition subject to rights of timber leases.

Kah. pil. lak. no Creek

Purman's Inlet

(Skowomish Tribe)

IR
#5

Original Reserve confirmed, and increased by the addition of a tract of land bounded as follows from the north west corner of Lot 264 by a line running true north to its intersection with the Kappillakno Creek thence down the left bank of Creek to northern boundary of original Reserve, thence easterly along said Boundary to its intersection with the western boundary of Lot 264 thence north up said boundary to initial point.

(3)
Mission Reserve

Burrards Inlet
(Skwamish Tribe)

IR

#1

Original reserve as per official map
confirmed.

Seymour Creek

Burrards Inlet
(Skwamish Tribe)

IR

#2

Original Reserve Confirmed and increased
by running from the North West Corner
true north twenty chains, thence true
east to Seymour Creek, thence down
Creek to north east Post of present
Reserve. Addition subject to rights
of timber leases.

(4)
Reserve near North Arm

Burrard Inlet
(Skwawmish Tribe)

IR
#3

Original Reserve confirmed and increased by running from the north east corner post true east to the eastern boundary of Messrs Moody & Co's timber lease thence south to the north west corner post of Lot 230 thence along the western boundary of said lot to the shore, thence westerly along shore line to the south east corner of original reserve, subject to rights of timber lessees.

Fishing Station at head of

North Arm

Burrard Inlet

(Tse-lailla-wootah)

(Skwawmish & Muskelem Tribes)

IR
#4

Situated on the left bank at the mouth of the river and estimated to contain about eight acres.

This being a new Reserve we give a rough sketch of it and the following particular description

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From a large hemlock
marked ↑ about two chains above
an Indian house on left bank of
River trail east to base of mountain,
thence following base southerly to
end of flat, thence up stream along
shore line to point of commencement,
and in addition to the above the
small grassy island at the mouth
of the river and on the eastern side
of the main channel.

Alex J. Anderson
Dominion Surveyor

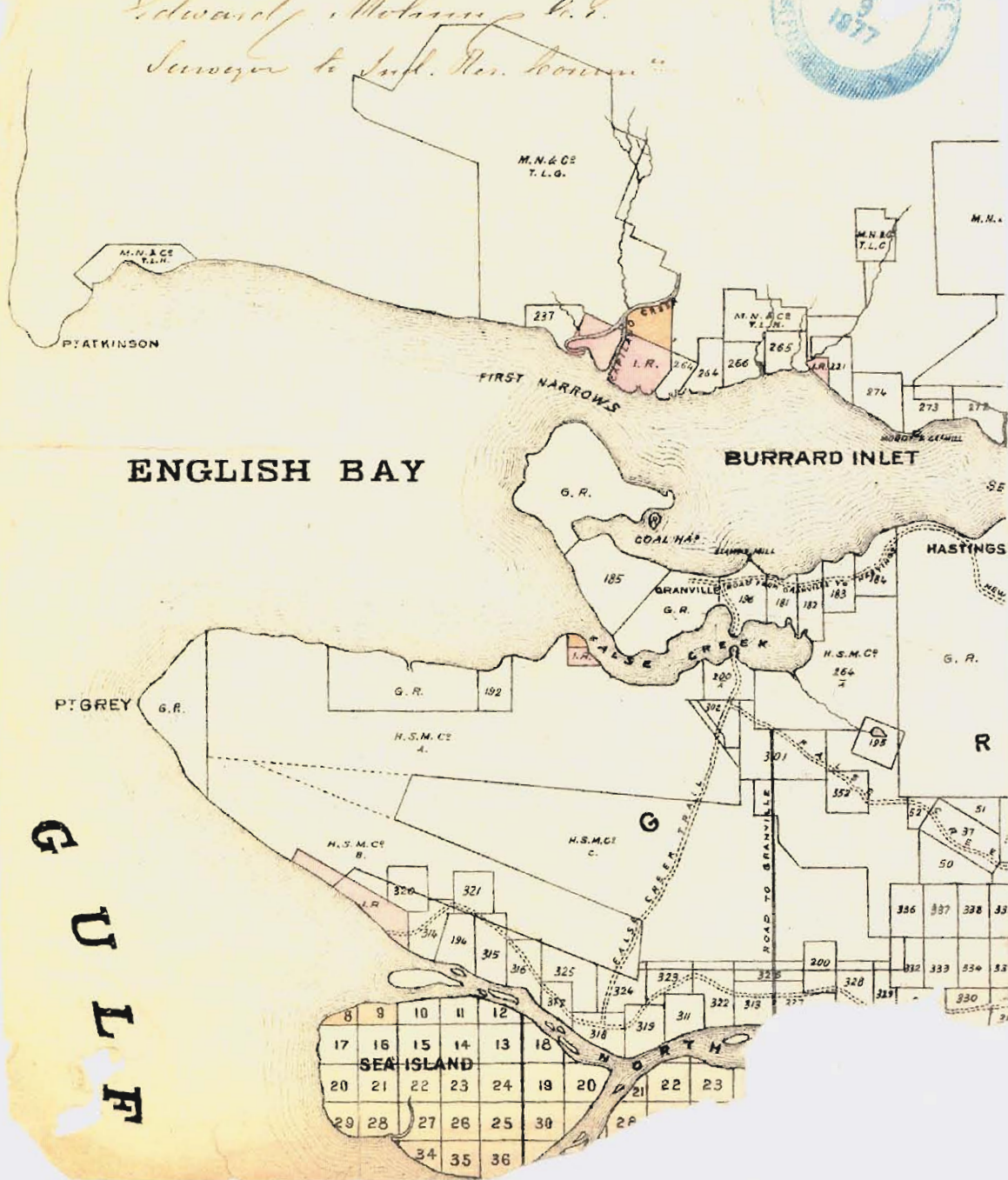
Archd. W. Skirley
Prov. Commr.

