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SHAWDON SQUAMISH

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NOMINATIONS.

Alvie Andrews, (son of Chief Andrew) was nominated by
Charlie Antone seconded by Denny Rivers.
Eddie Nahanee, was nominated by Freddie Johnston, but he
declined the nomination.
Freddie Johnston was nominated by Johnny Gonzales, after
a long time, seconded by Chief Mathias.
Alvie Andrews received 58 votes. Freddie Johnston 16 votes.

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Edward Charlie, (son of Chief Charley) was nominated by
Louis Lewis, seconded by Chief Moses Joseph.
Johnny Gonzales moved that nominations
be closed, and Ed. Charlie, wins by accla-
mation.

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August Jack, was nominated by Chief Denny Paull seconded by
Tommy Johnston Sr.
Fredrick George, was nominated by Peter John, seconded by
Andrew Natrall.
Charlie Antone, was nominated by Johnny Gonzales, seconded
by Freddie Johnston.
Denny Rivers moved that nominattions close.
Fredrick George 41 votes-August Jack 29 votes, C.Antone 6 vts.

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Al. Williams, was nominated by Dominick Baker, seconded by
Stan. Joseph.
Charley Douglas, was nominated by Chief Jimmy Jimmy, seconded
by Simon Baker.
Gus Douglas, (son of Charley Douglas) was nominated by Ben.
Newman, seconded by Geo. Steven.
Al. Williams, 46 votes. Gus Douglas 20 votes, C.Douglas 9 vts.

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Stan. Joseph, was nominated by Andrew Natrall, seconded by
Denny Rivers.
Charlie Newman, was nominated by August Jack, seconded by
Geo. Steven.
Stan. Joseph 44 votes. Charlie Newman 33 votes.

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Alfred Jacob, was nominated by Louie Lewis, seconded by
Chief Moses Joseph.
Charlie Newman, (was again nominated, this time by Cliff.
Paull, seconded by Dennis Lacket-Joe.
Isaac Jacob, was nominated by Tim Moody, seconded by Michael
Discon, but both later withdrew their nomina-
tion, when it was brought out in discussion
that Isaac Jacob was a [REDACTED]
Alfred Jacob. 46 votes. Charlie Newman 29 votes.

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Mr. Ball then ruled that after the approval of the Depart-
ment had being received to the new chiefs the council would
meet to choose a secretary.

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*Testified correct
August Paull*

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March 14th, 1934.

Memorandum

Re [REDACTED]

In the year 1923 the Squamish Indians accepted [REDACTED] into membership, he having had a white father and a Squamish Indian woman being his mother.

It is understood that this case was reviewed By Dr. Scott Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in the City of Vancouver during the month of July 1923.

His membership was ultimately approved by the Deputy Superintendent General.

And was then listed as a member with his wife [REDACTED] and their son [REDACTED]. As there is no record of them ever adopting [REDACTED] we presumed the boy was their child.

On account of [REDACTED]'s matrimonial difficulties he was suspended by then Indian Agent Perry as a member of the Squamish Council, of which he became a member when the Council was formed after amalgamation in the year 1923.

He was then recognized as [REDACTED] of the Chekwelp reserve No. 26, of the Squamish Indians.

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During his suspension if my memory serves me correctly (which can be verified by the records of the Department) this Chekwelp Reserve No. 26, was surrendered to the Crown for revenue producing purposes, and the agent allowed the suspension to exist, and orally stated that the council could look after any business of the Chekwelp reserve.

The question still exists, as to whether there should be [REDACTED], for a surrendered reserve.

The boy [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] to co-habit with [REDACTED] of the Cowichan Indians, was entered as a pupil in the Coquilleetza Institute, as [REDACTED] whose father would then be a Tzimpshian Indian of Port Essington, who has since deserted his wife and children. The mother of [REDACTED] is the daughter of [REDACTED], I have no knowledge, as to who the father was.

When [REDACTED] left [REDACTED], and the boy [REDACTED] entered

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entered

into the Coquilleetza Institute as [redacted] it became evident that [redacted] was not the legal son of [redacted], and the Squamish people and the members of the Council started to wonder as to the status of [redacted], and how his interest money should be cared for.

Eventually [redacted] married [redacted], and they have one child a boy. But have never received their share of the distribution of interest money, for the reasons explained in the letter of the agent and the one from the Department which I attach.

