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Fatal Shipwreck Is Described; Mr. Harrison Quits Ministry; Sails South with John Irving

(By G. Harrison)

During the winter months no steamer could be got to run across to the islands from Mellakalla and we had to depend on the schooner Skeena to bring over whatever lumber we required and sometimes our food supplies as well. The Skidegate Haidas having seen the white men's houses that the Massett Indians were erecting determined to follow their example so, shortly before Christmas 1886, a number of them went across to buy lumber at the Port Essington sawmill. They chartered the schooner Skeena to take over what they had bought but, as the vessel went to the mill to get the lumber, she struck a rock. The people on board, however, paid no attention to this accident and proceeded to load her.

When loaded fourteen of the Haidas went on board and the Skeena started for Skidegate. When outside of Stephens Island, she filled with water. In order to hurry across to the islands they hoisted all sail. At this time it commenced to blow a gale and the wind filling the sails, she immediately turned turtle. Seven Haidas were saved in the schooner's boat including the captain. Nine of them clung to the keel of the upturned vessel with the result that only one remained alive when she struck the beach at Cape Ball. They had partly fastened themselves on with the ropes they had found dangling around them. The man who was alive on the vessel drifting ashore was James Stirling and he is alive at the present day. The other eight were drowned, including the owner's son, John Cunningham.

Work Among Haidas

With reference to my work among the Haidas, I had the pleasure of baptizing Doctor Kule, the last medicine man of the Haida nation. He was a very good man, and an acknowledged power among the tribes. He and his wife were afterwards confirmed by Bishop Ridley and became communicants. Before I left the mission work, during the year 1887 I collected \$2,620 and built St. John the Evangelist's Church at Massett in which divine service is conducted to the present day.

I terminated my connection with the Church Missionary Society on December 15, 1890, and a few days after, I received the following letter as a mark of appreciation:

"Dear Mr. Harrison—I have much pleasure in informing you that the committee have sanctioned you receiving the sum of £300 as an appreciation of your services on your terminating your connection with the society. Yours faithfully, C. Coltingwood, Lay Secretary."

During the years I was engaged in missionary work the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company had several vessels in operation around Victoria and Westminster. All these vessels brought excursion parties to Massett with the exception of the R. P. Rithel under the guidance of the commodore of the company, the genial and social Captain Irving. On September 25, 1890, he allowed the steamer Islander to bring an excursion party, and it was by this boat that I returned to Victoria en route to England.

Quits Ministry

A newspaper correspondent who was on board has written the following concerning this visit to Massett: "At three o'clock divine service was held in the church with a large attendance from the ship, and the Bishop of Caledonia preached the sermon. A collec-

tion was taken at the end of the service and amounted to \$16. The bishop held a confirmation in the evening. In this far away little church they have a musical service and a surpliced choir of Indians. Great praise is due to the Rev. Mr. Harrison for the good work he has done on this island. He left in the Islander after a residence in Massett for eight years. Mr. Harrison is the only white man who at this date is thoroughly conversant with the Haida language, and has compiled a dictionary of 10,000 words, also the grammar of the Haidas, which has recently been printed by the Royal Society of Canada. At the present time he is engaged upon an interesting history of the islands and their original inhabitants."

There was a very pleasant party on board, and before we reached Victoria an address was presented to Captain Irving together with the following acrostic, a copy of which he had typewritten for every passenger on board:

Honor Capt. Irving

How shall I tell of the jolly crowd,
Each and all from the man to the life dude,
And matron grave to maiden grander,
That embark'd on board the ship Islander,
Hence bound on a trip to Massett, Q.C.,
For pleasure and rest from toil set free.
I can but admit that the time was spent,
Each day in a happy mood as we went,
Leaving behind Victoria the gay,
During the time of our holiday.

And each day sweetened by harmony's sound,
Not a jar or discord as man and maid,
Discours'd in solo, chorus, and round.

I must, however, express regret, Regarding the faults of this jolly set,
Verily their concerts continued late,
Inviting comments 'tis needless to state,
Not complimentary—in point of fact—
Good luck, however, to Captain Jack.

(Editor's note—This is the sixteenth of Mr. Harrison's articles on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The seventeenth will appear in an early issue.)

SAINTS FOR ST. PAUL'S

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The statues of the apostles adorning the sides of St. Paul's cathedral have been unable to stand the rigors of 200 years of London weather. Today they are without features, and are fast crumbling away. Copies are being made of material better calculated to withstand decay and will shortly be set up.

MISS WINTER MATRON OF ANYOX HOSPITAL

Succeeds Miss Edna Swanson Who Recently Went South

ANYOX, Jan. 19.—Owing to ill health, Miss Edna Swanson, who has been matron of Anyox General Hospital for some time past, had to resign her post and left recently for Arizona, where it is hoped the climate will deal more kindly with her. The hospital authorities have appointed Miss G. V. Winter to succeed her.

Miss Winter brings to the post a wealth of experience covering a period of almost twenty years in all branches of the nursing profession. Miss Winter was born in Scotland and chose nursing as her life work at an early age, having trained in Glasgow Western and Ruchill Hospitals. As a member of the Victoria Institute of Nurses, which sends its members into the houses of the poor, she did district nursing for a period of years. In 1915, Miss Winter went on duty overseas, being first stationed at Malta and later in France and Belgium. In 1918 she was granted the Royal Red Cross, second class. For the past two and a half years, Miss Winter has been a valued member of the staff of Anyox General Hospital.

ANYOX CONCERT PROVED SUCCESS

Seven Piece Orchestra Providing Good Music for Smelter Town

ANYOX, Jan. 19.—In its second Sunday afternoon concert under the auspices of the Anyox Community League, the Elks' Orchestra played to a big gathering in Recreation Hall, January 11, their offerings being much enjoyed, and future concerts which are being planned will be looked forward to and well patronized when the day of performance arrives. Assisting the orchestra, Miss Violet McKay sang a group of songs and further established herself as a favorite with Anyox audiences. Under the leadership of Stewart Steele, the orchestra is continually showing improvement and is a welcome addition to Anyox entertainment organizations. The members now are J. Austin, piano; Geo. Leslie and S. Armstrong, violins; P. Steveward and C. McDougall, cornets; J. Gallo-way, saxophone; and E. Waterman, drums.

SMITHERS

Mrs. J. P. Kirkpatrick returned to town on Thursday after a months visit with her mother at Battle Creek, Mich., she was accompanied by her daughter Miss Arlene, who was attending college in that State.

Mrs. M. Lynch left on Thursday's train for Vancouver, where she intends to make her home for the next two or three months.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hatt left for Terrace on Thursday to spend a few days with friends and relatives at that town.

While skating on the rink Friday afternoon Winnie, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hann had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist.

Two C.N.R. engineers in the persons of W. E. Davis and Wm. Staiger left here Sunday morning for points in Alberta, the shortage of work here being the cause of the move. Mr. Davis was going to Edson and Mr. Staiger to Mirror.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 19, 1915.

The city council decided last night to bring to the attention of the federal authorities the necessity of establishing coast fortifications here. Premier McBride has already paved the way by recommending to the authorities that there should be defenses at Prince Rupert.

Mayor Newton announced at last night's council meeting that he had been in conference with William Manson, M.P.P. with respect to the advisability of establishing a fishing wharf to

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