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QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY

DETAILED REPORT

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Meetings of the Commission with the Indians of the Queen Charlotte Agency and inspections of their principal Reserves, together with the examination of Mr. Agent Deasy, occupied the period of September 9th to 15th, 1913, the Commission being very favourably impressed by the evidences of substantial and intelligently directed progress presented in the more recent history of the Haidahs.

These Indians at the time of the Commission's appointment had, with a total population of 597, twenty-five Reserves in all allotted for them, of an aggregate acreage of 3484.5, or 5.83 acres per capita for the Agency. The principal occupation of the Haidah (Queen Charlotte Agency) people being fishing, for the canneries and for food supply, the majority of their established Reserves are fishing stations of small area, which, however, they have manifested a desire to cultivate insofar as the character of the soil and opportunities generally permit.

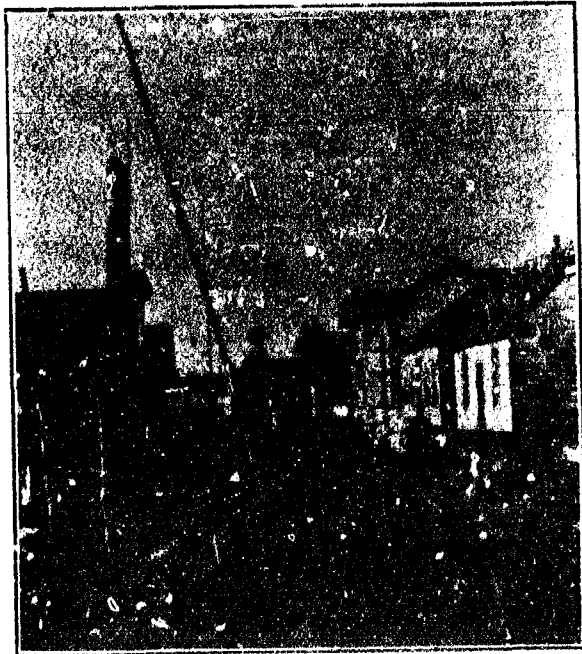
The concentration of the mass of the Indian population of the Agency in the two Reserves of Massett and Skidegate is explained in Evidence as caused by the desire of the Indians to obtain facilities of education and religious instruction, and to their having been brought in to the tribal centres in that connection by those in charge of their affairs.

While the representations of the Queen Charlotte Agency Indians for more adequate land allotments were hampered by their identification with the movement for recognition of Aboriginal Title and their fear that applications for additional Reserves might prejudice action in that connection (for which reason the Skidegates declined to discuss their land requirements with the Commission), the Commission did not permit this fact to militate against fair consideration of what investigation elsewhere shewed to be necessary and reasonable requirements of the Tribes.

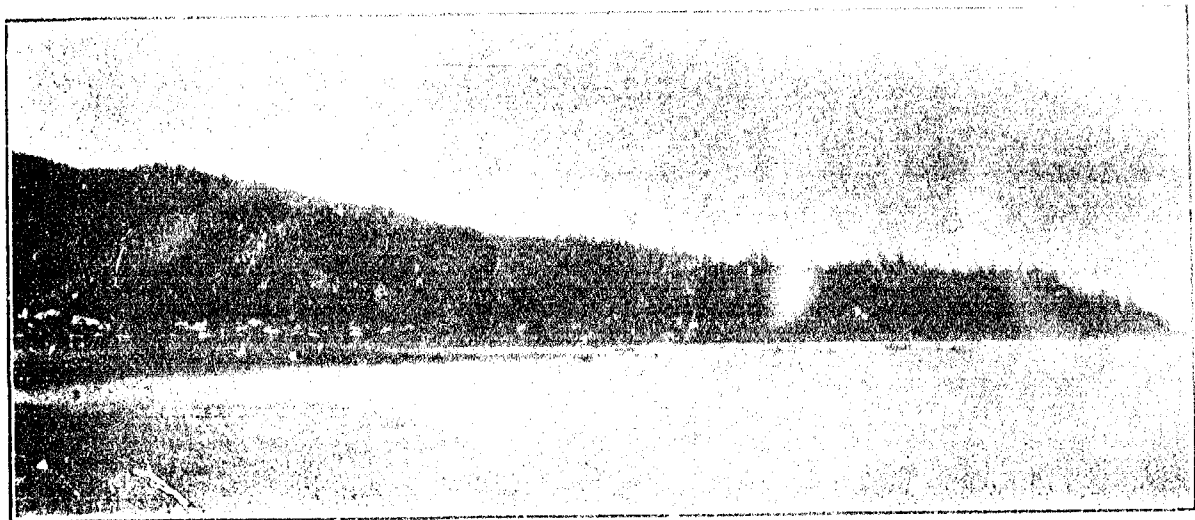
These were effectively presented by Mr. Agent Deasy, who emphasized the demonstrated desire of the Indians to enlarge their cultivated areas and strongly urged the allowance of new Reserves for which applications had been filed by the Department of Indian Affairs prior to the constitution of the Commission. In regard to these applications it is to be noted that in all save three of thirteen instances, alienation of the lands applied for antedated the official applications therefor, these lands being, when such applications came before the Commission for action thereupon, beyond the disposing power of the Commission.

