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History Of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Haidas and Their Legends.

By Mr. Charles Harrison.

Article XV.--- The Haidas.

In a general way the Haidas are honest, and property entrusted to them by the whites is kept safely. In the olden days property stowed away in a cache or tent by the white man needed no lock or watchman. I have known a white man to leave with one of them who was an entire stranger to him for safe keeping a large sum of money from one year to the next and when he returned the money was returned to him intact. The Haida is a good natured, docile and accommodating race of people. Formerly both sexes were accustomed to tattoo more or less elaborately their faces, hands and arms. The women only, however, wore the labret. These labrets were made of stone, bone, glass, jade and ivory. During girlhood a hole is cut through the lower lip and an ivory or bone plug inserted until the wound had healed. After healing the hole is stretched from time to time until it reached about half an inch in diameter and about an inch in length. Into this they place the labret. The first labret to be inserted was generally about half an inch in diameter and about an inch in length. The ring is kept inside the mouth and holds the labret in place. As years roll by these labrets are increased in size according to the rank of the person wearing them, and according to the number of children she became the mother of. There was one vice that the ancient Haidas had become acquainted with from coming into contact with a quasi civilization and that was the manufacture of an abominable drink called hoochinoo. This was made in a rude still (made from old coal oil cans) from fermented molasses seasoned with pepper, rice and other hot ingredients which finally resulted in a concoction of the vilest stuff that could ever possibly be invented, for when taken it set on fire the entire system and threw the victims into a state of uncontrollable frenzy. I am deeply thankful that the government insisted on having all these illicit distilleries destroyed some years ago and that the present generation of Haidas do not hanker afted such abominable drinks. The old tribal custom tto some degree still prevails. Each tribe has about three or four minor chiefs, and one is looked upon as the great chief, though as a rule, each person thinks himself as high as his neighbor. At feasts, supposing the head chief received thirty biscuits, the next would receive twenty-eight, the next twenty-six, and so on, according to their status. Before each house a large pole or column was formerly erected bearing the owner's crest, which was generally a raven, frog, bear, eagle, or wolf. These long poles or columns were called Gihangs, and to the whites they are known as totem poles. Some that I have seen were 60 feet high and five feet in width being also magnificently carved. The greater the chief the greater the pole that he had erected in front of his house. The owner's crest was generally carved as the topmost figure, and the rest set forth the owner's pedigree. The totem pole was the owner's ancestral tree, and showed distinctly the crests of the different crests or tribes from which his forbears had descended. Another pole was formerly carved only at the top and bottom and generally had a carved sheet of copper nailed in the centre. Whenever any great chief died his successor to the chieftainship erected this pole to his memory—in fact, it was the Haida tombstone, and was called the obituary Gi-hang. None but th eyounger people, as a rule, would think of killing the animal which had been selected by his father for his crest, but the rising generation are more enlightened, and see the folly of their ancestral superstitions.

The potlatch was another custom resorted to by the old Haidas. The potlatch was the impoverishing native custom of giving away property and has now been discontinued. It is briefly this: A chief makes known his intention of giving a feast, and intimates that on that occasion there will be a great distribution of blankets and other goods, but principally blankets, as blankets formerly were the principal commodity on the islands that could be easily handled for this purpose. The feast is held, and the blankets to the number of, say, five hundred, representing in value as many dollars, given away. But few of these blankets, however, come from the chief's own store. Every member of his clan is laid under contribution, and as these are not allowed to participate in the distribution, or, if they are, receive less than they give, the impoverishing effect upon them after a time may be imagined. The chief's loss is of course, only temporary, as his store is soon replenished again by the next distribution made by a neighboring chief.

In regard to the totem poles and the crests I forgot to state that a young man and a young woman of the same crest were not allowed to marry, as they were considered to be the same as brother and sister The children also always took their mother's crest. Thus if a member of the Eagle crest married a woman of the Bear crest the children of that marriage would belong to the Bear crest and so on.

(To be continued next week.)

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Skidegate Indian Council.

