

18 October 1888

Hugh Nelson, Lieut. Governor of B.C., to The Secretary of State, Ottawa.
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page letter which was transmitted with a copy of a Report of a
Committee of the Executive Council. [See Card 57.]

1888

Disbursements for transport of "C" Battery, R.C.A. re Indian trouble at Hazelton, Skeena in 1888.

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page statement showing the cost to be \$5,441.08.

16 October 1888

Disbursements in connection with Superintendent Roycraft's Party re Indian trouble at Hazelton, Skeena in 1888.

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page statement showing the cost to be, up to 18th Oct., \$2,654.58.

15 August 1888

British Columbian Evening Standard. Clipping "The Skeena Expedition".
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 4 column clipping giving an account of what occurred to the Skeena Expedition from arrival at Hazelton on August 1st to the time of dispatch. Contains evidence of a Kit-wan-cool Indian named Snow against Constable Green who was accused of shooting Kit-wan-cool Jim. There was further evidence from a Kitiumgar Indian; from James Haman, a special constable; a Chief named Lagatta; and a teacher at the mission house, Charles Ridley.

There was also details of an inquest on the death of Tobusk who had been shot by Chief Molahan. Evidence was given by Phillip Wilson; an Indian from Kitzegueta named John; and Low-kia-tem-sam-in-luck. They found that Chief Molahan was justified in shooting Tobusk.

15 August 1888

Daily Colonist - Extra.

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 column special. Little detail. [See Card 60.]

31 July 1888

I. Powell, Indian Superintendent, Victoria, B.C., to Sir John A, Macdonald,
Supt. General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 page letter regarding his telegram of the 29th inst. [See Card 66.]
His telegram had reported Indian Rising at Skeena, now he says he has received a
letter from Chas. Todd which states things are quiet at Skeena. Goes on further
to say that when Kitwancool Jim was found (dead) he had on him a letter from Todd
urging him to "come in". Jim apparently panicked when he saw the white constables
and their fire arms. Powell states "It would appear that a great blunder has been
perpetrated by the constable in shooting the Indian..."

16 July 1888

A.E.B. Davie, Atty. Genl., B.C., to Lt. Col. Powell, Supt. of Indian Affairs,
Victoria, B.C. (Copy).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page letter which encloses a copy of a telegram received from the Indian Dept., in reply to one to the Supt. General of Indian Affairs asking him to direct Powell to go to Skeena. "...the Executive are very anxious that you should go". It should be noted that the Dominion Govt. were to allow Powell to go only on certain conditions. Details of this particular correspondence are in Report of a Committee of the Executive Council. [See Card 57.]

16 July 1888

L. Van Koughnet, Deputy Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, to Hon. A.E.B. Davie,
Premier of B.C. (Copy of Telegram).
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page ~~letter~~ copy of a telegram which reads:- "Telegram received
Superintendent Powell wired on 14th instant conditions on which he might go to
Skeena. If assented to he may proceed.

16 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Hon. A.E.B. Davie, Atty. Gen., and Premier of B.C. (Copy).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 page letter, in reply to one of Davie's of same date. [See Card 63.]
Powell refuses to go to Skeena. "I certainly should not like to assume the responsibility of taking a prominent part in the performance of a duty which the Department is of opinion does not appertain to my office and for which I have not received any definite instructions."

30 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa. (Telegram).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram worded as follows:- "War vessel Caroline returned today from Skeena reports that Indians had risen against constables & murdered white settlers as sent to provincial govt. not confirmed. Police Supt. Roycraft has proceeded to Upper Skeena with specials while C battery remains at mouth. I believe all the rumours of hostility to have been grossly exaggerated & no doubt there has been needless alarm & expense."

23 July 1888

L. Van Koughnet, Dept. Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, to Sir John A. Macdonald,
Acty. Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 page memorandum which encloses correspondence which had taken place
between Powell and B.C. Govt., with regard to Powell accompanying the Skeena
Expedition.

16 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 page letter which refers to telegram Powell received from Dominion Govet., he explains why he did not go to Skeena. Says he has written to Todd "stating that any assistance or co-operation on his part with the local authorities must in a great measure be left to his own discretion but he must bear in mind that the matter is purely one for the action of the local Department of Justice and he must govern himself accordingly."

