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History Of Queen Charlotte Islands. Signal Code Arranged

Haidas and Their Legends.

By Mr. Charles Harrison.

Article VI.---The Fisheries of Queen Charlotte Islands

The next choice and marketable fish to be found in large quantities in these waters is the Skil or Black Cod. The cod fisheries I think must to a large extent be carried on by sailing vessels, and our islands offer immense advantages for the operation of such craft over almost any other part of the coast. The length of a fishing voyage is very uncertain, as it all depends on the presence of the cod. In the eastern waters some fishermen are absent two or three months before a catch is made, and frequent changes of ground are often necessary before a promising bank for operations can be determined, consequently the duration of the trip seems to me to indicate that the operation of steamers in these waters for cod fish fishing would be a very expensive proposition. Prince Rupert at the outside calculation being only one hundred miles away from any of the cod banks, when a catch is effected, twelve hours sailing would easily bring the fish to their destined distributing point. The best black cod banks are about five and a half miles off the west coast of these islands, and are to be found in large quantities in two hundred fathoms of water, averaging about fifteen pounds each. Some time ago a certain captain with an ordinary handline having thirty or forty hooks, caught twelve fish at one haul, averaging seventeen pounds apiece. Mr. Mowat, who was an expert in these matters, pronounced the black cod caught in these waters the finest fish in the world, far surpassing the eastern salmon or mackerel. He predicted that any company that would go into this business properly would reap splendid results, and that such an enterprise would prove remunerative, as the superior quality of these fish would command a ready market wherever introduced. In addition to the black cod we have the black rock, the orange rock, the red cod, flounders, crabs, and shellfish of all descriptions. Notwithstanding the matchless inducements presented by the fishing wealth of these islands to capitalists, scarcely more than an individual or a company has as yet assayed to grasp the prize. In regard to the deep sea fisheries we have I am firmly convinced the grandest fishing beds in the entire world. In the waters surrounding these islands we have the largest halibut fishing banks known to mankind. Up to the present time exploration of our fishery resources has advanced scarcely further than the initial stage, still sufficient ground is available for the statement that even in resources of cod the waters surrounding these islands are just as productive as

those of the far famed banks of the Atlantic. That there is a plentiful abundance of halibut and herring in our waters has also been established beyond guesswork. It is no matter for surprise that the time should be looked forward to when Queen Charlotte Islands shall become the scene of the greatest fishing depots in Canada. It is beyond doubt that these islands must figure conspicuously in the development of the deep sea fishing industry. That is settled by their geographical position, and their adaption to the conditions which surround the harvesting of these huge products of the briny depths. Hecate Straits is over thirty miles wide at the north and over seventy miles at the south. Dixons Entrance is the supposed cradle of the halibut in these waters. Graham Island is nearer the coast archipelago than any other part of the group, and it is thirty miles away at the nearest point. The Americans continually are seen in these waters poaching our fish, and very few up to the present time have been caught. The United States fishermen claim they have no right to fish within the three mile limit, and always profess that they catch their fish outside of this zone, yet every one on these islands know that they do nothing of the kind. The question to be decided is whether or not such fishermen have any right within the Straits at all, i.e., if the whole body of this water which is bounded on the north by Canadian waters and on two sides by Canadian land is not a closed sea. If there were anything in the matter of use and custom the American fishermen can only claim that they have been allowed to fish in these waters through the persistent neglect of the Dominion Government to prevent them from fishing in these waters. I hope therefore that the authorities now placed in power at Ottawa will at once enact legislation to protect our fish before our waters get depleted like those on the Atlantic coast. By preserving our fish from the aliens we are thereby affording employment for our Canadian fishermen. It is impossible to dwell at length on the resources of these islands in these short articles, but with the wealth that has been lying dormant for centuries, such as coal, timber, copper, the fisheries, fruit, farming, and stock-raising, which are only awaiting the capitalists and the settlers, I am sure that these islands will become in the near future the banner asset of the Province of British Columbia. The next article will be devoted to the settlers' grievances and difficulties. (To be continued next week.)

By Indian Agent Deasy for Those in Need of Help When Shipwrecked.