This matter since the receipt of the letter from the Agent has not yet being considered by the Squamish Indian Council because of the absence of [redacted], he having being demiciled at Squamish.

At the election of Councillors held on Mission No.1. reserve on March 12th. 1934, the agent Ball was energetic in his efforts for the re-instatement of [redacted] into the Council as he said that the Governor in Council had not suspended him, and that there was no record of his suspension.

I introduced the two letters attached, which were read and interpreted by [redacted], in a kind of a way, in short, reluctantly explained the facts contained in the letters to the meeting.

The agent ruled that the subject matter of the two letters was as to the manner of distribution of interest monies, that [redacted] being a Squamish woman was entitled to her share, and that [redacted] by her legal marriage was also entitled to her share with their child. I asked what was his ruling on the share of [redacted] who was apparently the son of a Tzimpshewan Indian, and he ruled that this matter could be decided by the Squamish Council. A motion was made by members of the voting machine, and [redacted] was re-instated into the council, and I presume would carry with it, the inclusion into membership, [redacted] his legal wife and their son.

If this matter is not attended to, [redacted] would then have two sons, by two different women, and both living.

If the Chekwelp reserve has being surrendered to the Crown does it require [redacted]

The agent ruled that [redacted] should have been automatically re-instated into the council, when he married [redacted]

He should explain to the satisfaction of the Squamish Indians and the Department how [redacted] was originally listed as his son. As the membership clause of the Act, should be respected.

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Department of Indian Affairs
Canada

Office of
Indian Agent

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203-6 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver B.C.
December 19, 1932.

Re [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the Council's discussion in the matter of [REDACTED] matrimonial affairs, I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from Ottawa which is self-explanatory.

On the next meeting of the Council please place this on the agenda for discussion.

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My personal suggestion is that for the purpose of distribution of interest money, [REDACTED] be paid two shares and [REDACTED] one share as heretofore leaving in abeyance the matter of his marriage to [REDACTED]. There is no reason why the Squamish funds should be depleted by the two "wives" and two children for one member of the band.

However, the Council may have other ideas regarding it.

Yours truly

(Sgnd)

Fred J.C. Ball
Indian Agent.

B/HM.

Mr. Andrew Paull
Secretary, Squamish Indian Council,
P.O. Box 2444
North Vancouver, B.C.

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Department of Indian Affairs

Canada.

No. 62-167A.

Ottawa, 12th. December
1932.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge your further letter of the 14th. of September with reference to the standing of the two women married to [REDACTED]

In view of the fact that the Department has recognized [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] wife, and that [REDACTED] himself acquiesced in the relationship by accepting on her behalf distributions of interest and Annuity monies made to the Band from time to time, it is not favorably disposed to recognize as his wife [REDACTED]

However, The Department suggests that the matter be submitted to the Council of the Band for an expression of its opinion or a resolution dealing with the subject.

Your obedient servant

(sgd)

A.F. MacKenzie

Secretary

F.J.C. Ball, Esquire,
Indian Agent
822 Metropolitan Building
Vancouver, B.C.

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March 14th, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Re [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a half-breed was by resolution of the Squamish Indians accepted into the tribe in the month of July 1923 to settle any doubt as to his status as he had always followed the Indian mode of living.

In the same year he was made a member of the Squamish Council.

Was later on suspended from the council, as a disciplinary measure by the then Indian Agent Mr. C.C. Perry, for co-habiting with [REDACTED] when a member of the Council.

He eventually married [REDACTED] but about the same time he received a serious injury to his head, which had being jammed between a sling load of logs and the hatch coaming of the ship. For this injury he receives for life the sum of about \$40.00 per month.

[REDACTED] and I after he had married, informally discussed his re-instatement to the council, and as we were aware of his serious injury, we consulted, Dr. T.A. Wilson Departmental doctor.

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The late Dr. Wilson told us that [REDACTED] had a very serious injury to his head, that he would die suddenly at any time, and that he should not be allowed to go anywhere without an escort. Also that his mentality may be prejudicially effected by the injury, and his faculties may also be impaired.

As it was the object of the Squamish Indians to have as ~~much~~ many of the intelligentia of the tribe as members of the council, we feared the possibility of bringing about added weight, to his ~~injuries~~ injuries on his head. As I am not a doctor, a full report from the Compensation Board of Vancouver can be secured which would describe his injury.