New Westminster
Pilot Columbia
15th June 1877

Dr. Spout
J. Crow

Original Reserves are colored red
Additional Reserves are colored brown

Edward J. Moloney C.E.
Surveyor to Supl. Gen. Brown

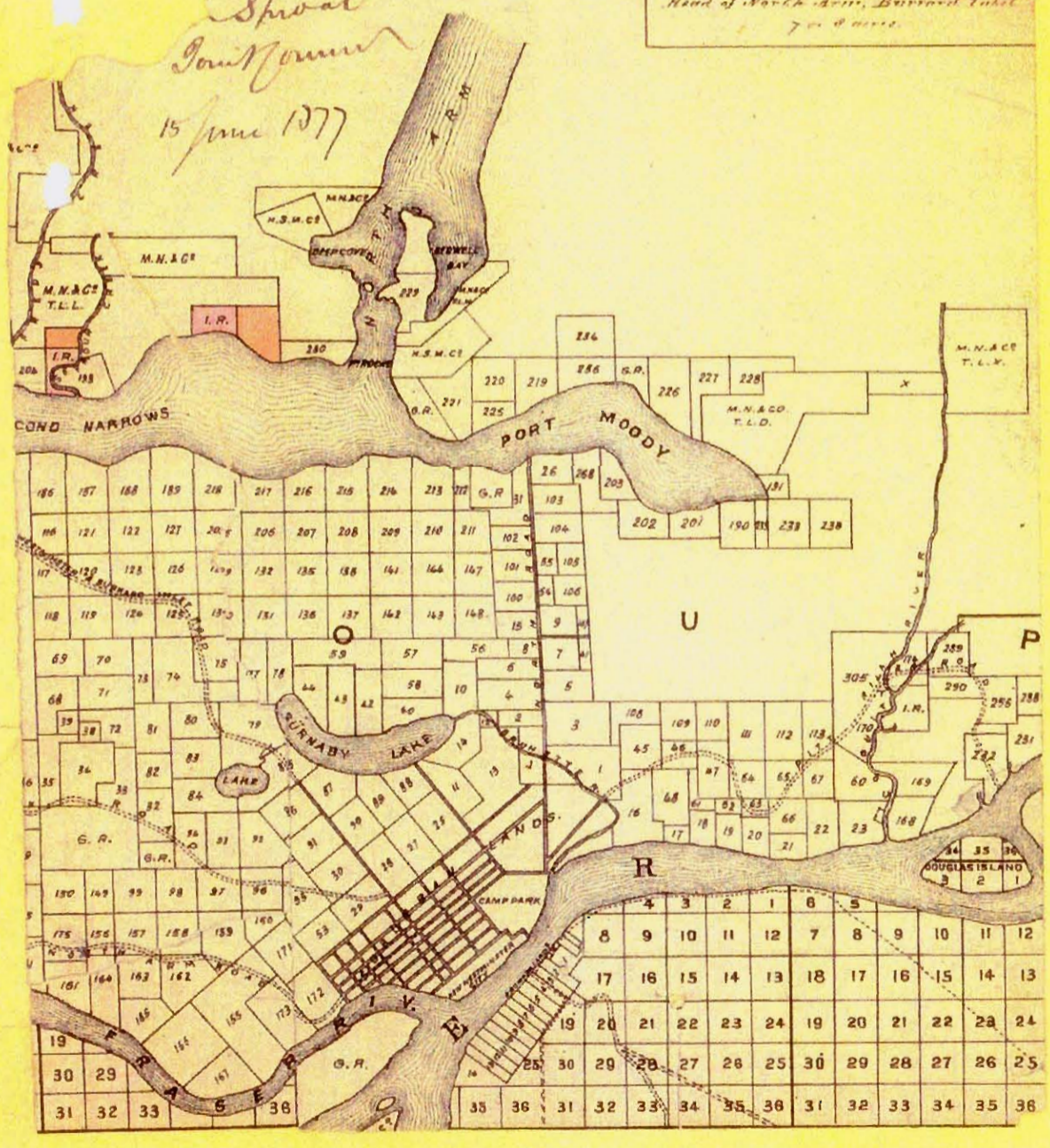


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Point Comm*

15 June 1877

Rough Sketch of Esplanade, Head of North Arm, Burrard Inlet 7 or 8 miles.