The recent experience of a number of persons who were marooned on the West side of Massett Inlet, and others who were in danger from being outside the reach of those willing and able to give assistance, along the East coast of Graham Island, has induced Indian Agent Thomas Deasy to prepare a code of signals, which will attract the attention of the large Indian population and be the means of communicating the condition of the people who walk from Naden Harbor, or the West coast, or who may be shipwrecked or on a launch which would be liable to drift out to sea on the swift current which sets in and out of Massett Inlet twice each day at the rate of six miles an hour. Three fires on the beach signals that a boat is wanted. Four fires will mean "Help." Five fires, set fifty yards apart, will signify that aid is needed promptly. Waving a lantern on a launch three times and repeating, will mean "help" during the night. Placing a fire at the bow and stern of the boat during the daytime, will mean that assistance is required. The code reads as follows: Three fires on beach—Boat wanted. No hurry. Four fires mean—H E L P. Five fires—Q U I C K—Come at once. Launch—Waving a lantern three times and repeating, at night—A I D. Boat drifting. Engine broke down. Launch—Smoke at bow and stern, daytime—Drifting. Help wanted. There are hundreds of miles of seashore around the Queen Charlotte Islands and the signals might be seen for a great distance. The smoke from the fires will be seen in the daytime and the light of the fires at night. The main reason for the introduction of the code was through the experience of two men from the West coast who were brought to Massett last Sunday night in Henry Edenshaw's launch. During the daytime a number of fires were noticed on the shores of the west side of Massett Inlet. The Indians thought it might be campers, and took little notice. After dark it was noticed that the fires were burning very brightly and the conclusion was arrived at to investigate. Mr. Edenshaw took four of the trusty men of the reserve and went across in his gasoline launch. He found two men there in an exhausted state. They had been walking for three days through snow and streams, and over a blazed trail, without food or blankets and the weather very bad. One of the parties could scarcely make his way to the boat which went ashore for them. They had been all day signaling and were preparing to remain out another night when rescued. Others have been upset from their boats on the west shore and it would be possible for a person to remain there for days without any person knowing that they could not help themselves. The code will be posted up along the shores and copies will be issued to the Indians of the reserve.

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The Latest Discovery.

It was known many years ago that a group of islands lie in the Pacific Ocean, extending over 156 miles in length and fifty miles in width, comprising what were then named the Queen Charlotte Group. One hundred years passed away but few, if any, white men disturbed the aborigines in their sole possession of the land. The natives held back all invaders from the shores of China and Japan, and the Russian navigator found the various tribes unfriendly and jealous of any encroachment. Year after year went by without a thought of the territory that had been visited by a few British vessels, and the advent of 1900 found but a small contingent of whites along the various inlets and sea coast. A few missionaries had gathered the remnants of the races together for the purpose of christianizing them; but little else was considered. When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company first considered the opening up of the North, a few hardy individuals made their homes within a few miles of the Indian settlements and remained there until the present time. They had some idea that there was a future before the group of islands and awaited the discovery of their potentialities, which was bound to follow in the wake of the construction of a transcontinental railway. It was so with Vancouver Island. The eighty miles of water between Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Group of islands will shortly be crossed in a few hours, bringing those who seek homes and wealth in the newly discovered and beautiful waterways, ideal homesteads and natural resources that await the tourist and the settler. Coal, oil, timber, farm land, fisheries, minerals and all that goes to make a land prosperous are within a few miles of the northern terminus of the new line of railway. Where the few hundreds of men, women and children now reside, there will be thousands in the near future. Word is going forth that the group of islands cannot be excelled for climate and market gardening. Coal measures are being opened up. Oil boring plants are at work, with the prospects of striking the largest deposits of petroleum on the Pacific Coast. Timber for pulp mills and building purposes covers thousands of acres of soil which will be cultivated after the timber is removed. Along the shores are residential sites that will make homes for the business men of Prince Rupert. The sportsman will find fish and game of all kinds along the inlets and rivers. Truly the Queen Charlotte group of islands are coming into their own. The year 1912 will see a change that few can now

realize and it behooves the Legislature, which is now in session, to prepare for the building of roads, bridges and other inconveniences in a section of the Province which has only heretofore been known as a good revenue producer. Queen Charlotte Islands must and will advance. The natural resources alone will command the attention of the capitalistic class; assisting immigrants will bring in thousands of settlers to clear and till the land; the fisheries will induce wealth to flow and build up settlements. The climate and health-giving places of recreation, with the produce from the market gardens and fruit orchards will attract those who now visit other countries for what they can find nearer home. Queen Charlotte Islands have been discovered by the outside world and nothing can keep them from becoming the home of thousands of prosperous families.

