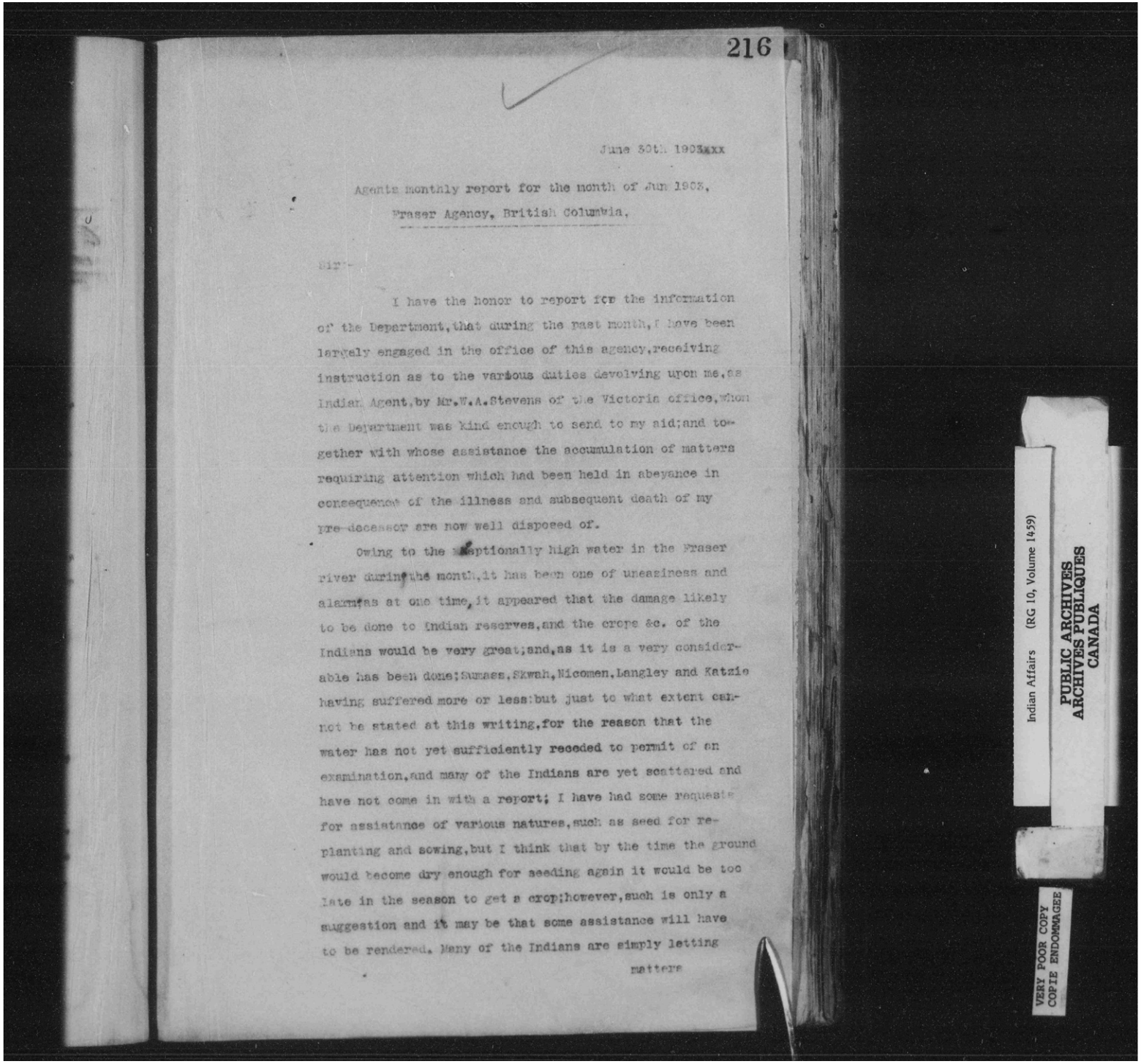
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Fraser Agency, British Columbia.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report for the information of the Department, that during the past month, I have been largely engaged in the office of this agency, receiving instruction as to the various duties devolving upon me, as Indian Agent, by Mr. W.A. Stevens of the Victoria office, whom the Department was kind enough to send to my aid; and together with whose assistance the accumulation of matters requiring attention which had been held in abeyance in consequence of the illness and subsequent death of my pre-decessor are now well disposed of.