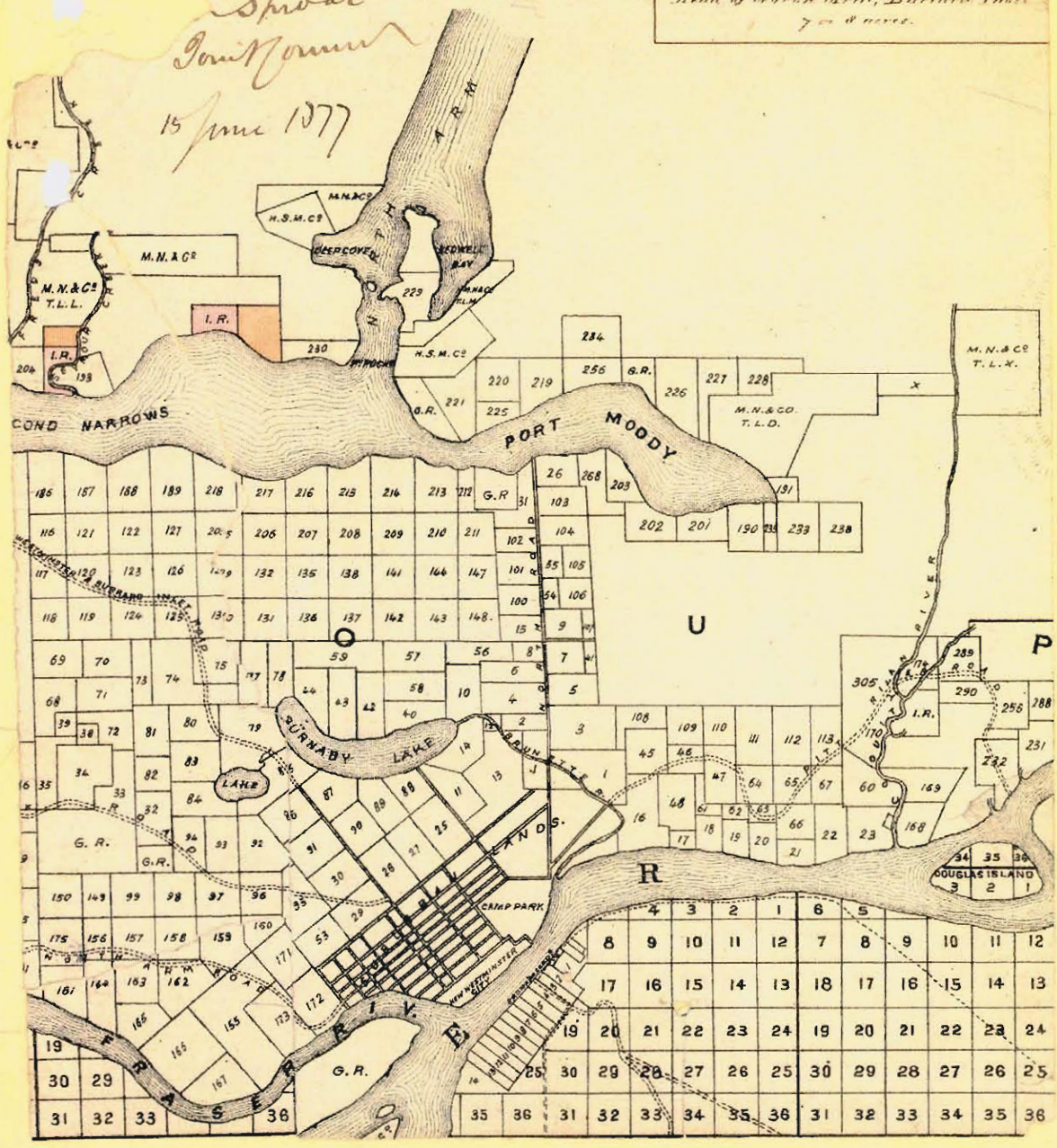


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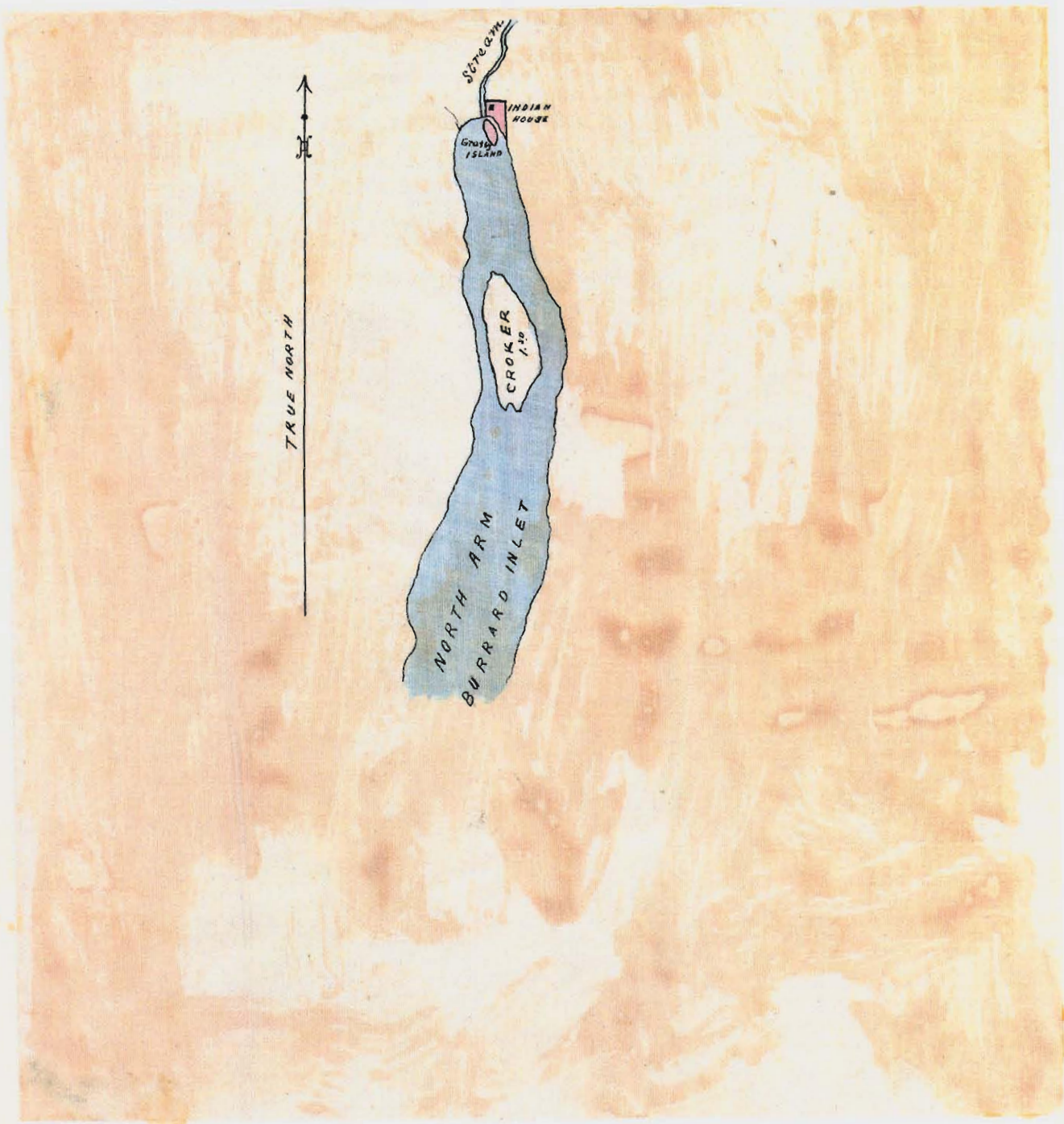
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*rough sketch of Esquimaux Station,
Head of North Arm, Burrard Inlet
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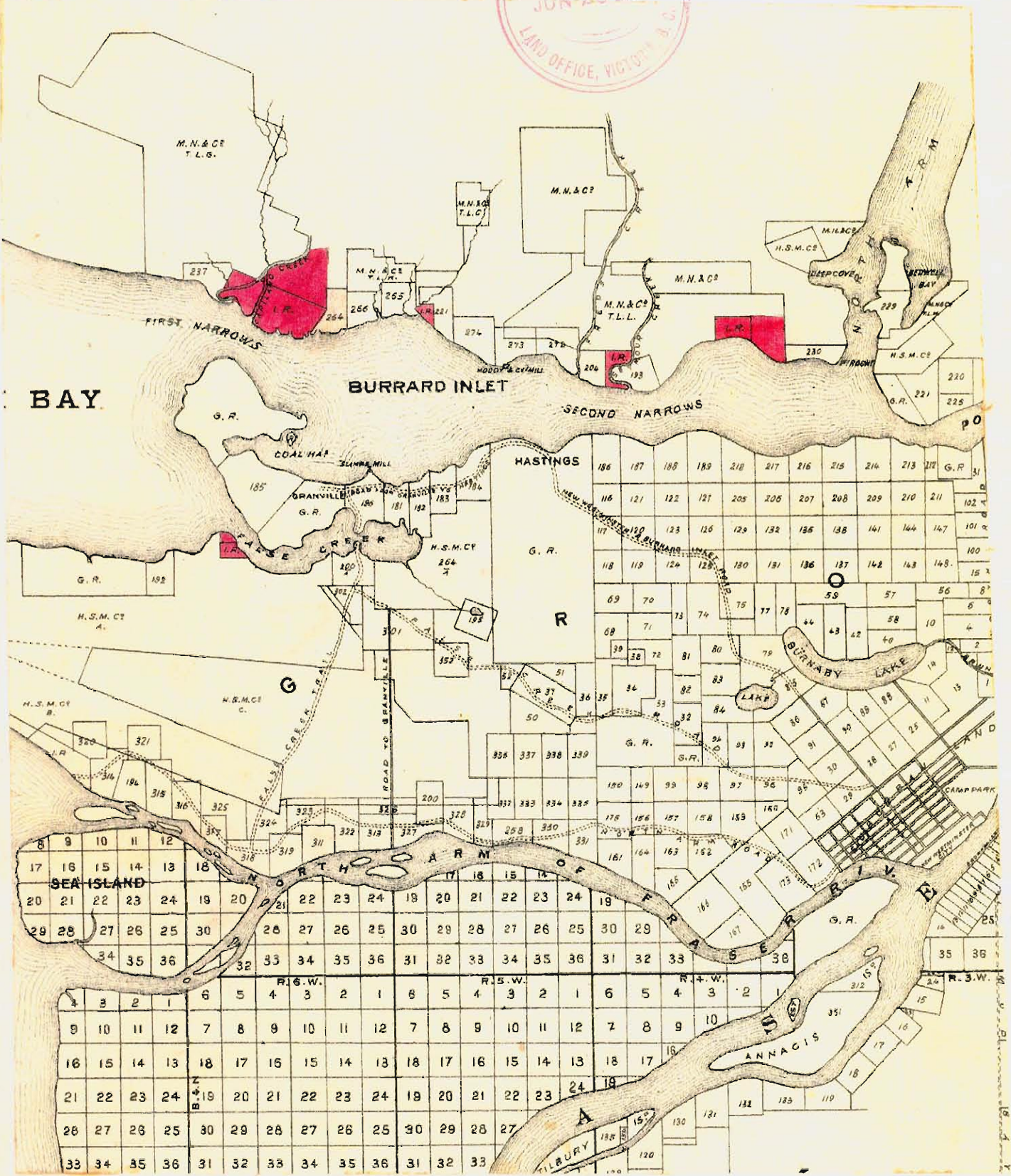


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Sketch
of
Indian Reserves North Arm
Burrard Inlet colored red



Burrard Inlet
 Indian Reserves colored red





DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 33s/14/6941.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P. O. BOX 666

VICTORIA, B.C. April 16, 1926.