The public are well acquainted with the accident which recently occurred to Geoffrey Russ of Skidegate Indian village, a boy of 15 years old, and how near he was to death when brought to the Queen Charlotte Hospital. Having been shot through the brain, all of us know the care and skill required to pull him through. Dr. Winter for six weeks after the serious operation, ministered to the wants of his young patient as if were his son, with the gratifying result that the boy is now convalescent and at home with his parents. So far as known no bad results has occurred, or likely to occur, through the bullet penetrating the brain, which is a cause for congratulation. With this evidence of Dr. Winter's ability before us, we feel assured that this section of the Queen Charlottes will support him as he deserves. The Hospital, if rightly run, is for the good of all, but it cannot be run on sympathy—it takes money to buy coal and help.

On Friday last a well known resident of Sandspit was reported to be suffering from smallpox. He arrived the day before on the "Beatrice" from Prince Rupert, where he spent a few days on business, and being detained at Queen Charlotte owing to stormy weather, called at the hospital to see Dr. Winter regarding a rash that had broken out on him. The Doctor diagnosed the case as smallpox and immediately had him isolated. Where the disease was contracted it is hard to say. Dr. Winter wired to Jedway to quarantine a fellow passenger who shared the same stateroom on the trip across, and to the Medical Health Officer at Prince Rupert to make inquiries at the hotel in which he stopped. On the return of the "Beatrice" from Jedway on Saturday morning the stateroom was fumigated. Every precaution has been taken by Dr. Winter to keep the disease from spreading and the patient is kept in isolation in a house that is well out of the way. The school will be closed until further notice.

Captain H. L. Robertson, who was chief officer of the Prince Albert for a long time, has been promoted to the command of the Henriette in succession to Captain Buckholtz.

Mr. A. E. Jessup, of Vancouver, was a passenger on the "Beatrice" to Jedway last week.

C. D. Emmons, of Portland, Ore., is in town again, arriving from the south last Thursday.

Alex. Faulds, M.E., of Vancouver, consulting engineer for the British Pacific Coal Co., arrived on Thursday by the "Beatrice" and proceeded to Slate Chuck, where he will superintend operations at the mine for some time.

Constable Prescott of Jedway passed through last week after spending a vacation in Vancouver.

Drilling work by the Northern Anthracite Collieries was suspended three weeks ago and the three young men operating the drill left on Saturday by the "Beatrice."

Ike Thompson, a prominent mining man of Jedway, who has been developing his property at Houston Inlet and from reports there has been discovered a big showing of high-grade copper ore.

Alf Cook of Lawn Hill is spending a few days in Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Howard, wife of Mr. W. Howard, of the wireless station at Dead Tree Point, gave birth to a daughter in Vancouver last week. Mother and baby are doing well.

P. C. Daykin of Jedway has made a rich discovery of galena near Ikeda Bay, the assays being high in gold, silver and lead. Development work on a large scale will be started on the property in the spring.

The musical evening given by the St. Andrew's Literary Association last Wednesday was of an enjoyable nature and the songs, duets, readings, recitations, violin and organ selections were thoroughly appreciated. Next Wednesday night Mr. J. L. Barge has charge of the programme.

Tom Daykin, of Jedway, passed through on the Beatrice on Thursday after a short trip to Rupert.

Mr. Fred Bourné, who was the guest of Mr. J. McLellan at his ranch on Lena Island for a few weeks, left on Saturday for Cobalt, Ont.

W. J. Smith, of the Premier Hotel, went out on the "Beatrice" on a business trip south.

J. W. Coovert, surveyor, late with Mackenzie & Mann of the Canadian Northern Railway, is here in connection with a road to be built from a point on the West coast to the interior.

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Dated December 2nd, 1911

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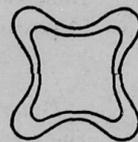
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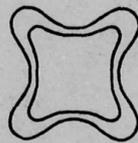
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Date Oct. 7th, 1911. W. H. Sochon, agt.

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that William H. Watson, of Victoria, occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the North-east cor. of Lot 1902, marked W. H. W.'s South-east cor., thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. William H. Watson
Date Oct. 7th, 1911 W. H. Sochon, agt.

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that Joseph Fulton, of Victoria, occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the North-east cor. of Lot 1903, marked J. F. South-west corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. Joseph Fulton
Date Oct. 7th, 1911 W. H. Sochon, agt.

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that Frederick R. Read, of Toronto, Ont., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the South-east corner of Lot 1903, marked F. R. R.'s South-west corner, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 more or less.