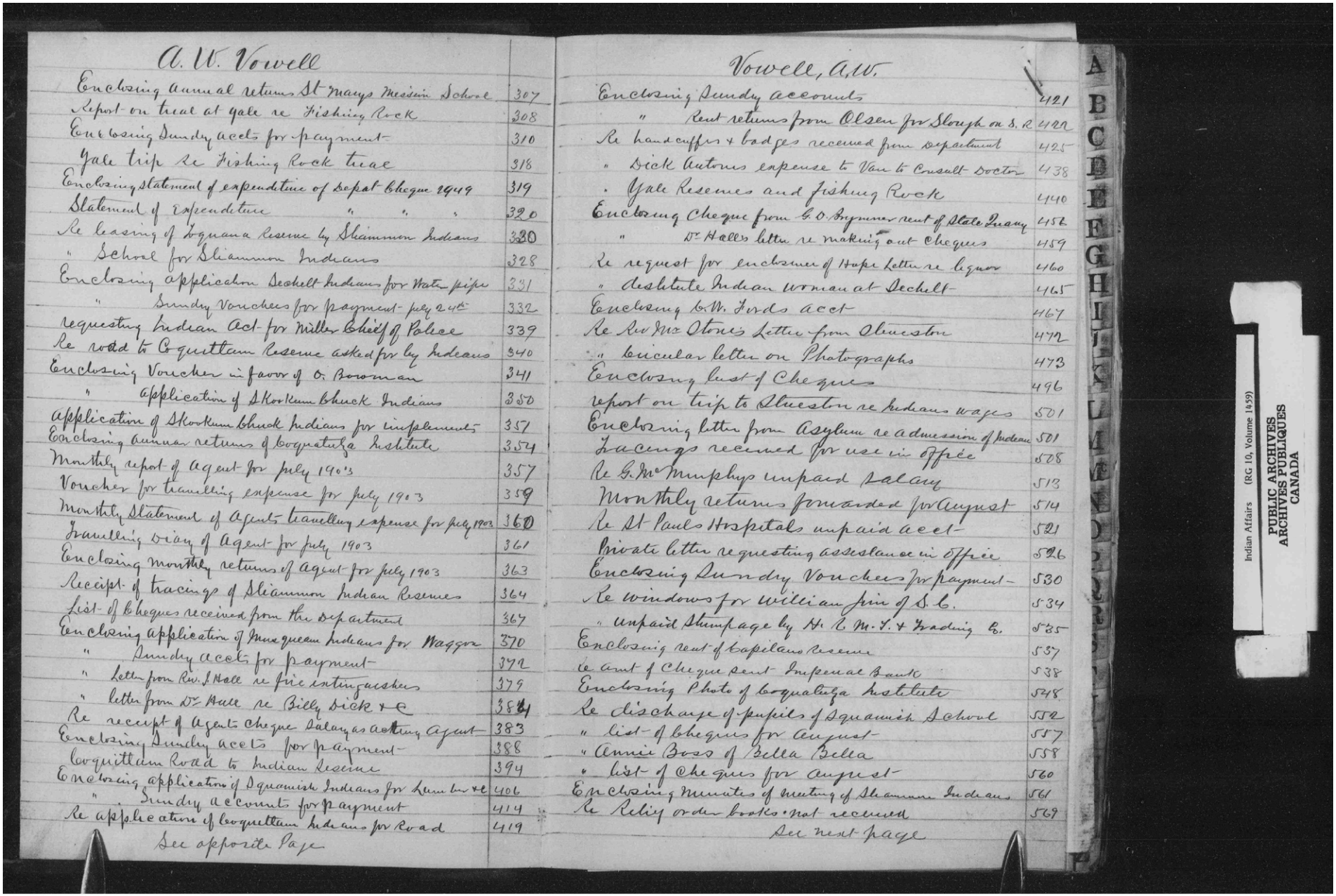
Owing to the exceptionally high water in the Fraser river during the month, it has been one of uneasiness and alarm as at one time, it appeared that the damage likely to be done to Indian reserves, and the crops &c. of the Indians would be very great; and, as it is a very considerable has been done; Sumass, Skwah, Nicomen, Langley and Katzie having suffered more or less: but just to what extent cannot be stated at this writing, for the reason that the water has not yet sufficiently receded to permit of an examination, and many of the Indians are yet scattered and have not come in with a report; I have had some requests for assistance of various natures, such as seed for replanting and sowing, but I think that by the time the ground would become dry enough for seeding again it would be too late in the season to get a crop; however, such is only a suggestion and it may be that some assistance will have to be rendered. Many of the Indians are simply letting