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Dear Sir:-

I am herewith furnishing you with a linen tracing of Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No. 2, on the North shore of Burrard Inlet at the Second Narrows, which has recently been surveyed by J. Rodger Burnes, Esq., B.C.L.S., of North Vancouver.

In view of the fact that the frontage of this reserve has been affected through erosion on account of Seymour Creek changing its channel, Surveyor Burnes was instructed to make a re-survey and furnish a plan showing the reserve as it was in 1880 when surveyed by Capt. Jemmett, comprising 147 acres, also the boundaries of the land as it is today, which is now shown to be 128.1 acres, West of the present channel of Seymour Creek--a shrinkage of land of 18.9 acres.

As there has been considerable demand for industrial sites on the North shore of Burrard Inlet it was deemed advisable to lay out the South-west portion of the reserve for this purpose and you will observe that 17 parcels have been marked on the plan. An area of 20 feet wide, adjoining the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company's right-of-way has been laid out for trackage. That portion of the foreshore leased to the Vancouver Harbour Board is indicated on the plan.

WED/KD.

Yours truly, ✓

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

J. E. Umbach, Esq.,
Surveyor-General,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

Please address correspondence relating to Surveys to the Surveyor-General.



VICTORIA, B.C. *April 21st, 26*

SURVEY BRANCH

REFER TO FILE NO. 1591
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Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., also field-notes of 7.B. ³⁶¹/₂₅

*Tracing of Seymour Creek I R # 2
surveyed by J. Roger Bennett Esq B.C.L.S.*

Your obedient servant,

J. E. UMBACH,
Surveyor-General,

per *[Signature]*

To W. E. Little Esq, B.C.L.S.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
P.O. Box 556,
Victoria, B.C.

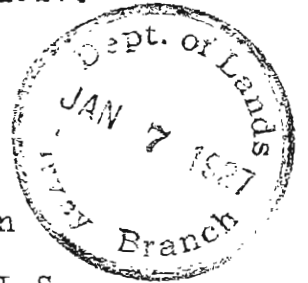
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CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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VANCOUVER AGENCY,
Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 5, 1927.



Dear Sir:

The survey of the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No. 2 of the Squamish Band of Indians at Burrard Inlet, B.C., made by J. Rodger Burnes, B.C.L.S., was, I understand, recently placed on record with your Department. I would like, if possible, to have a Van Dyke negative of the plan of this Reserve, as recorded by Mr. Burnes. Would you be good enough to oblige me with this as soon as convenient?

Yours sincerely,

C.C. Perry,
INDIAN AGENT.

J.E. Umbach, Esc.,
Surveyor General,
Victoria, B.C.

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January 7, 1927

The Indian Agent,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Yancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in regard to the re-survey of the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No. 8, as made by Mr. J. Roger Burnes, B.C. Sds., and I note your desire to obtain a negative copy of Mrs. Burnes' plan.

In reply thereto I may say that this is now being prepared and will be sent to you under separate cover.

Your obedient servant,



POM:KV

Surveyor General.

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CANADA



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VANCOUVER AGENCY,
Vancouver B.C., Jan.11, 1927.

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J.E.Umbach, Esq.,
Surveyor General,
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.



Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of Jan.7th, and also the negative plan of Mr.Burnes survey of Seymour Creek No.2 Reserve. Thanking you very much for your kindness in this matter, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

C.C.Perry,
INDIAN AGENT.

July 7, 1943.

Memorandum for the Deputy Minister of Municipalities

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In the matter of your visit last week accompanied by a representative of the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver, regarding Indian Reserves on the north shore of Burrard Inlet: Minutes of Decisions of the Joint Commission on Indian Reserves dated the 15th June 1877, confirm the following reserves on Burrard Inlet for the Squamish Tribe:

- No. 1. Mission - 38 Acres
- " 2. Seymour Creek (Second Narrows), and made an addition thereto.
- " 5. Capilano Creek: An addition was also made to this reserve.

Apparently these reserves had been established some time previous to Confederation, but there is no available information regarding them at that time, except possibly indications on the old official plans. However, these reserves are plainly shown on the existing official plans as Nos. 1, 2 and 5. Nos. 1 and 2 have been conveyed to the Dominion Government and are now entirely in their control.

The Joint Commission on Indian Affairs appointed in 1912 to review and adjust matters on Indian Reserves throughout the Province reduced the area of Indian Reserve No. 5 by cutting off 130 acres on the waterfrontage leaving an area of 275 acres, which was also granted to the Dominion Government. The out-off portion is under the control of the Province for the purpose of sale; the proceeds to be divided equally between the Province and the Dominion.

HL/VKVM




Deputy Minister.

Indian Reserve Commission

Hamploops, 17th July
1877



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We beg to enclose the following copies of correspondence relative to a piece of land adjoining the present Indian Reserve at this place formerly recorded by Mr Spencer and to which Mr Sullivan a gentleman settled 12 miles up the North Thompson River, made a claim which you will observe from the correspondence he has not been able to substantiate to the satisfaction of Mr Archer.

Yours faithfully

The Hon. The Chief
Comme of Lands & Works

Chas. W. McKinlay
Prov. Commr.

Victoria over, J. M. Stewart
Joint Commr.

our letter 13 July 1877 to

Mr. Archer

Mr. Archer's letter to us of

same date.

Mr. Sullivan's letter to us

14th July 1877

Copy
Indian Reserve Commission



Kamloops
13th July 1877

Sir,

It is our wish to include in the Indian Reserve for the Kamloops Indians a piece of land described in a Certificate of Prescription Record 9th Sept^r 1873. 320 acres, on the North Thompson River issued by Mr. W. Seague Gale district in favour of John Spencer.

So far as we can ascertain Mr Spencer left this country about two years ago, and is now settled east of the Rocky Mountains. On 4th Sept^r 73, by a written paper, he authorized Mr. Michael Sullivan to act generally for him in the management of the Prescription claim.

On examining the ground the only improvement visible is a small shanty and we cannot find that the conditions of residence have been fulfilled, so that the presumption is that the land is vacant and may be assigned by us.

We have requested Mr. Sullivan however to see you at the time we deliver

John J. Mosher Esq
Gov^{rs} Agent
Kamloops

Chas.

this letter, to explain Mr. Spencer's position
and alleged rights fully, and we shall
be obliged if you will let us know
as soon as possible how the matter
stands

Signed A. C. Anderson Com. Com.
Signed A. H. Kiley Pres. Com.
Signed E. M. Sprout Joint. Com.