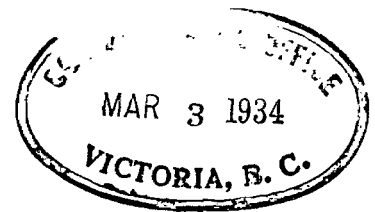
It was inferred by the Agent at the time of the election of Chiefs that [REDACTED] should have being re-instated immediately after his marriage, that the continuation of the suspension was not right.

And in justice to the council and myself for our in-action I state the above to be the true facts, and I invite a report from the Compensation Board for the information of the Department, which would indicate, whether or not our fears were justified at that time, or if at this time he is totally recovered.

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Andrew Paull

SECRETARY SQUAMISH INDIAN COUNCIL
SECRETARY THE PROGRESSIVE NATIVE TRIBES OF B. C.
DIRECTOR SQUAMISH INDIAN BAND AND ORCHESTRA



P. O. Box 2444
NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 2nd, 1934

Mr. C.C. Perry
Asst. Indian Commissioner
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry:-

This is to inform you that I have now received another notice of the meeting which gives the date of the meeting, which will be held on Monday March 12th., and is as follows:-

A MEETING OF TH SQUAMISH BAND WILL BE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE
MISSION INDIAN RESERVE NO. I
NORTH VANCOUVER B.C.
AT 10 A.M.
MONDAY MARCH 12, 1934
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCILLORS
and any other business that may be brought
before the Band for consideration.
(Signd)

Fred J.C. Ball
Indian Agent

At 6,30 yesterday evening I nailed it to the door of the Council House as my understanding is, that such is the purpose of such a notice.

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I have been told that at a meeting of Peter John and Co; they resolved to have re-nstated to the Council, [REDACTED], who was suspended by yourself, when Agent here. He was suspended because he was then living illegally with a woman, whom he has since married, but he is at present receiving about \$40,00 a month from the Compensation Board for an injury to his head, and personally I am seriously of the opinion, that, that is the extent to which he should use his head, for the purpose or source of revenue because of a physical disability, as the late Dr. Wilson told me that his brain was seriously disarranged by this injury. And because of that injury Dr. Wilson asked me not to allow the people to disturb his brains with any worries, as he was liable to die any minute.

This crowd also intend to have re-instated [REDACTED], who was suspended by the Council by yourself, because of his numerous wives, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Department has asked the Council to decide on the status of his new wife [REDACTED] but no action has yet being taken.

This crowd feel that the Indian Agent is with them and they think that they can bring about anything that they wish 000008

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such men as [redacted] and [redacted] were leaders in the different movements, and their actions was not questioned by the Indian Agent, also [redacted]. I suppose he, ~~is~~ confident that he is a pet of the Indian Agent, is often seen walking through this reserve, with a woman not his wife, who I understand is living with him in his fathers' house. His father over a year ago was charged in police court with having had an intercourse [redacted]. Now is that the type of men to lead the people henceforth, is that the purpose for which you and I and the old chiefs and the Department, have been working for, for many years, are we after all these years of hard work to control public morals etc. going to turn over the administration to men who have no morals, is [redacted] the type of a man that the Department wishes to elevate as a model for others to copy?. If that is the case, then I unhesitatingly say that the Department must have certainly deteriorated in their program for the advancement of the Indians.

A few days before the meeting I asked agent Ball if there was any agenda for the meeting, and he said there was none, that he would just throw the meeting open. But when the meeting was on, he certainly had an agenda. Now had I been notified of the agenda, I may have had some records of the matters that were discussed. I tried to place before the officials of the Department the circumstances of the different matters, but the Agent would say there was no record, and the voting machine would pass a motion.

While the agent did not say so, the inference was that we committed an irregular act, when we reduced the number of the councillors from sixteen to twelve, when you were our Indian Agent, I tried to explain the circumstances, but he said there was no record of this action, and the machine voted the council to sixteen again. Now had I known that this was on the agenda, I perhaps would have the history of this matter there.

In the matter of the re-instatement of [redacted] and [redacted] it also appeared from his remarks, that these men were wrongfully dealt with when their re-instatement was not effected immediately after their marriage. In the case of [redacted] I happened to have two letters on his case, which I had ready for a council meeting, but the voting machine voting again to re-instate them. I told the meeting I did not care who was on the council, just so long as everything was in good order to the satisfaction of the Department etc. I did not draw to the attention of the meeting and the Departmental officials that the daughter of [redacted] is unfortunately an inmate of the Asylum for the insane. For this reason; in the year 1920 I with other Indians from different parts of Canada were before a Committee of Parliament when the Indians requested that the hereditary system of chiefs be abolished, and that the elective system be instituted in an effort to have as chiefs or councillors the intelligentia of the Indians, and this request is a part of the records of the Parliament of Canada. Now is the Department going to brush aside this objective to allow some one to gain an ulterior motive ..

