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Characteristics and Progress.—They are a kind-hearted, simple people, and are easy to get along with. They are very honest in their dealings with their white neighbours and among themselves.

Temperance and Morality.—They are a strictly temperate and moral people, never touching any kind of intoxicants.

SUMASS BAND.

Reserves.—The reserves of the Sumass Indians are situated at Miller's Landing, on the south bank of the Fraser river, and at Upper Sumass on Sumass lake. They contain a total area of 1,370 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 50.

Health and Sanitation.—Their health has been fairly good; and the sanitary condition of their villages is fair.

Occupations.—Mixed farming and fishing are the chief occupations of these Indians.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—They have comfortable dwellings, and fairly good barns and stables. Their stock is of good breed, and is well taken care of, and their implements are carefully kept under cover when not in use.

Education.—Only a few of them have ever gone to school, but there is a marked improvement in those who have had this privilege.

Characteristics and Progress.—These Indians are easy-going and rather indolent people, but seldom give any trouble.

Temperance and Morality.—They are, on the whole, a temperate, moral people, only a few of them being fond of liquor.

SLIAMMON BAND.

Reserve.—The reserve of this band is situated on Malaspina straits. It contains an area of 4,712 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 106.

Health and Sanitation.—Their health has been very good during the year. The sanitary condition of their village is excellent, and vaccination has been attended to.

Occupations.—They engage mostly in fishing, hunting and logging, and only a small amount of farming and gardening is done by them.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—They have good, frame dwellings, which are being improved from time to time. They do not keep much stock, and their farm implements are only such as are used by hand.

Education.—None of these Indians have ever attended school, but they are very anxious to have their children educated.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are an industrious people, very honest and easy-going, and are obedient to authority.

Temperance and Morality.—They are temperate and moral, although there are a few who are fond of liquor.

SKAWAHLOOK BAND.

Reserve.—The reserve of this band is situated on the north bank of the Fraser river between Ruby creek and Hope, and contains an area of 196 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 20.

Health and Sanitation.—Their health has been good, and sanitary regulations well observed.

Occupations.—The occupations of this band consist chiefly of fishing and mixed farming.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—These Indians have fairly good dwellings and outhouses, and take proper care of their stock during winter; they also take good care of their farm implements.