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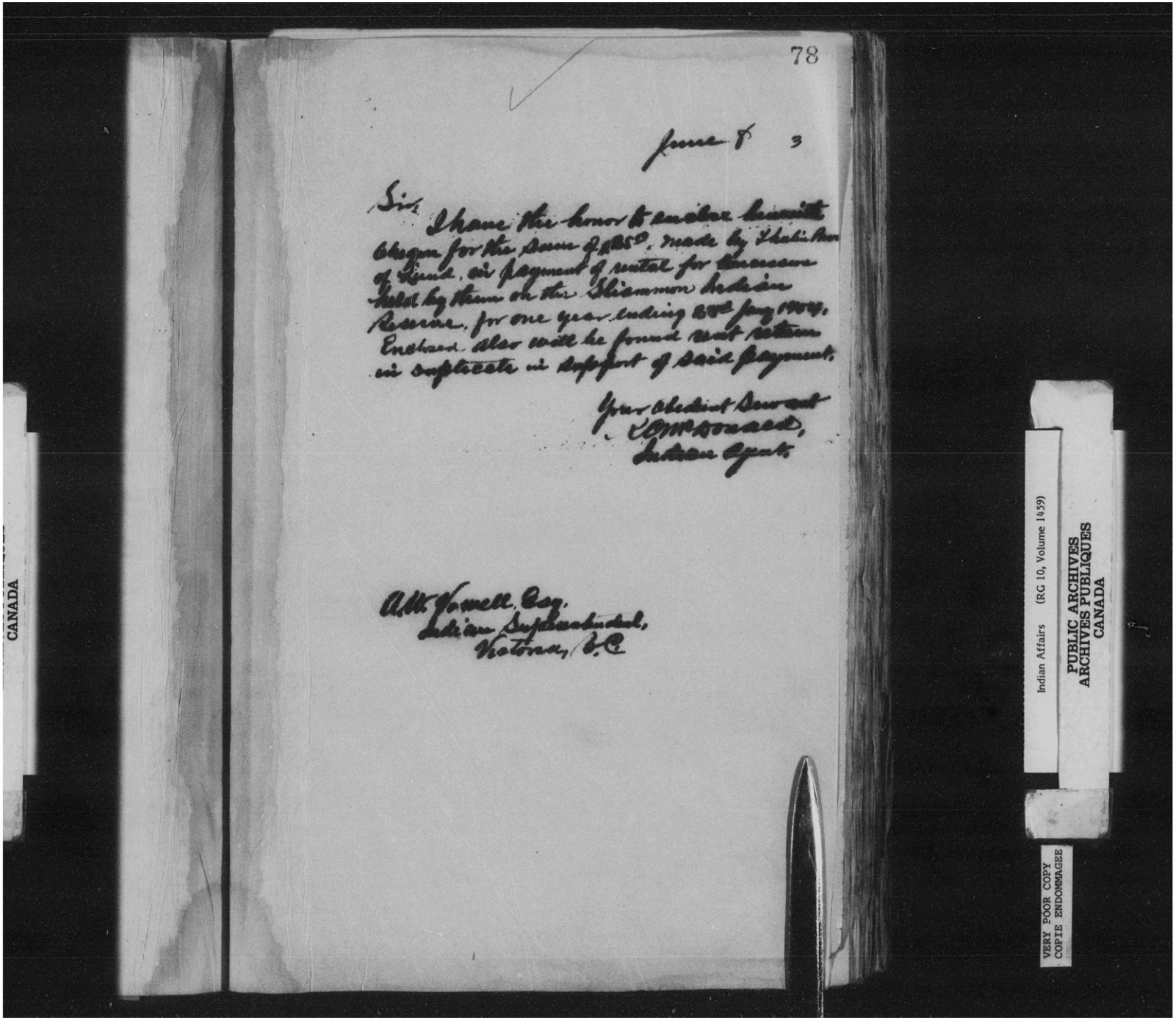
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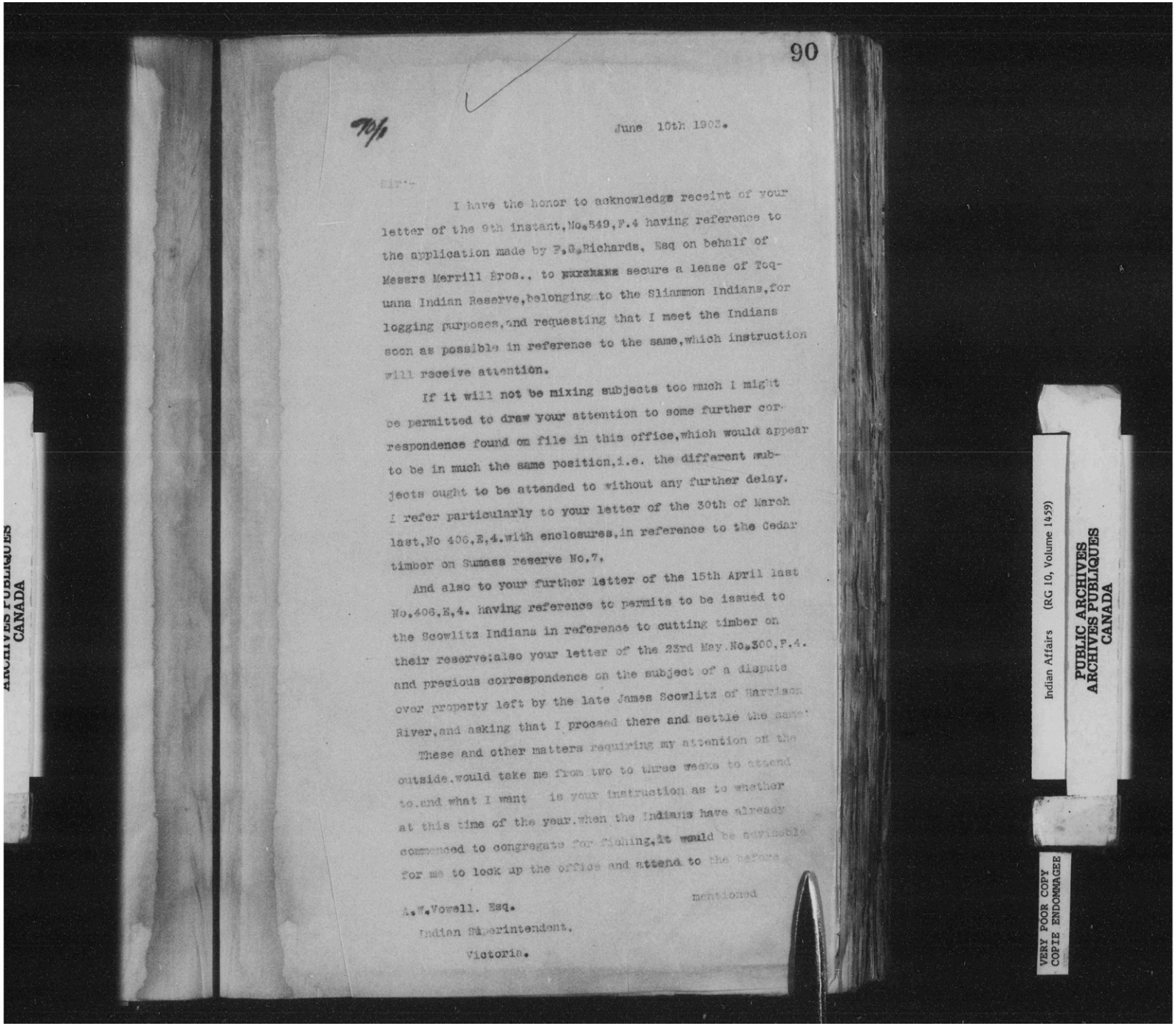
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June 10th 1903.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, No. 549, F.4 having reference to the application made by F.G. Richards, Esq on behalf of Messrs Merrill Bros., to ~~xxxxxx~~ secure a lease of Toquana Indian Reserve, belonging to the Sliammon Indians, for logging purposes, and requesting that I meet the Indians soon as possible in reference to the same, which instruction will receive attention.