The Skidegate Band held a meeting on the Reserve since the arrival of Indian Agent Thomas Deasy, and elected the following members on the Council for the ensuing year: James Sterling, Matthew Cross, Thomas Price, Paul McGregor, Amos Russ, Joshua Moss, and James Jones.

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Charles E. Pomeroy, manager for the Queen Charlotte Mining & Development Co., at Cumshewa, arrived in the city last week on a short business visit. Mr. Pomeroy stated that the prospects at the camp looked good and several tons of ore is awaiting shipment.

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Land Clearing.

The many reports extant, regarding our agricultural land, is liable to be misinterpreted by those who are seeking homes and are from the Prairie Provinces. Pre-emptors have already been on our islands and gone away with a wrong impression after looking over the possibilities for farming. We do not claim that there are large, open stretches of agricultural country on the Queen Charlotte group of islands. This is a timbered country, with a great forest wealth that will run into millions of dollars in a short time. Along the open stretches of water, after the timber is cleared off, there will be homes for thousands of settlers. It will not then be difficult to clear the land, and the wonder is that there are not hundreds of stump-pulling machines at work now. On Vancouver Island, where the Douglas fir is imbedded in the soil most tenaciously, and where the settler has to contend with rocky sections, it has been found possible to clear land at one hundred dollars an acre. The spruce and hemlock roots are easy to extract in comparison with the fir. A good pulling machine and two horses should clear quite a space in a month or two. Men work the whole year round in this climate, and the prices for vegetables and fruits are high. A good living should be made from ten acres in this country, with potatoes at three dollars a sack. The tubers will grow anywhere on the island and in large quantities. Small fruits and strawberries are backward, but they come into the market when other fruit from the South is gone. There is a market for anything that will be placed in Prince Rupert after the early fruits of California and the southern part of the Province is exhausted. Wild strawberries grow anywhere and everywhere on the islands. They mature in July, and it will be well to watch the results of the experiments being made by those introducing the tame berry. The muskeg lands of the islands have not been worked yet, and it is too early to predict the future of this class of land. Some residents are of the opinion that the burning of the muskeg will clear and fertilize the ground beneath. It would be in the interests of the settler if the Government would start an experimental farm on Graham Island. No one has any idea of the possibilities of this new country. Where the experimental farms are located, the country has been proved over and over again. In a virgin country where little or nothing is known of the capabilities of the soil, an experimental farm would prove an encouragement, and a school for the new settler. The introduction of a few stumping machines with the clearing of a few acres of timbered land, would give an impetus to those desiring to live along our inlets and in the interior.

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Skidegate Band Concert.

The Skidegate Concert Band and Instructor Solomon are certainly to be congratulated on the music they gave at their concert and dance at Aliford Bay on Thursday evening. They played magnificently, and we have no doubt they will win the prize at Prince Rupert on Victoria Day, as they did last year.

The rest of the programme was not nearly as good as at their last concert here, the only pieces worth mentioning being Mrs. Kelley's song, and Fred Read's speech on various subjects. A sketch, entitled "The Village Doctor," was down on the programme, but abandoned, caused some disappointment. Mr. Webster, of the Westholme Lumber Co., made an excellent chairman, and in a short speech wished the band boys every success.

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To Develop Mining Properties at Lockeport.

A number of miners passed through on the "John" last Monday for Lockeport to start work on a group of claims at that point. It will be remembered that Mr. E. L. Morgan, representing a strong Eastern syndicate, purchased six copper-gold claims for $125,000 early this year. Since then Mr. Morgan has bonded two adjoining groups of claims and went south recently to arrange for the shipping in of men and supplies for the development of the property this Summer. A large force of men will be immediately employed and as soon as the preliminary work is done machinery will be installed, and the ore bodies opened up and blocked out ready for shipment. The deposits are of a copper-gold ore, similar in general character to those of Granby Bay. The properties are located one and a half miles from Lockeport.

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Government Agent Sandilands Now At Queen Charlotte.