Copy

Kamloops
13th July 1877

To the Hon:
Indian Commissioner,
Gentlemen,

In reply to
your communication of to day, in
reference to the pre-emption of John
Spencer on North Thompson River; North
of and adjoining the Kamloops Indian
Reservation - I beg to say that in
the first place Mr Sullivan was dis-
qualified from acting as ~~Mr Sullivan~~^{Mr Sullivan}
Agent under Clause 19 - Land Act 1870 -
under which Mr Spencer pre-empted -
also Land Amendment 1873. Mr Sullivan
being in possession of a pre-emption claim
of his own at the time - recorded at
Gale 17th day of May 1870 - 160 acres
on North Thompson River - adjoining
the pre-emption of John Usher on
the South - Moreover allowing that
no such clause exists, Mr Sullivan
failed to carry out the requirements
of

The Land Act under which Mr Spence
preempted, inasmuch as he has not
represented the land by a continuous
bona fide personal residence of himself
or any other eligible person; and not-
withstanding Mr Sullivan having paid
the yearly land tax; I have no
alternative other than, when a pro-
nounced opinion is necessary of de-
claring the land in question forfeited
to the Crown.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obt. Servant,

Jno. Walker

Govt. Agent

Starbuck

Sd

Copy

Kanloops

14th July 1877

To the

Indian Commissioners

Gentlemen,

I beg to say a few words in regard to the land north of the Indian Reserve giving the reason why I have not done as the law directs

You will see that the date of the record is 9th of September 1873, that year I built a cabin on the ground and resided on it that winter - in the summer of 1874 I had a raft of lumber landed on the ground for the purpose of building a stable, but before I had time to put the stable up Mr. E. Stenius surveyed the Reserve and led the Indians to believe that the line was further north and showed them where to build their fence - (that was in 1874) They, the Indians, commenced to build the fence; I told them that I claimed the ground that they were building it on, and if they would stop building the fence that I

I would not do anything either until
the line was settled by the proper
authorities and through the influence
of an Interpreter they agreed to stop.

Soon after I wrote to the Chief
Commissioner of Lands & Works informing
him of the dispute and he wrote me
that he would see to it. Again I
wrote to the present Commissioner of
Lands & Works, he did not answer
my letter but through Mr. J. Lane
Surveyor, I heard it would be laid out
when the Indian Commissioners got to
Kumloops.

You will see by reference
to the official map that the Indians
were building the fence on my grounds.

I claim that I had
represented the ground up to the time that
the dispute arose and the reasons I had
not continued to do so was for the sake
of peace. I now Gentlemen leave the
matter in your hands

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours &c

Sd, Michael Sullivan

Indian Reserve Commission

Osoyoos 14th Nov 1877

Sir

The apparently unsatisfactory history and position of the Indian Land question in this locality induce me to recommend, in the interest of both Governments and to save much possible trouble, that no land be confirmed

The Honourable
The Chief Commr of the N.W.
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to Messrs Haynes or Lowe
or to any other person in
this locality, pending further
inquiry, and the adjustment
of Indian claims.

Your obedient Servt.
Gilbert W. Sproat
Supt. Commr

15 Jan. 1878

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The Indian Reserve Commissioners
acting for the Province, beg to enclose their
Report on Mr. M. Bryan's case, mentioned
in the papers sent to them in the letter
of The Hon: The Chief Commissioner 4th Inst.

They would be glad to
know where the farms of Messrs M. Lead,
Anderson and M. Peterson are on the South
Thompson, as they do not remember that
they had the pleasure of meeting any settlers
of these names at that place.

The Hon: The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works

Victoria

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W.P.H. 25/1/55

The Human Resources Commission, acting for the Service, have read Mr. [Name] [Name] letter to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, dated 29 September 1955; also the statement which Mr. [Name] [Name] enclosed, signed by himself, Mr. [Name] [Name], Mr. [Name] [Name], Mr. [Name] [Name], Andrew [Name] [Name], and Mr. [Name] [Name]; and they now have the honor to report thereon, as follows.

The subject of the above writings is a piece of woodland given by the Commissioners to the South Thompson Section, immediately opposite their former reserve.

The enclosed rough sketch shows the relative situations of the farms occupied by the above gentlemen and of the piece of land in question. This piece of land, which bears the number 1 having been an arable section under settlement, is, according to the above statement, 'entirely worthless' for purposes other than the grazing of a few cattle.

estate, owing to the 'purity of the soil' and the 'entire absence of water'. The fact is inconsistent with the opinion expressed by these gentlemen that the inclusion of this unattractive piece of land within the Indian Reserve must effect white settlement. Mr. M. Bayan indeed states that he knows of a settler who was going to take up this piece of land, but the land has long been vacant, and it, obviously, is not a piece of land on which a white family could make a living. A white settler in fact, had made the attempt and had abandoned the place.

The Commissioners do not understand how a narrow strip of woodland touching Mr. M. Bayan's prescription for a short distance on its South Western side, and extending longitudinally from Mr. M. Bayan's pre-emption, in a South Westerly direction even 'corral' that is, surround his own and two other farms lying to the North East of Mr. M. Bayan's land.

Outlet for Stock The whole South Western or mountain side of the woodland strip, and of the farms lying to the North East of

of the woodland strip, occupied by several of the above gentlemen, continues to be part of the public domain, so far as any action of the Commissioners is concerned, and if it is the case that the mountain side is too steep for cattle to ascend, it is in the power of the Provincial Government at any time, to make a road through the narrow passage, from the public highway near Mr McRyans farm to improve means of access to that open public domain, should the convenience of the settlers require it. Mr. McRyans and his neighbours will therefore not be in a worse position than they were in before the visit of the Commissioners, so far as an 'outlet for their stock' to the public domain is concerned, and they will be in the same position as they would have been had a white settler taken up the land in question.

Firewood Desirous of firewood, the Commissioners, though they had not the pleasure of seeing Mr McRyans, made an examination of his farm and attended to his interests in this important matter. Their minutes of decision will show that the white Settlers

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settlers are to have, without cost, a license exclusively to cut wood for buildings, fences and fuel on a defined portion of the Indian land adjoining Mr. M. Bryan's farm. The Indians know that this arrangement was made, and asked to have the dividing line clearly drawn so that they should not get into difficulties with their white neighbours. The Commissioners in fact, have done of their own accord, pretty much what Mr. M. Bryan asks the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works to endeavour to get done. As far as firewood is concerned, Mr. M. Bryan appears now to be better off than if a white settler had taken the land in question, because, he and his neighbours might not, in that case, have enjoyed the wood cutting privilege which the forethought of the Commissioners has gratuitously secured to them.

The opinion expressed by Mr. M. Bryan that no land should have been given to the Indians on the left side of the river would have been received by the Commissioners with the attention due to the opinion of an experienced intelligent settler, but it raises a question of general

general policy, and of the history of past dealings with the Indians, and is connected with facts which perhaps may be dealt with more fittingly in a separate report of the Commissioner, should any information be desired on the point.

It may only be here said that Mr. W. Bryan and his neighbours, on the left side of the river, naturally look to their own interests, but there also are white settlers on the right side of the river, and the Provincial Commissioners, in agreeing to the very moderate extension of the reserve for these Indians, - by adding a piece of land described above as "utterly worthless" - had, nevertheless, to take the interests of both groups of white settlers into consideration, as well as the just requirements of the Indians, among which, it will be admitted, a supply of fuelwood is not the least. They number ~~1140~~

The Commissioners acting for the Province, feel bound, in the interests of the white settlers of the interior generally, to express regret that it should have been necessary to submit to such a mixed body as the Commission, the statement, signed by Mr. W. Bryan and

and the four gentlemen above named, and enclosed in his letter.

Counted as their statement is in exaggerated language, and laying down principles which cannot be approved, it will tend to give the Canadian Government who are the Trustees and Guardians of the Indians, a wrong impression of the sentiments of the white settlers in the Interior as regards the Indians.

The Commissioners do not believe that the statement expresses these sentiments truly, and they may be permitted respectfully to doubt, if the signers themselves really mean what might be inferred from their protest, namely, that, in their opinion, Indian Reserves should never adjoin the land of white men, nor be near a highway.