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P. O. Box 2444
NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.
May 11 1933

Mr. C.C. Perry
Asst. Indian Commissioner
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Perry;

As you are the first representative of the Department in this Province, I take the liberty for the sake of record, to inform your office, that Indian Agent Ball has threatened to take some sort of action against me, because I wrote two letters to the Deputy Superintendent General reporting his treatment of the Squamish Indians, and because he disagrees with my report, he said:-

"I am going right after you, I have handled you with gloves, but the gloves are off now, and I am going right after you."

I told ^{him} to go ahead; this was in a conversation through the telephone at about noon, last tuesday May the 9th. last.

I do not know if he will come after me with a knife or a gun, or if he will baracade himself behind the authority of his office to take revenge on me.

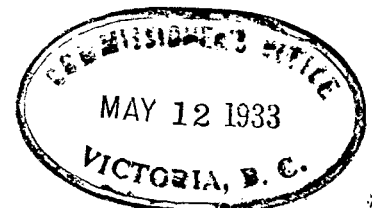
I have reported this to Dr. McGill and he will get the letter next monday, wherein I also said that if I have violated any of the laws of Canada, it his Ball's duty to prosecute me, and I would not ask for mercy, but if he is going to use his office to persecute me, for fighting for my people, that is not right.

At any rate I again record this threatened action, as I have not told my wife ^{for} I do not want to have her worrying.

~~This does not require a reply, as it is~~
~~merely recording a threat by a government official.~~

Respectfully Yours.

Andrew Paull
Andrew Paull
Secretary
Squamish Indian Council.



April 21 1933.

Dr. Harold W. McGill
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

With further reference to my letter of yesterday regarding the special treatment given to by the Indian Agent for being his conduit.

Today I received a letter from the Indian Agent informing me that your Department had ruled, that only aged and sick Indians shall henceforth receive relief. In an effort to carry that out properly, I phoned for an appointment to the Agent but he was away, so I called at the grocery store to see who had received relief, so that I could judge who shall henceforth be given relief in compliance with your orders.

To my surprise I found that had received relief as well as his illegal wife, and furthermore that the grocer was given instructions to issue a half relief order to , who is a daughter of and the woman that is living with, and that the groceries for were delivered to the house that lives in. The audacity and very surprising thing is the extent to which has being accommodated, because is a pupil of the Squamish Residential School here, and so appears as such in the list of pupils for that school. also appears to have being supplied with relief; I called at his home but he was away, but his parents told me that he has never being supplied with relief; so I am going to check up on this and inform you later.

Will you please check up on the bills for relief for the past months, and wait till the arrival of the bills for this month, and then see if my report is correct or not.

I now see why does not strive to earn any money legitimately

I have just returned from the store where I made a more complete search, and I find that;- was supplied with relief by the Indian Agent Mr. F.J.C. Ball during the month of January this year, also by the Indian Agent he also received relief in the same month, a relief order issued in the name of the daughter of the man from whom he stole his wife, and a pupil of our school, whose upkeep is paid for by the Department. These have been paid for by the Department, apparently from our fund.

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During the month of March just past, by the direction of the Indian Agent, Mr. Ball, received relief orders, for himself, one order for his paramour [redacted], one order issued in the name of [redacted] (pupil of Squamish Residential School) and not satisfied with this gross irregularity, he also received another half order issued in the name of [redacted] delivered by instructions to [redacted] place of abode. So during the month of March he received from the Indian Agent, F.J.C. Ball four orders of relief. The grocer told me that his instructions were to deliver the order for [redacted] to [redacted] and he said for his own protection, he was going to instruct his delivery man to have the orders signed for, in the future.

During the month of February last, by the order of the Agent, received a relief order for himself, and another one received by him, under the direction of the Agent, issued in the name of [redacted] pupil of our school, and is a boarder of that institution. [redacted] forbids his daughter [redacted] to visit her mother, and she does not even drink one cup of tea there, so there is absolutely no reason for issuing a relief order for a pupil who is boarding at a Departmental institution of learning whose upkeep is provided for.