The Commission favourably considered applications for such lands as were found to be available for Indian Reserve purposes, and the tabulated results of the work for the Queen Charlotte Agency shew seven additional Reserves allowed, aggregating 360.10 acres, which, upon approval, will advance the per capita for the Agency to 6.44 acres. This per capita acreage, it may be remarked, is very low, a circumstance attributable largely to the facts that these Indians are

primarily fishermen and local conditions do not lend themselves favourably to extensive farming operations. In view of the displayed progressiveness of the Haidah people and the rapidity to be noted in their evolution toward the goal of complete citizenship the Commission is of the opinion that encouragement and assistance should where possible be given them in their practical efforts to develop their holdings and improve their conditions, and with respect to particular lands required and long used and occupied by them and found unavailable for constitution as Reserves, by reason of their alienation, the Commission has seen fit to recommend to the Dominion Government the acquirement of the same by purchase, for Additional Reserve purposes.



VILLAGE STREET--MASSETT



SKIDEGATE VILLAGE AND RESERVE



BEAR TOTEM--MASSETT

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ANALYSIS OF EVID

TRIBE OR BAND	RESERVE	No.	OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED	PAGE SCHEDULE	VISITATION AND INSPECTION	ACREAGE
Massett	Massett	1	Occupied	107	Sept. 9, 1913	789
Do	Heillen	2	Intermittently * See Note in Remarks.	107	Do	70½
Do	Yagan	3	* Do	107	Do	86
Do	Lamas	4	* Do	107	Do	192½
Do	Satunquin	5	* Do	107	Do	9
Do	Ain	6	Do	107	Do	164
Do	Yan	7	* Do	107	Do	164
Do	Meagwan	8	* Do	107	Do	49
Do	Kose	9	Do	107	Do	9
Do	Naden	10	Do	107	Do	57
Do	Kung	11	Do	107	Do	71
Do	Daningay	12	* Do	107	Do	21
Do	Yatse	13	* Do	107	Do	45
Do	Jalun	14	* Do	107	Do	17½
Do	Kicosta	15	Do	107	Do	102
Do	Tatenae	16	Do	107	Do	16
Skidegate	Skidegate	17	Occupied	107	Sept. 13 and 14, 1913	834

VIDENCE—TABLE A—REFERENCE AND GENERAL

ACREAGE	PER CAP. ACREAGE	GENERAL CONDITION	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS	FACILITIES OF ACCESS	VALUE	SPECIAL
729	5	Village adopted as centralized home of the band, surrounded by lands chiefly used as pasturage; village of excellent houses, well furnished, good sanitation, lighted streets, etc.	Methodist Church departmental day school, public hall, Salvation Army hall, Agent's residence and office, Teacher's residence, public wharf.	Water—with regular steamer calls from and to Prince Rupert; road to New Massett; beach used for foot and horse traffic to Tow Hill and south end of island; trail to Shidegate.	\$50 per acre—\$36,450.00	Valuations are those of Agent Thomas Deasy.
70½	Do	Fishing base and used for small gardens.	None	Water, safe for small craft during summer, but unsafe in winter; communication by road and beach to Massett and to south end of Graham Island.	\$20 per acre—\$1,410.00	*All reserves thus marked are classed by Agent as "unoccupied."
86	Do	Do	Do	By beach or small boats during good weather only.	\$20 per acre—\$1,720.00	
192½	Do	Used as camping ground.	Do	By small boats and launches, also trail up Yakoun River.	180 acres at \$20—\$3,600.00 12½ acres at \$10— 125.00 \$3,725.00	Massett Indians have the privilege of fishing in Yakoun river for one mile up from this Reserve.
9	Do	Do	Do	By small boats.	\$25 per acre—\$225.00	
164	Do	Fishing station capable of agricultural utilization.	Do	Do	\$40 per acre—\$5,560.00	
264	Do	Fishing station with a few gardens.	Do	Do	\$20 per acre—\$5,280.00	
49	Do	Rocky fishing station with some timber.	Do	Do	40 acres at \$20—\$800.00 9 acres at \$10— 90.00 \$890.00	
9	Do	Halibut station, timbered.	Do	By boats and trail along the shore.	\$360.00	
27	Do	Fishing station with timber and arable land.	Do	By small boats.	10 acres at \$50—\$500.00 17 acres at \$4—\$68.00 \$568.00	
71	Do	Do	Do	By small boats and launches.	\$50 per acre—\$3,550.00	
21	Do	Fishing station with fairly good land.	Do	By small boats.	10 acres at \$20—\$200.00 11 acres at \$10—\$110.00 \$310.00	
45	Do	Camping place with some good land.	Do	By small boats.	\$20 per acre—\$900.00	
17½	Do	Rocky and timbered; half cultivable if cleared.	Do	Do	\$10 per acre—\$175.00	
101	Do	Stopping place for bad weather; half timbered.	Do	Do	\$20 per acre—\$2,020.00	
16	Do	Rocky and timbered; non-arable.	Do	Water	\$20 per acre—\$320.00	
854	7	Village site with good waterfront, excellent streets and buildings, 100 ac. arable land running up into wooded hillside.	Methodist Church, day school, Salvation Army hall, public wharf, etc.	Water, with regular steamer calls; also road to surrounding towns and, along beach to north end of Graham Island.	\$30 per acre—\$25,620	