Whether Indians in a strictly farming country are desirable neighbours or not — and the Provincial Commissioners believe that, in many respects, they, in their present condition, are very undesirable neighbours indeed — they are, for good or evil, part and parcel of the general population of the province, and it would be

be impossible to find suitable lands for them
 that did not now touch, or would not in the
 future touch the lands of white men. As a
 matter of fact the lands of Indians, in all
 the settled districts, generally are contiguous to
 the lands of white men, and are near the
 highways, these latter in many districts following
 for the most part, old Indian trails between
 their villages. Without going into any questions
 as to who was first on the ground, and regarding
 the Indians merely as consumers of taxed
 commodities, and as important constituents
 of the numerical basis on which the Canadian
 subsidies to the province were estimated at con-
 federation and are now paid, by means of
 which, in part, the highways are made or
 repaired, the Commissioners must think that
 the right of the Indians to the highway is
 as good as that of any other persons, unless
 it can be shown that their presence makes
 traffic 'dangerous or impossible' which the
 Commissioners do not believe to be the case.

With respect to the statement
 that, in this particular place, the contiguity of

the price of Indian land must necessarily lead to "bad feeling", "strife" and "litigation", the Commissioners think it unlikely that the Indians will reside on Mr. McTear's side of the river, as their arable land and irrigation ditches are on the other side, and the price on his side is, according to his own statement, utterly worthless and without value.

"Bad feeling" will certainly be produced under any circumstances, if a merely selfish and masterful view of their mutual relations should be taken by the Indians, or by the white settlers, but as regards "strife" and "litigation", nothing is more likely to diminish these evils than a clear recognition of their respective rights and positions by the parties concerned. This it is hoped, will now be secured.

In conclusion, the Provincial Commissioners respectfully express an opinion that, in some respects, though not as affecting their action, the apprehensions, of which the statement signed by the above gentlemen is an exaggerated expression, deserve the attention of the

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of the Provincial Government. The proper management of the Indians is a branch of Dominion administration very important to the Province, if good neighbourly relations between the whites and the Indians are to be established and maintained. The Indians are amenable to advice from those to whom they give their confidence, and good advice might often save trouble and appeals to law. The Provincial Commissioners have done what they could to promote the above object by pointing out from time to time what seems to be required in the common interest.

The questions of local agents, and of the survey of the exterior boundaries of the reserves, the water question, the trespass question, the "settlement" question, the dog question, and every Indian question interesting to white settlers in the interior have received the unremitting study and care of the Provincial Commissioners during the past half year, and have been pressed by them on the attention of the Dominion Commissioners, and the latter it is believed, have made the necessary representations

representations to the Indian Superintendents
and to the Hon The Superintendent General
of Indian affairs at Ottawa.

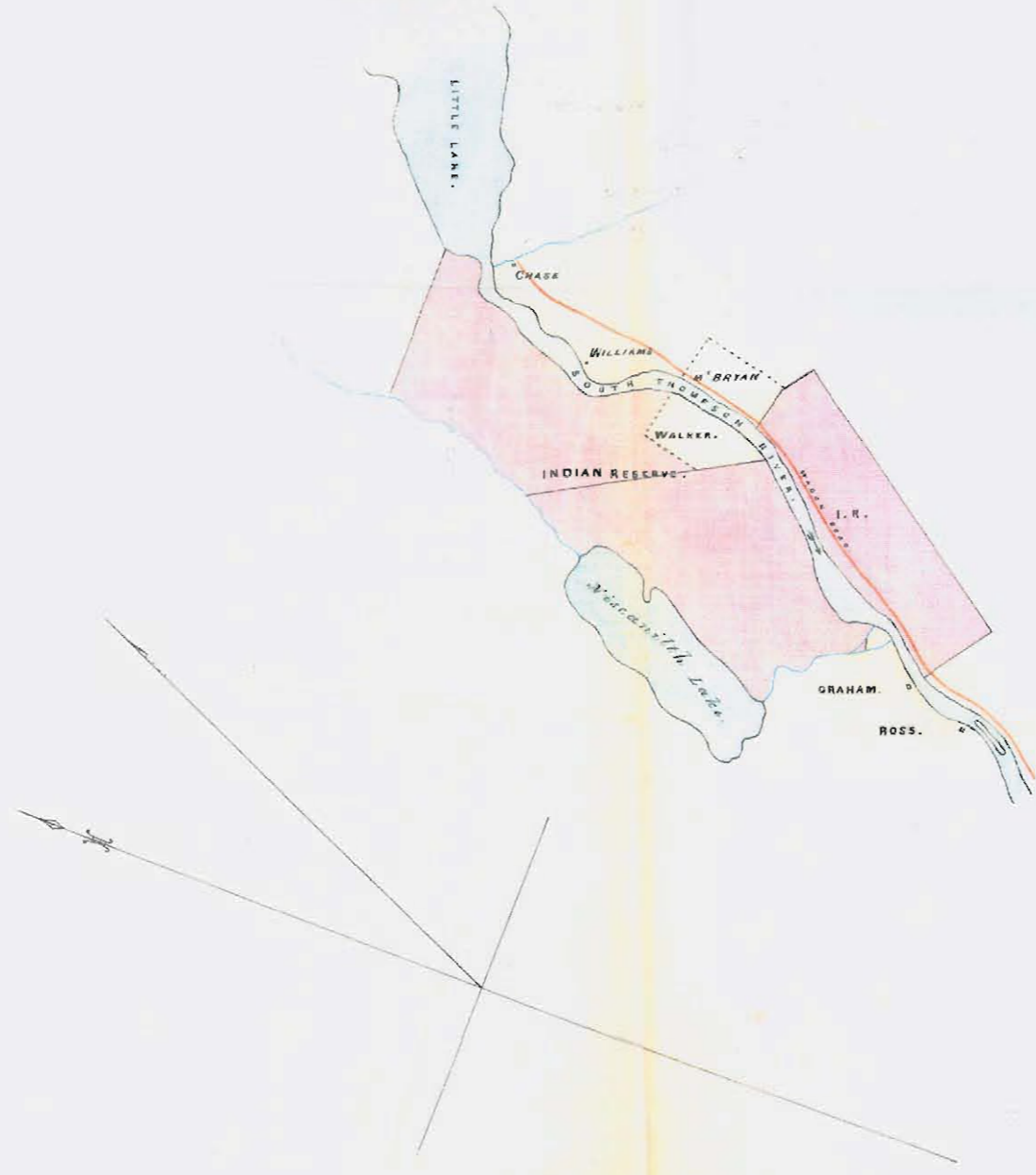
The dog nuisance is a great
nuisance in all parts of the Province, and
the Commissioners have spoken very seriously
about it to every tribe they have visited,
though the checking of such nuisances is an
administrative or police concern and is not
connected with their duties.

Victoria B.C.

9 January 1878

Chas^d McAmilay
Prov^t Com^r

Yours



SCALE 2 MILES TO AN INCH.

Edward M. M. M. C. C.
9th Janr 178

To His Honour

The Honourable Albert Morton Richards, *Lieutenant-Governor*
of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of
British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Honour with our respectful

request that Your Honour will be pleased *to cause to be sent*
down to this House any report from
the Indian Reserve Commissioners
on the complaints made by Messrs.
Chase, W. Pherson, W. Bryan, and
Williams, of Shuswap, relative to the
action of said commissioners.

