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History Of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Haidas and Their Legends.

By Mr. Charles Harrison.

Chapter III.

The Mineral Wealth of Queen Charlotte Islands---Copper.

The first lode of copper of any consequence that was discovered came under public notice in 1860. That year the Queen Charlotte Mining Company was formed in Victoria with a capital of £10,000. When we remember that there were no capitalists in the city at that time the result may be deemed not discouraging. A professional copper-mining engineer, sent out from England by a wealthy English company to explore for minerals, inspected the property of the Queen Charlotte Mining Company and drew up an elaborate report, from which it appears that he found the following favourable indications in those parts of the company's land immediately accessible.

No. 1. A vein of copper clearly traceable for 700 to 800 yards along the shore of Burnaby Island, from the east point beyond the house, along the S. S. E. shore, towards the house.

No. 2. A cross copper vein, from where No. 1 is lost, under the sea, running N. E. and S. W. across the promontory towards Blue Jay Harbor.

No. 3. A very strong quartz vein on the north side of Blue Jay Harbor; clearly visible.

No. 4. A small horizontal vein, to eastward of No. 3; iron and copper, and mixed with quartz.

No. 5. A clear and well defined outcrop of a copper vein on Skincuttle Island, running N. N. E. and S. S. W., but cut off by a dyke.

No. 6. A twisted and mixed outcrop of a copper vein, on opposite or N. E. side of Skincuttle Island.

No. 7. A large quartz vein on George Island.

No. 8. A large quartz vein at N. E. end of George Island, seen from canoe, but not visited.

No. 9. A quartz vein at west end of Jeffray Island, which crosses the island and meets No. 10.

No. 10. A copper vein rich in green carbonates, running S. S. W. and N.N.E.

No. 11. A vein of copper and iron, on mainland, at the entrance to Harriet Harbor, on south side of Sockalee Harbor.

Quantities of these ores were shipped to England and to the eastern States of America, and a strong and wealthy company was formed, and a Mr. Poole of England became their manager and representative. He was known by the grand title of "King George Tyhee Poole." He returned to England and wrote a book concerning the islands generally. If all his stories are as true as when he represented himself as being alone and unarmed in the presence of a dozen savages, dancing around him with drawn knives and thirsting for his blood, they are unworthy of belief. He states that these are mere trifles to the chances a gentleman has to run when he stoops to associate with those beneath him. After two years stay at the copper mine he evidently thought it best to return to the old country. When there as an excuse for not continuing his work on the island, he stated that the savages were too numerous for him and his party, and that he alone by his sole intervention and a brace of revolvers saved his whole party from being massacred by the Haidas. I cannot refrain at this point from giving in his own words an account of one of his warlike deeds. On his way down the coast to Victoria by canoe he saw what he thought to be a bear in the brush. He got out of his canoe to kill it, but as he approached instead of being a bear or a deer, a black object with a brace of fiery eye-balls lay crouching behind the clump taking deliberate aim at him with a musket. He says: "I gave a yell thinking to call my companions to the rescue; but it was too late. Having themselves observed other Indians stealing down in my direction, they had already rushed to their canoes, and were leaving me to be murdered. The strange savages perceiving this made a rapid rush. How I ever escaped the bullets from the dozen musket shots simultaneously fired at me has always seemed to me a marvel, but I ran like lightening to the beach. On came my enemies, now certain of an easy capture, for by this time my friends had hauled off out of gun range and sat poising their paddles and coolly looking to see the end. Suddenly a bright thought occurred to me and I as quickly decided to act upon it. Knowing the superstitous nature of these Indians, I told them in their own language that I possessed the power to destroy all black men opposed to me, and that I could command the very author of their existence, the black crow. This announcement rather staggered the savages, but the petty chief who headed them said they would not kill me but capture me. With that intent they commenced advancing in a half circle as cautiously as cats. I grasped a six-barrelled revolver in my right hand and a long Spanish knife in my left, my Enfield rifle being hung over my shoulder. When they were within a dozen yards of me I again urged them to retire at the peril of their lives. They replied that what they wanted was simply a wau-wau. I was not to be taken by duplicity, however. Seeing this, one party raised his musket and would have fired if I had not been too quick for him. With a deep groan he dropped to the earth. In an instant the whole pack were upon me, and another of the hounds having emptied his barrel without effect, I made him spring at least three feet into the air before sending him to the happy hunting grounds. I discharged the revolver once more, but alas, it burst! Therefore, thrusting that trusty old friend into my belt, I defended myself as best I could with the long knife, until beginning to feel faint, I dived into the sea and swam to our canoe, into which I was dragged in a very exhausted condition." Next time that death looked him in the face, it was an ignoble death, and nobody would have been left to tell the tale. This was too much! "King George Tyhee Poole" records that on the approach of the tidal wave, we "lifted our noble canoe clean out of the water and so escaped!" He here transcends himself, and presently the curtain falls with the earnest hope that he has not labored in vain in behalf of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Very little was known and very little prospecting was done in regard to the mineral resources of these islands prior to 1858, and what was then known was principally through the Haidas and the