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TRIBE OR BAND	RESERVE	No.	OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED	PAGE SCHEDULE	VISITATION AND INSPECTION
Do	Skaiha	2	* Intermittently	107	Sept. 13 and 14, 1913
Do	Deena	3	Do	107	Do
Do	Khrann	4	* Do	107	Do
Do	Lagens	5	* Do	108	Do
Do	Kaste	6	* Do	108	Do
Do	Cumshewas	7	* Do	108	Do
Do	Skedance	8	* Do	108	Do
Do	Tanoo	9	* Do	108	Do

EVIDENCE—TABLE A—REFERENCE AND GENERAL

ACREAGE	PER CAP. ACREAGE	GENERAL CONDITION	COMMUNITY BUILDINGS	FACILITIES OF ACCESS	VALUE	SPECIAL
64	Do	Fishing station site which could be developed agriculturally.	None	By water: also road to adjacent settlements and Government road north towards Tel-el river.	\$20 per acre—\$1,240.00	
119	Do	Do	Do	By water.	\$40 per acre—\$4,760.00	Indians have privilege of fishing Deena river for one mile above tidal water.
210	Do	About 25% arable; balance hilly and rocky.	Do	By small boats.	\$30 per acre—\$6,300.00	
40	Do	Wooded fishing station with some arable land.	Do	Do	\$20 per acre—\$800.00	
38	Do	34 ac. described as "worthless"—a mere stopping place.	Do	Do	\$30 per acre—\$1,140.00	
56	Do	Mountainous and non-arable.	Do	By launches and small boats.	\$20 per acre—\$7,120.00	
169	Do	Timbered mountain.	Do	By small boats.	\$20 per acre—\$3,380.00	
65	Do	Fishing station.	Do	By boats.	\$300.00 Total value—\$109,415.00	

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE

RESERVE	No.	CHARACTER OF SOIL	ESTIMATED PROPORTION UTILIZED	
			INDIANS	AGENCY, ETC.
Maseott	1	Sandy land, poor if not fertilized. Chiefly pasturage, wooded land would make good pasture or hay meadows if cleared.		Gardens and grazing.
Hiellen	2	Sandy soil, poor; timbered land would be good if cleared.		A few gardens.
Yagan	3	Poor and sandy, a halibut fishing base.		Do
Lamas	4	Sandy with swamp and back timber; somewhat better than No. 3; suitable for fruit.		
Satunquin	5	Rocky, camp ground.		None
Ain	6	Fairly good alluvial, 100 ac. lightly timbered arable if cleared.	Small	Small
Yan	7	All arable if cleared.	Do	A few gardens
Meagwan	8	Rocky and timbered, little arable soil.		
Kose	9	Fairly good cultivable land, wooded.		None
Naden	10	20 ac. arable, but requires drainage; three-quarters arable if cleared.	Small	A few gardens
Kung	11	Fairly good, with some timber.	Do	Do
Daningay	12	Rocky and timbered.	Do	A small patch
Yatze	13	Arable.	Partially	Some good gardens
Jalun	14	About 50% arable if drained or cleared.	None	None
Kioosta	15	75% good land if cleared, ploughed and drained.	Little	Small
Tatense	16	Rocky; non-arable.	None	None

ENCE—TABLE B—PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, RESERVES

LOCALITY	CHIEF PRODUCTS	PROPORTION TIMBERED	GRADE OF TIMBER	STOCK, ETC.	REMARKS
Prizing.	Vegetables, hay, very little grain.	Less than 25%	Merchantable or pulping	12 horses, 29 cattle, 6 gasoline launches, 2 schooners, sail-boats, band instruments, four pianos, \$3,000 worth personal effects	
ena.	Potatoes	About 60%	Non-merchantable	See above	
	Do		Poor	Do	
			Might be pulping	Do	
				Do	
	Potatoes	About two-thirds	Might be pulping	Do	
ena	Potatoes, turnips, and carrots	No evidence		Do	
		Some		Do	
	None	Almost all	Pulping, Spruce, Hemlock	Do	
ena		Do	Merchantable, but no facilities for getting logs out	Do	
		About half	No evidence	Do	
na	Vegetables	Almost all	Do	Do	
rdens	Do			Do	
	None	Greater part	Merchantable	Do	
		Partially		Do	
	None	Do		Do	