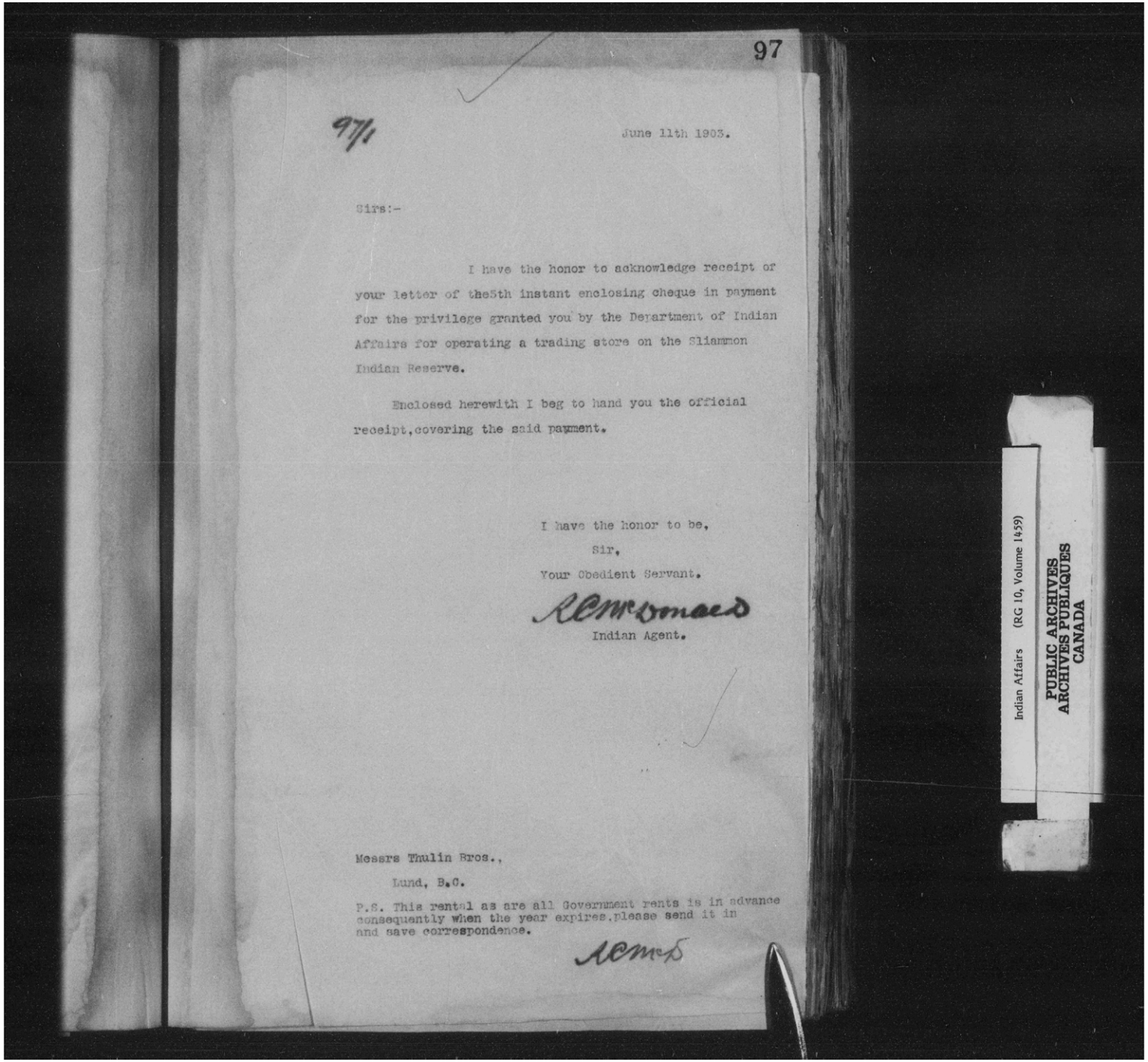
If it will not be mixing subjects too much I might be permitted to draw your attention to some further correspondence found on file in this office, which would appear to be in much the same position, i.e. the different subjects ought to be attended to without any further delay. I refer particularly to your letter of the 30th of March last, No 406, E, 4. with enclosures, in reference to the Cedar timber on Sumass reserve No. 7.

And also to your further letter of the 15th April last No. 406, E, 4. having reference to permits to be issued to the Scowlitz Indians in reference to cutting timber on their reserve; also your letter of the 23rd May. No. 300, F. 4. and previous correspondence on the subject of a dispute over property left by the late James Scowlitz of Harrison River, and asking that I proceed there and settle the same.

These and other matters requiring my attention on the outside, would take me from two to three weeks to attend to, and what I want is your instruction as to whether at this time of the year, when the Indians have already commenced to congregate for fishing, it would be advisable for me to look up the office and attend to the before mentioned

A. W. Vowell. Esq.
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June 11th 1903.

Sirs:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the5th instant enclosing cheque in payment for the privilege granted you by the Department of Indian Affairs for operating a trading store on the Sliammon Indian Reserve.

Enclosed herewith I beg to hand you the official receipt,covering the said payment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

R C McDonald

Indian Agent.

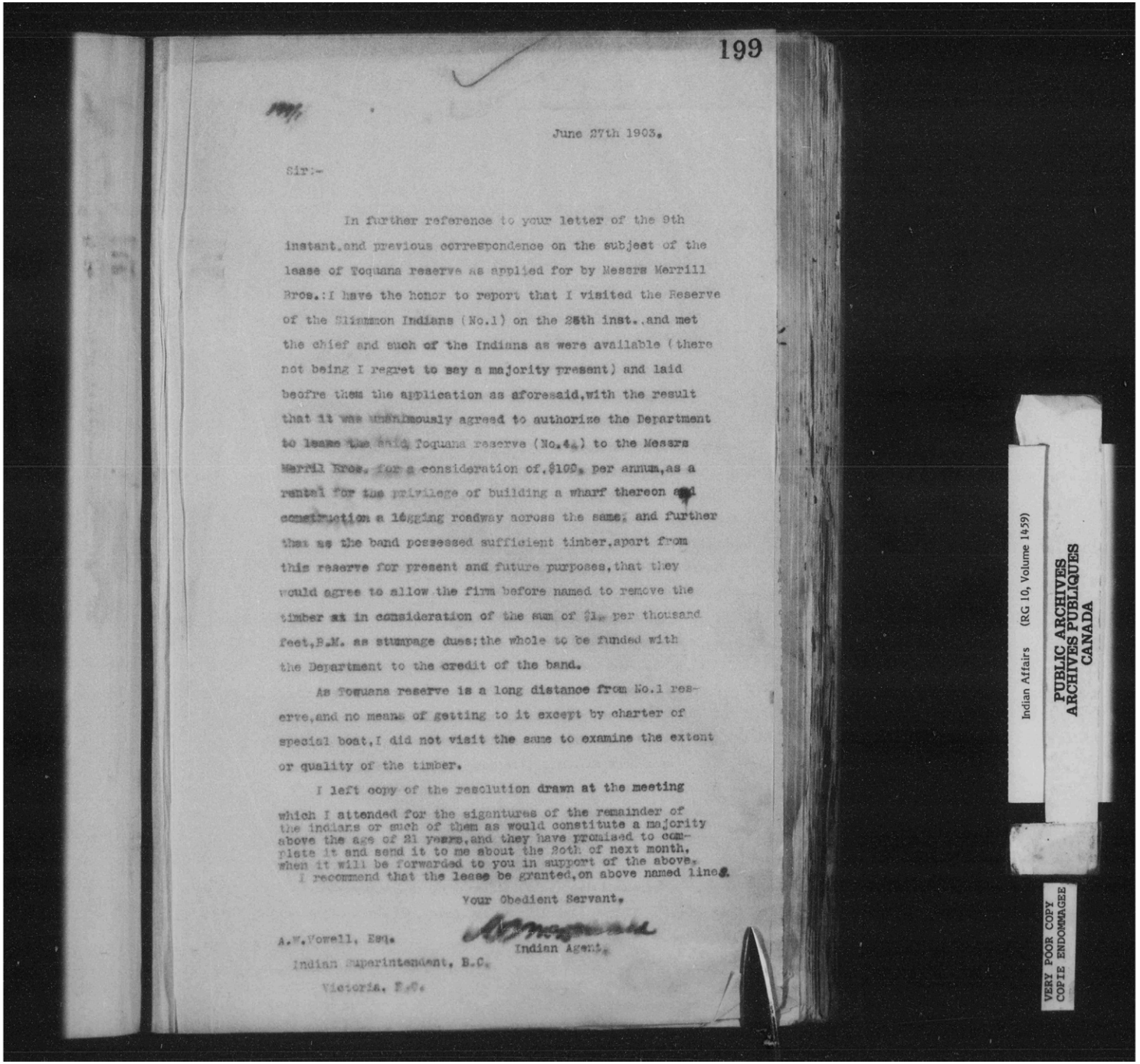
Messrs Thulin Bros.,
Lund, B.C.