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B. C. YEAR BOOK.

Valuable Work Containing Useful Information About The Province.

We are in receipt of a copy of the British Columbia Year Book (Coronation Edition) by R. E. Gosnell, and published by the Provincial Government. It is a handsomely gotten up book and a credit to those who had charge of the work. It contains a lot of interesting reading regarding the early history of the province down to the present day, and there is also other useful information about the many rich rich resources to be found in the different sections of the province. In fact anything one wants to know about B. C. can be found by a perusal of its pages. There are many fine pictures, also photographs of the prominent men who are at the head of affairs at Victoria, and of members of the legislature.

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The tug Aime returned yesterday from Selwyn Inlet, where she took a number of men who crossed the trail for Tassoo to work for the Queen Charlotte Fishing Co.

F. C. Greene, Engineer for Graham Island Syndicate Goes South.

Mr. F. C. Greene, engineer for the Graham Island Timber and Coal Company, was a visitor in town on Saturday for a few hours, having arrived by the Prince John from Massett. Mr. Greene called at the "Islander" office and when asked as to the progress of the work under his charge at the head of Massett Inlet, stated that all the heavy machinery and equipment (75 tons) were now being conveyed inland. So far they were in a distance of eight miles from the beach, but have ten more to go before they reach the place where drilling is to be commenced. The road has to be cut out as they go along and numerous difficulties have been encountered, but all overcome. It is expected that the drill will be at work about the New Year. Twenty-five men are employed clearing a road and packing. Mr. Greene is on his way south on business.

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Hazardous Trip.

Messrs. Ed. Stevens and Geo. Sharp returned from a trip to Massett on Friday. Owing to storms and the bad shape of the trails, their journey, both going and returning, was hazardous. At some parts of the trail the water was so deep that it almost reached their shoulders. They would advise no one to attempt the trip during the winter months.

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Settler Found Dead At Nadu.

Mr. Bush, a settler at the Nadu river, on Massett Inlet, was found dead last Friday week a few yards from his cabin. He evidently died from heart trouble, and when found had a pack on his back. The body was frozen and evidently had lain for some time. Deceased came from London, Eng., and is supposed to have been in the army at one time, as medals and papers were found among his effects.

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Good Reports From The Oilfields On West Coast.

D. A. Slater. engineer in charge of the B. C. Oilfields drilling plant at work at Tihan Point, on the west coast of Graham Island, passed through on the Prince John on Saturday on his way south on important business. Mr. Slater spoke very encouragingly as to the progress of the work at that point and has not the least doubt regarding the ultimate success of the company. Natural gas has been struck and other indication, said M. Slater, go to prove that the oil is there. Work will be continued all winter. Mr. Slater will go east for additional machinery before coming north again.

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The Australian System.