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE

RESERVE	No.	CHARACTER OF SOIL	ESTIMATED PROPORTION UTILIZED	
			INDIANS	AGENT, ETC.
Skidegate	1	About 106 ac. arable, balance rocky and wooded hillside.	Numerous kitchen gardens	Some good gardens
Skaigha	2	About 50 ac. good.		
Deena	3	Northern part is grass land which floods at high tide—could be used if dyked. Balance sandy and gravelly.		
Khrana	4	About 50 ac. good, balance rocky, hilly and non-arable.		
Lagins	5	About 6 ac. grass land; balance moss, timbered.		
Kaste	6	4 ac. low overflow grassland; balance worthless.		
Cumshewas	7	Mountainous and non-arable.		
Skedance	8	Arable open land along beach; balance mountainous, gravelly and mossy; 3 ac. cultivable.		
Tanoo	9	Rocky		

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ZED	CHIEF PRODUCTS	PROPORTION TIMBERED	GRADE OF TIMBER	STOCK, ETC.	REMARKS
Dens	Vegetables and fruit	75%	No evidence	22 cattle, 8 horses, 60 fowl, 19 gasoline launches, 30 sailboats, 10 canoes, agricultural and musical instruments, \$6,000 worth household effects.	
				Do	
		Southern part	Non-merchantable hemlock	Do	
		No evidence		Do	
		80%	Spruce and hemlock	Do	
				Do	
		Generally	Spruce and hemlock	Do	
		100 ac.	Spruce	Do	
				Do	

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE—T

RESERVE	No.	POPULATION	HEADS OF FAMILIES	YOUTHS OVER 18	WIDOWS	ORPHANS	CHIEF OCCUPATIONS
Masset	1	365 (For the	105 Band)				Fishing and working for the canneries, carpenters, blacksmith, gasoline engineers, boat builders, goldsmiths, silversmiths, traders, and storekeepers.
Hiellen	2	Do	Do				Do
Yagan	3	Do	Do				Do
Lanas	4	Do	Do				Do
Saturquin	5	Do	Do				Do
Ain	6	Do	Do				Do
Yan	7	Do	Do				Do
Meagwan	8	Do	Do				Do
Kose	9	Do	Do				Do
Naden	10	Do	Do				Do
Kung	11	Do	Do				Do
Daningay	12	Do	Do				Do
Yatze	13	Do	Do				Do
Jalun	14	Do	Do				Do
Kioosta	15	Do	Do				Do
Tavense	16	Do	Do				Do
Skidegate	17	232 (For the	81 Band)				Fishing, trapping, trading, working for the canneries and manufacturing fish oil, the Indians having a co-operative company with \$10,000 capitalization and \$1,500 in bank.

E—TABLE C—POPULATION, SOCIAL CONDITIONS, ETC.

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INDIANS	CONDITION OF INDIANS	FACILITIES OF EDUCATION	VIEWS OF INDIANS RE EDUCATION	REMARKS
The canneries, gasoline engine-smiths, and store-	Prosperous and comfortable, highly advanced in civilization, with an excellent form of municipal government, brass band, orchestra, choir, etc.	Departmental day school	Indians ask for the establishment of an industrial school at Tow Hill or the re-opening of the School at Metlakatla; also the assignment to them of an instructor in practical trades	
	Do	None	See above	All the following reserves (2 to 16 incl.), are used as fishing stations by Massett Tribe.
	Do	Do	Do	See above
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
ing, working manufacturing having a co- with \$10,000 so in bank.	Parallel with that of the Massett Tribe. These Indians pay a white bandmaster \$100 per month salary and spend upwards of \$1,000 annually in sending their band to take part in outside competitions.	Departmental day school; some also attend the Industrial school at Chilliwack.	None expressed	

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE—

RESERVE	No.	POPULATION	HEADS OF FAMILIES	YOUTHS OVER 16	WIDOWS	ORPHANS	CHIEF OCCUPATIONS
Skaigha	2	Do	Do				Do
Deena	3	Do	Do				Do
Khrana	4	Do	Do				Do
Lagina	5	Do	Do				Do
Kaste	6	Do	Do				Do
Cumshewas	7	Do	Do				Do
Skeedance	8	Do	Do				Do
Tauoo	9	Do	Do				Do

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ATIONS	CONDITION OF INDIANS	FACILITIES OF EDUCATION	VIEWS OF INDIANS RE EDUCATION	REMARKS
	Do	None	Do	The under-mentioned reserves serve as fishing stations and places of occasional residence for the Skidegate Tribe.
	Do	Do	Do	See above
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do
	Do	Do	Do	Do