P.S. This rental as are all Government rents is in advance consequently when the year expires,please send it in and save correspondence.

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June 27th 1903.

Sir:-

In further reference to your letter of the 9th instant,and previous correspondence on the subject of the lease of Toquana reserve as applied for by Messrs Merrill Bros.:I have the honor to report that I visited the Reserve of the Sliammon Indians (No.1) on the 25th inst.,and met the chief and such of the Indians as were available (there not being I regret to say a majority present) and laid beofre them the application as aforesaid,with the result that it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Department to leame the said Toquana reserve (No.4.) to the Messrs Merril Bros. for a consideration of,$100. per annum,as a rental for the privilege of building a wharf thereon and cometruction a logging roadway across the same; and further that as the band possessed sufficient timber,apart from this reserve for present and future purposes,that they would agree to allow the firm before named to remove the timber xx in consideration of the sum of $1. per thousand feet,B.M. as stumpage dues;the whole to be funded with the Department to the credit of the band.

As Toquana reserve is a long distance from No.1 reserve,and no means of getting to it except by charter of special boat,I did not visit the same to examine the extent or quality of the timber.

I left copy of the resolution drawn at the meeting which I attended for the signatures of the remainder of the indians or such of them as would constitute a majority above the age of 21 years,and they have promised to complete it and send it to me about the 30th of next month, when it will be forwarded to you in support of the above.
I recommend that the lease be granted,on above named lines.

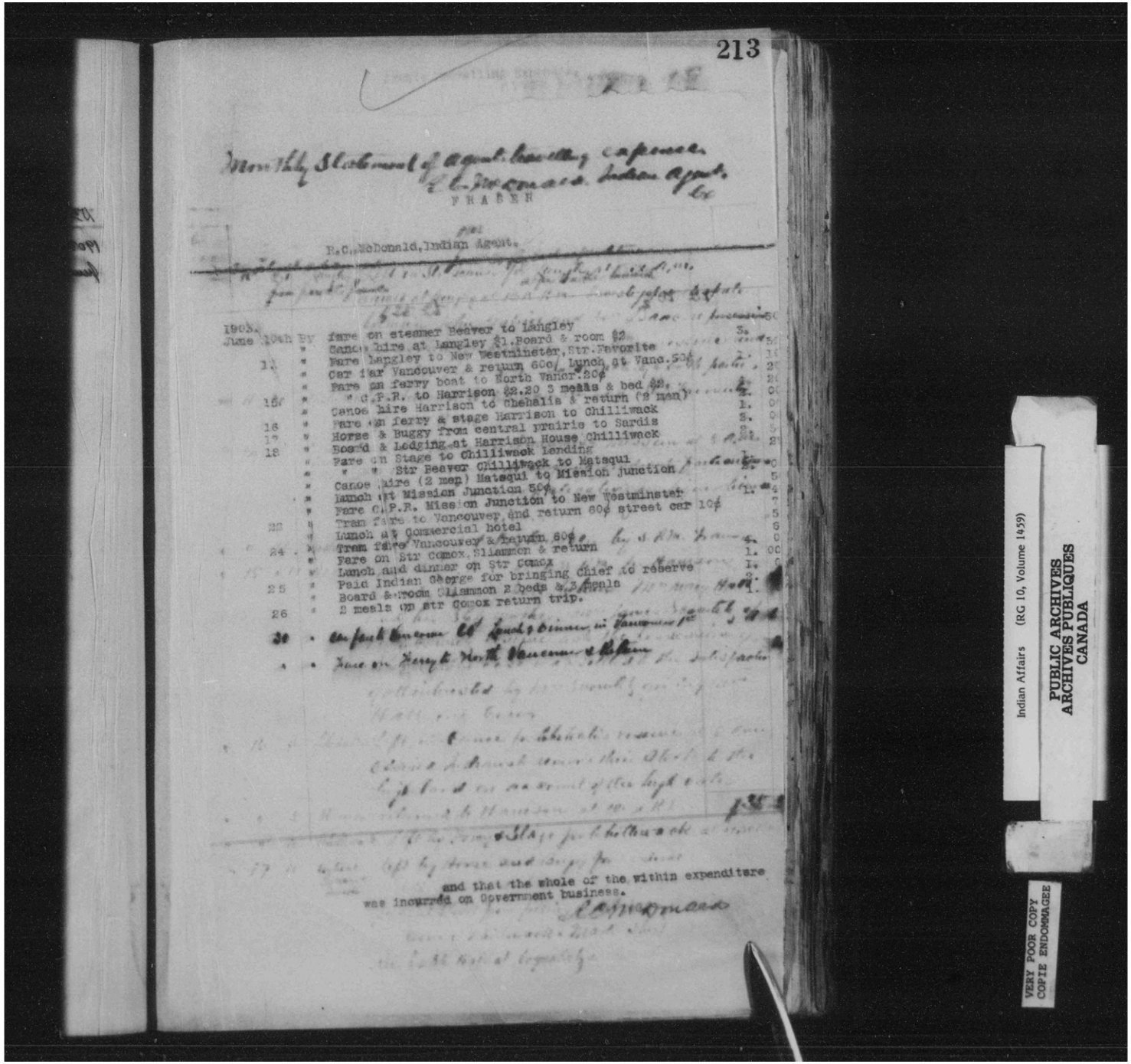
Your Obedient Servant,

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Indian Superintendent, B.C.
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Indian Agent.