Mr. E. M. Sandilands, government agent for the Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived on the "John" last Monday afternoon from Jedway, via Prince Rupert, bringing all his office fixtures and supplies with him, which amounted to about forty tons. Within forty-eight hours all was in place and the office open for business, which was very creditable indeed. Besides attending to the usual office work in connection with the agency, Mr. Sandilands will superintend the construction of roads, trails and bridges on the islands this year, in place of C. J. Gillingham, who has been transferred to Stewart.

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Mr. Wilfred V. Doughty, general manager for the British Columbia Fisheries Ltd., and Mr. A. W. Carter, local manager, returned from the south last Monday.

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Pioneering In B. C.

"The history of the Queen Charlotte Islands which Mr. C. Harrison is running in serials in the Queen Charlotte Islander, is very interesting," said Indian Agent Thomas Deasy, in an interview this week, "but when you look over fifty years of pioneer work in this country, many pleasant and many unfortunate circumstances recur to one's memory. Before me," said Mr. Deasy, "is the first issue of the Daily Colonist and also of the Massett Review; one is dated Saturday, December 11th, 1858; the other July 9th, 1910—only a difference of fifty-two years—and the older paper is still in existence, while the Review lasted only a few weeks. How many of the facts recorded daily have we pioneers witnessed? Thousands of births, deaths and marriages occurred in the country, and from a few rambling houses the capital city is now one of the beautiful Summer resort and business place of thousands. Vancouver was then only known as "Gastown." We walked over that place in 1870, when a sawmill was the only place of business where men received employment. It is certainly different now. New Westminster was cut out of the trees by our people, and many a time I was placed in a well to avoid being burned to death by forest fires, where now stands the B. C. Penitentiary, this was in 1859. There are only two of us left who arrived here on the troop ship Euphrates—ex-Mayor W. H. Keary of New Westminster, and your humble servant. We were "toddlers" when we arrived in B. C. and my associate is still in business at that city. His late father and mine were in Gibralter when the Crimean war broke out. They went to the front in the Royal Engineers and took part in the battles there, each receiving the British and Turkish medals from Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. They thought it the greatest day in their lives when the late Queen pinned the medals on their breasts. By a strange coincidence, Mr. Keary of New Westminster went to the same school with me; we both learned the printing business; both put many years in civic offices, and it was a remarkable fact that we were both born in Portsmouth, England, in houses adjoining. In pioneering, the one settled down to home life; the other "roamed some," pioneering in the Kootenays, on Vancouver Island and all over the Province. By a stranger stroke of Providence we are now at the last land, the Sentinal Islands between America and Asia, pioneering with the original "monarchs of all they surveyed." The Cariboo excitement was on when we first arrived in B. C. I have mined on the Fraser and at Bridge River. Where the striking foreigners are now camping at Lytton is the first waggon-road our people constructed for the miners. Mule and ox-trains were good enough in those days, and Yale was a flourishing city at the head of navigation. Along the banks of the Fraser, for miles and miles, boulders can now be seen which the miners moved, and the place will compare with the work done on the famous Pyramids. As messenger boy and Sergeant-at-arms in the Legislature, we have listened to many speeches and seen some important personages. Under Sir Joseph Trutch it was our fortune to hold office, under the government, during the construction of the C. P. R. Attending 2,000 fires and alarms, while a member and chief of two fire departments, brought with the work some excitement. With the Indians in the hop fields and fishing towns, and visiting them in their original homes was tne work of years, under Superintendent Vowell. Many of the older Indians in this agency were boy visitors when I resided there, and recognized me on my arrival in this agency. We all talked the Chinook jargon in the early days—it was the common language of Whites and Indians, and is today. The Haidas swarmed in Victoria in the early days and some of their battles were fought in Victoria harbor. They were more numerous than today and suffered from the epidemic of small-pox, which killed off thousands on Vancouver Island. I remember the talk of coal on Queen Charlotte Islands over forty years ago; but the place was considered almost out of the world then, and the Indians were just coming under the influence of the first missionaries. In the early days we all knew one another and each newspaper I now read brings news of the death of some pioneer. The old British Columbian is passing away—the men who made the country easier to live in. Fifty years from now, other men and other towns will exist on these islands. I consider myself a pioneer, after two years continuous residence. Nowhere that I have been is there a more congenial climate and better prospects. We have a group of islands that are the first on the line of travel to the Orient. Vessels must pass our islands before reaching the great transcontinental railway now under construction. We can ship our resources and reach the outside world days ahead of our neighbors to the South. This Graham Island of ours will compare favorably with Vancouver Island, and is richer in every way. When the outside world realize our situation, climate and natural resources, there will be cities and towns in many places. We have seen every town on this Coast grow, from nothing to what they are today, and predict a bright future for the Queen Charlotte group. The completion of the G. T. P. railway will bring such an army of immigrants that the most optimistic will be astonished. What was Victoria before the C. P. R. struck Vancouver? We are nearer Prince Rupert than Victoria is to the terminus of the C. P. R. Where are the inlets and waterways on Vancouver Island that can compare with Graham Island and the inlets running through it? This is not a rock-bound coast and the climate excels any other part of B. C. No winter, no cold weather; cattle feeding at all seasons on the natural grass. Look at the fisheries. Is there any to compare with them. Take the word of a pioneer of pioneers; you have a great country, one that will be peopled soon, with everything that men and women want to make life comfortable. Even now the Indians are working for good wages, something unheard of at this season of the year. There are no idle men; the land is being improved; mines are opening up; canneries are building; fishermen and boats are coming. There is a glorious future in store for the pioneers of this island and the time to take advantage of it is right now."