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TRIBE OR BAND	LAND APPLIED FOR	PURPOSE	REFE
1. Massett Tribe	35 ac. at mouth of Stanley Creek, Naden Harbour.	Pasturage and fishing station.	P. 23; Ex. D Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
2. Massett Tribe	50 ac. at Sta-tin-skun, on Stateskinskun Bay, staked by Agent Deasy 24/4/1911, (now known as Sewell City).	Wood supply base and fishing station	P. 19; Ex. I Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
3. Massett Tribe	100 ac. at Owun, head of Massett Inlet, near Owun (or Owen) River, staked by Agent Deasy 25/4/1911; (cleared, fenced, with good gardens and two Indian houses, furnished and occupied.)	General and timber supply	P. 20; Ex. D Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
4. Massett Tribe	100 ac. at Mammin River, at mouth of Juskatla River, Tauskatli Bay (2 old Indian houses).	Fishing station	P. 21; Ex. D Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
5. Massett Tribe	Cub Island, staked by Agent Deasy 24/4/1911; (has Indian house in fair condition).	Fishing station	P. 22; Ex. D11, I Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
6. Massett Tribe	Ship Island: 10 ac. nearly opposite Sta-tin-skun, staked by Agent Deasy 24/4/1911; (Indian gardens).	Fishing station and garden plot	P. 23-4; Ex. D Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
7. Massett Tribe	7¾ ac. on Nadu River, staked by Agent Deasy 24/4/1911; (House used and occupied by Tommy Holcomb, in whose favour O. P. Merrill allegedly vacated.)	Fishing station	Pp. 23-4; Ex. D Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
8. Massett Tribe	100 ac. at Susk, opposite Frederick Island, on the west coast of Graham Island.	General	P. 24; Ex's. D16 Schedule of Lands Department of In R. C. File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Indian Affairs.
9. Massett Tribe	100 ac. at Tiahn, on the west coast of Graham Island, one mile north of Otard Bay, (Old Indian house and Indian bodies in trees).	General	P. 25; Ex. D19 Lands applied ment of Indian File 601; F 403707 Ty, Dep Affairs.
10. Massett Tribe (1)	29 ac. at Sa-ouchten, west coast of Massett Inlet, staked by Agent Deasy, 1911; (has Indian clearings, gardens and houses).	Hunting and fishing station	Pp. 25, 26; Sched applied for by Dep dian Affairs, on R Files 403707 and partment of India

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NOTE:—See Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, by which it will be noted that all but 1, 2 and 3 are

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REFERENCE *	PER CAP. ACREAGE OF APPLICANT INDIANS	STATUS OF LAND DESIRED	DECISION OF COMMISSION
23; Ex. D15; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Perpetual T. L. No. 2517, in good standing. Not available.	Not entertained, land applied for not being available.
19; Ex. D8; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently on Lot 1577, Q.C.L.D., Crown-Granted to Marie Rosie, August, 1912. All land in vicinity taken up. Not available.	Do
20; Ex. D9; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Lots 1546 and 1547 Q.C.L.D., which lots are covered by Perpetual Timber Licenses Nos. 8256 and 8257, in good standing. Not available.	Do
21; Ex. D10; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Lot No. 1626, which lot is covered by T. L. No. 37108, in good standing. Not available.	Do
22; Ex. D11, D12; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Covered by Lot 988, Q.C.L.D., Crown-Granted to James Watt, 22/1/14. 10 ac. specified 14/11/13. Alienation prior to specification (1909): No reservation possible. Not available.	Do
23-4; Ex. D13; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Lot 990, Crown-Granted to Henry St. Montizambert, September, 1912. Not available.	Do
24-4; Ex. D13; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Lot No. 752; it covered by a 5-year coal lease to O. P. Merrill, dating from 12/7/1912. Also alleged to be on Lot 31818—T. L. Specified 14/11/13. Merrill coal lease in good standing and lands therefore not available.	Do
25; Ex's. D16 and D19; Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Expired Coal Licenses Nos. 1968 and 7992. 100 ac. specified 14/11/12. Noted.	Allowed: S.W. ¼ Lot 1118, Q.C.L.D., containing 9000 ac., more or less, surveyed, there being reserved to the Province of British Columbia the administration of coal, petroleum and natural gas therein.
26; Ex. D19; Schedule of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	100 ac. specified 14/11/13. Apparently covered by Coal License No. 9482 in good standing. Also C. L. No. 7429. Licensees under C. L. No. 9482 have applied for lease. Not available.	Not entertained, land applied for not being available.
25, 26; Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	Apparently covered by Lot 174, Q.C.L.D., reserved from any alienation 4/7/1912. 29 ac. specified 14/11/13. Noted.	Allowed: Lot 174, 27.2 acres. (Surveyed.)

All but 1, 2 and 3 were admittedly alienated from the Crown when application was filed.