Frederick R. Read
Date Oct. 7, 1911 W. H. Sochon, agt.

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Date Oct. 7, 1911 W. H. Sochon, agt.

LAND ACT.

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that Walter H. Sochon, of Victoria, B.C., occupation prospector, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the N.W. corner of Lot 1899, marked W. H. S. S.E. corner, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Walter H. Sochon, Locator
Date October 3rd, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that Fred. H. Brown, of Victoria, B.C., occupation draftsman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the N.W. corner of Lot 1898, marked F. H. B. N.E. corner, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Fred. H. Brown, Locator
W. H. Sochon, agent
Date October 3rd, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Ain Lake, Graham Island.

Take notice that Harold H. Harper, of Victoria, B.C., occupation draftsman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the S.W. corner of Lot 1899, marked H. H. H., S.E. corner, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

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COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICES.

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Take notice that I, Everett H. Lea of Vancouver, occupation engineer, 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 about half a mile East of Tiahn Point, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. North-west cor. Everett H. Lea. Located Oct. 22nd, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, Robert Graham, Vancouver, 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 about four miles East of the S. E. cor. C. L. 4463, Otard Bay, Graham Island, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. South-east cor. Robert Graham Located Oct. 30, 1911 E. H. Lea, agt.

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Take notice that I, Robert Graham, Vancouver, 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 about 6 miles East of the S. E. cor. C. L. 4463, Otard Bay, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. South-east cor. Robert Graham Located Oct. 30, 1911 E. H. Lea, agt.

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COAL AND PETROLEUM NOTICES.

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Skeena Land District—Queen Charlotte Islands District.

Take notice that I, Everett H. Lea, of Vancouver, occupation engineer, 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 about 6 miles east of the S. E. cor. C. L. 4462, Otard Bay, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. North-west cor. Everett H. Lea Located Oct. 30, 1911

Skeena Land District—Queen Charlotte Islands District.

Take notice that I, Samuel Horner, of Vancouver, 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 about 6 miles east of the S. E. cor. C. L. 4463, Otard Bay, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less. North-east cor. Samuel Horner Located Oct. 30th, 1911

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Samuel Horner, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation prospector, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about one mile south-east of Blue Creek, Graham Island, and adjoining Coal License No. 4468, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Samuel Horner, Locator. Date Oct. 18th, 1911

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LAND ACT.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Charles Harrison of Massett, occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 80 chains distant and in a Northerly direction from the North-east corner post of Lot 227: thence south 30 chains more or less, thence west 20 chains more or less, thence south 40 chains more or less, thence east 40 chains to the shore line, thence along the shoreline to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Charles Harrison. Date September 25th, 1911.

sense out of them. Funny, wasn't it. I just had a word from Prince John; he is going to call on us in two weeks, and will be with you on the following week. He don't travel so much during the winter months, knowing his subjects can be relied on to await his coming. Princess Mary did not visit us yet; hope the titled family will patch up their differences and travel over the same route. They tell me Princess Mary dresses in the latest fashion and is a beauty. What? The next international game of baseball will be played at Queen Charlotte City? Say, old man, coal and oil changes the face of things, don't they? If those old residents of the islands could only come back they would not recognise the place. Little they thought that the land standing between Asia and America would be the meeting place of people from the Occident and the Orient. Did you see the last auto races on the shores of the East coast? 'Dad' Smith won a million with his hydro-carbon machine. It was quite an improvement on the one he handled when last I visited Queen Charlotte City. Certainly, I will come over on my glider tomorrow. We have a promenade concert this afternoon on the new wharf. It is one of those structures that does not need any support beneath. Since we discovered that gravitation is only a myth, we have no fear of the wharf falling into the water. All right, old fellow, a week or two don't make any difference these strenuous times. Come over when you can. We travel round so fast now that one might not be at home; but it costs nothing on these islands to wait a week or two for a man. Life is so much longer now than it was a few years ago. That Parsee, who discovered a way of resting for a week or two and adding years to our lives, deserves more than passing notice. I'll talk to you again when the air is not busy. Some other fellow is crossing us and talking of opening up another 'spouter.' I suppose he means sinking another 'well.' Goodness, how the coal and oil shows up. We have control of the world now."

Then I awakened, Mr. Editor, and looked at the old, delapidated wharf, and knew I could not converse with you for another month, and found the old blue print on the wall—and I went outside and shovelled snow.

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