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Roderick Finlayson Manuscripts

The family of the late Roderick Finlayson have recently presented the following manuscripts to the Provincial Archives of British Columbia. The first two are on parchment and are signed by the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in London, the third is signed by Queen Victoria.

1. Roderick Finlayson. Appointed as Chief Trader in Hudson's Bay Company. 23rd January 1850.

2. Appointment as Member of Council and Chief Factor in Hudson's Bay Company. 1 February 1859.

3. Appointment as Member of the Council of Vancouver Island. Signed by Queen Victoria. 16th March 1852.

Roderick Finlayson was one of the most trusted servants of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was born March 16, 1818, at Lochalsh, Rosshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in July, 1837. On arrival, he at once secured appointment in the service of the Company, and in 1839 crossed over to the Pacific Coast. In the Spring of 1842, Finlayson was employed at Fort Simpson. In May, 1843, he was removed by Mr. Douglas to the intended new post at the south end of Vancouver Island, now the city of Victoria. When Fort Victoria was established Mr. Charles Ross was placed in charge with Finlayson as second. On the death of Ross in the spring of 1844, Finlayson was placed in charge and he there remained for many years. He was thus virtually the founder of Victoria. He was a Member of the Legislative Council for Vancouver Island and its dependencies from 1851 to 1863. He retired in 1872 and died in Victoria, 30 January 1892.

The "Kamloops Wawa"

Reverend J. Edward Rendle of the Nitinaht Mission, Clo-Oose, British Columbia, has presented to the University of Washington Library a file of the first five volumes of the *Kamloops Wawa*, covering the years 1891-1896. This journal has the distinction of being the only periodical ever regularly published in the Chinook Jargon. The history of the beginning of this publication and a description of the early numbers is to be found in Pilling's *Bibliography of the Chinookan Languages*, pages 45-51. A complete, or