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11. Massett Tribe (2)	200 ac. in four localities on North Island (Langara), viz.: (a) one location on Egeria Bay, (b) one location at Cohoe Point, (c) one on north coast of island, and (d) one on west coast of island.	Fishing station	Pp. 26-28 Lands a ment of File 50 403707 Ty. Affairs.
12. Massett Tribe	Tiga (Saughin) on east coast of Graham Island, (mouth of Tiga River).	Fishing station	
13. Skidegate Tribe	160 ac. for each adult male.	General	
14. Skidegate Tribe (3)	100 ac. containing Mission House and graveyard at New Clew, Cumshewa Inlet.	General	Pp. 47-8; E dule of La partment R. C. File 403707 Ty. Affairs.
15. Skidegate Tribe	Undefined area on Slate Creek.	General	Schedule of Department R. C. File 403707 Ty. Affairs.

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REFERENCE *	PER CAP. ACREAGE OF APPLICANT INDIANS	STATUS OF LAND DESIRED	DECISION OF COMMISSION
p. 26-28; Ex. D20; Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 403707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	5	(a) Apparently vacant; (b) Apparently covered by Coal Licence No. 8239, in good standing; (c) Apparently vacant, and, (d) Apparently vacant. Specified 14/11/13, (b) subject to Coal Licence No. 8239. Noted, as for (a), (c) and (d). Re (b): Licencee has applied for lease and land is therefore not available.	Allowed: (a) Twenty-five (25) acres, to include Indian houses and improvements, with frontage on Egeria Bay; (b) Twenty-five (25) acres, to include Indian houses and improvements, with frontage on a bay between Andrews Point and Cohoe Point, on the East Coast of Langara or North Island; (c) Fifty (50) acres on the North-west Coast of Langara or North Island directly South of the Dominion Government Reserve at Langara Point, and (d) Fifty (50) acres on the West Coast of Langara or North Island, these several parcels of land to be surveyed and there being reserved to the Province of British Columbia the administration of coal, petroleum and natural gas therein.
P. 28.	5	Not available.	Not entertained, land applied for not being available.
Pp. 38, 48.	7		Not entertained, as not reasonably required.
p. 47-8; Ex's D25 and 26; Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 403707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	7	Information as to exact location inadequate; supplemented by further description acknowledged by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary 27/3/14. 100 ac. specified 20/2/14. Apparently covered by P. R. 618 (Lot 175); P. R. cancelled; Land therefore available. Noted.	Allowed: Lot 175, 27.7 acres. (Surveyed).
Schedule of Lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs, on R. C. File 601; Files 403707 and 403707 Ty, Department of Indian Affairs.	7	Apparently Crown-Granted as Lot No. 1, Q.C.L.D., to the Q. C. Coal Mining Co. 14/11/1868. Not available.	Not entertained, land applied for not being available.

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CONFIRMATIONS OF RESERVES

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TRIBE OR BAND	RESERVE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	DATE OF CONFIRMATION
Massett	Massett	1	Skeena District, at the mouth of Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.	739.00	13th November, 1913
Do	Hielien	2	Skeena District, on the right bank of Hielien River, at its mouth.	70.50	Do
Do	Yagan	3	Skeena District, on Chatham Sound, 12 miles east of Massett Inlet.	86.00	Do
Do	Lanas	4	Skeena District, on the left bank of Yakoun River, 1½ miles from its mouth.	192.50	Do
Do	Satunquin	5	Skeena District, on the left bank of Yakoun River, at its mouth.	9.00	Do
Do	Ain	6	Skeena District, at the mouth of Ain River, Massett Inlet.	164.00	Do
Do	Yan	7	Skeena District, at the western entrance to Massett Inlet.	264.00	Do
Do	Meagwan	8	Skeena District, 6 miles west of the mouth of Massett Inlet.	49.00	Do
Do	Kose	9	Skeena District, on the banks of Naden River, Virago Sound, 2½ miles from its mouth.	9.00	Do
Do	Naden	10	Skeena District, at the mouth of Naden River, Virago Sound.	27.00	Do
Do	Kung	11	Skeena District, at the head of Virago Sound.	71.00	Do
Do	Daningay	12	Skeena District, on the western shore of Virago Sound.	21.00	Do
Do	Yates	13	Skeena District, 2 miles west of Virago Sound.	45.00	Do
Do	Jelus	14	Skeena District, about 8 miles south of North Island, on the right bank of the river.	17.50	Do

Do	Yatzo	13	Skeena District, 2 miles west of Virago Sound.	45.00	Do
Do	Jalun	14	Skeena District, about 2 miles south of North Island, on the right bank of Jalun River, at its mouth.	17.50	Do
Do	Kloosta	15	Skeena District, on Parry Passage, at the northwestern extremity of Graham Island.	101.00	Do
Do	Tatense	16	Skeena District, on North Island, in Parry Passage.	16.00	Do
Skidegate	Skidegate	1	Skeena District, at the Northern entrance to Skidegate Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.	854.00	Do
Do	Skaigha	2	Skeena District, on Skidegate Inlet, about 7 miles north of Reserve No. 1.	62.00	Do
Do	Deena	3	Skeena District, at the head of South Bay, Skidegate Inlet.	119.00	Do
Do	Khrana	4	Skeena District, at the eastern end of Maude Island, Skidegate Inlet.	210.00	Do
Do	Lagins	5	Skeena District, on the left bank of Lagins River, at the head of Long Arm, Skidegate Inlet.	40.00	Do
Do	Kaste	6	Skeena District, in Copper Bay, at the mouth of the Kaste River.	38.00	Do
Do	Cumabewas	7	Skeena District, near the northern entrance to Cumshewas Harbour, Queen Charlotte Islands.	56.00	Do
Do	Skedance	8	Skeena District, at the southern entrance to Cumshewas Harbour, Queen Charlotte Islands.	169.00	Do
Do	Tanoo	9	Skeena District, at the eastern end of Tanoo Island, 45 miles south of Skidegate Inlet.	65.00	Do