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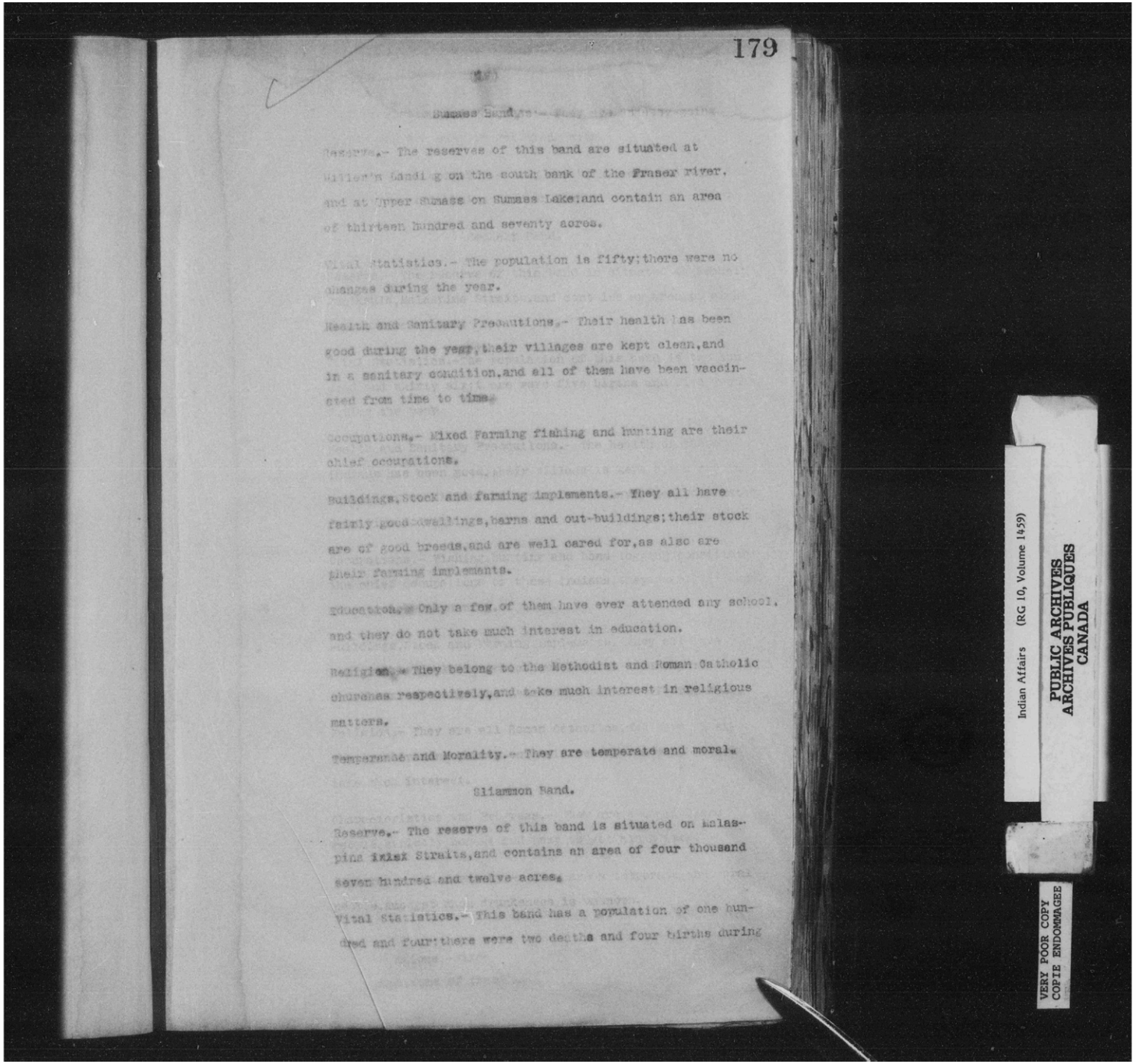
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	"	Canoe hire at Langley $1. Board & room $2	
11	"	Fare Langley to New Westminster, Str. Favorite	
	"	Car fair Vancouver & return 60¢, Lunch at Vanc. 50¢	
	"	Fare on ferry boat to North Vanc. 20¢	
	"	" C.P.R. to Harrison $2.20 3 meals & bed $2.	
15	"	Canoe hire Harrison to Chehalis & return (2 man)	1.
	"	Fare on ferry & stage Harrison to Sardis	2.
16	"	Horse & Buggy from central prairie to Sardis	
17	"	Board & Lodging at Harrison House Chilliwack	
18	"	Fare on Stage to Chilliwack Landing	
	"	" " Str Beaver Chilliwack to Matsqui	
	"	Canoe hire (2 men) Matsqui to Mission junction	
	"	Launch at Mission Junction 50¢	
	"	Fare C.P.R. Mission Junction to New Westminster	
	"	Tram fare to Vancouver and return 60¢ street car 10¢	
22	"	Lunch at Commercial hotel	
	"	Tram fare Vancouver & return 60¢	
24	"	Fare on Str Comox, Sliammon & return	1.
	"	Lunch and dinner on Str Comox	1.
	"	Paid Indian George for bringing chief to reserve	
25	"	Board & room Sliammon 2 beds & 3 meals	
	"	2 meals on str Comox return trip.	
26	"		
30	"	[illegible]	
1	"	[illegible]	

and that the whole of the within expenditure was incurred on Government business.

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Reserve.- The reserves of this band are situated at Miller's Landing on the south bank of the Fraser river, and at Upper Sumass on Sumass Lakeland contain an area of thirteen hundred and seventy acres.

Vital Statistics.- The population is fifty;there were no changes during the year.

Health and Sanitary Precautions.- Their health has been good during the year,their villages are kept clean,and in a sanitary condition,and all of them have been vaccinated from time to time.

Occupations.- Mixed Farming fishing and hunting are their chief occurations.

Buildings,Stock and farming implements.- They all have fairly good dwellings,barns and out-buildings;their stock are of good breeds,and are well cared for,as also are their farming implements.

Education.- Only a few of them have ever attended any school, and they do not take much interest in education.

Religion.- They belong to the Methodist and Roman Catholic churches respectively,and take much interest in religious matters.

Temperance and Morality.- They are temperate and moral.

Sliammon Band.