The Grocer, Mr. Barraclough has received payment for the January orders issued to [redacted] and [redacted] and he expects the payments for March soon.

For April, so far only [redacted] has received an issue of relief, but the month is not yet out, but he is now being taken care of, by a provision of groceries for taking out shingle bolts, facilitated by the Indian Agent.

The Indian Agent except in the case of [redacted] only gave one relief order to each family, irrespective of the number in each family; and some deserving well behaved Indians have been refused.

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For your further information; the Sechelt Indians by the decision of a mass meeting, decided to assist the Squamish Indians, in asking for the removal of Indian Agent Ball; they borrowed \$15.00 to send delegates. One [redacted] without authority came with the delegation. During the investigation, Mr. Ball dramatically made the statement, that the Sechelt delegates were satisfied with himself. The delegates on their return to their village, were asked for a report. Their report was, "That [redacted] told them not to complain against Ball, and because of that advice they did not convey the wishes of the entire tribe." the Sechelts were disgusted. [redacted] at the investigation in the agents outer office was talking to me, and his breath smelled of strong intoxicating drink. A few minutes after that, Mr. Ball made the statement that the Sechelts liked him. This to indicate to you why Mr. Ball is so considerate of [redacted], to the extent of committing gross irregularities, with the money of the Squamish Indians. I pray that you make [redacted] pay for groceries wrongfully received, as I am sure you do not approve

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of him receiving at the worst, any more than one order like the rest, and especially that he has received groceries issued in the name of a pupil of the school, and in the name of _____, whose home he has wrecked, and with the assistance of the Indian Agent, he has added insult to an already greivious wrong.

Mr. Perry and former Indian Agents in this agency always gave very scant consideration to those living illegally with any one, in an attempt to control the people but the reverse seems to be the present case, as against my wishes to the Agent, he has continually supplied relief to _____ who is co-habiting with a half-breed (not an Indian) named _____, on the Capilano Reserve No.5, and with whom she has given birth to a child. _____ recently received a sum of money as pension for being a prisoner of war.

The chiefs have tried to make our people a well behaved people, but the rank and file will soon have no respect for them, through the actions of the Indian Agent, the ultimate result of which, the chiefs will have to remedy.

So I pray to you, as insignificant as I am, I have enough courage to ask for Justice, and to pray that the Dominion Government, free us from this infernal condition.

I have tried to only deal with matters which can be proven or disproved by a reference to the Departmental files, as you have a copy of the grocery bills, and the list of pupils in the Squamish residential school.

I wish to take this opportunity of recording myself to the effect that the grocer Mr. Barraclough is totally innocent of any wrong doing, he acted on the instructions of the Indian Agent, only when I drew his attention to the number of orders for _____ did he say that he would have the orders receipted for.

I submit the above as my contribution to the good government of the people, by the Department and the Squamish Indian Council.

I know that the good Honourable members of this Government whom it has been my privilege to discuss Indian Affairs in the past, would not permit such gross irregularities, and it is with my great respect for those men, that I pass this information to you the executive administrator of Indian Affairs, with the prayer that you inform our Minister, the Hon. T.G. Murphy. As for myself I am ready to be crucified for giving this information, all of which is submitted by me, knowing them to be true, and in seeking Justice, I beg to be Sir

Respectfully yours

Andrew Paull
Secretary, Squamish Indian Council.

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April 20, 1933.

Dr. Harold W. McGill
Deputy Superintendant General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

With all due respect to your wishes that all communications to yourself be sent through the local Indian Agent, I take the liberty on the advice of right thinking white people that, When the course of justice is being impeded, other means of communication, must be adopted, and I do so deliberately, because of the unfortunate state into which the Squamish Indians are now put, mentally and physically, through the genius of our Indian Agent, for ulterior and vindictive motives. And especially because of the pleas made to myself by the men and women to take some steps to take us out of this infernal state, and at this time of writing, there is an old woman in my house just having made that request.

Yesterday the wife of one of our deceased Chiefs came to me and said; "I am sick of all this bad talk going on, and I walk here six miles to ask you to do something, my former husband before he died, told you to take care of all the people without fear, I now remind you of that, and ask you to do something."

This has been going on for sometime, but I have refrained from doing anything in the hope that things might adjust itself, but when I am pressed for action, I consider it my duty to do something, which after serious consideration, I have decided to lay our position before you for your information, and that of our Minister.