Confirmations—Queen Charlotte Agency

NEW RESERVES

QUEEN CHARLOTTE AGENCY

AGENCY APPLICATION NUMBER	TRIBE OR BAND	RESERVE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE	DATE OF MINUTE OF DECISION
6	Masset	Sask	17	The S. E. ¼ of Lot No. 1118, Queen Charlotte Land District.*	155.00	7th February, 1915, as amended 15th May, 1916.
10	Do	Sa-ouchten	18	Lot No. 174, Queen Charlotte Land District.	27.40	7th February, 1916.
11	Do	Egeria Bay	19	With frontage on Egeria Bay, subject to survey*	25.00	Do
11	Do	Cohoe Point	20	With frontage on bay between Andrews Point and Cohoe Point, on the East Coast of Langara or North Island, subject to survey.*	25.00	Do
11	Do		21	On the Northwest Coast of Langara or North Island, directly south of the Dominion Government Reserve at Langara Point, subject to survey.*	50.00	Do
11	Do		22	On the West Coast of Langara or North Island, subject to survey.*	50.00	Do
14	Skidegate	New Clew	10	Lot No. 175, Queen Charlotte Land District. *Subject to there being reserved to the Crown in right of the Province of British Columbia the administration of coal, petroleum and natural gas therein.	27.70	Do

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1916

MINUTES OF DECISION

In virtue of powers and instructions from the Governments of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia contained in Commissions issued under the Great Seal of Canada respectively on the 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and the 7th day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, to us directed, authorizing and empowering us as a Commission to fix, determine and establish the number, extent and locality of the Reserves to be set aside, allowed, established and constituted for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Province of British Columbia, we, the undersigned, having in each case made due enquiry into all matters affecting the requirements of the said Indians, do hereby declare the following to be the Reserves for the under-mentioned Indian Tribes respectively, the date of our decision being in each case stated.

N. W. WHITE, *Chairman*,
J. A. J. McKENNA,
S. CARMICHAEL,
J. P. SHAW,
D. H. MACDOWALL,
Commissioners.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia,
this 31st day of May, in the year
of Our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and sixteen.

Queen Charlotte Agency—Masset Tribe

ORDERED: That all the Reserves belonging to the Massett Tribe, as set out on page 107 in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, and numbered from 1 to 16, both inclusive, BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plans of Survey.

Victoria, B.C., November 13th, 1913.

CERTIFIED CORRECT,
C. H. GIBBONS, *Secretary.*

The Commission having under consideration Queen Charlotte Agency Application No. Eight (8) of the Massett Tribe, for approximately One hundred (100) acres of land at Susk, opposite Frederick Island, on the West Coast of Graham Island, it was

ORDERED: That there be allowed under this Application and established and constituted a Reserve for the use and benefit of the applicant Massett Tribe, the South-west Quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot No. Eleven Hundred and Eighteen (1118), Queen Charlotte Land District, containing an area of Ninety-one and Twenty-five One Hundredths (91.25) acres, more or less, surveyed, there being reserved

to the Crown in right of the Province of British Columbia, the administration of coal, petroleum and natural gas therein.

Victoria, B.C., February 7th, 1916.

WHEREAS the Commission is advised by its Technical Officer that the Minute of Decision of the 7th February, 1916, covering constitution of an additional Reserve for the Massett Tribe, Queen Charlotte Agency, under Application No. 8 of that Agency, is in error in that the said Minute describes the parcel of land allowed under the said Application as being the South-west Quarter instead of the South-east Quarter of Lot No. 1118, Q.C.L.D., and in stating the acreage of the allowed parcel of land as Ninety-One and Twenty Five-One-hundredths (91.25) acres, instead of One Hundred and Fifty-Five (155.00) acres, it was

ORDERED: "That the Minute of Resolution of the 7th February, 1916, covering action upon Queen Charlotte Agency Application No. 8, BE RECONSIDERED and AMENDED by striking out of the third line thereof the word "South-west" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "South-east," and by striking from the sixth line thereof the words and figures "Ninety-one and Twenty Five-One-hundredths (91.25)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "One Hundred and Fifty-five (155.00)."

Victoria, B.C., May 16th, 1916.