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LAND ACT.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Frederick N. D. Rosher, of Victoria, occupation miner, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the East side of Fall River at its mouth, thence 40 chains south, thence 80 chains east to shore line, thence following shore line to point of commencement.

Frederick N. D. Rosher
Charles E. Pomeroy, agent.

Date 14th May, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that A. M. Miller, of Skidegate, occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on Leading Island, Skidegate Inlet, situated between Maud and Moresby Islands, about three-quarters of a mile south of Aliford Bay, and containing about 30 acres more or less.

A. M. Miller.

Date 14th May, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Catherine Miller, of Skidegate, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on an Island about half a mile North of Aliford Bay, said island being largest of a group which lies north of it; containing about two acres more or less. This Island to be known as Miller's Island.

Catherine Miller.

Date 14th May, 1912.

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Notice is hereby given that Wilfred Doughty of Skidegate, Q. C. I., fish packer, will apply for a license to take and use 2 cu. ft. per sec. of water out of Oliver creek, which flows in a northerly direction through Lot 4, Moresby Island, and empties into Alliford Bay near the cannery under construction.

The water will be diverted at about 1-2 mile up-stream, and will be used for industrial purposes on the land described as Lot 4, Moresby Island.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 4th day of April, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B.C. Objections may be filed with the Water Recorder, or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Wilfred Doughty, applicant
by Geo. E. Gibson, agent.

Water Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Wilfred Doughty of Skidegate, Q. C. I., fish packer, will apply for a license to take and use 2 cu. ft. per sec. of water out of Dempster creek, which flows in a northerly direction through Lot 835, Moresby Island, and crown land, and empties into Alliford Bay near the N.E. corner of Lot 835. The water will be diverted at about 1-3 mile upstream, and will be used for industrial purposes on the land described as Lot 4, Moresby Island.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 4th day of April, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert. Objections may be filed with the Water Recorder, or with the comptroller of water rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Wilfred Doughty, applicant.
by Geo. E. Gibson, agent.

Water Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Wilfred Doughty of Skidegate, Q. C. I., fish packer, will apply for a license to take and use 1 cn. ft. per sec. of water out of Axmans creek, which flows in a westerly direction through lots 929 and 4, Moresby Island, and empties into Alliford Bay near the north boundary of Lot 4.

The water will be diverted at about 1-2 mile upstream, and will be used for industrial purpsses on the land described as Lot 4, Moresby Island.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 4th day of April, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the water recorder at Prince Rupert. Objections may be filed with the water recorder, or with the comptroller of water rights, Parliament buildings, Victoria.

Wilfred Doughty, applicant.
by Lionel Crippen, agent.

