

ANNEX C

THE FORT ST. JAMES BARRICADES AGREEMENT OF 1911

Fort St. James, B.C. June 19th, 1911

We, the undersigned, Chiefs Joseph, Nakazle, Dominic, Pinche, Alexis, Tacha, acting in the capacity of chiefs, and representing our respective bands, within the Stuart's Lake Agency, do hereby agree that, for, and in consideration of the following concessions or demands, herein enumerated, we will abandon the method known as barricading the rivers of the Northern Interior of British Columbia, and more particularly those known as the Stuart River, Middle River, Tacha River and the Pinche Creek, and also to refrain from killing all kinds of fish on their natural spawning grounds that are protected by the Fisheries Act of Canada except by means of angling by hook and line.

We further agree that, in Pinche Creek and Tacha River, nets shall be prohibited entirely and that nets shall be used only in Stuart's Lake, and not closer than one quarter of a mile from the mouth or discharge of the said streams into Stuart's Lake.

We also agree, that from Saturday 6 P.M. to Sunday at twelve midnight, salmon fishing with nets shall be prohibited.

No shortage in the nets supplied, such as floats, shall constitute a violation of this agreement on the part of the Government of Canada.

Old nets, in all cases must be produced for inspection by the applicants before a new one will be furnished.

Seeds, both garden and field, to be supplied to bona fide applicants.

Farming implements to be supplied only to those who will make proper use of them.

List of concessions or demands:-

(1) The Government will be required to furnish one net to each family, length of net to be two hundred feet long and nine feet deep, and twine sufficient to keep them in repair. Nets to be renewed about every two years. The number of families affected to be determined from Official Census of 1911 and the annual report of Indian Affairs to constitute basis of population of ensuing years.

Nets to be furnished, complete, with floats, etc.

(2) Seeds of all kinds, adapted to climatic conditions, both field and garden, to include Timothy, Oats, Barley, etc., to be furnished each family in sufficient quantities.

(3) Farming Implements of all kinds and necessary for proper cultivation to be supplied to those who will make proper use of them.

- (4) The Government will be required to locate, erect, maintain, and operate a school within the Stuart's Lake Agency, providing, of course, that the necessary grant from Parliament can be secured or obtained.
- (5) Fishing Stations to be located at convenient places throughout the agency, for the taking of fish, providing, always, that the Fisheries Act of Canada shall be respected at the said stations with regard to the spawning grounds.
- (6) Nothing in this agreement is to be used to the detriment of the Indians in famine years as in special cases of destitution, but that the Government of Canada, shall, in the future, as in the past, provide the necessaries of life to the worthy destitute. This in consequence of the loss of our barricades.
- (7) It is expressly understood that this agreement or settlement must first be endorsed by the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, before become operative.

In witness whereof, we have this day set out hands and seals in the presence of

Initial	Name	Residence	Witness
N.C.	Chief X Joseph	Nakazle	E.M. Bunoz
N.C.	Chief X Dominic	Pinche	E.M. Bunoz
N.C.	Chief X Alexis	Tacha	E.M. Bunoz