J. Roland Hett

Clerk

25th July. 1878.

Victoria
Received to Col. Houghton 28 Jan: 1870
Piece of land therein
mentioned excepted
—
W.F.

The Indian Reserve Commissioners beg
to enclose copy of their letter of 20th
inst. to Colonel Houghton relative
to an alteration of boundaries in
Priest Valley as between his land
and the Okanagan Indian Fishing
station in that valley.

They also enclose
the original of Colonel Houghton's letter
of 26th in reply to the above, stating
that he consents to the proposed alteration
of the boundaries.

The Commissioners
will be glad if you will cause the
necessary record of the alteration to
be made.

To
The Honourable
The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Victoria

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Victoria B.C.

20 January 1878

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The Indian Reserve Commissioners referring to conversation with Colonel Houghton beg to enclose a sketch showing that by the survey of his land in Priest Valley, the line cuts off a small portion of land on the right bank of the stream at its mouth.

At this place the Okanagan have a fishery, and it would be convenient if Colonel Houghton agreed to make the left bank of the stream at its mouth, up to where the survey line cuts across the stream, the boundary of his land. If Colonel Houghton agrees to this, he will oblige the Commissioners by requesting that the change in the boundaries may be noted at the Land Office.

Colonel Houghton

&c &c

Victoria

See 23/1/78

Victoria B.C.

Jan 26th 1878.
The Indian Reserve Comm^{rs}

Gentlemen

In reply to a communication received from your Office - dated 20th Instant - with reference to a slight alteration in the boundary of my property in the "Priests Valley" N. E. Arm of L^{ake} Kanigon, required by you to facilitate the allotment of a small Indian Reserve in that locality.

I beg to inform you that I have much pleasure in

granting your request as
therein conveyed - viz. to
accept the Creek as my
boundary at its mouth, or
from the point at which
it at present intersects my
Northern line, to the Lake -

I therefore hereby authorize
you to have the necessary
alteration recorded in the
office of the Lands & Works -

I am - Gentlemen -

Your obedient servant

C. Houghton

will act on the unwarranted
orders of the Indian Commission,
if so it may lead to disastrous
results, which in justice ought
to fall on the heads of those
gentlemen who have brought
it about -

Yrs very sincerely

Drake Speker

DRAKE & JACKSON, M. W. T. DRAKE.

R. E. JACKSON.

Barristers-at-Law,

Victoria, B. C. 31/January 1876

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

Mr H. Elliott

Dear Sir -

We are anxiously awaiting
a reply respecting Mr O'Keefe's
complaint about the Indian
Commissioners - They graciously
gave Mr O'Keefe permission
to remove his crops up to a
certain hour of a certain day
in March. We have advised
Mr O'Keefe to resist all attempts
of the Indians to interfere with
his land crops or property by
force if necessary, & as the time
is drawing near it may
be possible that the Indians

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Indian Reserve Commission

Victoria B.C.

8 February 1878

Sir

We respectfully beg leave to submit to you, for the favourable consideration of the Provincial Government, the case of Mr Charles McMillan, a gentleman who has squatted on public lands on the Chehalis peninsula (within we believe, what is known as the "railway belt") which it was necessary to include within the reserve for the Chehalis Indians, and the Sisk-a-meen Indians of Copter Harbour.

On the 20th April 1877, we brought this case to the notice of Col. Powell the Indian Superintendent, as ^{per} annexed extract of our letter to him; and the Dominion Commissioners, also, wrote to the Superintendent General

The Honourable
The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

General of Indian Affairs on the subject.

In December last the ~~Commissioners~~
 Commissioners learned by a letter from
 Mr. Meredith, deputy of the Minister of
 the Interior, that the view taken of such
 cases by the Superintendent General is that
 they should be "submitted for the consideration
 of the Local Government, who are primarily
 bound to provide such lands as may be
 necessary for Indian Reserves"

I am Sir
 Your Obedient Servants

Arch^d. McStirling
 Pool Comm^r

Robert Maclean Private
 Secy^r Comm^r

Extract from a letter to
Col Powell dated 20 April 1877

" In order to improve the new reserve
" on the Chermanus peninsula between Chermanus
" Bay and Oyster Harbour we had with regret to
" remove a squatter, Mr Charles W Millard, and
" though we are extremely cautious in making
" such recommendations, we think it would be
" reasonable, if the Department saw fit, to compensate
" Mr W Millard for his improvements, which we
" valued as under

"	Cleaning 4 acres	\$120
"	Work on house	90
"	Road to farm	50
"	Summers	20
"	Windows	7.
"	Socks &c	2
"	Nails	5
"		<hr/>
"		\$294
"		<hr/>

Victoria

1 March

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The Indian Reserve Commissioners acting for the Province, in reference to portion of their letter of 8th Feb. 1870, have the pleasure to state to the Honourable The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works that the Dominion Commissioners have received an intimation from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, that the survey of the boundaries of the Indian reserves allotted by the Commissioners will probably be commenced in the early part of the year.

The Honourable The Chief Commissioner
of Lands & Works,
Victoria.

British Columbia, Victoria,
19th March 1878.

Sir,

Having been appointed by the Dominion Government to take the place of the Indian Superintendents for the work in relation to Indian Lands mentioned in the Canadian order in council 23rd February 1877, I have the honour respectfully to request that you will have the goodness to let me know, as soon as possible, what procedure it is proposed to adopt in reference to the approval by you of the apportionments of lands to the Indians from time to time.

Sincerely

The Honourable

The Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works

Victoria

approval, or a notice of appeal, must
of course be given on the spot, and
at the time of my decision in the
case of each reserve, ~~and~~ It will
not be prudent to give any
information to the Indians as to
the proposed reserves until the
question has ^{been} finally arranged between
yourself and me.

It is necessary also that I
should be able, in cases appealed,
to give some assurance to the
Indians that the final decision
would be given by the Judge of
the Supreme Court, within a reasonable
time. I shall be glad if you will
inform me within what time, on an
average, from the lodging of the appeal,

is it likely the Judge will be able to undertake this duty?

I presume the whole cost of the appeals will be paid by the Provincial Government.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Gilbert H. Walker Sprot

Victoria B.C.

28th March 1878

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

Mr. Harrison's case has been reported on to the Hon: The Attorney General.

I enclose the following copies for your information.

1st — Letter Mr. Kinlay and Sprout to Lieut. Col. Powell
27th April 1877.

2nd — G. M. Sprout to the Hon:
The Attorney General 23rd Feb 1878.

3rd — Rough notes on his case by me given to the Hon: The Attorney General during interview of Mr. Harrison with him and the Hon: Mr. Smith on the 28th Feb 1878.

The Hon:

The Chief Comm^r
Lands & Works
Victoria.

I am, Sir,
Your obed^t Serv^t,
G. M. Sprout,

Copy

No. 1

Indian Reserve Commission

British Columbia
Victoria

27th April
1877

Sir,

According to the maps in the possession of the Indians of Cowichan the portion of the land, on which the farm house, buildings and orchard of Mr. Marrison have been placed is included within the Reserve. This gentleman appears to get on well with the Indians, and they did not make any specific complaint of the intrusion but mentioned it incidentally as a fact rather than a grievance. Mr. Marrison, on our asking for an explanation stated that the land had been granted to him as long ago as 1864 by the competent authority of the Governor of the Colony, but he had not the documents in his possession to show this. Since coming to Victoria we have got copies of Mr. Marrison's application to the Surveyor General 20th July 1863, of the Surveyor General's report thereon to the Colonial Secretary 28th Aug^r 1863, and of the Governor's decision thereon, contained in a letter of the Colonial Secretary to the acting Surveyor General 5th March 1864, of all of which we enclose copies for your information.