At the moment I am responsible for this, because since the investigation into the charges of the Squamish Indians against our Indian Agent, he has very cleverly and cutely, sowed the seed of discontent among the Squamish Indians, by deed and otherwise. He has tried through disreputable members of our tribe to disorganize our people, and make them by his actions loose faith in their leaders their elected Chiefs. This has been done by him in such a way so as to make it hard to prove everything, but what I consider to be beyond contradiction, I now put before you.

Our Indian Agent has spread discontent through
a Squamish Indian.
, under cover of night several years
ago, stole the wife of another Squamish Indian ,

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and with this woman he has had six children while living with her illegally, and that is the sort of man, our Indian Agent has seen fit, to spread news through to the Squamish people, his caliber will be further indicated to you by the fact that he is lazy, lives in his parents' house and depends on his woman for a living, but you do not have to take my word for it ~~as I am not~~. Commissioner Perry, who was our former Indian Agent, ~~and~~ knew him well, as to the type of man he is.

_____ makes the boast that he can get anything he wants from the Indian Agent, and if anybody wants anything, they can get it from the Indian Agent through him, and the effect of that, is very demoralizing as all the people know what kind of a man he is.

A few weeks ago, _____ held a meeting of a chosen few one Sunday night and told them that Councillor _____ and other members of the Squamish Council were going to locate members of the tribe favorable to the Squamish Council on their parcels of land on the Cheakamus Reserve; this of course caused hard feeling, and the Indian Agent went to Squamish the next day, held a meeting of the people there, and laid before that meeting a letter which was given to him by _____ the contents of which was a surprise to those at Squamish, as they had not wished to go on property belonging to some one else, and they did not know that the Department had replied to the Council resolution to go farming, but _____ knew about it, and a farming scheme was put on the people by the Indian Agent designed to create bad feelings, without consulting the council.

_____ mother has spread the news that her son is investigating the crooked work of the Indian agents and myself; it is bad to allow Indians to think that a man of that type should question the honesty of Indian agents and judge them himself, as for my part, the attack is being made because I have championed the cause of the Indians, and have strived to protect them.

Last November _____ expressed a desire to cut shingle bolts at the Cheakamus Reserve, but he told the council that on account of the timber dues it would not pay to go there so the council agreed to not charge timber dues, but make it open for any member to go there subject to the knowledge of the Indian Agent. Then it appeared that he had dropped the idea, and a white man by the name of Carr was willing to buy the shingle bolts.

a Squamish Indian went to the Indian Agent to ask for food, he was refused but sent by the agent to Carr, then and Carr visited the timber, and eventually decided to operate. Then the Indian Agent told Carr that the Indians would not accept his offer, and he told _____ that Carr was not going that had won out, and he would do the work.

Yesterday _____ left here with his party on two launches, the gasoline for which was supplied for them by the Agent, and when they arrive at Squamish, each one will receive \$15.00 worth of groceries, made procurable by the Indian Agent, which would have been done by Carr, without risking the funds of the Band. None of us begrudge any of our people receiving food, but we are afraid of unfortunate results owing to _____ lack of

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experience, whereas has had experience and is better equipped, but my purpose is to point out to you the extent to which our Indian Agent will go for , but we should not be burdened with the blame in the event that he fails. One man that went with told me, that he had no faith in , but his family was without food that they were hungry and would get food through . In fact is called a stool pigeon and Judas by the Squamish Indians.

I will not weary you by a recitation of the bad talk spread by against the Squamish Council and other individuals, but the whole programme seems to be designed to wreck the Squamish Council and amalgamation of the tribe, the petition for which was replied to by your predecessor Dr. Scott in the year 1923, in the following words; "I approve, the Government of Canada approves", and later on by letter.

 a half breed is another one spreading the gospel of dissension; his father is a , but accepted into the tribe, you may judge the caliber of by the actions of his father, who a few months ago was charged in police court with having had sexual intercourse

 so testified in court but the case was dismissed on legal technicalities, because of the further evidence of

 , had sexual intercourse Personally I hoped for a conviction. But his son is the able assistant of , and the people feel although we are without definite proof, that these two are the conduit through which emanates the words of our Indian Agent.

 is a widow he has a little girl about five years old, who is being taken care of by arrangement with the Indian Agent by a Sechelt Indian prostitute living with a Swede in the city of North Vancouver, this little girl sleeps ~~with him~~ in the same house (small one) and our Indian Agent gives to this Swede Relief orders every month, supposedly for the girl, as well as milk, and the relief is paid for by our tribal funds, and the same appears as our Squamish Indian

is one called and is not the one. But, and I say so deliberately, Is this the sort of home to raise a child in, we do not know what may be exposed to this child, whose morals we will have to look after in the future. To my knowledge no attempt was made to locate her with a reputable Indian family on the reserve, and this arrangement was entered into because

works most of the time and is seldom home. Deserving Indians wonder, why they are shabily treated or refused relief when these prostitutes not members of our tribe receive relief. This is very bad and demoralizing.