If there is a section of British Columbia which should receive consideration from the government, it is the group of islands known as Queen Charlotte. There are thousands upon thousands of acres of land on which settlers might find homes, if assisted for the first three years, until the transcontinental railway reaches Prince Rupert. The climate is as good, if not better, than in any other portion of the Province; the land will grow crops that will bring good returns; but the clearing and and building is a drawback that cannot be overcome by the poor man with a family. Along the hundreds of miles of waterways the trees grow almost to the shores, and the cost of clearing would average say two hundred dollars per acre. The building of a frame log house would mean an expenditure of say five hundred dollars. The cost of clearing ten acres and of building would be about one thousand dollars, and this sum might be advanced to the settler by the government at a specified rate of interest, returnable at the end of five years. The land and house would be security for the repayment of the loan.

It is understood that the Queen Charlotte group of islands bring to the Provincial treasury one million dollars annually. The wild land tax, licenses and all other means of raising revenue have been far in excess of the amounts expended. There is little doubt that fewer roads will be required on the islands than in any other section of the Province. The open waterways cutting into Graham and the other islands afford a speedy and safe means of conveying passengers and freight. In a few years the coal, oil and other natural resources will cause private parties to build railways, thereby opening up the interior of the islands. At present it is not possible for settlers to take up land many miles from the water. The whole of the west side of Massett Inlet, and the country west of Virago Sound is uninhabitated. People will not live where there are no schools or where they will not have neighbors. Here and there, on some parts of the islands, lonely White men have their pre-emptions and their small cabins; but the women and children cannot live ten, twenty and thirty miles from a settlement while the bread-winner is cutting out a home.

Assisting the immigrant would mean that a number of persons would form colonies, and the rush for the now unoccupied land mean such an increase in population that the now almost worthless places would be the homes of happy and prosperous families. The Queen Charlotte group is now alone in its isolation. No other portion of British Columbia is in the same condition and there should be no objection on the part of residents of other sections to the introduction of the Australian system on these islands. There are natural resources in plenty; but the farmer and gardener is usually a poor man and he makes his living from the soil. The present pre-emptors are given road work, to assist them, at the very time they should be clearing and placing their crops. It is their desire to make something of the land they pre-empt; but how is this possible? Assisting them would mean an increase in the wealth of the country, without the government risking anything. The land and improvements would at all times be valuable and where we now have the isolated cabins, the production of food would increase the prosperity of both the individual and the communities that would quickly grow up along the most natural waterways in the world.

Isolation.

Editor Islander,—They say that "the proof of a pudding is in eating it." We have our nose right in the jam now and mercy knows whether we will be able to finish the "pudding" or not. Some people remarked a few years ago that "cattle could roam all winter on these beautiful islands." They certainly can; but it is advisable to have a "little hay," just to keep up their stamina, or whatever you call strength and symetrical lines. The recent cold weather, and the snow covering everything but our sins, brought with it the question of feeding "cattle." If we had a telephone to Dead Tree Point or a wireless means of communication with the outer world, we could order "feed" for the "cattle." Every fourteen days we get the chance to send out a message for feed for cattle; then we wait another fourteen days in order to receive it. What will some of the poor animals do in the meantime? This is not a hay country and the winter is on us. We could have feed here on the next steamer if we had a means of communicating with the feed stores outside. There are a thousand and one reasons for a quick means of communication between the north end of Graham Island and the outer world. The cost would be small and the results would repay whoever introduces the telephone or telegraph. People may say that Massett is asking for too much; but the large population, which is increasing rapidly, might as well have conveniences now as to wait until something happens. It is proverbial of the people, especially of the mother country, that we do not "rush" like the citizens of the United States; but they have built up a population of ninety millions while we have but seven millions. In law, order, and many things we are far and away ahead of them; but every little town and hamlet in the United States is in communication with the business centres. It means trade and the keeping of that trade near home is one of their means of building up communities. Imagine a man compelled to take a steamer to Skidegate; then to walk over a trail fifty miles; then to borrow a launch and travel another thirty miles to tell the friends of another man that he had died in Prince Rupert. Imagine also hundreds of people who are eighty miles from the future metropolis of the North, and they do not know what transpires until a fortnightly steamer calls at the t[illegible]ns. If this is not isolation, let someone give it a name. We congratulate your city on having a two steamer service, wireless communication and the telephone. We don't envy you; but would like to have the "pudding" of ours with a few more of "plums" in it, and a way to say "hello" to our Queen Charlotte City neighbors.

