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Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—Their houses are all frame dwellings; their stock is well cared for during winter, and their farm implements are carefully placed under cover when not in use.

Education.—All the children of school age, who are physically fit, are sent to school.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are very industrious and easy to get along with, and are improving a little.

Temperance and Morality.—These Indians are sober, and their moral character is good.

SECHULT BAND.

Reserve.—The reserve of this band is situated on Sechelt peninsula, Malaspina strait, and contains an area of 1,800 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 244.

Health and Sanitation.—With the exception of a few ordinary ailments, I may say that the general health of this band has been good. Sanitary regulations are carefully observed, and many of them have been vaccinated at different times.

Occupations.—These Indians are engaged in various occupations, such as fishing, hunting, logging and gardening, and the women make baskets and mats, for which they generally find ready sale.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—Their houses are all of a good class of workmanship, being sufficiently large and well lighted. Very little stock is kept by these Indians, and they have but few farm implements.

Education.—All these people are very anxious to have their children educated, and the boarding school on their reserve has been well attended during the year.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are very industrious and strictly honest people, and show much improvement.

Temperance and Morality.—These Indians are temperate and strictly moral.

SUMAS BAND.

Reserve.—The reserves of this band are situated at Miller's Landing, on the south bank of the Fraser river, and at Upper Sumas, on Sumas lake, and contain an area of 1,370 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 50.

Health and Sanitation.—They have had fairly good health throughout the year, and there is a marked improvement in the sanitary condition of their villages. They have all been vaccinated.

Occupations.—Farming, hunting, hop-picking and fishing are their chief occupations.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—Their dwellings are of modern type, especially those constructed in recent years. They have some very good horses and cattle, which are given proper care, and they are well equipped with farm implements.

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

Characteristics and Progress.—They are industrious and making some progress.

Temperance and Morality.—There are a few who are fond of liquor, but their moral conduct is good.

SLIAMMON BAND.

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

Population.—The population of this band is 107.

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Health and Sanitation.—Their health has been remarkably good, and the sanitary precautions are well observed by them.

Occupations.—They spend most of their time in fishing, hunting and logging. They also do a small amount of mixed farming.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—In most cases, their houses are well constructed frame buildings. What little stock they keep is well cared for, as are also their few farm implements.

Education.—They have a new day school on their reserve, in which they take a great interest, and the children attend regularly and are getting on very well.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are law-abiding and very industrious, and are making very satisfactory progress.

Temperance and Morality.—They are temperate, with a few exceptions, and moral.

SEWAMALOOK 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 196 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 16.

Health and Sanitation.—Generally speaking, they have had good health during the year, and the sanitary condition of their village is well up to the average.

Occupations.—They derive a livelihood chiefly from mixed farming, fishing and hunting, and some of them are employed as sectionmen by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—They have fairly good dwellings, and some horses and cattle. Their farm implements are carefully put under cover when not in use.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are very industrious and law-abiding, and are getting along well.

Temperance and Morality.—No complaints of intemperance or immorality have reached me in regard to these Indians.

TCHEWASSEN BAND.

Reserve.—The reserve of this band is situated on the gulf of Georgia, near Point Roberts, and contains an area of 604 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 50.

Health and Sanitation.—On the whole, their health has been good, they observe the necessary sanitary precautions, and have all been vaccinated.

Occupations.—Farming, fishing and hunting constitute their chief means of support.

Buildings, Stock and Farm Implements.—Their houses are all frame buildings. Their stock is given proper care, and their farm implements are well kept.

Education.—A few of the children of this band attend the public school near their village.

Characteristics and Progress.—They are very energetic and industrious, and are making fair progress.

Temperance and Morality.—These Indians are moral, but, unfortunately, many of them are fond of liquor.

YALE BAND.

Reserve.—The Yale reserve is situated on the Fraser river, about 112 miles from its mouth, and contains an area of 1,100 acres.

Population.—The population of this band is 77.