LAND ACT.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that I, Charles M. McIntyre, of Queen Charlotte, B. C., occupation telegraph operator, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the S. W. Corner of an island one quarter of a mile S.E. of Bare Island, Skidegate Inlet, thence 10 chains north, thence 15 chains east, thence 10 chains south, thence 15 chains west, including the whole island.

Charles M. McIntyre.

Date 22nd April, 1912.

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LAND ACT.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
District of Skeena.

Take notice that A. W. Carter, of Skidegate, Q.C.I., occupation canneryman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands; Commencing at a post planted at the South-east corner of Lot 4, Moresby Island, thence 11.85 chains south, thence 40.00 chains west, thence 11.54 chains north, thence 40 chains east, to point of commencement, and containing 45 acres, more or less.

A.W.Carter
by Lionel Crippen, agent.

Date April 5th, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Wilfred Doughty of Skidegate, B.C., occupation fish packer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the North-east corner of Lot 835, Moresby Island, thence north about 4 chains to high water mark, thence westerly along the high water mark to the north boundary of Lot 835, thence east along the said north boundary of Lot 835 to the point of commencement, containing 30 acres more or less.

Wilfred Doughty
J. H. Pillsbury, agent.

Date March 27, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Wilfred Doughty of Skidegate, B.C., occupation fish packer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described foreshore: Commencing at a post planted at High water mark, about 300 feet northerly from the N.E. corner of Lot 835, Moreshy Island, thence following along the shore line around the head of Aliford Bay for a distance of 60 chains, more or less, to the north boundary of Lot 4, and including all foreshore below high water mark.

Wilfred Doughty
J. H. Pillsbury, agent.

Date March 27, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Robert Johnson of Massett, occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 80 chains in a Northerly direction from the North-east corner of A. P. 8663, Massett Inlet, Graham Island, thence west 15 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 5 chains, thence along the shore line to point of commencement.

Robert Johnson

Date Feb. 8th, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—
District of Skeena.

Take notice that Charles Harrison, of Massett, B.C., occupation notary public, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 40 chains distant and in an Easterly direction from the South East Corner of A. P. 8710, Massett Inlet, Graham Island, thence west 40 chains more or less, thence north 40 chains more or less, thence east 40 chains more or less, thence in a southerly direction following the shore-line to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

Charles Harrison.

Date April 11th, 1912.

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COAL NOTICES.

Take notice that thirty days from date, I, W. Wilson Irwin, of Vancouver, B.C., broker, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under 640 acres of land on Graham Island described as follows: Commencing at a post planted three-quarters of a mile north of the North-west corner of Lot 60, thence east 80 chains, thence north eighty chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of comment. W. Wilson Irwin, Locator

Per Alexander Faulds, Agent
Dated this 19th day of February, 1912.

Take notice that thirty days from date, I, W. Wilson Irwin, of Vancouver, B.C., broker, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under 640 acres of land on Graham Island described as follows: Commencing at a post planted one and three-quarter miles north of the North-west corner of Lot 60, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to place of commencement. W. Wilson Irwin, Locator

Per Alexander Faulds, Agent
Dated this 19th day of February, 1912.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
District of Skeena.

Take notice that I, Fred. C. Elliott, of Victoria, B. C., occupation solicitor, intend to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petrolenm on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the South-east Corner of Section 36, Township 5, Graham Island, marked F. C. E.'s S.E. Corner, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement. Fred. C. Elliott, Locator.

John S. Taylor, agt.
Dated 27th Jan., 1912.

Graham Island—Skeena District

Take notice that I, James H. Hickey, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation prospector, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under 640 acresof land bounded as follows: Beginning at a post planted on South-east corner, about one mile west of coal license No. 4453, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

James H. Hickey

Located Nov. 24th, 1911

Graham Island—Skeena District

Take notice that I, James H. Hickey, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation prospector, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under 640 acres of land bounded as follows: Beginning at a post planted on North-west corner, about three miles west of coal license No. 4454, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 more or less.