SKOOKUM.

Literary Association Social.

The first social in connection with the St. Andrew's Literary Association took place last Wednesday night at Mr. and Mrs. Barge's new residence and was a great success. A large gathering of members and friends attended and as the host and hostess had just "moved in," they were delighted to see so many present. President Archibald spoke a few words of welcome and urged those who were not members of the association to become so. Thereafter an enjoyable time was spent, in which games, songs, recitations and instrumental music made the hours pass so quickly that all were sorry when time was called. Those who contributed to the program were Miss Atkins (recitation), Fosey Fraser and Charlotte Young (duet), Dorothy Barge (recitation), Mary Archibald (recitation), and Messrs. Greenstreet and Reinhart (songs and instrumental music). Mr. J. Murdoch played the accompaniments in his usual finished manner. Coffee, sandwiches and cake were handed round, and at the close Mr. N. McGillvray proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barge for their hospitality, and the company afterwards joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

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HAIDAS AND THEIR LEGENDS

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officials of the Hudson Bay Company. Therefor after the Queen Charlotte Islands Mining Company had abandoned their property in the year 1863 down to the year 1889 very little prospecting was done on these islands. In the year 1889 Mr. Heino located the Skincuttle Mineral Claim, and sunk a 6 by 6 foot shaft 15 feet deep during the following year. He also located the Golden Gate mineral claim. When it became known that Mr. Heino had located good copper properties, in the year 1901 Messrs. Hendrickson, Grant, Harper, and Raper came to prospect, and each found good and satisfactory locations. From that date down to the present time very valuable mines have been located at Lockport, Cumshewa Inlet, Jedway, Ikeda Bay, Skidegate, Tassoo Harboo, Houston Inlet, Collison Bay, and without any doubt Moresby Island and the islands adjoining are practically a treasure vault of precious metals, which when developed will be of enormous advantage to the whole of Canada. In regard to the copper deposits to be found on Moresby Island, I cannot do better than quote an article that appeared in the Victoria Times, Nov. 4th, 1910: I am thoroughly convinced that Moresby Island is practically a reservoir of low-grade copper ore, said Mr. Fowler upon his return from a visit to the Queen Charlotte Islands for the purpose of reporting upon a group of copper claims. The many claims I examined showed quantities of copper ore, chiefly of a low grade, though in some instances there are deposits of bornite, or peacock copper ore of a much higher value. These latter bodies of ore, however, are of relatively little importance compared with the main deposits of pyritic copper ore. I think that the value of the Queen Charlotte Islands copper deposits will in the future be developed, but at the present it appears likely this result must ultimately be achieved by the reduction of the ores on the spot by means of the coking coal on Graham Island. Graham Island is the largest of the group and also the most northerly and contains extensive coal deposits which are at present attracting the attention of capitalists and will probably be developed very soon. Physically, Moresby Island is an intricate mass of high and precipitous mountains. I am very well pleased with the result of my visit and consider that the development of the copper deposits of Moresby Island will be of an enormous advantage to the province of British Columbia.

Black Sand Deposits.

The hydraulic placer leases owned by the Sandhurst Mines Company formed by Arthur Pearson and C. Garde, are located on the east coast between Rose Spit and Cape Fife. The company control 23 leases, and recently they purchased special machinery in California, made to the order of their engineer, C. Garde, Esq. By the use of this special machinery they will be able to save the minutest particle of gold to be found in the black sand. The company have now their machinery on the docks at Prince Rupert, and are only waiting a favorable opportunity of shipping it to their property. We expect that within three months the machinery will be on the ground and look for good results. Concentrated samples have run from 10 to 18 dollars in gold, and 46 per cent iron to to the ton, but the general averages range from 25 cents upwards. This will give big pay however, and the machinery about to be installed will handle the sand at about 15 cents.

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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.

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

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LAND ACT.