15 July 1888

A.E.B. Davie, Premier of B.C., to I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C. (Copy).
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 1 page letter "We think there are few if any in the Province whose presence is likely to exert as beneficial an influence upon the Indians as your own and that they will recognise you as being first authority. We have no alternative but to assent to the terms of your telegram from Mr. Vankoughnet but we assent to those terms under protest."

15 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Hon. A.E.B. Davie, Premier of B.C. (Copy).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A copy of a 1 page letter which refers to "our conference during the last few days" on the Skeena problem. This is regarded as being a purely Provincial matter according to the Dominion Govt.

15 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Hon. A.E.B. Davie, Premier of
B.C. (Copy).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 page copy of a letter . "...I have concluded that my Department
is of opinion that it is no part of my duty to go upon the Mission..."

14 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 6 page letter which contains details of a telegram from Powell on "Rumoured grave difficulty on Upper Skeena....Provincial Government sending gun vessel and C Battery to Skeena....They also anxiously wish me to go..." He pleads bad health but says he will go if the Department desires. He encloses clipping from Daily Colonist. [See Card 73.] Tells of Todd's visit to Upper Skeena in April. Todd conferred with wanted Indians friends and told them "he would see that the Indian had a fair trial" and advised that "his best course was to return and surrender". "Further, he wrote a letter to the same effect to the Indian..." Powell believes the Indian (Jim) had come in to surrender when he was shot by the constable. He notes that the Indians are the ones "among whom the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson has resided and for a long time have assumed a hostile and defiant attitude towards the Government in respect of their claim to the whole country and last year refused to permit Mr. O'Reilly to set aside reserves for them."

Note: Powell states at this time with regard to the B.C. Govts. request for him to go to Skeena "It appears to me, also important that I should go ..." Then he gives reasons whyhe should!

12 July 1888

Victoria Daily Colonist. Clipping "Trouble in the North".
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 3 column clipping apparently enclosed in a letter of Powell's. [See Card 72.] Gives details of correspondence between Judge Wooton at Metlakatla & Atty-Gen. of B.C.; between Constable Washburn at Hazelton & Supt. Roycraft; and R.H. Hall, agent of H.B.C. at Ft. Simpson, & T.R. Smith Asst. Comm. Victoria. The last is a fiery appeal to law & order - "the development of trade is...seriously retarded." Question - How much had this letter to do with the future action of the B.C. Govt.?

15 July 1888

Victoria Daily Colonist. Clipping "The Indian Trouble".
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

A 2 column clipping giving details of the expedition. A trifle racist in parts - "The fact that the Indians believe themselves so far masters of the situation as to demand a white man in place of Kit-wan-cool Jim, who was killed by Special Green in the discharge of his duty, as well as a \$1,000 in cash causes alarm for the safety of the men now barricaded in the Hudson Bay Company's building at Hazelton..."

18 July 1888

Toronto Mail. Clipping "The Skeena Expedition".

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Just over 2 columns. Talks of the material advance of the Indians. They never come into contact "with the better class of whites". Refers to the land question "The Indians have been observing with jealousy the advances of the whites in what they are pleased to regard as their country. One tribe on the Nass went so far last year as to request the Government to order the removal of a white man holding a patent from the Crown for the land upon which he is settled....The Tsimpsean, Naas, and Skeena Indians....have...demanded that the entire province be regarded as the property of the Indian tribes..." Quotes from a "demand" of the Nass Indian Chiefs.

12 July 1888

Man. Free Press. Clipping "Rebellious Reds".

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

1 column dispatched from Victoria on the 11th. States difficulties that H.B.C. is having getting its goods down the river.

18 July 1888

Montreal Gazette. Clipping "On Active Service".

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

About $\frac{1}{2}$ a column of second hand information, from Victoria via Ottawa.
Ends "The Indians who are causing the trouble are the worst on the coast."