James H. Hickey

Located Nov. 24th, 1911

Graham Island—Skeena District

Take notice that I, Robert Graham, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation prospector, intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands for alicense to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under 640 acres of land bounded as follows: Beginning at a post planted on North-east corner, about one mile west of coal license No. 4452, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Robert Graham

Located Nov. 24th, 1911

Local News Ietms.

Friday next is Victoria Day.

Work is proceeding on the iron claims on Louise Island, Cumshewa Inlet, according to Ed. Hall, who arrived in town last week. L. B. Cleaves, superintendent, has a squad on development work and Mr. Schofield has charge of a survey party.

Wm. G. Reinhart has been appointed to act as deputy by John Shirley, sheriff for the County of Atlin.

Three birthdays occurred in a local household last week, all being royally celebrated.

Mr. Peter Kelley, missionary at Hartley Bay, is paying a visit to his relatives and friends at Skidegate. Mr. Kelley is a native son of the Skidegate Band and is one of the most progressive of the young men of the Reserve.

A new schedule has been arranged for the G. T. P. steamer Prince John calling at Island points. On Saturdays she will leave Prince Rupert for Massett and Naden Harbor, and on Sundays for Skidegate, Queen Charlotte, Aliford Bay and other Moresby Island ports.

An interesting event occurred on the steamer Prince John a fortnight ago while on the journey to Prince Rupert from the islands, when Mrs. Capt. Gillatt, of Sandspit, gave birth to a daughter. We are glad to state both mother and baby are doing well.

Road work is now general on the islands, a start being made last week. Between Skidegate and Tl-El River forty-eight men are employed and more will be started later on. A splendid team was brought over on the "John" last Monday by Mr. Sandilands to be used on the road work.

It is reported that the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia, which only arrived at Victoria a few days ago from the Clyde, will be put in commission on the Queen Charlotte Islands' service. The Sophia was specially built for the Northern trade, and if the report is true that the C. P. R. again intend operating a steamer to the islands, the residents and other business concerns will appreciate it very much.

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Indian Agent Deasy Visits Skidegate.

Indian Agent Thomas Deasy arrived last Monday on the "John" on a visit of inspection to the Skidegate Indian Reserve. Mr. Deasy was accompanied by Ashdown Green, surveyor, and we understand that the village will be surveyed and laid out in lots. A right-of-way through the village, to connect with the waggon road on the East coast, is also being considered.

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School Meeting.

A school meeting was held Saturday morning for the purpose of electing a trustee in room of Mr. A. J. Gordon, resigned. Mr. G. D. Beattie presided and T. R. Davey acted as secretary. J. L. Barge, clerk, read the notice of meeting, and the name of J. M. Campbell being the only one proposed, he was declared elected by acclamation.

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Skeena Land District---District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, Henry Osterman, occupation capitalist, of Walla Walla, Wash., intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted in the S. W. Corner of Sec. 5, Tp. 8, Graham Island, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to place of beginning, containing 640 acres.

Located Jan. 17th, 1912.

Henry Osterman
Per C. D. Emmons, agt.

Skeena Land District---District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, Henry Osterman, occupation capitalist, of Walla Walla, Wash., intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted in the S. W. Corner of Sec. 32, Tp. 9, Graham Island, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to place of beginning, containing 640 acres.

Located Jan. 17th, 1912.

Witness: Henry Osterman
J. W. Coovert. Per C. D. Emmons, agt.

COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICES.

Skeena Land District---District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, George H. Snell, occupation capitalist, of Walla Walla, Wash., intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted in the N. W. Corner of Sec. 29, Tp. 9, Graham Island, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west to place of beginning, containing 640 acres.

Located Jan. 17th, 1912.

Witness: George H. Snell
J. W. Coovert. Per C. D. Emmons, agt.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, George H. Snell, occupation capitalist, of Walla Walla, Wash., intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted in the S. E. Corner of Sec. 31, Tp. 9, Graham Island, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to place of beginning, containing 640 acres.

Located Jan. 17th, 1912.

Witness: George H. Snell
J. W. Coovert. Per C. D. Emmons, agt.