N. W. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The Commission having under consideration Queen Charlotte Agency Application No. Ten (10) of the Massett Tribe, for approximately Twenty-nine (29) acres of land at Sa-ouchten, west coast of Massett Inlet, containing Indian clearings, gardens and houses, it was

ORDERED: That there be allowed under this Application, and established and constituted a Reserve for the use and benefit of the applicant Massett Tribe, Lot No. One Hundred and Seventy-four (174), Queen Charlotte Land District, containing an area of Twenty-seven and Four-tenths (27.4) acres, more or less, surveyed.

The Commission having under consideration Queen Charlotte Agency Application No. Eleven (11) of the Massett Tribe, for approximately Two Hundred (200) acres of land in four (4) localities on North (Langara) Island, viz.:

- (a) One (1) location on Egeria Bay,
- (b) One (1) location at Cohoe Point,
- (c) One (1) location on north coast of Island, and
- (d) One (1) location on west coast of Island, it was

ORDERED: That there be allowed under this Application and established and constituted Reserves for the use and benefit of the applicant Massett Tribe, lands described as follows, viz.:

(a) Twenty-five (25) acres, more or less, subject to survey, to include Indian houses and improvements, with frontage on Egeria Bay;

(b) Twenty-five (25) acres, more or less, subject to survey, to include Indian houses and improvements, with frontage on a bay between Andrews Point and Cohoe Point, on the east coast of Langara or North Island;

(c) Fifty (50) acres, more or less, subject to survey, on the northwest coast of Langara or North Island, directly south of the Dominion Government Reserve at Langara Point; and

(d) Fifty acres (50), more or less, subject to survey, on the west coast of Langara or North Island,

These four several parcels of land to be established and constituted Reserves for the use and benefit of the applicant Massett Tribe, subject to there being reserved to the Crown, in the right of the Province of British Columbia, the administration of coal, petroleum and natural gas therein.

Victoria, B.C., February 7th, 1916.

CERTIFIED CORRECT,

C. H. GIBBONS, *Secretary*.

Queen Charlotte Agency—Skidegate Tribe

ORDERED: That all the Reserves belonging to the Skidegate Tribe, as set out on pages 107 and 108 in the Official Schedule of Indian Reserves, 1913, and numbered from 1 to 9, both inclusive, BE CONFIRMED as now fixed and determined and shewn on the Official Plans of Survey.

Victoria, B.C., November 13th, 1913.

CERTIFIED CORRECT,

C. H. GIBBONS, *Secretary*.

The Commission having under consideration Queen Charlotte Agency Application No. Fourteen (14) of the Skidegate Tribe, for One Hundred (100) acres, containing Mission house and grave-yard, at New Clew, Cumshewa Inlet, it was

ORDERED: That there be allowed under this Application and established and constituted a Reserve for the use and benefit of the applicant Skidegate Tribe, land described as follows, viz.:

Lot No. One Hundred and Seventy-five (175), Queen Charlotte Land District, containing an area of Twenty-seven and seven-tenths (27.7) acres, surveyed.

Victoria, B.C., February 7th, 1916.

CERTIFIED CORRECT,

C. H. GIBBONS, *Secretary*.

FISHING RIGHTS OF INDIANS IN B. C.

MINUTE and RESOLUTION of the 6th June, 1916:

"WHEREAS former Indian Reserves Commissioners, acting under joint Governmental Agreements, allotted defined Fishery Rights to certain Tribes or Bands of Indians in British Columbia;

"WHEREAS this Commission has been unable to obtain any advice from the law officers of the Crown in right of the Dominion of Canada as to the authority of the said former Commissioners to allot such Fishery Rights;

"AND WHEREAS this Commission desires that any right or title which Indians may have to such allotted fisheries may not be adversely affected by inaction on its part—

"BE IT RESOLVED: That, to the extent to which the allotting Commissioners had authority to allot such Fishery Rights, this Commission, insofar as the power may lie in it so to do, CONFIRMS the said allotted Fishery Rights as set forth in the Schedulé hereto appended:

SCHEDULE

Queen Charlotte Agency

Masset Tribe: Minute of Decision of July 13th, 1882, constituting Lanas Reserve No. 5: . . . "The right of fishing in the Yakoun River for a distance of One (1) mile upstream from the southeastern corner post of the Reserve (No. 4) is allotted to the Indians."

Minute of Decision of July 13th, 1882, constituting Jalun Reserve No. 14: . . . "The right to fish in the Jalun River for a distance of One (1) Mile above tidal water is reserved for the use of the Indians."

Skidegate Tribe: Minute of Decision of July 28th, 1882, constituting Deena Reserve No. 3: . . . "The right to fish in the Deena River for a distance of One (1) mile above tidal water is assigned to these Indians."

Minute of Decision of July 28th, 1882, constituting Kaste Reserve No. 6 . . . "The right to fish in the Kaste River is assigned to the Indians for a distance of One (1) mile above tidal water."

CERTIFIED CORRECT,

C. H. GIBBONS, *Secretary*.