It is against the rules of my church to judge any one, so you can draw your own conclusions.

In the past ever since British benificent rule was brought to us, government officials and especially Indian Agents, have always remained away from doing tribal business with members of ill repute, and it is amazing, the way things are now. About a week ago Chief Mathias of the Capilano reserve visited the Indian Agent and told him that he and his band were going to

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clean the grave yard, and asked the agent for some food to give to the workers. This the agent refused to do. The white people in the Municipality of West Vancouver hearing of the agent's refusal to give assistance, brought coffee and sandwiches, and the Reeve visited them and addressing them, in congratulatory terms. In a few days groceries for five men on the Capilano reserve was brought, to the amount of ten dollars each, delivered there on the instructions of the Indian Agent in such a way as to appear that on the representations of a member of the band and not the Chief, were the groceries delivered. Others who did not get groceries, came to the chief and said, "We are hungry too, why do we not get groceries" the chief replied that he did not know, but he would ask the secretary (me) I did not know either so our agent being away I telephoned to the Assit. Commissioner Mr. Perry, he also did not know, but our agent was in his office and I asked to speak to him. He explained that he had supplied groceries to those who had been allotted land by the council. This was not according to fact in toto, but I told him that this manner of secretly giving groceries, without letting all members know just how they may become entitled to receive them, was very bad and caused great sorrow as nearly all the people were in need of food. On his return I visited him and asked him if he and the Assit. Commissioner had agreed on a plan, he said No. And he further told me that the groceries to seventeen at Squamish and for five at Capilano had been issued by himself the Indian Agent without the authority of the Department, that he just took a chance but that he had asked the Department to approve of them; but if the Department did not approve, the Indians would have to work it out some how.

He has told the Indians that the Department would do anything that he the agent wanted to do, that he had gone to school with a number of the staff at the Indian Department.

It appears to us that, the Indian Agent has used his authority, and our resources staked, to secure food, and given in such a way as to create dissension, and in short we are mentally in HELL.

The Government of Canada, has been given power by Parliament to take such action as may be necessary for the Peace and Good Government of the people of Canada. The Actions of our Indian Agent has disturbed the PEACE and GOOD GOVERNMENT of the Squamish Indians.

In view of the threat of the Indian Agent to put me in jail at the investigation, I should perhaps be reluctant to again say or write anything against him; but I am not a coward nor do I seek personall glory. True the old chiefs drilled me to lead the Squamish Indians and entrusted the care of their children to me in leadership, and that is one sacred duty which I will not fail to carry. I stand respoonsible for what I have written above as being the truth. My record with the government is that I have not told them an untruth. You are the executive head of we the Indians, to you we look, not for favors, but for justifiable protection and administration based upon the foundation of justice promised to our ancestors. And I say unflinchingly that this Indian Agent is not the type to carry out that British Justice to

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a dependant people. We are doing our best not to overburden the Government during these very trying times, my people are putting up a wonderful fight for existence. It is bad enough to suffer for want of food, but when rumors etc. are spread to disturb the mind and cause grief, that I regard is capital punishment to a underving people.

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I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, but I trust, that since you are a father of children, I trust that you may see more than it has been my ability to convey to you, as to our unhappy situation.

What we are experiencing now, is our punishment for having complained against our Indian Agent, but, is there no Justice, how long must we suffer, or is it true, that our agent has so many friends in the Indian Department, that he can make us suffer. Surely the men that I seen in the Department during my seven visits do not appear of that capability.

This is not an addition to our complaints, but is a personally conveyance of a situation to a responsible man holding the office that you hold.

I do not insist that you make reply to me, that I leave entirely to your pleasure. I have been asked by the rank and file to do something. And to the best of my judgement, that something, is to present this to you. You are a man of experience and you will know what to do.

has told my people that if I again send letters to you, that you will send it to the Indian Agent without opening it, and for the action of the agent.