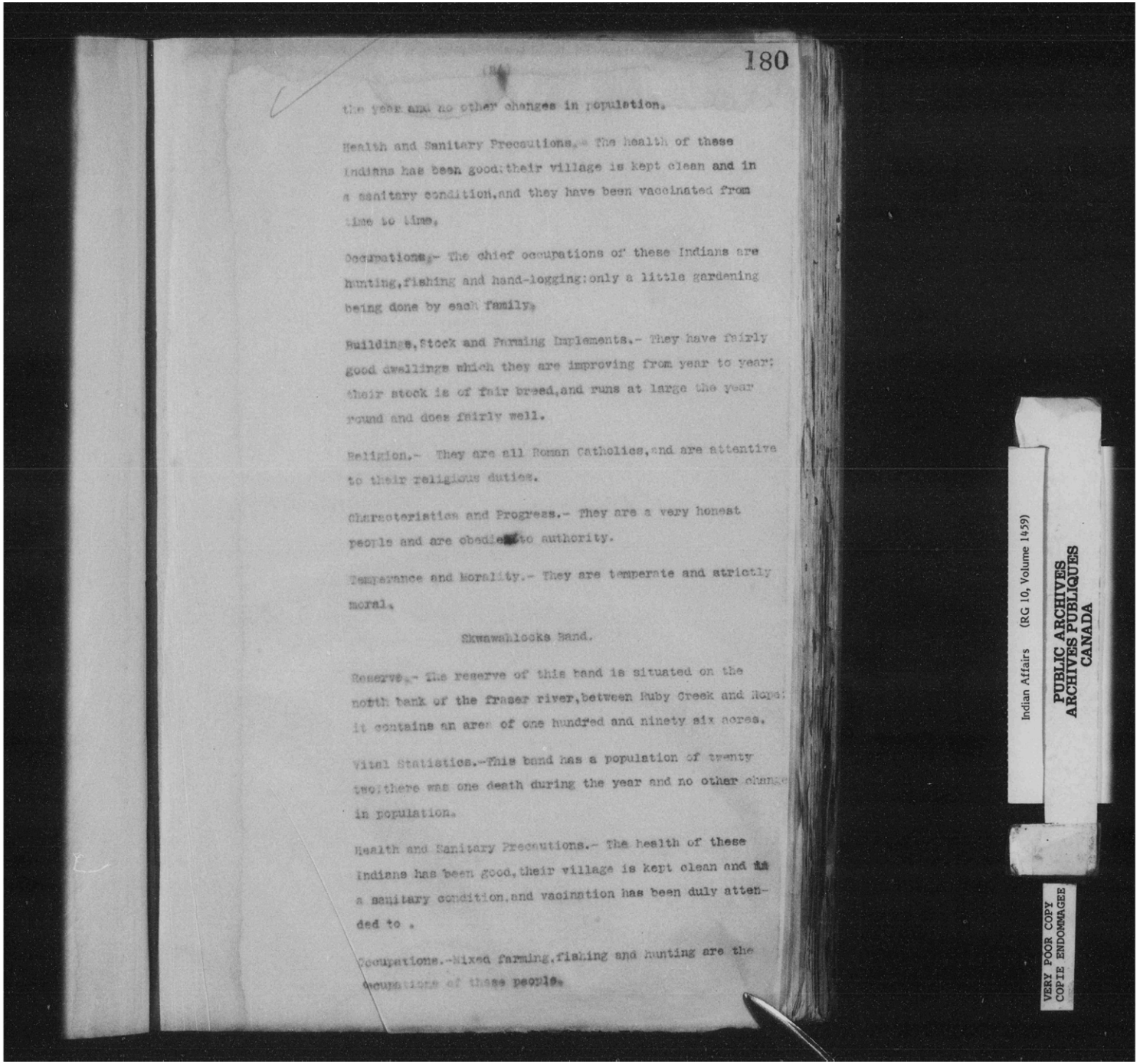
Reserve.- The reserve of this band is situated on Malaspina ~~Inlet~~ Straits,and contains an area of four thousand seven hundred and twelve acres.

Vital Statistics.- This band has a population of one hundred and four:there were two deaths and four births during

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the year and no other changes in population.

Health and Sanitary Precautions.- The health of these Indians has been good;their village is kept clean and in a sanitary condition,and they have been vaccinated from time to time.

Occupations.- The chief occupations of these Indians are hunting,fishing and hand-logging;only a little gardening being done by each family.

Buildings,Stock and Farming Implements.- They have fairly good dwellings which they are improving from year to year; their stock is of fair breed,and runs at large the year round and does fairly well.

Religion.- They are all Roman Catholics,and are attentive to their religious duties.

Characteristics and Progress.- They are a very honest people and are obedient to authority.

Temperance and Morality.- They are temperate and strictly moral.

Skwawhlooks Band.

Reserve.- The reserve of this band is situated on the north bank of the fraser river,between Ruby Creek and Hope; it contains an area of one hundred and ninety six acres.

Vital Statistics.-This band has a population of twenty two;there was one death during the year and no other change in population.