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Take notice that Walter H. Sochon, of Victoria, B.,, 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.
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Take notice that Fred. H. Brown, of Victoria, B .., 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
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Charles H. Allen.
Dated 29th August, 1911.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Charles H. Allen, Vancouver, B.C., prospector, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands for license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following lands: Commencing at a post planted on the East shore of Ramsay Island and about one mile South-east from extreme Northern point of said island, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

Charles H. Allen.
Dated August 30th, 1911.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Charles H. Allen, Vancouver, B.C., prospector, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands for license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following lands. Commencing at a post planted on the South shore of Ramsay Island and about two miles westerly from extreme South-east point of said island, thence north eighty chains, thence west eighty chains, thence south eighty chains, thence east eighty chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.

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COAL NOTICES.

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

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Charles H. Allen.
Dated August 28th, 1911.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Charles H. Allen, Vancouver, B.C., prospector, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands for license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following lands: Commencing at a post planted on the East shore of Lyle Island and about four miles South-east from extreme northern point of said island, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commnecement, containing 640 acres.

Charles H. Allen.
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Skeena Land District—Queen Charlotte Islands Division.

Take notice that 60 days after date I, Wm. Laney of Lawn Hill, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal, oil and petroleum on and under the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one mile and a quarter distant in a westerly direction from Halibut Bay, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres.

Date 6th Sept., 1911 Wm. Laney.

Skeena Land District—Queen Charlotte Islands Division.

Take notice that 60 days after date I, Mrs. Lena Hubley of Lawn Hill, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal, oil and petroleum on and under the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one mile distant in a westerly direction from Halibut Bay, thence 40 chains north, thence 20 chains east, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 60 chains south, thence 20 chains east to point of commencement and containing 240 acres.

Mrs. Lena Hubley.
Date 6th Sept., 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.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, Samuel B. Raybould, of Lawn Hill, occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the west bank of Tl-El River on the east boundary of Lot 1748, thence north along said east boundary of Lot 1748, a distance of 20 chains, thence in a south-easterly direction along the west bank of Tl-El River to point of commencement, containing five acres more or less.

Samuel B. Raybould.
Dated Sept. 7th, 1911.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that I, Charles Beck, of Lena Island, Queen Charlotte, occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchare the following described land: Commencing at a post planted at the South-east Corner of Coal License No. 5684, Graham Island, thence north 40 chains, thence east 10 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west following the shore-line to point of commencement, and occupying the land between Coal License 5684 and Pre-emption 1092. Charles Beck, Locator.
Located September, 9th, 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

LOCALS.

The death occurred at Victoria a few days ago of Mr. Charles McK. Smith, who, since 1858 has been closely associated with the life and development of Victoria. Deceased was engaged in 1863 by some Victoria merchants as leader of an exploring expedition to the Queen Charlotte Islands, and prospected the coast from Skidegate Inlet to the south end of the islands.

Messrs. E. J. and B. L. Tingley, two well known young men of Massett Inlet, passed through on Saturday for Victoria to spend their Christmas holidays at home. They report that many settlers have recently located on the inlet and that much development work is going on.

The steamer Prince John arrived Saturday morning from Rupert, via Msssett. She loaded 60,000 feet of lumber and left in the evening for points on Moresby Island. A large number of island people went to the mainland.

At the St. Andrew's Literary Association meeting on Wednesday night a debate will take place, the subject being: "Government ownership and control of the licensing traffic in preference to the present licensing system." Mr. N. McGillvray will take the affirmative and Mr. F. H. Fairbairn the negative.

R. E. Currey, of Wooden River, Massett Inlet, was one of the passengers crossing to the mainland on Saturday. He stated that the settlement at that point was growing fast, and that a school would be opened after the Christmas holidays.

We are glad to report that the young boy Geoffry Russ, who was accidently shot at the Indian Village, is progressing very favorably, although not quite out of danger yet. He took a bad turn yesterday but from inquiries this morning is again a good deal better. The Indian Council at a meeting decided that no boys will be allowed to carry arms in future until they reach the age of twenty.

J. A. Coates, of Victoria, an old time prospector on the islands, after a visit to the west coast of a few weeks, went south on Saturday.

Nick Schug and Peter Adams returned on Saturday from a visit to Rupert.

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