13 July 1888

Hugh Nelson, Lieut. Governor, B.C., to Hon. J.A. Chapleau, Secretary of State,
Ottawa. (Copy of Telegram).
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram states:- Intelligence received of alarming state of Indian Affairs at Hazelton Skeena River owing to one of force Provincial Special Constables having shot while fleeing from Justice an Indian for whom warrant arrest had issued on charge of Murder. That the constables five in number and Hudsons Bay Servants are beleaguered at Hazelton by Indians who demand a life in place of deceased and money compensation that lives of all Whites at the place in great danger and reinforcements are asked without delay. It is deemed advisable for their prompt relief that permanent corps active militia Stationed herebe directed to proceed hazelton forthwith that course would also have effect of effectually establishing order in that hitherto turbulent and disaffected locality and I request that requisite instructions be given for the expedition." [Punctuation supplied.]

13 July 1888

M. Bowell, Ottawa, to Sir John A. Macdonald, Dalhousie, N.B. (Copy of Telegram).
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "Following telegram [see Card 78] just received shall
I call Governor's attention to Section 34 of Militia Act".

13 July 1888

Sir John A. Macdonald, Inch Arran, Dalhousie, N.B., to Hon. M. Bowell, Ottawa.
(Copy of Telegram).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "Yes call attention to thirty fourth clause".

13 July 1888

Hon. M. Bowell, Ottawa, to Hon. Hugh Nelson, Lieut. Governor, B.C. (Copy of Telegram).
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "Telegram in re Indian troubles received see clause
thirty four of Militia Act, Consolidated Statutes".

16 July 1888

Draft of telegram to Hon. A.E.B. Davie, Premier of B.C.
Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "Telegram rec'd. Supt. Powell wired on 14th inst.
conditions on which he might go to Skeena. If assented to he may proceed."

16 July 1888

Hon. A.E.B. Davie, Premier of B.C., to Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.
(Telegram).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "It is considered of vital Importance that Doctor Powell should proceed with the Expedition to Skeena river he Declines to go unless Instructed please instruct him Immed & reply."

14 July 1888

L. Van Koughnet, Depty. Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, to I.W. Powell,
Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C. (Telegram).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Telegram reads "Matter referred in your telegram purely Provincial. If that Government wish you to go to aid their official in restoring order and you consider you can no objection provided it is understood Dominion Government will not be committed thereby to share in any part of expense of suppressing the trouble or to bear expense of your own transport. Otherwise you should not go."

14 July 1888

I.W. Powell, Indian Supt., Victoria, B.C., to L. Van Koughnet, Depty. Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa. (Telegram).

Indian Affairs, Black Series. (R.G. 10, Volume 3802).

Gives details similar to Lt. Gov. [See Card 78.] States also that the B.C. Govt. "anxiously wish me to go. sorry to add my present bad health renders me unfit but if Dept. desires will proceed to Skeena anyway..."

Return To an Order of the Legislative Assembly for all Correspondence relating to the recent Indian troubles on the North-West Coast.

15 pages. Contains the following letters.

Rev. Mr. Robert Tomlinson to the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works, 27 Feb. 1884.

Chief Geddum-cal-doe, Kit-au-max, to Provincial Secretary, 7 Sept. 1884.

Rev. D. Jennings, Port Essington, to Provincial Secreatry, 16 Sept. 1884.

Rev. Alfred E. Green, Greenville, to Govt. of B.C., 20 Sept. 1884.

Rev. Harold Sheldon, Essington, to Premier of B.C., 23 Sept. 1884.

Wm. F. Madden & 38 others, Lorne Creek, to Provincial Secretary, 15 Sept. 1884.

E.E. Shearburn, Port Essington, to Surveyor-General, 27 Sept. 1884.

John Robson, Provincial Secretary, to the Chief & People of Kit-au-max, 13 Oct. 1884

Rev. Robert Tomlinson, Metlakatlah, to Provincial Secretary, 20 Oct. 1884.

Accompanying petition, to the above, from the Chiefs & People of Kitwingach.

Suggested outline by Tomlinson to be enforced until question is finally settled.

Various other letters of lesser length.

Letter of Chief Geddum-cal-doe is of interest. as are letters between Leask and Robson.