We are not able to form an authoritative opinion as to right given to Mr. Marrison by these documents; but the Indians looking to their tenor, to his long occupation

of the place, and to the substantial improvements he has effected, also to the fact that he is a very valuable settler, and that the Indians, possessing an ample reserve, have no agricultural need for the small portions improved by Mr. Marrison. We should be glad if the Department construed these documents in a sense as favorable as possible to Mr. Marrison who has had undisturbed possession for 14 years in the full belief on his part, that he had a right to the land. If his right to the fee simple cannot be admitted as he claims it should, we hope the Department may secure him by a suitable lease, or satisfy the Indians, should they make complaint, by getting an equal acreage of Mr. Marrison's unimproved land as an addition to the Reserve.

We cannot ascertain the circumstances under which the land was included within the maps given to the Indians, but we can not see our way to cut it off.

In the "Papers relating to Indian Land Question" published by the Province Govt 1875 page 106, the land is among the "leases promised"; and the remark is made "portion of Corvichan Reserve of no use to the Indians. So far as we can learn, no rent has been applied for or paid. - We are Sir
Your obt. servts

Signed A.C. Anderson Prov. Comr.

" Arct. MacLurey Prov. "

to Mr. Marrison

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No 2

Victoria 23rd Feby 1878

Sir,

Mr. Mariner's case Gouviskan

There was a point in this case which I could not recall in the short conversation with Mr. Smith and yourself in Mr. Mariner's presence on the 28th ult. but which has since come into my mind.

The letter of the Colonial Secretary to Mr. Pearce, 5th March 1874, on which Mr. Mariner rests his case, is ultra vires of the Governor, and therefore, invalid as a grant, or promise of a grant, of land.

The Governor, at that date, could not grant, sell nor lease land except under the provisions of the "Vancouver Island Proclamation 1862" which was repealed by the Revised Statutes 1871, and as far as I can see such a grant is not provided for in the proclamation of 1862.

What the precise powers of the Governor then were with respect to Indian and Government Reserves, I do not know, but if he had power of his own will to reduce them (which I doubt) I suppose the portion cut off could only be acquired by the methods of the existing land laws, and could not be granted by such a letter as the above letter of the Colonial Secretary.

Is it not then reasonable to suppose that the Governor, instead of attempting to break the law, meant in fact, to do
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Wm. G. G. G.
Attorney Genl.
Victoria

something else, and that the letter of the Colonial Secretary failed to state the intention clearly, which intention, probably was to grant to W. Mariner, that which the Land Office thought (Pearce's letter 28 Aug. 1863) might be done, namely leave to "occupy" one or two acres.

The Government had no power to do anything else, and it seems to me that a lease from the Dominion Govern^{mt} would precisely meet the state of facts thus created. It would have the effect of continuing what the Colonial Govern^{mt} had originated. W. Mariner would be in the position in which he, in reality always has been, though unfortunately not in the position in which he thought he was in.

It might not be prudent to issue a crown Grant now to W. Mariner, based on an obscurely worded letter of doubtful validity - if I am correct in what is stated above.

I submit these few remarks as W. Mariner expressed a wish to rest his case on its strict legal merits, and it is desirable to know what these are in a matter in which the two Governments are concerned. But as everyone concerned is willing to meet W. Mariner's views as far as possible, it only remains to take advantage of a favorable opportunity to endeavor to arrange the matter in some way, with the Indians, that shall abate the necessity for a lease

of Mr. Marrison objects to receive one

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant
Signed G. M. Sprout

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Rough Notes on Marmore's case

The answer of the Commissioners to the urgent claims of the Cowichan Indians to the lands they said Govt Douglas had given them, and to their claims as in Dods case, to lands that had been cut off their reserve was in effect

"Show us your maps sent to you in 1869 we cannot go back from these"
This was the only ground on which we felt safe.

It was obviously impossible that under these circumstances one could tell the Indians that we did not think Mr Marmore's land was in their reserve.

The maps distinctly show that it is within the reserve and it is scheduled by the land office as the subject of a promised lease "being part of the Indian Reserve"

The difficulty was increased by the Indians concerned being the "Clem = Clem = a = lito" who have the grievance with Dods.

Everyone concerned seems to wish to help Mr Marmore but the procedure cannot easily be "chalked out"

It is inevitable I imagine that the Provincial Government will have to do something about the fishing reserve on the Fraser belonging to the Cowichans which has been sold and my impression is that, when that question is dealt with, some means of adjusting Marmore's matter may be found. Canada will

do nothing without Consent of the Indians
and to do this which is really the only
block in the way requires tact and
management on a suitable occasion
when they are in good humour which
the Clem-clems are not likely to be
till the Gov's matter adjusts itself

Practically then I would recommend
the Provincial Govt to agree to fund the
probably small sum of money necessary
to be used in getting the consent of the
Indians, or if the Prov. Govt consider
they have inherited no responsibilities
with matter from the old Col. Govt or
that W. Maximer has contributed to the
present state of things by any action
or omission on his part then W. Maximer
should fund the money.

The question of procedure in getting
the Indians' Consent will then be as above
said, a question of management on
some suitable occasion. But it would
be ~~rather~~ a waste of time to move in
the matter unless the money question
was first settled -

Int. G. M. S.

28 Jan 7, 1878

Indian Reserve Commission

British Columbia

Victoria 12th April 1878

I have now to inform you that a deputation of six chiefs, representing the Indian Chiefs and the people between Yale and the mouth of the Fraser, came, ~~to see~~ by the last trip of the "Enterprise", to see me at Victoria about their lands.

They appeared to be very much in earnest, and I, of course, listened attentively to what they said, which I now beg leave to communicate to you for the information of the Provincial Government. I myself, at present, have no knowledge of the state of Indian land matters in that District.

The Indians say that
The Hon^{ble} Chief Commissioner
Lands & Works
Victoria

their lands are not sufficient in area, and that, for several years, white settlers have been coming into the district, and, in some cases, have been permitted to take up lands which the Indians were hoping to get.

They ask that this be no longer permitted. They further said they were much wounded by the Commissioners having gone past them last year to visit the Indians of the interior.

They considered that they have been quiet and obedient to the law, and have not been well treated as regards their land.

I think it will be necessary for me to make an effort, this year, to adjust Indian land matters in this important district, because, if what the Indians say is true (as to which, as above said, I have no information), it may be a difficult and expensive

matter for the Provincial Government to provide land for them.

I presume that the possible wants of the Indians have been considered in connection with the proposed appropriation of Crown Lands in this District under the deftling Scheme of Mr. Darby.

I respectfully beg to recommend that, pending my examination of that district, the lands in the neighbourhood of Reserves should not be permitted to be sold or pre-empted.

If I could get away soon, and were placed in a good position to enable me to finish Nicola, Bonaparte &c, I think I might begin the New Westminster District before the Autumn was well advanced.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. Mathew Sproul

Indian Reserve Commissioner