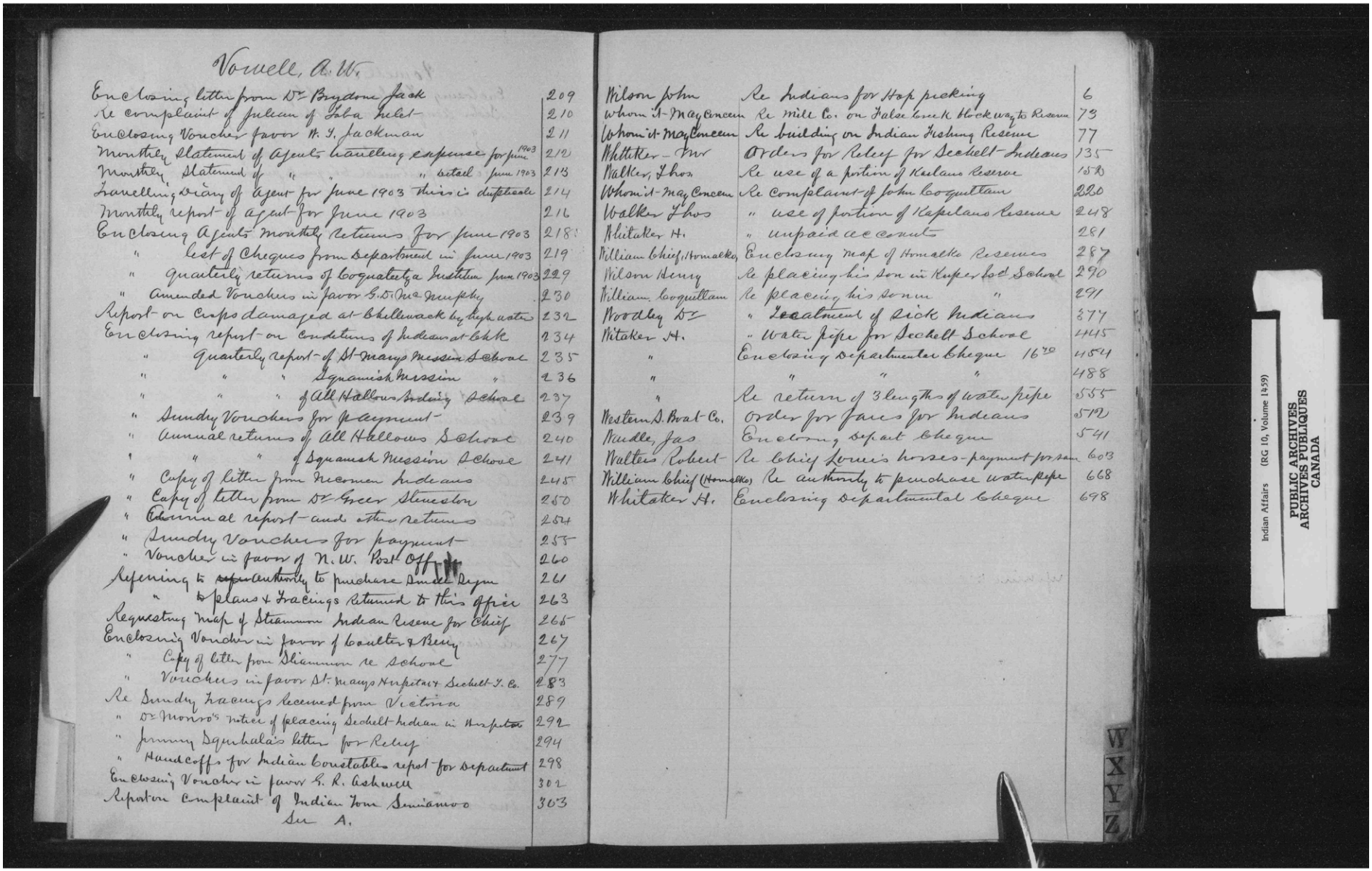
Health and Sanitary Precautions.- The health of these Indians has been good,their village is kept clean and in a sanitary condition,and vaccination has been duly attended to .

Occupations.-Mixed farming,fishing and hunting are the occupations of these people.

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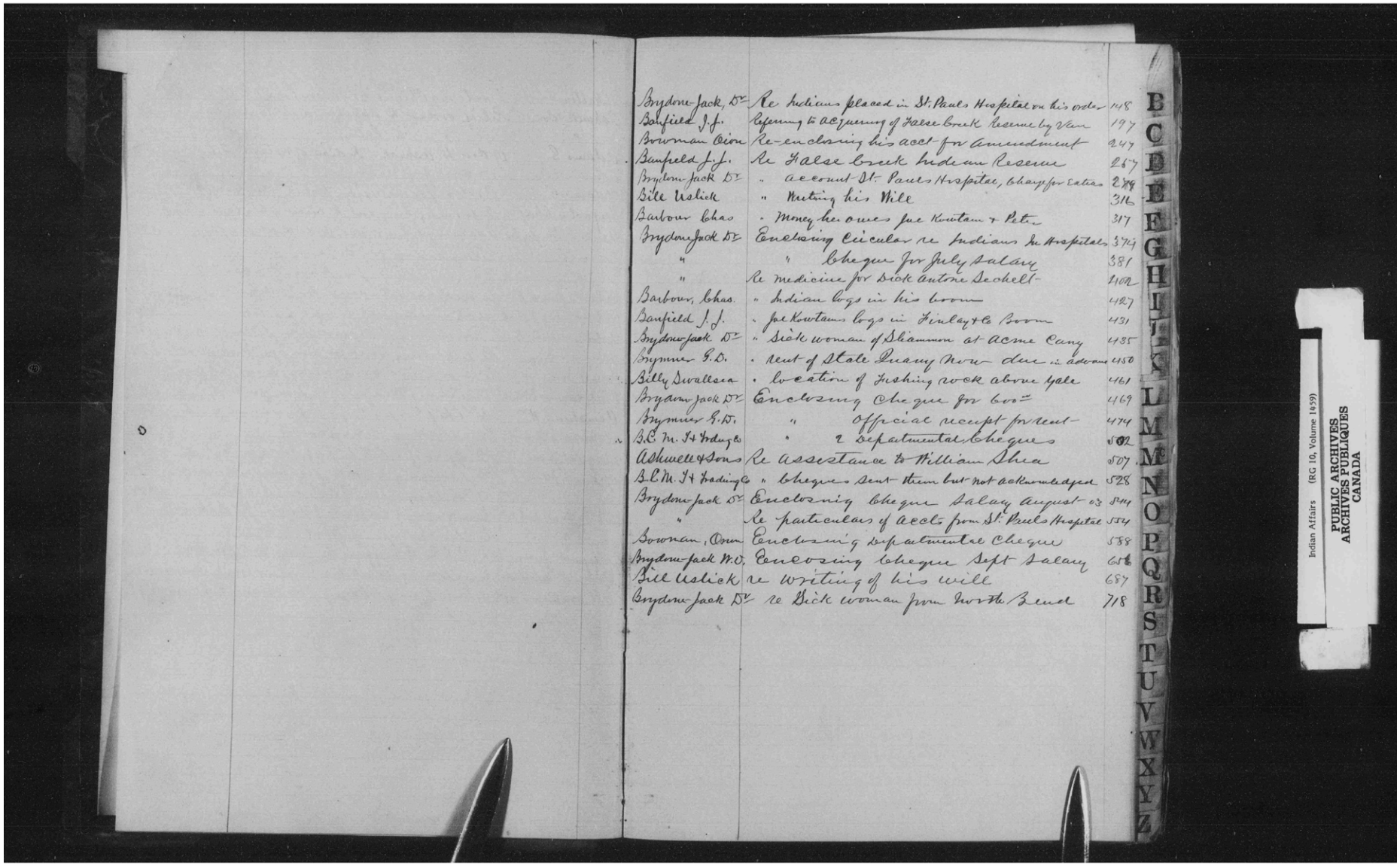
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