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I am anxious that this matter be placed in your hand and that you be good enough to read it, so I have asked Honourable Senator Planta to be kind enough to take it to you, and I sincerely hope for the sake of humanity that you will give it some thought and attention, and on behalf of the people and myself, I most sincerely thank you in anticipation of a just dealing, and please be good enough to acquaint our Minister of this situation.

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And in conclusion would you be good enough to let me know, as secretary of the Progressive Native Tribes of B.C. and because our Chairman Rev. P.R. Kelly is most anxious to know when you may be here in the west, again thanking you

Very Respectfully Yours

I have complained orally to the agent about actions but he ignored it.
Andrew Paul
Andrew Paul
Secretary

The Progressive Native Tribes of B.C.
Secretary
Squamish Indian Council.

P.S.

I have dealt only with the expenditures that can be checked by a reference to the Departmental files now and at the end of the month.

203-6 Rogers Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
February 5, 1934.

Sir:-

I have the honour to report that a delegation of councillors and members of the Squamish Band called upon me on the 18th January stating they wanted a mass meeting of the Squamish Band to elect councillors to fill several vacancies caused by death and also to appoint a new secretary in place of Andrew Paull, the present incumbent. To make this request express the wish of the whole Band, they stated that a delegation was going to the Reserves at Squamish River to call a meeting there, to see if they were in favour of the mass meeting.

On the 23rd the delegation which went to Squamish called at this office and stated that the people at Squamish were unanimous in calling for a mass meeting and asking for Andrew Paull's immediate resignation so that a new secretary could be appointed when the councillors were elected. I enclose herewith copy of the resolutions which they passed on January 30th in this matter.

The reasons for their action as stated by [redacted] and others are as follows:-

The Secretary has written many letters to various persons and the Council and Band are given no information, nor does he consult anyone in anything he writes.

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He has prevented the Squamish Band from holding a mass meeting and has threatened one member, with imprisonment as an agitator when he asked for a mass meeting to be held.

The Secretary demanded money from an old Indian named Moody and forced him to give the Secretary part of the money he received from the last distribution. Moody's [redacted] and both parties paid Andrew Paull to help them prosecute and defend, when a charge was laid, that he did nothing, and a lawyer was employed on the case but Andrew Paull still demands money from the family and they are afraid of him and pay.

[redacted] states that recently Andrew Paull brought an Indian witch-doctor named Levi from Nanaimo River to tell the old people they would die if they opposed him as secretary and one old man who had signed the petition was much afraid and asked for his name to be taken off.

The Secretary claimed full control over the

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Council House and refused to allow the Indian women, members of the Good Will Club, to hold their meetings or social affairs in the Council House whereas the Secretary has held many dances, etc. where the Indians have had to pay although the Band instruments were bought from their funds at a cost of many thousand dollars. The Good Will Club say they will disband unless the secretary is removed.

The Councillors and members of the Band request that the Secretary's salary be immediately discontinued, that his successor will not be paid a salary, and that the typewriter, filing cabinet and other property in the Secretary's possession be immediately turned over to the Councillors with all Squamish Band correspondence.

The Squamish Band will be satisfied not to prosecute Andrew Paull for any alleged offences providing he is removed from office.

These are definite points mentioned as their reasons but they also brought up many old matters in connection with the sale of their Reserves at Squamish, the amount Andrew Paull is said to have taken from the Indians, his immediate departure afterwards from the Reserves to Vancouver where they state he lived with a white woman, neglecting his family for years, that he left later for the United States and opened a garage and finally returned to the Reserve after several years and that he was never appointed secretary of the Squamish Band, that he usurped the position from Councillor Frank Baker who did not oppose Paull when he commenced taking the job from him.

There are between one hundred and one hundred and ten adult male Indians of the Squamish Band eligible to vote and of these, eighty have signed the petition. The Councillors say others would sign if they were available. The councillors wish you to understand that I have had absolutely nothing to do with this petition.

I admit that although I knew sooner or later they would see through Paull's machinations and dishonesty, it came as a surprise to me how unanimous they appeared to be.

According to the Act certain charges must be laid and proven against a chief or councillor before he can be dismissed, but this would presumably not apply to a secretary. He is paid from their funds, and they ask that this be immediately stopped.

Immediately they receive word from you, they wish to hold a mass meeting as stated above to fill the vacancies for councillors at which time they will appoint a secretary.

B/HM.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Enclosures:-

(F.J.C.Ball).
Indian Agent.